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DID DINOSAURS Kill God?



False Prophets Are Coming!

It is coming. It is coming **soon**. Your Bible clearly indicates that a **wave of false prophets** will rise up at the end of this age!

These self-willed, vain men may even affect the lives of thousands of you *Tomorrow's World* subscribers, **if** you allow them to. We in this Work have repeatedly taught you the very “way” of life that Jesus Christ taught His own disciples. We have sent out—*absolutely free*—millions of magazines and booklets explaining the Ten Commandments and *how* to keep them with God’s help. We have repeatedly encouraged you to embrace the “Original Christianity” of Jesus Christ and the apostles—all based upon obedience to the law of love and the **way** of God.

Examine Their Fruits!

But, as time goes on, many false teachers will rise up and try to turn sincere people away from the true Work of God. It has *always* been so. The Apostle Paul had to warn the Corinthian elders: “For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves” (Acts 20:29–30). Jesus Himself warned us: “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thorn-bushes or figs from thistles?... Therefore by their fruits you will know them” (Matthew 7:15–16, 20).

Think!

What is the “fruit”—the **result**—of sincere people being taught to follow the example of Christ and the original apostles? It is a people who genuinely try to love and to serve one another. It is a people who **love** the Creator God and joyously observe His weekly Sabbaths and His annual Holy Days and—through Christ living within them—walk in the *way* of the Ten Commandments.

By contrast, when a spirit of doubt and discouragement is sown among God’s people, often over minor and disputed “technical points” of prophecy or chronology, the “fruit” is **not** good. Paul warned Timothy to emphasize “sound doctrine,” telling him to “remain in Ephe-

sus that you may charge some that they teach no other doctrine, nor give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which cause disputes rather than godly edification which is in faith. Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from sincere faith” (1 Timothy 1:3–5).

Love and Humility Versus Self-Will and Pride

All true doctrines come back to God’s commandments being based on love (v. 5) and service. All true ministers of Jesus Christ emphasize *that* approach—*that* way of life. True ministers



of Christ will humble themselves and try in every way they can to encourage and to serve God’s people. In his letter—as recorded in the Bible—the Apostle Peter told the ministers he was overseeing **not** to be, “lords over those entrusted to you” but rather to be “*examples to the flock*”

(1 Peter 5:3). Then, Peter continued, “Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and *be clothed with humility*, for ‘God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.’ Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time” (vv. 5–6).

Back in apostolic times, when one of the original *false* apostles began to deceive people, your Bible records that this man went around “claiming that he was someone **great**” (Acts 8:9). Ultimately, the **final great rebellion** against God will be led by a vain, self-willed man, “who opposes and exalts himself above all

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that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God” (2 Thessalonians 2:4).

So, when *any* individual tries to “appoint” *himself* as an “apostle” or proclaim himself as a “prophet,” **watch out!** For God warns us, over and over: “And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted” (Matthew 23:12; see also Luke 14:11; 18:14).

None of us in this Work, which brings you the *Tomorrow’s World* television program and this magazine, has ever tried to proclaim himself a “prophet,” or an “apostle.” For the word of God describes the “signs” of an apostle as, “*signs and wonders and mighty deeds*” (2 Corinthians 12:12). *No one* living today has produced those types of “signs” to indicate true apostleship—or prophethood!

Arrival of the “Man of Sin”

Finally, I do want to *strongly warn* all of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, that at the end of this age there *will be* a “man of sin” (2 Thessalonians 2:3) who will perform mighty “signs”—and will use them to deceive **millions** of confused human beings, within the lifetimes of most of you! God inspired the Apostle John to describe this man as “another Beast” (Revelation 13:11). This man will use the power of the revived Roman Empire, but he will **not** be its political or military leader. *He* will be a powerful **religious** figure who will deceive **millions!** As John wrote of him: “He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived” (vv. 13–14).

“Fire from heaven” in our modern age?

Yes! It will probably not happen for several more years, but it **will** come within the lifetimes of many of you!

Notice that God says this coming religious leader—by performing spectacular **miracles**—will be one who “*deceives* those who dwell on the earth” (v. 14). Remember that God’s word warns us: “And when they say to you,

‘Seek those who are mediums and wizards, who whisper and mutter,’ should not a people seek their God? Should they seek the dead on behalf of the living? *To the law and to the testimony!* If they do not speak according to this word, it is because there is no light in them” (Isaiah 8:19–20). The “key” is to reject **any** professing apostle or prophet who seeks to turn you away from the law of God, or to distract you from His Work, which Christ and the apostles proclaimed over and over.

So, be sure to obey God’s command: “**Study** to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth” (2 Timothy 2:15, *KJV*). As you “feed on Christ” and as you drink in of God’s word—which



reveals the *mind of God*—it will be very difficult to deceive you! As Jesus said, always consider the “fruits.”

