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**FROM THE EDITOR
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Will President Donald Trump be Apocalyptic? Pray for Donald Trump!

The USA presidential primaries and elections in 2016 were the strangest and probably the most divisive that I have ever seen.

That being said, despite scandals, investigations, and improper statements, Donald Trump was elected as the 45th President of the United States. Of course, his opponent had various scandals, investigations, and improper statements as well.

The Bible warns:

17 For this has been decreed by the messengers; it is commanded by the holy ones, so that everyone may know that the Most High rules over the kingdoms of the world. He gives them to anyone he chooses--even to the lowliest of people. (Daniel 4:17, NLT)

During this election cycle, it seemed clear to me that God would decide who would become the next president.

No matter how you may feel about a Donald Trump presidency, if you are in the USA, you need to pray for the President. And even if you are not, you also should pray for your political leaders:

1 Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all

men, 2 for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. 3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior (1 Timothy 2:1-3).

As I wrote in the previous edition of this magazine, no matter who was elected, by virtue of at least the timing, either candidate would be apocalyptic (do things that will lead to the apocalypse) and would fulfil various end time prophecies (e.g. 2 Timothy 3:1-5).

For Donald Trump this remains true. Specifically, here are 13 reasons why Donald Trump can be considered 'apocalyptic':

1. The timing of his rise in political prominence. The 6000 years that God gave humans to run matters on their own is almost over. We are in the last days of God's plan. A day to God is like 1000 years (2 Peter 3:8; Psalm 90:4), and since it is wise to know the days (Psalm 90:12), this is a reason that Donald Trump would be apocalyptic. It may be that there are less than three presidential terms left before the start of the Great Tribulation and the fulfilment of related prophecies in the Book of Revelation. By the virtue of his timing (as well as his actual planned and unplanned actions) it is enough to contribute to the fulfilment of various end-time prophecies.
2. Donald Trump has already offended the Europeans, with his trade and other policies, though he gets along with some. Some of his statements may be leading to the rise of the prophesied King of the North, who is to be the final leader of the Beast of Revelation (Revelation 13:1). Some in Europe have looked forward to Donald Trump's rise for their own agenda as they believe "**Trump**

presents a once-in-a-generation opportunity for emancipation from American influence” (Why Europe Secretly Roots For Donald Trump. ZH, 9/23/16) and others say his election shows it is “Europe’s turn” to lead the West (America Has Abdicated Its Leadership of the West. *Der Spiegel* 11/14/16). The Bible teaches that Europe will have a “great army” (Daniel 11:25) and ultimately destroy the power with the “strongest fortresses” (Daniel 11:39), which is the USA).

3. In 2015, Donald Trump basically said he never repented. The God of the Bible expects leaders to encourage repentance and moral behaviours when they are subject to destructive punishment (cf. Jonah 3:6-9). Donald Trump, like many other U.S. politicians, does not seem to believe that the U.S.A. needs to repent for its sins against God. Yet, without national repentance, the U.S.A. is doomed for destruction (Isaiah 30:12-13; Daniel 11:39).
4. By focusing too much on threats from China and almost always considering the Europeans as some type of allies, a Donald Trump Administration is currently not expected to reverse the Asian ‘pivot’ strategy. Unless he changes that, this pivot will help result in destruction of the USA.
5. Donald Trump has made statements that suggest he favours unlimited government monitoring. This type of thing will be exploited by 666 of Revelation 13:16-18.
6. We are in a period of self-censorship and government censorship. A “famine” of the word is prophesied (Amos 8:11) and a Donald Trump Administration may impose broadcast, print, Internet, and/or restrictions as it attempts to have more control.
7. Donald Trump is an admitted adulterer, strip club and casino owner, and married a woman who was professionally

engaged in pornography. By encouraging and not discouraging aspects of biblical immorality, Donald Trump is setting the U.S.A. up for punishment (Isaiah 30:12-13; Romans 1:18-32) that has and will include troubles, violence, weather problems, earthquakes, food shortages, and pestilences (Mark 13:7-8; Luke 21:10-11). The time will come when, these problems will further worsen.

8. Donald Trump repeatedly has stated that he will “make America great again.” Biblically, he has not given reasons for that to be the case. Morally, economically, and militarily, the USA has been in decline (though the military decline is still more relative to the climb of others). The Bible warns repeatedly that false declarations of peace and safety will lead to end time destruction (1 Thessalonians 5:3; Jeremiah 6:14-15).
9. His misstatements, position changes, and attacks against those he is upset with suggests, to me at least, that he is not always honest. This may cause people to groan (Proverbs 29:2). His bragging statements, etc. are consistent with those warned about in 2 Timothy 3:1-6.
10. His religious views hint that he is somewhat ‘ecumenical.’ An ecumenical power is warned about in the Bible and is expected to rise up in the end times (Zechariah 2:6-8; Revelation 17: 18). I expect him to make ecumenical supporting statements.
11. Donald Trump has been a polarizing figure and has offended many including minorities and Muslims. Expect more civil unrest and rioting. The Bible prophesies “**There shall be terror within**” (Deuteronomy 32:25). The Bible also specifically warns of problems from Arabic peoples in the end times (Psalm 83:3-8). Some Syrians, already in the USA, may take terroristic actions as that

too is consistent with biblical prophecies (Isaiah 9:8-9, 11-12).

12. Donald Trump is greedy, boastful, and prideful. The Bible “be sure your sin will find you out” (Numbers 32:23), and that “Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall” (Proverbs 16:18). Notice something that Donald Trump said in his Nevada victory speech the night of February 23, 2016:

It's hard for me to turn down money because that's what I've done in my whole life, I grab and grab and grab. You know I get greedy I want money, money.

I'll tell you what we're going to do, right? We get greedy right? Now we're going to get greedy for the United States we're going to grab and grab and grab. We're going to bring in so much money and so much everything. We're going to make America great again, folks, I'm telling you folks we're going to make America great again. ...

You're going to be proud of your president, and you're going to be even prouder of your country, OK?

Notice that Donald Trump clearly is stating he is a greedy lover of money. The Apostle Paul wrote:

“1 But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: 2 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, 4 traitors, headstrong,

haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!” (2 Timothy 3:1-5.)

13. Donald Trump's history of corporate bankruptcies demonstrate that he is willing to not pay his debts. The Bible teaches, “The wicked borrows and does not repay” (Psalms 37:21). The USA is the most indebted nation of all time—and the Bible warns of destruction of the highly indebted in the appointed time of the end (Habakkuk 2:1-8). If Donald Trump increases that debt and/or defaults on that debt, this could trigger the end of the USA (Habakkuk 2:6-8).

Christians also to pray for their physical leaders (1 Timothy 2:1-3). I have been praying for President-elect Donald Trump and recommend that all who consider themselves Christians do so.

Can that help the USA?

Certainly.

Consider that Daniel was inspired to tell King Nebuchadnezzar:

27 Therefore, O king, let my advice be acceptable to you; break off your sins by being righteous, and your iniquities by showing mercy to the poor. Perhaps there may be a lengthening of your prosperity. (Daniel 4:27)

If Donald Trump will turn to God, and more in the USA will as well, then “Perhaps there may be a lengthening of your prosperity.” We are getting closer to the end and because of the influence that the United States of America has on the world, as well as prophetically what will happen to it (e.g. Daniel 11:39), Donald Trump is apocalyptic. Pray.

How To Conquer Your Fears



By Dr. Herman Hoeh (*in 1955 of the old Radio Church of God*)

Do you have doubts about holding your job? Do you worry over loss of money — or over the lack of money you need? Does the dread of illness or of a nervous breakdown or of insanity haunt you?

Are broken friendships, or repressed love affairs robbing you of health? THEN HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO DO!

NEVER IN the history of the world have people enjoyed so many labour saving devices, so much leisure, such benefits from public sanitation. Yet, strange to say, the fear of nervous disorders, heart disease, cancer and insanity is robbing millions of health and happiness.

People everywhere are under needless mental strain. Business pressure and family troubles worry millions. We don't know how to relax.

Why is there such anxiety, such nervous strain? Why are we FAILING to master our fears and worries?

An Age of MISMANAGED Minds

This is not alone the age of the atom and hydrogen bombs. This is the AGE OF MISMANAGED MINDS!

Uncontrolled, undirected minds are ruining the lives of countless thousands. Millions more are rendered miserable and unproductive because their minds have been enslaved to FEARS — needless, unreasoned fears!

Needless fears rob us of contentment, warp our personality, and poison both mind and body.

Fear is an emotion — an emotion directed toward the SELF. Have you ever noticed that those who suffer most from fear and worry are "wrapped up" in themselves? "I'm afraid of this..." and "I'm worried about that..." is the way they talk.

This, then is a Selfish age! And the more we become concerned with ourselves, the more afraid we become that the self will get hurt. We become fearful of what might happen to the self. Our misdirected minds coddle and pamper the self.

In many instances this uncontrolled emotion of fear leads to grave consequences — to real desperation. There is the fear that "something is wrong with the brain" — that a nervous breakdown is impending, that even insanity might result.

In other instances this uncontrolled emotion results in feelings of inferiority, in mental inadequacy, in sexual impotence. One fear leads to another until our mental outlook

and our physical health are permanently impaired!

But there is a way to correct this problem. There is a way to conquer fear!

Are All Fears wrong?

For millennia the problem of fear has confronted and perplexed our greatest thinkers. Philosophers have found no satisfactory solution —or their lives wouldn't have been so often frustrated! Psychologists have spawned the idea of autosuggestion as the solution to overcoming fears. Those who have tried this method still find themselves spiritually devoid of happiness. Of course! For autosuggestion is a clever way of saying self-deception! And deception never solved anything.

Others have tried sedatives to relieve their nervous fears. Countless pills to calm nerves and keep people happy have been sold by druggists and doctors. But fears and worries and mental and physical illnesses still continue!

For us to reach the solution, we must recognize there are TWO fundamental types of fear: 1) helpful fear and 2) harmful fear. Without normal, helpful fear none of us would be alive today! Proper fear is merely the drive for self-protection. Without this fear we would not exercise proper caution against injury. It is the kind of fear we need!