Is a professing prophet or apostle genuinely **humble** in trying to *serve* his fellow human beings and teach them the *way of life* based upon the Ten Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount? Or is he simply trying to “get a following” and lead people into ideas and concepts that are *not biblical* or that are simply irrelevant? Does he teach and practice the way of service and humility exemplified by Jesus Christ? Or are his teachings being used to exalt himself?

For the sake of *your eternal life*, always remember the Apostle Paul’s magnificent one-verse description of *true Christianity*: “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but *Christ liveth in me*: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith **of** the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me” (Galatians 2:20, *KJV*). Before you accept the teachings of some “prophet” or “apostle,” ask yourself: “Am I being influenced by him to have the true Christ of the Bible *live His life* within me through the Holy Spirit? Or, is something *missing*?”

What is “missing” may be the difference between eternal life and eternal death! As Jesus Christ commanded, “Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown” (Revelation 3:11).

Roderic C. Meredith

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Key Events Just Ahead

Your lifestyle will be absolutely shattered within the next several years. This article explains how and why!

By **Roderick C. Meredith**

Truly *staggering* events are just ahead for our world—especially for the American and British-descended peoples. May God help all of you who read this to **wake up!**

After some 65 years in God’s Work, I must give you this solemn warning *while I still can*.

Many will sneer and find excuses to ignore or belittle what I am about to tell you. But—as the old saying goes—“the proof is in the pudding.” For you will **not** have to wait very long to see these shocking events begin to take place. In fact, a number of them are *already underway!*

In 2015, five liberal lawyers on the United States Supreme Court imposed same-sex “marriage” on every state in the country—creating a Constitutional “right” by judicial fiat! Men “marrying” men. Women

“marrying” women. Our increasingly confused and perverse culture continues to celebrate this overturning of long-standing traditional morality as a “victory,” and the press for similar “rights” spreads to more and more countries all over the globe.

What these people, trapped in their perversions, are failing to recognize is that the Creator and Author of *genuine marriage* is being **totally ignored** and His Word defamed by this rebellion against a venerable institution He Himself established! So, will Almighty God actually **do** anything about same-sex “marriage”? What will happen to our peoples because of our continuing *murder* of **millions** of unborn babies? What will we face because of the rise in fornication, with millions of couples “living together” as if it were no big deal? What will become of our society as it sees the further breakdown of traditional families and the rise of hedonism in all its forms? What will be the

result of the entire self-willed, hedonistic, **godless** approach of our peoples?

I will now give you a brief, succinct *list* of several of the key prophetic events just ahead. Many *more* events could be added to this list. But these prophetic happenings are among those that we at *Tomorrow's World* have warned you about for years—even for *decades*. Consider, as I will explain later, that the biblical *proof* regarding these prophesied events has been made abundantly clear in many articles in *Tomorrow's World* magazine and in many of our prophetic booklets—all **free** for the asking. But *you need* a “Big Picture” **overview** about what is just ahead to help you know *what* to “watch” in soon-coming world events and to *inspire your prayers* to Almighty God.

So, what **is** just about to happen?

Twelve Key Events Just Ahead

First, America's downward spiral will continue *until the nation is destroyed*. Of course, there will be minor ups and downs along the way. But, *unless Americans repent*, the God of heaven will “break” their nation's pride and power—certainly including the *financial* power that has made possible the “American dream,” which so many around the world have admired.

Second, the *military* power of the English-speaking nations will increasingly be weakened and will finally be **destroyed**. Together, the United States and Great Britain won World War I, World War II and several other notable conflicts. But, *unless we repent*, the way is *down* and **out** from now on! Unless we repent, we will never again win a significant war. Before you start smirking, just “watch” for a few more years and *see it happen*.

Third, a combination of powerful “natural” disasters will continue, with increasing ferocity, to weaken and destroy the power of the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic-descended nations. For Almighty God **does** control the weather. Long ago, God warned our ancestors, “I also withheld rain from you, when there were still three months to the harvest. I made it rain on one city, I withheld rain from another city. One part was rained upon, and where it did not rain the part withered. So two or three cities wandered to another city to drink water, but they were not satisfied; yet you have not returned to Me,” says the LORD” (Amos 4:7–8).

Fourth, because of the above crises, the American and British-descended nations will soon face increasing famine and drought. With more and more people out of work, unable to afford the rising price of scarce food and water, there will be a shocking rise in the number of families going hungry. Expect not just “job riots” ahead, but also “food riots” and massive civil unrest as a result!