But notice! When the mind is not properly managed, the natural fear for self-protection is turned into unnatural fear for the protection of SELF.

Fears Are LEARNED

The control of the drive or emotion of fear is a learned process — it is a matter of education.

We first need to learn what proper fear is. Then we need to exercise proper control over it. But

we must also avoid misdirected and harmful fears.

Proper fear is wisdom. It is also knowledge. Suppose, for a moment, that we are confronted with a real danger. It is only natural that we should be fearful. But let's master our fear. Fear tells us something is wrong. It warns us that we must calmly and carefully face our danger. We must get busy and take ACTION. Action solves the danger! But simply worrying about it and being afraid that the worst will happen won't help us.

People who are chronic worriers who have countless fears, are usually procrastinators and indecisive. They are afraid to take action. Their fear becomes their master. They become slaves to their fear.

The time to learn to master our fear is when we are young — yet THE PROPER DIRECTION OF THE MIND IN THESE FORMATIVE YEARS IS NOT BEING TAUGHT IN EITHER THE HOME OR IN THE SCHOOL!

But it is never too late to learn. Life is too important for us to remain in ignorance, no matter how old we are. Let's learn to DISTINGUISH between helpful and harmful fear.

Needless Fears and Phobias

Sometimes our fears are insignificant or even laughable — to the other fellow, of course. Here are some of the petty fears that plague people: fear of an expanse of water, fear of air travel, fear of silence, darkness, shadows in the moonlight, fear of telephone, telegrams, hunchbacks and mice!

These fears usually are the result of part experience which we have either consciously or subconsciously allowed to haunt us.

Usually far worse are the common phobias which afflict people abnormally. Fear of the sight of blood, fear of animals, fear of being alone, FEAR OF AN UNATTRACTIVE FIGURE, FEAR OF BEING AFRAID, and the FEAR OF FAILURE. To this list we might add the fear of everything, a characteristic of the person who runs away from life!

Underlying some of these abnormal phobias are normal fears. But in every case the normal, natural fear has been allowed to get OUT OF CONTROL. Witness the countless millions of girls and women who are afraid they have or may sometimes have an unattractive figure. Serious mental, emotional and physical injury has often been done to "remove" this fear. The worsened condition creates more fear. A vicious circle results.

Haven't you known people who were fearful of being afraid? They can't explain their fear, but they know something fearful is going to happen to them! They haven't learned the lesson of life that our worst fears and experiences NEVER HAPPENED!

Sometimes, however, we bring fear and worry on ourselves. Job wrote: "For the thing

which I did fear is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of hath overtaken me" (Job 3:25). Many capable men and women have become failures simply by yielding to the uncontrolled FEAR OF FAILURE. Especially has this been true since two world wars and a catastrophic depression. This fear has led to the FEAR OF LACK OF SECURITY. Notice how one anxiety breeds another. These fears are all characteristic of lack of knowledge and lack of wisdom.

The CAUSE of these abnormal worries and fears lies in inadequate recognition and control of emotional problems we experience in maturation. Domineering parents, inconsiderate fathers, over-possessive mothers, family jealousies and arguments, fussy grandparents — these create most of our emotional problems. But the fundamental CAUSE of OUR fears is OUR failure to recognize and solve these emotional problems.

A Common Example

Here is an example of the consequences due to the failure to discipline our mental emotions. A young girl is engaged to be married. Instead of being happy, she is crushed with conflict and fear. She is frightened with the responsibilities of married life and motherhood. A nervous breakdown seems inevitable. Why?

Usually in her background you will find a carefree father, a frustrated mother, spinster school teachers, no companions of her own age while an adolescent. Mental problems, unsolved, produced physical disturbances. Menstruation became abnormal and often painful. Fears of childbirth haunted her because of stories she heard from "friends." This is no isolated

case. This is a COMMON EXAMPLE. Some of you are suffering from just such a problem as this.

Let's understand, now, why emotional disorders lead to physical disorders, as in the case just mentioned.

There is a direct mind-body relationship in every individual. We must direct and coordinate both mind and body before we can really achieve happiness and conquer our fear. Solomon understood this problem when he wrote: "A tranquil heart is the life of the flesh; but envy is the rottenness of the bones" (Pro. 14:30). And again, "Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith" (Pro. 15:17).

There is a direct connection of digestion and health with the mind. When the mind is fearful, it sends out messages to the various glands and organs to be prepared for danger. The organs fill the bloodstream with materials to enable us to ACT to meet the danger. When we procrastinate or are indecisive, our body becomes filled with unused material. Our glands are needlessly drained. Constant self-induced fear soon causes the glands to function abnormally. Our whole body suffers, and with it the personality and even the mind.

Unconquered fears are the cause of a major portion of diseases. Of course, proper food habits, proper exercise and elimination also play a part in overall health — both mental and physical.

When our bodies become filled with toxins that should have been used up in ACTION to meet real dangers, we find ourselves "nervous" and "upset." People often say: "It's my nerves." Nerves are not wrong. We need them to live. It is what we have done to

our nerves that is the problem. We have frayed them through overuse arising from uncontrolled fears and worries. We have turned the nerve mechanism created for SELF-PROTECTION into a weapon for SELF-DESTRUCTION.

Frightful Dreams

When once we have created physical disorder in our body, the imagination begins to play tricks on us. Our imagination should be utilized to create new and better ideas. It is an instrument for progress. Instead, we let our imagination frightens us with new and added FEARS. We imagine we are suffering from indigestion, then ulcers, then cancer— and finally DEATH, the greatest fear of all! Sometimes we imagine ourselves suffering from a nervous breakdown or mental derangement. Life becomes frightful.

Horrifying DREAMS begin to afflict us. Most dreams come from an overworked mind. Daily problems weigh us down AS we seek rest at night. We don't know how to relax. Solomon said: "For a dream cometh through a multitude of business" (Ecc. 5:3).

Since the conscious business with which so many have been occupied is that of creating new fears and worries, is it any wonder that a blood engorged brain will recreate these same fears in DREAMS?

When the state of mental worry takes a severe form, dreams and premonitions build up the FEAR OF DEATH — and usually cause premature death. MOST OF THE WORLD is enslaved by this dreadful fear! This fear wrecks mental balance and poisons the body. It creates spiritual misconceptions that sometimes exert themselves in religious persecution. Persecution is a release valve

for pent-up spiritual frustrations, fears, and the sense of self-condemnation. But persecution doesn't solve the problem.

The Way of Escaping Fears

Once we recognize these unfounded fears which we need to battle, we must find the right way to CONQUER them. Psychological self-deception won't help. It doesn't really do any good to tell ourselves that death is not really an enemy — that it is a good friend. Such autosuggestion doesn't change the fact that death is a mortal enemy. The way to solve this fear — and to solve every unnecessary fear — is to recognize what it really is.

Paul tells us death is an enemy (I Cor. 15:26). But Jesus Christ has made a way to escape its eternal consequences. "Our Savior Christ Jesus... nullified death and brought life and in-corrption to light through the gospel." "For God gave us not a spirit of fearfulness; but of power and love and sobering" (II Tim. 1:10, 7, Panin translation).

But how do we lose the dread of death — and of all the other fears and worries that haunt us?

Remember the first lesson we learned is that we need to recognize the distinction between helpful and harmful, uncontrolled fear. Fear may be either right or wrong depending upon our direction of this emotion. Proper fear stems from the drive for self-preservation. It is a signal of danger — a signal that we need to take ACTION.

Proper fear is in two forms. One is natural fear of physical danger — the warning that we need to protect this life. The other is SPIRITUAL FEAR for our eternal protection.

This fear almost no one recognizes. Yet without it, we will never be able to CONQUER uncontrolled fear.

This SPIRITUAL fear is called the FEAR OF THE LORD or the FEAR OF GOD. Like every other fear, it, too, has been misguided until it has become the fear of the devil!

The natural emotion of physical fear warns us of physical hazards. This is a learned fear. The spiritual FEAR OF GOD warns us of eternal dangers. It, too, is a learned fear. We have to learn about the power and authority of God. We learn that God gives life and also takes life. That is why Jesus said: "Fear HIM (Luke 12:5).

Why Is the Fear of God Necessary?

This present age has lost this healthy respect for God. Notice the example of Noah: "By faith Noah, warned concerning the things not seen as yet, with godly fear prepared an ark to the saving of his house" (Heb. 11:7). Noah feared the power of God. That was a right fear, a proper spiritual fear. But Noah controlled his fear of God. He didn't let his fear worry and frustrate him. Noah ACTED on his fear. He did something about it!

The great importance of the FEAR OF GOD has been woefully misunderstood. Let's understand its full significance. "By the fear of the Lord men depart from evil" (Pro. 16:6). This fear warns us that God will punish us if we harm ourselves by doing evil!

When we do evil, we harm ourselves. To teach us NOT to do evil, God sometimes has to punish us. That is how the fear of God leads us away from the danger of evil both physical and spiritual danger. "The fear of

the Lord is the instruction of wisdom" (Pro. 15:33).

When we fear God, we respect what He says. What He says has been recorded in His Word, the Bible. In the Bible is the wisdom of God. Its instruction tells us right from wrong. It defines for us the pitfalls of sin. It warns us of the dangers of evil which robs us of happiness and prosperity and eternal life. "The fear of the Eternal tendeth to life; and he that hath it shall abide satisfied, he shall not be visited with evil" (Pro. 19:23).

The need for the fear of the Lord is a New Testament teaching. Peter said: "Fear God" (I Peter 2:17). It is repeated again in Rev. 14:7: "Fear God." The early Church of God had peace when "walking in the fear of the Lord and the comfort of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 9:31).

How to ACT on the Fear of God

How will the proper REACTION to the fear of God rid us of all the needless mental suffering we impose on ourselves? How will the fear of God teach us to manage, and direct our minds until we master every nervous fear?

The apostle John wrote: "There is no fear in love; but Perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love" (I John 4:18).

The worries and mental torments stemming from fears occur when LOVE has not been perfected. LOVE is doing what God commands: "For this is the LOVE of God, that we keep His commandments: and His commandments are not grievous" (I John 5:3).

The commandments of God define right and wrong. They tell us of the dangers of sin. sin is the "transgression of the law" (I John 3:4).