Fifth, disease epidemics *will increasingly occur!* Sexually transmitted diseases such as AIDS, syphilis, gonorrhea and herpes will lead the way because of our nations' vile lifestyles and godless ways. The Eternal God will **not** allow our rotten practices to continue without the **penalties** of such debauchery becoming more and more prevalent. *God is not mocked!*

Sixth, the sovereignty of the English-speaking nations will be terribly weakened and even overcome by immigrants whose values are opposed to the heritage of their host countries. Because of political pressure, and also the social pressure caused by drug-running and other crimes in northern Mexico, the U.S. can expect that the terrible violence along its southern border will continue and intensify—with increasing *thousands* of people beaten, mutilated, raped and murdered!

Seventh, in a phenomenon previously confined mostly to Europe, Islamic radicals will begin to assert





themselves in the U.S. as never before, demanding that their Muslim laws be allowed to govern American citizens. Watch for an increase in intimidation—both through “political correctness” and even by outright violence—of local governments if these extremists do not get their way.

Eighth, China will **not** be the great power of the 21st century. Beset by increasing financial and social problems, Chinese influence will wane and a **German-led** “European Empire” will surge to the fore in world affairs. A breakup of the present European Union structure, and the demise or collapse of the euro currency, will be followed by the powerful joining together of ten nations in Europe—led by a very charismatic “strongman.” That strongman will be the prophesied “Beast” described in Revelation 17 and 18. This will be the final revival of the historical Holy Roman Empire, which dominated Europe for centuries. It will become the most **powerful** human entity on the entire earth (see Revelation 13).

Ninth, today, most observers see a modernized and confused Roman Catholic Church, wounded by scandals of pedophilia and other immoral practices. Contrary to many expectations, prophecy reveals that a re-energized, unified and powerful Roman church will emerge as a world-leading influence over the next several years. Near the end of this age, the leader of that church will appear to work miracles. Scripture describes this man as one who literally “makes **fire** come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of

men” (Revelation 13:13). This leader and his church, working in tandem with the revived Holy Roman Empire, will **persecute** the true people of God, much as it did in the Dark Ages (Revelation 17:6).

Tenth, fearful of the power of this religio-political revival of the old Roman Empire, a group of Arab states in the Middle East and North Africa will form an alliance, led by a ruler described in Scripture as the “king of the South” (Daniel 11:40–45). This king and his forces will provoke or attack the coming European Beast Power. Their action will precipitate a dangerous Middle East war that will eventually **crush** the spreading threat of Islam.

Eleventh, God will, more than ever before, literally “shake” the American and British-descended peoples with earthquakes. Describing the end-time events, Jesus Christ prophesied, “And there will be **great earthquakes** in various places” (Luke 21:11). Cynics sometimes say that they do not see any statistically significant increase in the number or severity of recent earthquakes—but with the growing world population, it is undeniable that millions more are being affected than ever before. And these quakes truly are increasing, despite what scoffers say. It is not only Bible students who have noted the big increase in strong earthquakes in recent years, from Haiti and Chile in the Western Hemisphere, to Japan, Sumatra, Christchurch, Italy and others in the Eastern Hemisphere. The great God—who controls

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Canada: Reflections at 150



The year 2017 is set to be one of celebration and reflection across Canada. July 1 of this year will mark the 150th anniversary of the birth of the nation, when four provinces formed a confederation known as the Dominion of Canada. Events are planned across the country throughout the year to mark this milestone. It also serves as an opportunity to look back on Canada's successes and failures over the past 150 years, and should prompt us to ask important questions, such as "How did we come to be where we are?" and "Where are we going?" Perhaps the most important might be "Is there a better alternative?"

Overall, Canadians should look on the last 150 years with a certain amount of satisfaction. What began with just four provinces now spans from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific, stretching to the far reaches of the North and the Arctic Ocean. A trans-continental rail system, the discovery of insulin, and the establishment of a publicly funded health care system are just a few of the accomplishments that many Canadians look on with pride. As with any nation, Canada's past—and present—includes some regrettable moments as well. Corruption, scandal and injustice have been extant in one form or another from time to time, and how any of them have impacted you or your loved ones would certainly colour your view of Canada's accomplishments. It has by no means been a perfect 150 years, and one must ask where the decisions being made today will lead this country in the future.

Despite its shortcomings, Canada is consistently ranked favourably in lists of nations with the best reputation ("The 19 countries with the best reputation

in the world," *BusinessInsider.com*, August 12, 2016), quality of life ("Quality of Life Rankings," *USNews.com*), and safety ("The Ten Safest and Ten Most Dangerous Countries In the World," *TheWeek.co.uk*, June 8, 2016). Is there a secret to Canada's successes?