By OBEYING God we avoid the dangers of evil and we fill our minds and emotions with LOVE. Love removes worries and torments. This is how we ACT upon the fear of God.

Now let us learn HOW TO ACQUIRE PERFECT LOVE. Here is what Peter says: "Add to your faith virtue, and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness LOVE" (II Peter 1:5-7). (The archaic word "charity," found in the King James Version, should be rendered LOVE)

Here are SEVEN STEPS you need to follow to rid yourself of fear!

First, notice that you begin with faith. What is faith? "Without faith it is impossible to please [God]: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him" (Heb. 11:6).

You cannot FEAR God without having faith that He exists and that He rewards us for what we do, whether good or evil. Faith is not something you try to make yourself think you have when you don't have it. Faith is the recognition that God exists and that it is fatal to fall into His hands unless you turn from your sins! This faith is acquired. It is learned by experience. You cannot hypnotize yourself into receiving faith.

Maybe you are like the woman who wrote me: "I can't seem to make myself fear God." Of course you can't make yourself fear God! You have to experience the need of fearing

God. Perhaps you need to become a constant reader of The PLAIN TRUTH to learn the authority and power of God!

Let's follow the instruction of Peter throughout his seven-fold plan to conquer fear by filling the mind with LOVE.

The SEVEN-FOLD PLAN

First, add virtue to your faith in the power of God. Virtuous means decent, chaste, modest, and well mannered. It is the opposite of coarseness and vulgarity. The first step is to remove the cause of self-condemnation, the secret sins that are often committed under the guise of extreme prudery!

We must let the Bible define decency, chastity and good manners for us. Study the lives of men and women recorded within its covers. Recognize their mistakes. Don't make the same mistakes. Remember, too, that the fear of God teaches us not to make up our minds as we wish to believe, but to believe and act upon what God lays virtue is. It is neither self-righteousness nor coarseness. It is proper refinement.

Second, add knowledge to virtue. Knowledge refers to the learning of ideas and principles of conduct. We must continually increase in knowledge until we clean up our character!

Third, add temperance to knowledge. When we learn that God permits us to use things that we thought were forbidden, we must exercise the proper balance in handling any new freedom. We must be temperate. Temperance does not mean prohibition. Prohibition is abstention. Temperance is moderate use! Paul said: "Every man that

striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things (I Cor. 9:25). Temperance means SELF-CONTROL. This is one of the most vital steps in controlling the mind and stilling fears. You need to exercise self-discipline over mind and body if you want to overcome fears.

Fourth add patience to self-control. Patience is that broadness of mind by which you wait for the result to be achieved. Patience is the opposite of worry. One who is patient does not become frustrated because problems don't always solve themselves immediately. Patience comes from exercising self-control under trial. "Tribulation works patience," wrote Paul (Romans 5:3). You can't sit down and make yourself patient. You must work at it, under trial and test!

Fifth, add godliness to patience. Godliness means to be like God in character. God defines His character throughout the Bible. Many "religious" people pretend to have godliness, but "they deny the POWER thereof" (II Tim. 3:5). God is a powerful character, not a weakling. Godliness means strength of character — it sums up virtue, knowledge, patience, self-control. Too many try to imagine what God is like apart from reading the Scripture. Little wonder that they deny His Power!

Sixth, add brotherly kindness to godliness. It is often easier to act righteous than to be kind to a brother! James says of the human tongue: "Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God." (James 3:9). God is perfect. We need to be perfect. But our brothers have faults of the flesh. It is difficult to be kind, to be helpful, to be generous, to be stern only when necessary to fellow human beings.

In misguided zeal many impose their "kindnesses" on others. We must learn to exercise good judgment in being kind. On the other hand, many neglect kindnesses, which they can never make up. This breeds sorrow and worry.

Seventh, add LOVE as a climax to perfection. Jesus said: "LOVE your enemies, bless them that curse you" (Mat. 5:44). When you love your enemies this much, you won't fear what they can do to you. Love, when perfected, casts out all fear! Jesus also said: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13). Perfect love even removes the most terrible fear of all — the fear of death!

What is LOVE?

Love is the perfection of God's law according to its spirit or intent. "Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law" (Romans 13:10). You cannot love anyone without fulfilling the law. And you cannot fulfil the law completely without loving your neighbour and your enemy! Love sums up the spirit and intent of God's law. It is the summation of all that is good and right. The fear of God leads us to love.

Notice how the Scripture defines love in its fullness. (In the following verses the archaic word "charity" needs to be translated LOVE, which I have done): "And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not love, it profiteth me nothing"... Brotherly kindness without LOVE profits nothing eternally! "Love suffereth long," — it is patient — "is kind" — it includes brotherly kindness; "love envieth not; love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up," — it doesn't exalt itself, it is virtuous — "Doth not behave itself

unseemly, seeketh not her own" — love is directed away from the SELF — "is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;" — it is patient and not resentful — "rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;" — it is godliness.

Love "Beareth all things," — it covers every requirement — "believeth all things," — love is not gullible (which a misreading of this verse might imply), but it believes all things written in God's Word — "hopeth all things," — it hopes for all the promises, which give us courage — "endureth all things." LOVE rises above all conflicts, making it possible for us to rise above the sufferings and fears, which engulf this age.

Love NEVER FAILETH: (I Cor. 13:3-8).

This is how YOU can conquer your fears and worries! Ask God for help to carry out His seven-fold plan to attain real peace of mind. "Ask, and it shall be given you" (Luke 11:9).

STUDY THE BIBLE COURSE

Lesson 11: A Record in Stone



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CREATION PROVES THE BIBLE TRUE

YOUR Bible MEANS exactly what it says! Its statements of FACT are LITERAL. Whenever symbols are used, they are INTERPRETED for us in Scripture!

But the world does not believe it! Even the leaders of most churches do not really believe it.

And yet it IS true – PROVABLY SO! People often exclaim to us in amazement, "Why, you take what the Bible says LITERALLY!" People today either believe the Bible does not mean quite what it says – and therefore that GOD DOES NOT MEAN QUITE WHAT HE SAYS; or, people are led to DISBELIEVE the Bible entirely and REJECT the FACT THERE IS A GOD!

It's time we learned the TRUTH about the AUTHORITY of the Bible!

Perilous Times Ahead!

The final END events of this age are RAPIDLY lining up. In the catastrophic climax soon to come, you will have to TRUST GOD IMPLICITLY!

TERRIBLE DAYS ARE JUST AHEAD. But Christ promises, "he who ENDURES to the end SHALL BE SAVED" (Matthew 24:13).

Prove to yourself now – BEFORE THE GREAT TRIBULATION – that GOD DOES EXIST and that HE MEANS WHAT HE SAYS.

You need to have absolute faith that the BIBLE IS DEPENDABLE! YOU need to KNOW – AND KNOW that you know – the Bible IS the

divinely inspired, essential knowledge of God Almighty for mankind! That you are following the RIGHT course when you OBEY GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN IN YOUR BIBLE – instructions that will carry you through to salvation in these perilous times!

Science Gone Amuck

The apostle Paul warns you to be on guard against the OPPOSITION that "science" makes against taking the Word of God – the Bible – LITERALLY. Of this he says, "...avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called: Which some professing have ERRED concerning the faith ..." (1 Timothy 6:20-21, KJV).

Evolutionary science rejects the revealed Word of God which states that HE CREATED the entire universe. It is founded upon the Theory of Evolution which denies the PROOF that God is the Creator, and rejects the PLAIN STATEMENTS of the Bible about the origin and history of the earth.

But scientists ASSUME all this without the SCIENTIFIC PROOF they demand on material questions. It's about time we QUIT ASSUMING – it's time we begin to really PROVE ALL THINGS! (1 Thessalonians 5:21.)

The POSITIVE PROOF of the existence of God and His inspiration of the Bible is so broad, so all-encompassing, so diverse in its many ramifications, that it is possible only to barely SCRATCH THE SURFACE in this brief lesson!

So now let's begin this amazing study and learn how God's Creation proves the Bible is true.

LESSON 11

Creation Demands a CREATOR

Evolutionists, in their vain attempts to substantiate the Theory of Evolution, are always FORCED to begin with an orderly universe, and the EXISTENCE OF MATTER. The Theory of Evolution BEGINS with matter, laws, and "simple" life!

But what IS matter?

Matter occupies space and has weight. It is not always necessarily seen, since certain gases, and even the air which you breathe, are also classified as "matter."

Until recently, scientists talked of the law of the "conservation of matter." However, with the discoveries in nuclear physics, and following Madame Curie's experiments with radium, scientists have now found there IS a certain amount of "disintegration" in matter!

This deterioration of RADIOACTIVE matter is a scientific fact! Uranium (U 238) gradually disintegrates through many intermediate stages into lead (Pb 206). Uranium, as you may well know, is radioactive and gives off energy in the form of radiation.

Gradually, over a period of seemingly limitless years, this radioactive material disintegrates into lead! THERE IS NO NEW URANIUM COMING INTO EXISTENCE NATURALLY TODAY!

This means, simply stated, that science has PROVED that this earth is gradually running down! The earth, and the whole universe, is

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like a great, giant CLOCK, which at one time was WOUND UP! It has been gradually "running down" ever since, and is not now by any process known or observed or measured, being "wound up" again!

It is as if man has arrived on the scene in the midst of an ORDERLY UNIVERSE which is gradually "RUNNING DOWN"!

Science has firmly established, then, that THERE HAS BEEN NO PAST ETERNITY OF MATTER! (Some scientists have claimed something called the "oscillating universe" theory, but it has been discredited by various ones).

Matter must have at one time COME INTO EXISTENCE! Since matter by its very nature has had NO PAST ETERNITY, it had to have been, at one time, BROUGHT INTO EXISTENCE!

Here is what scientist Sir James Jeans admits about the origin of matter: "Everything points with overwhelming force to a definite event, or series of events OF CREATION at some time or times, not indefinitely remote. The universe CANNOT have arisen by chance out of its present ingredients, and neither can it have always been the same as now."

CREATION, then, the VERY EXISTENCE OF THINGS, absolutely DEMANDS and REQUIRES a Creator! That which is made requires a Maker! That which is produced requires a Producer!

Matter, it has been firmly established, has been MADE – it did not just "happen" and has had no past eternity! Therefore, here is irrefutable proof that ALL CREATION REQUIRES A GREAT CREATOR!

1. Does God reveal that HE created all things? Genesis 1:1.

COMMENT: The FIRST FOUR WORDS you read in your Bible are, "In the beginning GOD ..."! God reveals to you that He DOES exist. This is the very FIRST thing He tells you. Now read the next six words, "... CREATED the heavens and the earth."

God tells you that He is the Creator! The Great First Cause, who CREATED matter, stands revealed as the SUPREME INTELLIGENCE and ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE!

But the universally accepted Theory of Evolution has been so firmly implanted in peoples' minds, even you may still tend to QUESTION the validity of these first two great revelations of God Almighty!

The Theory of Evolution is INTENDED to lead you to think "the Bible isn't true and it doesn't MEAN what it says – that there really is NO God after all!"

2. Who is the actual GUIDING FORCE behind this diabolical plot to erase God and the Bible from the minds of men? Revelation 12:9.
3. Will God one day STOP Satan from deceiving mankind? Revelation 20:1-3.

COMMENT: The Theory of Evolution won't be taught as if it were fact in the World Tomorrow! When Jesus Christ returns to earth, all mankind will learn the truth that GOD IS THE SUPREME CREATOR OF ALL THE UNIVERSE!

What is "Evolution"?

Before seeing the amazing, irrefutable proof that God is also the great LIFE GIVER and that His biblical record of the ORIGIN of life is true, it is first necessary to state, in simple terms, the meaning of the word "evolution."

Of course, there are many processes called "evolution." The process of the development of music from simple to complex is, in a sense, an "evolutionary" process. This, as is true in all technological inventions, has perhaps led many to ASSUME such a development is also true in organic, LIVING material!

Here, simply stated, is the BASIC CONCEPT of the Theory of Evolution: "Evolution is the gradual development from the simple, unorganized condition of primal matter to the complex structure of the physical universe; and in like manner, from the beginning of organic life on the habitable planet, a gradual unfolding and branching out into all the various forms of beings which constitute the animal and plant kingdoms" ("Organic Evolution", Lull, p. 6).

Notice it! Evolution theorizes FROM THE BEGINNING OF ORGANIC LIFE – already having LIFE with which to begin! It does not now show, nor has it ever shown, nor will it ever be ABLE to show how life CAME into existence!

The Theory of Evolution (the word "theory" means "WE THINK") states simply, that all life forms that we know today, including humankind, all plant and animal life in all of its myriad species, have gradually EVOLVED from the most simple life forms to the complex, intricate, interdependent species, or "kinds," we see around us today, each

having its own peculiar cyclical life character, each reproducing according to its own kind.

Evolution states that this life evolved in a "gradual process," by "RESIDENT FORCES" into the complexity of life today.

And herein, at the very basic TRUNK OF THE TREE of all evolutionary thought, lies one of the GREATEST PROOFS of God and the inspiration of the Bible!

The Law of Biogenesis

There is an absolute, demonstrable law of science which comprises a major proof of the existence of a life-giving (1 Timothy 6:13) God!

That is the scientific Law of Biogenesis!

"Bio" means life. "Genesis" means beginning. This law, then, is a law concerning the BEGINNING of life! This law, simply stated, is the absolute law that LIFE COMES ONLY FROM LIFE (*BIOLOGY*, Villee, p. 18). That the not-living can NEVER give rise to, give birth to, or produce the living. There is perhaps no law known to science that can be any more firmly and easily DEMONSTRATED than the Law of Biogenesis.

Science once used to believe the ridiculous theory of "spontaneous generation" -- that life sprang from non-living matter. Aristotle, the embodiment of all that the ancient world knew of natural science, expressly taught that the lower forms of life sprang spontaneously from DEAD, lifeless matter.

According to Aristotle, "Larvae of the bee or wasp, ticks, fireflies and many other insects develop from the morning dew, or from decaying slime and manure, or from dry

wood, hair, sweat, and meat" ("The Origin of Life", A. I. Oparin, p. 6).

Aristotle claimed that worms were generated by moist soil. "Man," he speculated, "may have a similar origin." He refused to believe that life can come only from life! Aristotle's vain speculations, and similar absurdities, were blindly accepted as truth for many centuries!

In 1668, the Italian, Redi, took the first important step toward the refutation of this old pagan idea. By placing gauze over a jar of meat, he prevented flies from depositing their eggs on the meat. He thus prevented the hatching of maggots, which people had been led to assume would spring SPONTANEOUSLY as "new life" from dead matter.

After the microscope was invented in 1683, the masterly work of Tyndall and Louis Pasteur proved conclusively that the "Law of Biogenesis" held true for MICROSCOPIC forms of life as well!

Yet, evolutionists basically believe in abiogenesis, the concept that something that never was alive, somehow, without a Divine entity being involved, became alive.

Evolutionists, geneticists, biologists, scientists in any field whatsoever, have never been able to demonstrate, nor to offer the slightest evidence that the LIVING can come into existence from the NOT-LIVING!

George Wald, Professor of Biology at Harvard admitted:

One has only to contemplate the magnitude of this task to concede that the spontaneous generation of a

living organism is IMPOSSIBLE. Yet here we are as a result, I believe, of spontaneous generation (The Physics of Life, p. 9).

Notice that some scientists are so steeped in the Theory of Evolution, they cannot bring themselves to fully accept the absolutely irrefutable proof of scientific laboratory experiments!

It is true that certain laboratory experiments have taken place in which SUPPOSED 'dead cells' are said to have been 'revived' and brought back to life by the means of certain chemical compounds. This, however, is a FAR CRY from 'spontaneous generation' or abiogenesis!

A Series of Impossibilities

Even if we allow the possibility of spontaneous primitive life to have occurred, what would happen?

The primitive life would have to die.

Part of the reason for this is that even a single-cell is so complex, and so full of various biological subsystems, that scientists have learned that many systems are essentially necessary for life to exist or continue. Science recognizes that living organisms must be self-contained, eat, digest, and reproduce to continue to exist.

There are basically two type of cells, prokaryotes and eukaryotes. Prokaryotes are mainly bacteria, and eukaryotes almost everything else. They both have membranes, ribosomes, organelles of digestion, and DNA containing nuclei. Eukaryotes contain 21 amino acids, and they all need to be in the

right places and in the right proportions for life to exist.

Spontaneously alive lined-up amino acids/proteins (with other substances coincidentally there) would die because:

1) All living organisms need biological structures such as organelles and membranes. Within the membranes they contain intracellular water-soluble components. Without a membranous structure, the proteins would ultimately diffuse and destroy the living organism. Living organism must be somewhat self-contained.

2) All living organisms need nourishment and direction. Since randomness would not have created the biological structure known as a DNA-containing nucleus (or some primitive equivalent), the cell would die. Even if it had some type of nucleus to provide direction, the nucleus would have to have come into existence with ability to determine what to eat and how to find food, another impossibility.

3) Proteins cannot survive without DNA and DNA cannot exist without proteins, hence there is no way both happened at the same time.

4) Even if the cell had all the above with simultaneous protein and DNA, it would die, because there would have been no reason for it to have spontaneously generated a digestive system in order to utilize the food.

5) Even if evolutionists are granted all the improbabilities and impossibili-

ties this article discusses, the primitive life would quickly die out as there would have been no reason for it to have spontaneously generated an ability to reproduce, nor would it have any innate ability to do so.

Let's look at this is a slightly different way.

If all the amino acids were to align (as improbable as it would be), it will not become alive. So that step is impossible.

If this primitive cell were to somehow become alive, it would die. Why? Because cells contain intracellular water-soluble components, and it is a fact of physics that water-soluble components will dissipate/destroy without a membrane. Thus, going beyond this step is impossible.

If this cell did have a membrane, what would happen next? It would die. Why? Because it would not have the innate ability to deduce that it needed to eat as it did not form with a nucleus. The nucleus is the part of the cell that contains DNA and other instructions.

Presuming it is in liquid and it runs into food, what will happen? Yes, it will die. Why? Because it was not randomly formed with digestive ability, it will not be able to digest and utilize the food. Thus, going beyond this step is impossible.

Presuming it was randomly formed with a nucleus and digestive abilities, what will happen? It will die out. Why, because it would also have had to be randomly formed with the instructions that it needed to be able to reproduce as well as the ability to do so. Evolution as the origin of life is not just improbable, it is impossible.

It is in the Bible that we are told that when God made life He intended it to reproduce (Genesis 1:11,28,29).

The idea of an 'intelligent design' by a Spirit being is the only explanation that does not defy scientifically provable knowledge--for all other explanations result in something that must die out.

Proteins cannot of themselves reproduce--they need DNA:

DNA cannot exist without proteins, and proteins cannot exist without DNA. (Pietzsch J. Understanding the RNAissance. c. 2003. <http://www.nature.com/horizon/rna/background/understanding.html> viewed 05/05/12)

DNA can basically do nothing of itself, it needs proteins. Does any scientifically rational person actually believe that they randomly developed and got together at the same time for life as we know it to exist without Divine intervention?

The answer should be obvious. No.

By the way, as mentioned before, God expects humans to realize that He exists through various aspects of His creation (Romans 1:20).

Thus since life could not have randomly sprung forth, eaten, and reproduced, only a different type of entity (God) could have caused it to begin. And that is what the Bible teaches (e.g. Genesis 1; 1 Timothy 6:13).

Charles Darwin Saw a Potential Flaw to His Theory It may be of interest to note that Charles Darwin, the human credited for the so-called scientific development of the

theory of evolution (and to be technical, evolution is a model and not a scientific theory), wrote the following in his book *The Origin of the Species*:

If it could be demonstrated that any complex organ existed which could not possibly have been formed by numerous, successive, slight modifications, my theory would absolutely break down (Darwin C. The Origin of Species. In Chapter 6, Difficulties on Theory. Cricket House Books LLC, 2010, p. 124).