Good Land and Stable Government

When examining why some nations develop one way while others develop another, it is helpful to start by looking at every nation's most basic possession—the land itself. A nation with limited water resources, land that is difficult to farm or extreme weather conditions is going to have a hard time thriving. Through no great act of its own, Canada has been blessed with rich farmland, seemingly unlimited fresh water, and vast natural resources such as timber, natural gas, copper, lead, gold and silver. These blessings provided a foundation for the young nation, setting it on a path to prosperity. Regular readers of *Tomorrow's World* recognize that these blessings were not afforded us due to our own greatness. Rather, they form part of the birthright blessing first promised to Abraham (Genesis 12:1-3; 13:14-16) and then passed down through Isaac and Jacob to Joseph's sons, Ephraim and Manasseh (Genesis 35:10-11). For more details on how Canada, the United States, Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand and other nations have reaped the benefits of these ancient promises, read our free booklet *The United States and Great Britain in Prophecy*.

Yet, resources alone are not enough for a nation to truly prosper. The experiences of several modern countries teaches us that newly discovered resources resulting in an influx of riches for the nation as a

whole do not always translate to an improved quality of life for the average citizen. Canada, along with other leading nations in the world, has also greatly benefited from *stability in government and the rule of law*. One merely needs to look to the Ukraine, the Congo or Syria to see that a breakdown in government leads to a breakdown in society itself, so that it is no longer conducive to innovation, prosperity or even basic peace and safety. The fact that Canada has avoided such a breakdown throughout its history and has remained relatively unified has resulted in an environment favourable to growth and achievement. Let's be clear—Canada's government is not without its shortcomings. But a quick survey of the world's dictatorships and failing states reveals that we have much for which to be thankful. One hundred and fifty years of government stability is no small blessing.

Could It Be Better?

Now imagine what could be accomplished over a much longer span of time. What could be accomplished in 1,000 years? What if the imperfect government of Canada, or of any other nation for that matter, were replaced with a **perfect** government, headed by Jesus Christ Himself? It is hard to fathom what could be achieved in such conditions. The book of Revelation makes plain that such a reign will soon take place! John recorded that the saints will live and reign with Christ for one thousand years (Revelation 20:4).

Many prophecies in the Bible paint a vivid picture of this idyllic time. Paul refers to this time as "the times of restoration of all things" (Acts 3:21). Isaiah describes the deserts blossoming with life (Isaiah 35:1-2) and a time of great healing (Isaiah 35:5-6). Zechariah reveals the sense of peace and safety that will be enjoyed by



Harvesting in Canada

young and old alike (Zechariah 8:4-5). All of this will be brought about by righteous government headed by Jesus Christ (Isaiah 9:6-7).

The coming Messiah will not be the only one providing leadership at this time. Ezekiel records that King David will be raised from the grave and reinstated as king, under Christ, over all the nation of Israel (Ezekiel 37:22-25). Not only does this include modern "Israel"—



the small Jewish nation in the Middle East—but also, as we have shown in numerous articles, telecasts and booklets,

several other prominent nations of the world. Jesus Himself promised that rulership of each of the twelve tribes of Israel would be given to His resurrected Apostles (Matthew 19:28).

Paul describes this resurrection from the dead, revealing that "the dead shall be raised *incorruptible*" (1 Corinthians 15:42-44, 51-53). Jesus Christ, along with the saints who have been resurrected as incorruptible spirit beings, will form the world's first **perfect** government. That perfect government will rule over the world for a thousand years (Revelation 20:4)! It is impossible for us to fully grasp the dramatic effect this will have on the world. As the Apostle Paul says, it has not even "entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him" (1 Corinthians 2:9). Yet he explains that there *is* a way for us to understand this! "But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit" (v. 10).

We can learn about this wonderful time through His Spirit, which is given to those who obey Him (Acts 5:32). By keeping the Holy Days commanded in Scripture, we can learn about God's ultimate plan of salvation, as each biblical Festival pictures a vital step of that plan. Paul refers to these annual Sabbaths as shadows of things to come (Colossians 2:16-17), and so they are, as they *foreshadow* such future events. You may be surprised to learn that there are Christians today around the world who celebrated the Feast of Tabernacles last fall (Leviticus 23:33-42; John 7:2, 8-10), picturing the reign of Jesus Christ on this earth—a thousand years of unprecedented peace and prosperity! To learn more about these Holy Days, be sure to read our free booklet: *The Holy Days: God's Master Plan*.

—Michael Heykoop

The Treasure of God's Promises



The spiritual treasures in your Bible are far more valuable than anything physical. Are you searching for those treasures?

By **Richard F. Ames**

Movies, books, and television programs excite the imagination when they present stories about hunting for treasure. The pirates of old amassed fortunes in gold, silver and jewels. Some of those riches are still hidden to this day. But there are treasures far more valuable than anything you can find in a buried treasure chest or a sunken pirate ship. Those treasures are found in the Bible. We call them the *promises of God, and their value is beyond measure!*

More than 50 years ago, author David MacDonald wrote an article titled “Oak Island’s Mysterious Money Pit” (Reader’s Digest, January 1965). It told the story of how, in 1795, 16-year-old Daniel McGinnis went hunting on Oak Island, south of Halifax, Nova Scotia. He found a 12-foot depression, with a block and tackle hanging from a tree overhead, and returned the next day with two friends to begin digging. About 10 feet down, they hit a wooden plank. At 20 feet, they reached a second plank, and at 30 feet

they discovered a third plank. The boys gave up their digging and went back to their farms, but returned to the site nine years later, and began digging again in earnest.