Although he did not believe that was demonstrated to his satisfaction when he wrote that, the truth is that cellular life was simply much more complex than he at that time realized. Thus, even Charles Robert Darwin's writings contain an admission that he understood that additional complexity would disprove his theory (perhaps it should be noted that the discovery of DNA would seem to qualify as sufficient complexity that he was unaware of). Of course, scientists know that random amino acids also do not come with DNA. And while this was not known at Darwin's time, this is known now.

Darwin himself seemed to acknowledge that life could not have started on its own. He seemed to, some degree, rely on the biblical account in the Book of Genesis as he wrote:

There is a grandeur in this view of life, with its several powers, having been originally breathed by the Creator into a few forms or into one (The Origin Of Species By Charles Darwin, 2nd and subsequent editions).

Thus, apparently Darwin recognized the impossibility of life starting on its own without a Creator (God).

Modern evolutionists overlook biological realities.

There is a broad, gaping, yawning chasm of separation between LIFE and DEATH. The great gap between the not-living and the living is SO BROAD, SO INSURMOUNTABLE, SO UNFATHOMABLE BY man, that evolutionists can only "suppose" and GUESS, offering vague, ethereal, nebulous "theories" as to how life, even the simplest forms – "might have" begun!

The INEVITABLE and only LOGICAL CONCLUSION is that the very EXISTENCE OF LIFE DEMANDS A LIFEGIVER!

God Is the Great LIFEGIVER!

1. Does God reveal that He has life inherent within HIMSELF? John 5:26. Did He also give the GIFT of inherent ETERNAL LIFE to the resurrected Christ? Same verse.
2. Does the Bible tell us that it is GOD ALONE who gives life whether temporal or eternal? Romans 6:23, 1 Timothy 6:13a.

COMMENT: Remember! "Life" is a GIFT to be GIVEN BY GOD ONLY!

3. Does God dogmatically state that He formed man from the dust of the ground and GAVE him temporal, PHYSICAL LIFE? Genesis 2:7.

COMMENT: Almighty God, the Life Self-Existent, the One who has life, who IS Life, who was BEFORE all things, IMPARTED LIFE

to the first man, and set within man, the animals, and all plants, the cyclical character of life which enables them to reproduce according to certain set laws!

GOD ALONE IS THE GREAT LIFEGIVER!

"Evolution" of KINDS?

The so-called "Science" of Evolution theorizes that all the KINDS of life on our earth – the creatures of the land, water, and air – developed from ONE simple, single-celled protoplasmic substance. It supposedly sprang to life SPONTANEOUSLY in warm ocean slime – WITHOUT external help from any god.

Exactly how, then, does science teach that the various kinds of life, the bird KINDS, the animal KINDS, the fish KINDS, etc. – developed from this ONE ORIGINAL LIVING CELL?

Here, in brief, is what the Theory of Evolution teaches: A single-celled bit of protoplasm multiplied, OF ITSELF, into additional cells. These cells later developed into worms which multiplied until the oceans became populated with vast swarms of something like wiggling worms!

JUST THINK! YOU supposedly "evolved" from a worm! What an INSULT to human intelligence!

But to continue, the worms developed and multiplied. Some gradually took to land, developing lungs for breathing out of water, becoming what are called amphibians. Some of them stayed on land altogether, and so their gills gradually disappeared. Now they

were land animals. The amphibians continued to live both in water and on land, using both gills and lungs. And the purely sea forms of life remained in the water, having only gills.

Evolution teaches that these early forms of life developed very gradually or through mutations. Through a “fixed natural law of VARIATION OF SPECIES,” each form, or kind of life gradually took on new characteristics. They progressed slowly toward the more complex physical forms and toward advancing intelligence – until they CHANGED into totally DIFFERENT KINDS of animals.

By this gradual and ‘random’ method, reptile forms, and then mammals (animals having a spinal column, whose females suckle its young) supposedly developed. This process of progressive development and change from one kind into entirely different and higher KINDS supposedly continued for MILLIONS OF YEARS!

Branching off into different life forms took place until, among other forms, something resembling today's monkey finally developed. Then the anthropoid ape (or a species similar) and finally – HUMAN BEINGS!

Humanity's TRANSITION from some lower animal similar to the anthropoid ape is believed to have been so GRADUAL, that it is impossible to tell at just what stage it ceased to be an ape and became a human! Thus, according to this “theory,” THERE WAS NO ONE FIRST MAN CALLED ADAM, AS THE BIBLE REVEALS! Yet, somehow, most evolutionists accept that all humans had the same original mother, whom, yes, they tend to call “Eve.”

The first humans were, according to the Theory of Evolution, unintelligent savages. But the mind gradually developed and character began to form – and so humans SUPPOSEDLY have been getting BETTER AND BETTER EVER SINCE. Since randomness could not account for this, they tend to claim that “survival of the fittest” caused this.

This is what science “theorizes” about the origin of man and the various ‘kinds’ of creatures we see about us today.

But the CREATOR of all life REVEALS HE DESIGNED AND MADE THE "KINDS" TO NEVER JUMP THEIR GOD-ORDAINED BOUNDS!

Bible Reveals TRUE ORIGIN of “Kinds”

1. Does God reveal that He created all the various kinds of living things? Revelation 10:6.
2. Were these living “KINDS” to give rise to – reproduce – yet OTHER NEW “KINDS” DIFFERENT from their own kind? Or were they to reproduce ONLY after their OWN “KIND”? Genesis 1:11, 24. Then read all of Genesis, chapter 1.

COMMENT: God reveals that HE caused the earth to put forth the grasses, herbs and trees AFTER THEIR KIND. And the living creatures AFTER THEIR KIND.

Genesis 1 reveals God ordained that every living thing He created DURING creation week would ALWAYS REPRODUCE AFTER ITS OWN KIND! The phrase “after its kind” is repeated time and again! The various

“kinds” were NOT to give rise to NEW kinds, as the Theory of “EVOLUTION” teaches.

3. Does Hebrew 4:3b indicate that God intended to keep on creating NEW KINDS down through the ages? Or did He FINISH His creations during creation week?

COMMENT: “The works were FINISHED from the foundation of the world.” There were to be NO NEW KINDS of life coming into existence after the days of creation. An ape was always to reproduce an ape – NOT gradually develop into a human!

God says HE made ALL the various KINDS of life SUDDENLY. Within a week EVERYTHING was created. He did not ordain that new KINDS of living things would be appearing in our day!

The diabolical “THEORY” of the “EVOLUTION” of kinds is DIAMETRICALLY OPPOSED to God's true revelation! Evolution and the Bible can't both be right – one is a LIE! Christ, speaking of the DEVIL, said, “He is a LIAR, and the FATHER of it” (John 8:44).

There is the SOURCE of this world's God and Bible-rejecting Theory of Evolution! The Devil inspired it and continues to DECEIVE the world into believing it! But Satan's time is fast running out. Jesus Christ is about to REPLACE the “father” of all lies!

Scientific Evidence Proves Bible Kinds

ANYONE can make claims! But when it comes to PROVING these claims, that is another matter. Either we have the PROOF or we don't.

Let's examine the evidence to see WHICH claims the FACTS support – God's Word or those of this world's Satanically inspired Theory of Evolution.

God told Noah to take males and females of all living things on the earth, “AFTER THEIR KIND,” and place them in a great ship he was to build (Genesis 7:1-9, RSV).

But the doubter will ask, “How could the ark possibly have held so many creatures since we find myriad VARIETIES of animals today?”

That's a good question! Here's the SIMPLE ANSWER! In Genesis 2:19-20, we find that God brought all the beasts of the field and all the fowl to Adam so he could NAME them. The number of Genesis “kinds” at Creation were so FEW that Adam was able to give them each a name that same day! This suggests that the original Genesis “kinds” were relatively FEW in number.

Now scientists have learned that NEW VARIETIES of Genesis “kinds” of life which live in the air, sea, or on land, may naturally be produced. About the year 1900, Hugo de Vries, experimenting with the primrose, found that from this primrose KIND came many NEW VARIETIES OF PRIMROSES that he had never seen before. They arose “SUDDENLY, spontaneously, by steps, BY JUMPS. They JUMPED out among the offspring.” This process he named “mutation.” (“Man, Time and Fossils”, Ruth Moore, Chapter 8, p. 130.)

This, then, is why we have so many VARIETIES of birds, dogs, cattle even people, today! This also explains why God could command Noah to put all known “kinds” of living creatures into the ark. For there were still relatively FEW Genesis “kinds” in Noah's

day. Since that time these "kinds" have produced GREAT NUMBERS OF VARIETIES!

There has been NO "evolution" since the flood. But there have been changes within the kinds – the appearance of NEW VARIETIES of the same Genesis "kind." God's Word is strictly in accord with TRUE science, not with "science falsely so called"! (1 Timothy 6:20, KJV.)

Scientists have ATTEMPTED to prove their evolutionary theories by "selective breeding" and studies in "mutations." But these do not prove evolution! They prove, as we have just seen, the existence of absolute, unchangeable LAWS governing the reproduction of all animal and plant life, and that those laws function within certain LIMITED BOUNDS that cannot be transcended or broken!

While we are able to breed and cultivate today NEW VARIETIES within a great "KIND," they are still of the SAME "KIND" and NOT a new species of life! There are hundreds of DIFFERENT VARIETIES within a certain species, and while there may be small, tiny dogs, such as the Mexican Chihuahua, and also great huge dogs such as the St. Bernard or the Great Dane, THEY ARE STILL DOGS! They are not cats, nor horses, nor are they even beginning to show a gradual trend toward developing into ANOTHER SPECIES! They are all of the SAME KIND!

Any farmer who labours in his fields, raising corn, wheat or other crops, knows some of the basic proofs of selective breeding.

Scientists working with guinea pigs or other animals in laboratories can arrange an absolute PATTERN of just how the genes and chromosomes are going to react in the

interbreeding of certain animals according to their coloring and various characteristics.

THEY ARE ABLE TO TELL in ADVANCE just EXACTLY what the offspring are going to look like! Again, this does not prove anything except demonstrate the existence of an all-wise, all-powerful God who MADE these laws, and who also sustains them!

The FACT that God commanded the earth to bring forth living creatures "after his kind," and has been enforcing and SUSTAINING that law ever since, is another major PROOF of God's existence and the veracity of His inspired Word!

PERFECT PRE-Adamic Earth Became a RUIN!

Exactly what HAPPENED to the earth before God created the first human? Only God KNOWS – for He was there! Humans can only "suppose" or "theorize" as to what really happened.

God is now going to tell you about the origin and subsequent DESOLATION of our earth – a period of time possibly millions, or billions, of years before He created the first humans. It's all revealed in your Bible!

1. What is the VERY FIRST THING God reveals in the Bible? Genesis 1:1. Did God originally create the earth "not IN VAIN" – NOT in CONFUSION? Isaiah 45:18, KJV.

COMMENT: The earth was created so beautiful and so perfect, that all the angels shouted for joy (Job 38:4-7). It was in PERFECT ORDER. There was NO CONFUSION – "HE created it [the earth] NOT IN VAIN." The Hebrew word in the original inspired

writing, which has been translated into English here as “in vain,” is “TOHU,” which means “desolation” or “confusion” (*Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible*).

So our earth, in its ORIGINAL state, was created NOT “in vain” -- NOT “tohu” -- NOT A DESOLATION. It was a PERFECT place.

2. Keep in mind that Genesis, chapter 1, is in exact time sequence. Now note in Genesis 1:2 the NEXT glimpse of our earth. Was it STILL a perfect place?

COMMENT: “And the earth was [or became] WITHOUT FORM and VOID; and darkness was upon the face of the deep.” The Hebrew word for “without form” is “TOHU” – THE same word used in Isaiah 45:18. SO Genesis 1:2 tells us the former perfect earth HAD BECOME “without form” – HAD BECOME “tohu” – had BECOME A DESOLATION!

A radical CHANGE had taken place! And all this happened BEFORE Adam and Eve and the creatures of their world were created.

God EMPHASIZES the completeness of the destruction by saying, in addition, “the earth was ... VOID.” The Hebrew word for “void” means an “INDISTINGUISHABLE RUIN”! OUR ORIGINAL EARTH, FOR SOME REASON, HAD BECOME A PLACE OF INDISTINGUISHABLE RUIN!

WHY?

GOD reveals the answer. Recall that God has given Satan and his demons rule over our earth. Satan is the PRESENT “god of this world” (2 Corinthians 4:4)

But Satan's name has not always been “Satan,” which means “Adversary.” He once

bore the name “Lucifer,” which means “Light-Bringer.”

Lucifer once held the exalted position of God's anointed cherub (Ezekiel 28:14). God had placed him in the pre-Adamic, then perfect, earth and made Lucifer RULER over all its ANGELIC inhabitants.

But Lucifer wasn't satisfied with his great position of authority. He lusted for MORE POWER AND AUTHORITY – he greedily desired to REPLACE God Almighty as the Supreme Ruler of the universe! (Isaiah 14:12-14.) He said, “I will ASCEND above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High” (verse 14).

So Lucifer and one third of God's angels became TRAITORS! (Revelation 12:3-4.) They ascended to heaven in an attempt to knock God off His throne and take over ruler-ship of the entire universe! (Isaiah 14:13.)

But Lucifer FAILED! He and his demon-angels were repelled by God and His faithful angelic armies. They were cast back to this earth and CONFINED to its atmosphere (Isaiah 14:12; Jude 6). (A coming lesson is expected to give you more of the details of Lucifer's pre-Adamic reign on earth and subsequent rebellion.)

Satan had REBELLED against God. He had SINNED against his Creator!

Disobedience – SIN – BRINGS DESTRUCTION from God on the area in which the sin occurs. Witness to this fact is God's obliteration of the wicked cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, because their SIN was “very grievous” (Genesis 18:20). Ancient Babylon suffered a similar fate for its sins.

Stratigraphy PROVES the Bible True

Now it becomes clear WHY the next glimpse we have of our earth, after it had been created perfect and beautiful, reveals it to be an “indistinguishable ruin.”

Because of Satan's sin, God obliterated the pre-Adamic earth's surface by using great cataclysmic physical forces. All plant and animal life existing on the perfect, pre-Adamic earth was caught in this great catastrophe and perished!

A PERFECT CREATION and a COMPLETE DESTRUCTION occur within the first two verses of Genesis, chapter one! GOD has told us so!

What was the NEXT thing that happened to our earth as it lay desolate and dark? Man cannot, of himself, know with certainty.

But again God reveals it to us, and in its proper time sequence, in the first chapter of Genesis: “And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light” (Genesis 1:2 – last part, and verse 3, KJV).

After an indeterminable period of time, God began the creation of the ADAMIC world by resurfacing, in degree, its damaged surface to make it a habitable place for the first man and woman.

Notice that the Spirit of God moved "upon the face of the WATERS." The pre-Adamic world was destroyed and covered by WATER, the same as the earth of Noah's time. And by the POWER of the Holy Spirit, God remade the earth's surface, as the following verses of Genesis 1 relate.

In describing the famous earth strata in England called *The Old Red Sandstone*, Hugh Miller says, “Some terrible catastrophe involved the SUDDEN destruction of the fish of an area at least a hundred miles from boundary to boundary ... The remains exhibit unequivocally the marks of VIOLENT death.”

Fossil fishes are sometimes found in the highest state of PRESERVATION, indicating the SUDDENNESS of this pre-Adamic catastrophe! The rigid fins and open mouths of many of these fossil fishes show their STARK TERROR! And sharks five feet long are so interred that they are PRESSED FLAT TO THE THICKNESS OF ONLY ONE FOURTH INCH! The way they were buried shows clearly that they were trying to swim frantically in water heavily laden with sediment.

Concerning the depth of these fossils, Lhwyd states, “Marine fossils ... I have found buried (or enclosed) within solid marble on the face of broken sea-cliffs of the height of 200 fathoms.” Water DESTRUCTION carried down TO AN ENORMOUS DEPTH – MUCH DEEPER THAN THE FLOOD OF NOAH'S TIME CAN ACCOUNT FOR! How deep the earth's surface is stratified is not really known. But deep mines and the sides of mountains indicate the earth may be stratified in some places to a DEPTH OF TWO MILES!

The action of the sediment-laden water of the pre-Adamic destruction produced most of the earth's strata as we see them today. Professor Woodward of Cambridge says,

“The earth, all around the globe, appears, wherever it is laid open, to be wholly composed of strata lying on each other in the form of so many **SEDIMENTS FALLEN DOWN SUCCESSIVELY IN WATER.**”

These sedimentary layers often hardened into rock. Some layers, while soft, bent. Others, after becoming hard, often cracked. “Water ripple marks” are extremely numerous in many kinds of stone. And in these strata are found our coal deposits, which are the **COMPRESSED** remains of lush pre-Adamic plant and animal life buried by this great catastrophe.

There is abundant, absolute proof of the **RAPID** succession in which the pre-Adamic strata were deposited – evidence which evolutionists **REFUSE TO BELIEVE**. A vast number of fossil trees and plants are found, in some cases, standing in an **ERECT** position, and in other cases in an oblique position – **PIERCING THROUGH SUCCESSIVE BEDS OF STONE!**

Horsetails, rushes and other plants are very delicate and easily broken. Yet these plants are often found **IN THE HARDEST SANDSTONE, UNBROKEN AND INTACT!** The accumulation, or deposition, of the water-carried sediment was **SO RAPID**, it prevented the decomposition of the outer layers of these plants! These strata were, in reality, formed in **DAYS – NOT** thousands, or millions of years!

The destruction of both sea and land life at the time of Lucifer's rebellion is clearly proved by the earth's strata. Geologists call those strata containing sea-life, “Paleozoic” and those containing primarily land life, “Mesozoic.” All the strata composing these two kinds of life were laid down suddenly!

They are usually much **THICKER** and **HARDER** than the deposits of Noah's Flood.

It is interesting to note that the pre-Adamic world has been appropriately called the “Age of Reptiles.” Giant reptiles – some probably weighing up to 40 tons – not only roamed the land, but flew in the air, while yet others excelled the fishes in the sea! Gigantic insects filled the air. Huge tree ferns, horsetails, club mosses, cycads and conifers covered the face of the earth, creating vast forests unlike any we know today.

But in Genesis, chapter 1, we have a description of the wonderful creation God made for humanity's needs. Mammals of all kinds, including ones that are considered to have been domesticated were made (verses 24-25). Also the grains of the field, fruits and vegetables were given to humankind (verses 11-12,29).

Scientists admit they are puzzled at the **SUDDEN** appearance of these animals in the fossil record and the **SUDDEN** disappearance of the life forms which characterized Lucifer's world. Listen to this admission:

G.G. Simpson has said, that the most dramatic and in many respects 'the most puzzling event in the history of life on the earth, ... is the change from the Mesozoic Age of Reptiles, to the ... Age of Mammals. It is as if the curtain were rung down **SUDDENLY** on a stage where all the leading roles were taken by reptiles, especially dinosaurs, in great numbers and bewildering variety, and rose again **IMMEDIATELY** to reveal the same setting but an entirely new cast, a cast in which the dinosaurs do not

appear at all. Other reptiles are mere supernumeraries and the leading parts are all played by mammals ...' (*Historic Geology*, Carl O. Dunbar, page 426).

Certain REPRESENTATIVE TYPES of Lucifer's world have survived, but the great "Age of Reptiles" is forever gone!

The world is now man's to populate and govern (Genesis 1:26). But man corrupted his ways upon the earth and SINNED very greatly (Genesis 6:5, 12-13). Around 1650 years after Adam and Eve's creation, God had to send a flood to destroy all breathing things, except Noah and all that was with him in the ark.

Noah's Flood DID Occur!

Evolutionists REJECT the biblical record of a universal Noachian Flood. But there is PROOF that Noah's Flood DID occur!

1. Does God reveal, through His inspired Word – the Bible that there was an actual flood in Noah's time? Read Genesis, chapters 6, 7, and 8.
2. What does God say of SCOFFERS who doubt His existence and His power? 2 Peter 3:3-6.

COMMENT: God is saying here that scoffers in our time would willingly remain ignorant – not willing to face the EVIDENCE of the MYRIAD PROOFS of God's existence, His creation of the universe and the FACT that Noah's Flood DID occur!