This time, they sank a steel rod into the ground, which hit what they thought was a treasure chest about 95 feet down. But they could not reach the treasure; the next day, they returned to the site and found the shaft filled with water. It seems that whoever buried the treasure had used ingenious engineering techniques to build flood tunnels above the treasure, to safeguard it against discovery. One estimate suggests that it would have taken 200 men as long as two years to build the elaborate system of tunnels.

McGinnis and his friends died without ever reaching the treasure. Since then, other treasure hunters have poured millions of dollars into the “money pit” but have recovered just three links of gold chain and a scrap of ancient parchment. Still, treasure hunters speculate that amazing pirate riches may be buried there—perhaps the booty of Captain

Kidd, or of the infamous Blackbeard or of the pirate Henry Morgan. Some think the elaborate pit may hold Inca treasure stolen by Spanish explorers, or that it may contain the French crown jewels that once belonged to Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette.

For more than 200 years, wealth seekers have spent their fortunes and exhausted their lives seeking the treasure at Oak Island. One treasure hunter was said to have remarked, “I have seen enough to know there is treasure down there, and enough to know that no one will ever get it.”

A Promise of Real Treasure

There is one treasure hunt that will always yield immense riches—if you are willing to dedicate yourself to the search. That treasure hunt begins in your own Bible, where we find wonderful treasures of truth, and the priceless *promises of God*.

If you are like most English-speaking people, you probably already own at least one Bible. A 2015 survey commissioned by the American Bible Society found that 88 percent of Americans own at least one Bible, and 79 percent considered the Bible to be sacred or holy. About 36 percent of those surveyed said they read the Bible at least once per week. Of course, many—including many *Tomorrow's World*



subscribers—read the Bible daily. Just as Jesus encouraged us to pray, “Give us this day our daily bread” (Matthew 6:11), we should feed on God’s word every day.

If you are looking for a Bible, or trying to decide which of your Bibles to use, we at *Tomorrow's World* generally recommend the New King James Version as the most accurate English-language translation overall. Of course, other translations can also be helpful as you go deeper into your study of the Bible.

However, merely owning a Bible is not enough. Even though most Americans own one or more Bibles, their knowledge of Scripture is sadly lacking. A 2010 survey by the Pew Research Center demonstrated that only 45 percent of Americans knew the names of the four Gospels, and more than a quarter of those surveyed believed that the “Golden Rule” was one of the Ten Commandments, but that the command to “keep the Sabbath holy” was *not*.

Americans are not the only ones losing touch with God’s word. The Bible Society commissioned a report in the United Kingdom that revealed nearly one-third of Britons do not know where they can read the story of Jesus’ birth, and 59 percent did not realize that the accounts of David and Goliath and Jonah and the great fish were in the Bible. According to the report, an astonishing 54 percent of children in the UK are never read Bible stories by adults, and 46 percent of their parents mistook a plot line from the popular “Harry Potter” stories as being from the Bible. “Two-thirds [of British children] hadn’t come across the Creation story, three-quarters had never been told about Daniel in the lion’s den and more than nine in ten didn’t know about King Solomon” (“The Bible-ignorant youngsters who can’t tell Noah from Adam: Third of children didn’t know Nativity story came from Holy Book,” *DailyMail.co.uk*, February 6, 2014).

Like so many Americans and Britons, many of us need to get back to the faith of the Bible! We need to read the Bible—and study the Bible. Doing so will help open our eyes to the great truths of God.

One of those great truths is that God has promised to give us eternal life. In the book of Matthew, a young man asked Jesus what he should do to gain eternal life. Jesus answered, “if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.’ He said to Him, ‘Which ones?’ Jesus said, “‘You shall not murder,’ ‘You shall

not commit adultery,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not bear false witness,” “Honor your father and your mother,” and, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself”” (Matthew 19:17–19).

Jesus told the young man to obey the Ten Commandments! He listed five of the Ten Commandments—and, in case anyone might think that He was giving permission to break other laws not mentioned, He finished by quoting from the book of Leviticus: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself” (Leviticus 19:18).

Here, Jesus showed that the Ten Commandments are vital not only in our physical lives, but in our receiving eternal life from God. We should notice that the Ten Commandments are not just prohibitions; the Fifth Commandment, telling us to honor our parents, is even called “the first commandment with promise” (Ephesians 6:2). God tells us that those who obey the Fifth Commandment will receive blessings!