What, then, is the EVIDENCE of Noah's Flood? The waters that once covered the world in Noah's time left VISIBLE MARKS on

the earth. The erosive powers of receding flood waters and the churning, powerful waters laden with sediment buried billions of animals and plants! Their remains have been found AROUND THE WORLD – mute testimony of the great destruction brought on the earth because of man's sins.

One formation of rocks in Africa, for example, has been estimated to contain eight HUNDRED THOUSAND MILLION (800,000,000,000) SKELETONS of vertebrate animals! (*Journal of Palaeontology*, May 1959, p. 496.)

Geologists study and analyse this evidence every day, yet the plain meaning of these findings are ignored! Instead, the baseless Theory of Evolution would have one believe these creatures were gradually buried over millions of years! Yet any geologist must admit that an animal must be buried fairly quickly by sediment, or other means, or its SKELETON will not become a fossil. Millions of bison were killed on the Great Plains in the United States in the last century, yet NOT ONE became a fossil. A vivid example that a gigantic flood had to bury the billions of creatures scientists find entombed in the rocks!

Pretty much all the flood deposits of Noah's time are THIN and scattered over the surface of the earth. Geologists call some these deposits "Cenozoic."

"Science" MISINTERPRETS the Evidence

In Genesis, chapters 7 and 8, God reveals

that the Flood of Noah's time progressed comparatively SLOWLY. It began with 40

days of rain. The flood waters reached their peak about the seventh month of the year and it took about the same period of time to recede.

But its water currents were NOT EVERYWHERE VIOLENT, for God watched over the ark (Genesis 8:1), and it weathered the Flood. Therefore, the deposits from the Flood of Noah were NOT as deep as those from the pre-Adamic world.

It is common knowledge today that large numbers of fossils are being dug up from RELATIVELY GREAT DEPTHS! Some represent sea life. Others are giant monsters of which we have no other record.

To what world did these creatures belong?

They are clearly a creation far too DIFFERENT – ANOTHER CREATION BURIED FAR TOO DEEP – TO HAVE BEEN A PART OF THE ADAMIC CREATION buried in Noah's day. Some denominations carelessly lump THIS DEEPLY BURIED CREATION with the creation of Adam's time.

What, then, does this deeply buried creation represent?

Why, the great catastrophe brought upon our originally perfect earth because of LUCIFER'S SIN, of course!! The PRE-ADAMIC DESTRUCTION!

How plain and simple everything becomes when we CAREFULLY examine the earth's strata. We find that the BIBLE HAS CONTAINED THE TRUTH ALL ALONG! ONLY "SCIENCE" HAS BEEN TOO STUBBORN – "WILLINGLY IGNORANT" – TO ACCEPT IT!

God has used ALL His Creation to PROVE to mankind that His Bible means EXACTLY what it says. FIRST God tells man plainly in Genesis what is true. THEN He tells man to prove His Word by ALL the things He has made – by His Creation:

20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are CLEARLY SEEN, being UNDERSTOOD by the things that are MADE [God's Creation], even His eternal power and Godhead, SO THAT THEY ARE WITHOUT EXCUSE (Romans 1:20).

The information is there, but many do not wish to accept it.

Evolutionists, of course, have come up with a variety of arguments to try to justify their position. But upon further review, they tend not to hold up to long-term scientific scrutiny.

The March 1, 2008 issue of *New Scientist* makes the following claims:

"Yet the idea still persists that the fossil record is too patchy to provide good evidence of evolution. One reason for this is the influence of creationism. Foremost among their tactics is to distort or ignore the evidence for evolution; a favourite lie is "there are no transitional fossils". This is manifestly untrue."

"Creationists simply have no answer for such irrefutable evidence."

Of course, the above is false.

The history of evolutionist "proof" has been riddled with made-up "evidence," lies, and

ignoring the laws of science.

Speaking of made up proof, I remember looking at drawings supposedly of human and non-human embryos in a science text in school, only to learn later that the drawings were not accurate, but were modified to make the embryos look more similar in order to support “evolution.”

I also recall seeing pictures of dark moths on trees in the UK which supposedly proved some aspect of evolution only to later learn that those moths do not stay on trees and were pinned on them for purposes of making a photo for evolutionary “proof.”

Furthermore, some of the early so-called “missing link” skulls for alleged human “evolution” turned out to be scientific frauds even though evolution accepting scientists accepted this evidence, sometimes for decades.

What about this “transitional fossils” *New Scientist* argument?

Essentially, it seems that many evolutionists hope that if they can CLAIM some fossil is a “transitional species,” then this proves that there were some many other “transitional species” (which they never have produced complete evidence of) and that evolution is true.

But evolution has never actually provided that evidence. Furthermore, the concept of “transitional” species violates at least one of the principles of evolution. And that is, that the organism is developed to where it is best to survive. Or in other words, since (according to evolutionists) there is simply random development and the fittest survive,

then there is absolutely no reason why any species is or could be “transitional.”

One so-called “transitional fossil” is supposed to be a reptile with feathers, allegedly proving that reptiles evolved into birds. This was also in textbooks I had in school. But that, too, has also been proven to be false. Notice the following news items on that:

Paris - Palaeontologists have fired a broadside over a fossil which is the cornerstone evidence to back the theory that birds descended from dinosaurs.

The row focuses on *Sinosauropteryx*, a fossil found in 1994 by a farmer in Liaoning province, northeastern China, a treasure trove of the Early Cretaceous period some 130 million years ago. ...

But a new study, published by a team led by South African academic Theagarten Lingham-Soliar at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, sweeps away the proto-feathers claim.

The two-branched structures, called rachis with barbs, that were proclaimed as early feathers are quite simply the remains of a frill of collagen fibres that ran down the dinosaur’s back from head to tail, they say.

The evidence comes from a recently discovered specimen of *Sinosauropteryx*, also found in the same Yixian Formation at Liaoning, that Lingham-Soliar put to the

scrutiny of a high-powered microscope. ...

The first known bird is Archaeopteryx, which lived around 150 million years ago.

What is missing are the links between Archaeopteryx and other species that would show how it evolved. But fossil record is frustratingly small and incomplete and this is why debate has been so fierce.

The evidence in support of the primitive feathers lacked serious investigation, Lingham-Soliar says.

“There is not a single close-up representation of the integumental structure alleged to be a protofeather,” Lingham-Soliar says.

Given that the evolution of the feather is a pivotal moment in the history of life, “scientific rigour is called for”.

The study appears on Wednesday in Proceedings of the Royal Society B, a journal of the Royal Society, Britain’s de-facto academy of sciences.

And even if there were feathers, since scientists also admit that this creature did not fly, it makes no sense to claim that it was evolving into something that would fly.

Evolution normally attempts to try to explain life beginning without a creator. Something that other laws of science show is not true. .

The sad truth is that evolution is accepted by many who do not actually want to live God’s way of life, nor do those “believers” tend to take seriously the prophetic warnings of the Bible. Actually the Bible is supportive of the idea that those who accept theories like evolution have allowed their minds to de-evolve in the sense that they wish to believe a lie (Romans 1:18-32).

Evolution Versus the Bible

Remember that this world's idea of “evolution” is only a THEORY or a ‘model’ of explanation. The word “theory” means “we THINK”! A “theory” is NOT a PROVEN FACT!

So, since they want to act like it is, evolutionists often will claim that evolution is the model of how life developed on the earth. But that ‘model’ is still based on the same theory.

The “Theory” of Evolution claims that our earth came into existence by slow progressive changes of matter which ALREADY EXISTED. It implies that matter has ALWAYS existed. Furthermore, it teaches that these changes were brought about according to “fixed natural laws,” and only by forces originating WITHIN the material itself.

Evolution denies that GOD had anything to do with designing and creating the earth (though some evolutionists embrace ‘theistic evolution,’ which claims that God started and/or directed the ‘evolutionary processes’). Since the Theory of Evolution FLATLY DENIES the Word of God, it should be clear to all that it is a Satanically-inspired theory!

Your BIBLE dogmatically states GOD EXISTS and that HE CREATED ALL THINGS (Genesis 1:1) – that God acted on matter from the OUTSIDE!

We have seen that God made sure His creation would bear absolute VISIBLE PROOF – UNALTERABLE PROOF – that the Bible speaks the EXACT TRUTH! Let's remember that evidence proving the Bible is the DEPENDABLE, inspired Word of God.

Now we can see WHY there is no smoothness – NO "uniformity" – of the earth's strata as the evolutionists TRY to prove. Now we know WHY the remains of animal and plant life are found within our earth's strata in a manner which only VIOLENT water action could have produced – NOT gentle water action which would occur if the earth's surface GENTLY rose above the ocean level and then sank below it many times over millions of years.

The some of the long "geologic ages" of the earth obviously are NOT what evolutionary geologists claim. They couldn't be since the VIOLENT currents and eddies of water of the SUDDEN pre-Adamic catastrophe swirled various types of soil and debris. This sediment quickly settled and solidified to form the strata we see today.

NEVER has the post-Adamic skeleton of a human been found in the deeper layers of the earth along with various types of reptiles which are recognized to have existed in "pre-historic" times. Why? BECAUSE HUMANS HADN'T BEEN CREATED YET!

With all the vast numbers of bones unearthed in various strata, humans have never been able to PROVE the steps of "evolution" of even ONE animal as it

(supposedly) progressively changed into better and better forms. NO SUCH BONES EXIST, for God created everything SUDDENLY and "AFTER ITS KIND." Tens of thousands of "evolutionary GAPS" naturally appear when such an attempt is made. Common "evolutionary" skeletal reconstructions are, often, in reality assemblages of bones of VARIETIES of the SAME "KIND" which were buried at the SAME TIME – not ages apart!

All of the evidence rather shows that THE BIBLE STANDS IRREFUTABLY PROVED IN ALL ITS POINTS. GOD'S OWN CREATION PROVES IT FOR HIM!

Don't You Be FOOLED!

Jokes about humanity's supposed "evolution" from monkeys and apes have been told for over a century. And you sometimes see cartoons about humanity's so-called "ancestors." This is because the world has swallowed as FACT the absolutely unproven THEORY of Evolution.