Sadly, the young man in Matthew 19 “went away sorrowful” (v. 22), choosing not to obey Christ’s words. He was too attached to his “great possessions” and could not realize that he had neither fully obeyed the Ten Commandments nor obeyed Jesus Christ, who had given him those commandments.

God’s Promised Kingdom

Treasure hunters may spend a lifetime seeking riches. Many fail. But even if they succeed, what have they gained? Will they become like the rich young man of Matthew 19, who valued his wealth more than his God? Jesus’ followers, by contrast, seek an eternal treasure—the Kingdom of God. Christians need to seek God with even greater zeal than treasure hunters seeking gold and jewels. Jesus said, “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you” (Matthew 6:33). Those who seek physical, material treasures often fail in their search. But if we seek God’s kingdom and His righteousness, we will find the greatest treasure of all—and God *also promises to provide us with what we need*.

When you are truly seeking God’s will, He will answer your prayers. “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks

for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!” (Matthew 7:7–11).

Of course, we must do our part. We need to “seek” and “knock.” Are you searching for a job? Yes, pray for a job. But God may expect you to research potential employers, and make some phone calls. Seek God’s righteousness—and through God’s Spirit, do what is righteous.

The Bible compares God’s Kingdom to a valuable pearl. “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it” (Matthew 13:45–46). The pearl of great price represents spiritual riches and eternal life. Human beings are still learning the hard lesson that no amount of material wealth will provide lasting happiness. We see this in the lessons King Solomon learned. He had it all, but throughout the book of Ecclesiastes we find the theme repeated, “Vanity of vanities, all is vanity” (Ecclesiastes 1:2). Solomon was the wealthiest man on earth, but his wealth did not bring him contentment. After searching for happiness in so many ways, what did he conclude? “Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear



God and keep His commandments, for this is man's all" (Ecclesiastes 12:13).

As Christ taught, and as Solomon learned, the true riches are available even to those who may be financially poor. Are you one of those people who gives honor and attention to those with healthy bank balances, while neglecting those in financial difficulty? Are you neglecting those whom God is

nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust" (2 Peter 1:2-4).

God's Promise to You and Your Children

Do you want the divine nature in your life?

Christians, having received God's Holy Spirit, have been given a measure of that divine nature. This is one of the Bible's most precious promises. On the day

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honoring? The Apostle James reminds us: "Listen, my beloved brethren: Has God not chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him?" (James 2:5).

God has promised His Kingdom not to those who have great financial resources, but rather to those who love Him. Though they may be poor in the eyes of this world, those who are rich in faith have the true wealth—the true treasure. They are seeking God's way in their lives. God's way is treasure, as we read in the book of Proverbs. "My son, if you receive my words, and treasure my commands within you, so that you incline your ear to wisdom, and apply your heart to understanding; yes, if you cry out for discernment, and lift up your voice for understanding, if you seek her as silver, and search for her as for hidden treasures; then you will understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God. For the LORD gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding" (Proverbs 2:1-6).

Those who receive the treasure of godly wisdom are receiving wonderful promises that can change their lives—and their eternity. As the Apostle Peter wrote: "Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine

of Pentecost, the Apostle Peter stood before thousands to preach. "Then Peter said to them, 'Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to

all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call'" (Acts 2:38-39).

As Peter said, God's promise is "to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call." If God is calling you, you need to respond to His calling. Repent, count the cost of commitment (Luke 14:28), and go to God in prayer, asking for His guidance. Perhaps you feel ready for baptism. If you would like counsel about baptism, just contact the regional office nearest you, listed on page 4 of this magazine, and a true minister of Jesus Christ will get in touch with you, at a time and place convenient to you, to counsel you and help you prepare for baptism.

Without God's Spirit, we cannot inherit His Kingdom. As the Apostle Paul wrote, that Spirit is the spirit "of power and of love and of a sound mind" (2 Timothy 1:7). Through God's Spirit, your human nature can be changed, and you can truly begin to follow God and obey Him. As Paul wrote: "And hope putteth not to shame; because the love of God hath been shed abroad in our hearts through the Holy Spirit which was given unto us" (Romans 5:5, ASV). Through God's Holy Spirit, you can replace your selfish human nature with God's loving nature.

Christians receive the gift of God's Holy Spirit, according to His promise, after repentance and acceptance of Christ's shed blood for the remission of sins. This gift includes God's wonderful promise of salvation through the living Jesus Christ. "For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died




for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life” (Romans 5:6–10). Yes, God’s awesome promise is that He will save us through the living Jesus Christ!

As we have seen, the Bible is a treasure chest of divine promises. One of the most precious, yet often overlooked, is found in the book of Philippians. If you want peace of mind, you will want to act on this promise. “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:6–7).