From time to time "scientists" claim remarkable discoveries by which the Doctrine of Evolution is SUPPOSEDLY transported from the realm of theory into fact. Decades back, scientists claimed to have found GIANT apes which approach the size of modern-day humans. Because those apes approach the size of a human, and are somewhat similar in other ways, some scientists ASSUMED that they were the immediate ancestors of modern human. They have since changed that view, as well as certain other views that they thought 'proved' evolution.

When researchers found these GIANT APES/PRIMATES, they also found buried in strata, GIANT ferns, GIANT crabs, GIANT

tigers, and GIANT elephants! It is only logical that giant APES would also be found! But they are still apes, not "humans." Therefore GIANT APES PROVE NOTHING about humanity's supposed "evolution" from monkeys and apes!

Often, in one way or another, the idea of evolution is perpetuated by the media. And there is a REASON WHY! Evolution makes belief in God and the Bible IMPOSSIBLE!

Evolution denies the necessity of an Almighty CREATOR God. It tries to turn "out of doors" the One who states that He is the CREATOR OF ALL THINGS. It implies God NEVER existed. And it makes the Bible APPEAR as a colossal lie!

Evolution also DENIES the necessity of a REDEEMER, for if there is no God, then there is NO Spiritual Law to BREAK! NO OBEDIENCE IS required of anyone. And evolution consequently leads you to believe that physical death is the "end of the road" for you!

But the Bible teaches that Adam was created physically perfect in the beginning. He was created SUDDENLY. It reveals that he and Eve disobeyed their Creator – SINNED – and therefore need a Redeemer to BLOT OUT their sins. It also teaches that humans may receive eternal life as a free GIFT from God on the CONDITION that they repent of their sins, accept Jesus, and OBEY the CREATOR (Acts 2:38)!

Today, teachers and professors in all levels of education are putting the Evolutionary Concept IN THE MINDS OF OUR YOUTH. It strikes like a viper at the very roots of TRUE CHRISTIANITY! They do not want students to consider that there are more scientific, more

plausible explanations, as to how human life came to be.

Their lies work on a child's subconscious mind, repeating over and over again, "God didn't REALLY mean it when He said IN THE BIBLE, 'In the beginning GOD created the heaven and the earth.'" The mind, with Satan's influence (Ephesians 2:2), therefore reasons, "IF the first words of the Bible are false, then the WHOLE BIBLE IS false"; or, "The Bible doesn't ring true with what science tells us about evolution, so the Bible MUST be false." SOON MANY BECOME AT LEAST A TYPE OF ATHEIST BEFORE THEY REALIZE IT!

"Satan, who deceives the whole world" (Revelation 12:9), planned it this way! For the "father" of all lies (John 8:44) is the true AUTHOR of the Theory of Evolution!

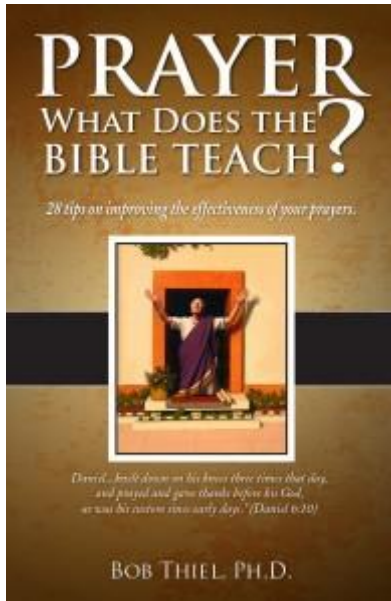
You now have the facts from the Bible and TRUE "science." You have absolute PROOF that the facts presented in the Bible are TRUE. God's creation PROVES the Bible is MEANT TO BE TAKEN LITERALLY!

The Study the Bible Course will continue to bring you these facts. Prove them by the Bible and TRUE science so you'll KNOW that you KNOW THE BIBLE ALWAYS MEANS EXACTLY WHAT IT SAYS!

The question is: Do evolutionists even now really know?

Answer: They are merely guessing! And guessing wrongly—so do all who reject the Word of God.

Twenty-Eight Tips for More Effective Prayers: Part 6



Continuing Church of God booklet on prayer

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This is the sixth part of a multi-part series on prayer.

It has been said that, "The Church of God goes forward on its knees." This has basically been used as an admonition to tell Christians that they need to pray. But how?

In the previous articles, prayer was defined, and twenty-one tips were discussed. In this article, three additional tips, starting with what we will call tip number twenty-four are covered.

Tip Number 24: The Difficult: Remember Fasting

Some matters are quite difficult. What should you do?

Consider the following:

¹⁷ Then one of the crowd answered and said, "Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit. ¹⁸ And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not."

¹⁹ He answered him and said, "O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me." ²⁰ Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth.

²¹ So He asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?"

And he said, "From childhood. ²² And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us."

²³ Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."

²⁴ Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"

²⁵ When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!" ²⁶ Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, "He is dead." ²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.

²⁸ And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?"

²⁹ So He said to them, "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting." (Mark 9:17-29)

Fasting is an adjunct to prayer. Difficult situations often need fasting along with prayer.

Once when there was a problem with the tribe of Benjamin, the children of Israel took military steps that God approved (Judges 20:18-20). Yet, the children of Israel suffered greatly (Judges 20:21). And this happened a second time (Judges 20:25). So, the children of Israel took steps including fasting (Judges 20:26-31), and were victorious (Judges 20:32-36). Sometimes, even when the requests are consistent with God's will, God does not answer immediately and fasting is helpful.

When Nehemiah heard about how terrible the conditions in Jerusalem were, he prayed AND fasted (Nehemiah 1:4). Nehemiah was only a person who brought the king things to drink (Nehemiah 1:11). Yet, after prayer and fasting, he assisted and later became governor in Judah (Nehemiah 5:14; 8:9). The people in Jerusalem were in a difficult way, and God provided relief through one who prayed and fasted.

Notice also:

⁶ Is this not the fast that I have chosen: To loose the bonds of wickedness, To undo the heavy burdens, To let the oppressed go free, And that you break every yoke? ⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out; When you see the naked, that you cover him, and not hide yourself from your own flesh? ⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the morning, your healing shall spring forth speedily, and your righteousness shall go before you;

The glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. ⁹ Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; You shall cry, and He will say, 'Here I am.' "If you take away the yoke from your midst, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness, ¹⁰ If you extend your soul to the hungry and satisfy the afflicted soul, then your light shall dawn in the darkness, and your darkness shall be as the noonday. (Isaiah 58:6-10)

For difficult situations, do not forget fasting. The Bible recommends it.

Tip Number 25: Pray with Thanksgiving

You should thank God in your prayers, and God wants you to do this:

⁸ Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men!

⁹ For He satisfies the longing soul, and fills the hungry soul with goodness. (Psalms 107:8-9)

²⁰ giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ submitting to one another in the fear of God. (Ephesians 5:20-21)

⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:57)

¹⁷ And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. (Colossians 3:17)

¹⁵ Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. (Hebrews 13:15)

¹⁷ I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the Lord. (Psalms 116:17)

⁶ Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; (Philippians 4:6)

Pray with thanksgiving!

Does God want you to thank and praise Him because His ego needs it?

No.

Many people do not really understand much about God. He wants YOU to do this because it is best for YOU.

How so?

You should realize that your sins have hurt not only you, but others. Despite this, God sent His Son to die for you (John 3:16) and He provides for you. The truth is that you should be grateful. All of us should be.

In addition to being thankful for your calling, your spiritual blessings, your life, and your physical blessings, the Book of Psalms is filled with specific items to be thankful for. You may wish to read them over if you are looking for some ideas.

Tip Number 26: Deal With 'Secret Sins'

Sometimes you have sins that are in the way, including secret ones. God will not hear you if you accept iniquity:

¹⁸ If I regard iniquity in my heart, The Lord will not hear. (Psalms 66:18)

¹ Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, that it cannot hear. ² But your

iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear. (Isaiah 59:1-2)

Some do a good job of hiding their sins from others. Some even hide sins from themselves. But God knows:

⁵ O God, you know my foolishness; And my sins are not hidden from You. (Psalms 69:5)

⁷ For we have been consumed by Your anger, And by Your wrath we are terrified. ⁸ You have set our iniquities before You, Our secret sins in the light of Your countenance. (Psalms 90:7-8)

God will allow you to face tests and trials to purge you from sins:

² My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, ³ knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. ⁴ But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. (James 1:2-4)

We are to strive to be perfect in God's sight, not our own. Jesus taught:

⁴⁸ Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect. (Matthew 5:48)

We cannot hide sins from God and should strive not to hide sins from ourselves.

Notice what the Old and New Testaments teach:

³⁹ Why should a living man complain, A man for the punishment of his sins? ⁴⁰ Let us search out and examine our ways, and turn back to the Lord; ⁴¹ Let us lift our hearts and hands To God in heaven. (Lamentations 3:39-41)

²⁷ Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹ For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. ³⁰ For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep. ³¹ For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged. ³² But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world. (1 Corinthians 11:27-32)

But humans do not tend to believe this. We seem to prefer to think our problems are physical and require a physical solution, when many are spiritual and require a spiritual solution.

That does not mean to neglect the physical, but understand also the spiritual:

⁷ Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the Lord and depart from evil. ⁸ It will be health to your flesh, And strength to your bones. (Proverbs 3:7-8)

² Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, And let your soul delight itself in abundance. ³ Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live; (Isaiah 55:2-3)

¹² Along the bank of the river, on this side and that, will grow all kinds of trees used for food; their leaves will not wither, and their fruit will not fail. They will bear fruit every month, because their water flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for medicine. (Ezekiel 47:12)

⁷ But reject profane and old wives' fables, and exercise yourself toward

godliness. ⁸ For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come. ⁹ This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance. ¹⁰ For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. ¹¹ These things command and teach. (1 Timothy 4:7-11)

Examine yourself and change. Remember the Bible teaches:

¹² Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. (1 Corinthians 10:12)

All of us need more faith and patience. Jesus even asked if He would really find faith when He returns:

⁸ Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth? (Luke 18:8)

Jesus prophesied that there would be problems with faith in the end times. We all need more faith; we all need to change.

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