As Solomon discovered, all the world’s riches and treasures cannot buy you peace of mind. But

God can give you His peace, which “surpasses all understanding.” How can you claim this promise? By fervent prayer. As you read the Bible, you will find countless promises that God has made to you. On your knees, in prayer, tell God how much you want—how much you need—what He has promised. Pray boldly. Remember the scripture: “Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need” (Hebrews 4:16).

Christians can pray with confidence, knowing that they have a great High Priest to intercede on their behalf. God is love, and He is the greatest giver (James 1:17). He even wants to give us the earth as an inheritance (Matthew 5:5). Eventually, God plans to give us an even greater gift: “He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son” (Revelation 21:7).

God’s promises are for you. Search your Bible daily, and as you draw closer to God, thank Him for the many great and priceless treasures—including God’s very Truth—He wants you to have, now, and in Tomorrow’s World. 

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

What's wrong with seemingly innocent words like "gosh" or "gee"?

Question: I understand that it is not polite to use "curse words," since many people consider them vulgar and offensive. But why do some people object to such seemingly inoffensive outbursts as "gosh" or "gee" or "Jiminy Cricket"? Surely these are preferable to the harsh and vulgar words some would use in their stead. Am I mistaken?

Answer: At first glance, many might think that these words and others like them, seemingly much tamer than the various "four-letter words" in circulation, are preferable to those other vulgar phrases. However, for a Christian, some of these "innocent" phrases may be even less appropriate than apparently more "vulgar" phrases. Why? Because they are euphemisms for the names of God the Father and Jesus Christ—and those who use them are taking God's name in vain.

Scripture warns: "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain" (Exodus 20:7). The Psalms are full of praise for God's name.

"Let them praise the name of the LORD, for His name alone is exalted; His glory is above the earth and heaven" (Psalm 148:13). And: "Make a joyful shout to God, all the earth! Sing out the honor of His name; make His praise glorious" (Psalm 66:1-2).

"But 'gosh' isn't 'God' and 'Jiminy Cricket' isn't Jesus Christ!" some will object. "What's wrong with using a 'minced oath' or a 'euphemism' instead of God's name?" Well, as the dictionary explains, a euphemism is "the substitution of a mild, indirect, or vague expression for one thought to be offensively blunt or harsh" (*Random House Dictionary of the English Language*). A vague allusion to God's name is still alluding to God's name, and thus should not become a "substitute curse word." If we casually use God's name, or a euphemism for God's name, to express shock, surprise or even profanity, we are showing contempt for our Creator, whether or not those around us may consider our words "vulgar."

People's sense of what is vulgar may vary over time,

as a community's customs and language go through changes. The wording of 1 Samuel 25:22 would not have seemed vulgar to readers of the King James Version in 1611, yet today's readers may be discomforted when they see how the KJV translators rendered a phrase containing the Hebrew word *shathan* (Strong's 8366). The NKJV translators, by contrast, rendered the clear sense of that verse's Hebrew idiom without resorting to a word that most today would find vulgar. We should certainly be considerate of others in how we choose our words, and thus should avoid vulgarity. But taking God's name in vain is a different—and far more spiritually serious—matter.

How should we use God's name? In the New Testament, Christ instructed His disciples to pray to God the Father through His name. "And whatever you ask in my name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son" (John 14:13).

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And when we pray, we should give honor to God's name. "In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name" (Matthew 6:9).

The disciples healed the sick through the name of Jesus Christ. "Then Peter said, 'Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk'" (Acts 3:6). James instructed Christians to continue to follow that example. He said, "Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord" (James 5:14).

In the book of Acts, we read that the disciples preached the Gospel through the name of Jesus Christ (Acts 9:15), and baptized in Christ's name (Acts 8:16; 19:5). Paul told Christians at Ephesus, "Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers" (Ephesians 4:29).

The words we use are important to God. We should be sure that our speaking reflects our honor and reverence for Him.



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The Humility of Michael Faraday

On August 25, 1867, Michael Faraday, FRS (Fellow of the Royal Society) died at age 75. Left behind in his luminous wake are the discoveries he bequeathed to the scientific community and the world—the fruit of his brilliance and dedication.

Who was Michael Faraday, and what were his contributions to the rich legacy of British scientific achievement? By examining his life and the choices he made, we may discover important *personal qualities* that transcend his scientific endeavours—*qualities of character* from which all of us can learn and benefit.

The Early Years

Michael Faraday was born in London, England in 1791, in Newington, Surrey. The family was not well off; his father was a blacksmith and his mother was in domestic service for most of her life. Along with two siblings, the family struggled, as did many, with poor and humble circumstances.

Faraday's early education was minimal. At age 13, in order to help provide for his family, he was employed as a delivery boy for a local bookstore. Over time, he impressed the owner and was promoted to the role of apprentice bookbinder.

Rather than squander his free time, he voraciously consumed the books around him, eventually gravitating toward scientific volumes. He was intrigued with *The Encyclopaedia Britannica* as an aid to attaining electrical knowledge, as well as *Conversations on Chemistry*, a chemistry book for the non-technically minded.

With financial assistance offered by a bookstore customer, Faraday was able to further his education. He

attended a lecture by one of the world's foremost scientists, Sir Humphry Davy. Davy was lecturing and carrying out experiments in the new field of electrochemistry at the Royal Institution (RI) in Mayfair, London. The four lectures Faraday witnessed moved him deeply. In appreciation, he handwrote a 300-page book, bound it, and presented it to Davy. According to Faraday, "The reply was immediate, kind and favourable" (*Encyclopaedia Britannica*, 11th Ed., p. 173). After a laboratory accident left Davy unable to write for a time, Faraday took notes for him. Soon after, the young man was offered a job as a chemical assistant.

A Career Matures

At age 21, Faraday embarked on a new career at the Royal Institution working alongside Davy. Faraday worked hard, supporting the writing of Davy's academic papers. However, due to Faraday's humble beginnings and low stature in the social structure of the time, little of his early efforts were attributed to him. A breakthrough came when Faraday was given honourable mention in one of Davy's papers as "Indebted to Mr. Michael Faraday for much able assistance."

At age 24, in the year 1816, Faraday published his first paper in the *Quarterly Journal of Science*. By age 29 he was elevated to be "Superintendent of House and Laboratory" of the RI. In 1833, at age 41, he became the Fullerian Professor of Chemistry, a position that became his defining role.

Faraday's Legacy

Michael Faraday's discoveries were numerous. His 1821 discovery of electromagnetic rotation (the earliest



Michael Faraday (1791-1867)

predecessor to the electric motor) was a major breakthrough. But it was ten years later, in 1831 during his efforts to generate an electric current by using magnets, that he wrote to a friend, “I am busy just now again on electromagnetism, and think I have got hold of a good thing, but can’t say. It may be a weed instead of a fish that, after all my labour, I may at last pull up.” Thankfully, time would prove that his efforts were not at all being spent on weeds!

By intensely focusing his mind on a single endeavour, Faraday brought a fledgling thought to maturity in less than three months: he had produced an electric current using kinetic energy (rotation) resulting in the creation of the electric generator—otherwise known as the dynamo! “Virtually all electric power is produced using Faraday’s principles, no matter whether the prime source of energy is coal, oil, gas, nuclear, hydro, or wind” (“Michael Faraday’s generator,” *rigb.org*). This is how our homes are powered even today.

In 1845 Faraday discovered the phenomenon of diamagnetism, which is, in effect, the creation of a temporary magnet brought about by an externally applied magnetic field. While this finding was not immediately lauded, it has benefited the entire world ever since.

Faraday’s career at the RI spanned some 54 years. After a lifetime of dedicated and detailed research and beneficial discoveries, his legacy is secure. Among other accolades, the unit for measuring electrical capacitance—the *farad*—is named in his honour. Albert Einstein is known to have kept pictures of three scientists in his office, one of them being Michael Faraday.

And in 1973, the Faraday Museum located within the Royal Institution was dedicated in his honour.

But possibly his greatest achievement—something enduring that each of us can discover—lies in the type of character he aimed to develop, at which he worked just as hard as he did at his science.

Humble Beginning, Humble End

“His letters and his conversation were always full of whatever could awaken a healthy interest, and free from anything that might rouse ill-feeling. When, on rare occasions, he was forced out of the region of science into that of controversy, he stated the facts and let them make their own way. He was entirely free from pride and undue self-assertion” (*The Scientific Papers of James Clerk Maxwell*, p. 792). The *Encyclopaedia Britannica* reports that Faraday willingly accepted correction, and, in his declining years, he happily let loose of the things beyond his current capacity to fulfil.

An all-too-often undervalued quality in society is that of *humility*. Do you have a high opinion of yourself? Do you struggle with self-importance? Faraday was sincere in his biblical convictions. No doubt, he read the biblical exhortation that states, “God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble” (James 4:6). Benefits accompany humility, a magnetism of which Faraday may have been keenly aware.

Despite modern atheistic assertions to the contrary, believers in God can and do make outstanding scientists. Many exhibit unusual levels of humility—perhaps because of the humbling nature of their discoveries.

True to form, this man from humble beginnings turned down an offer to be buried with Britain’s kings, queens and famous scientists, such as Sir Isaac Newton, Charles Darwin, and others within the “national mausoleum” of Westminster Abbey. This would have been one of the highest tributes to a man of his influence and standing.

Instead, Michael Faraday was inclined toward a humble burial in London’s Highgate Cemetery, interred next to Sarah, his wife of 46 years. The world has learned much from Michael Faraday’s scientific endeavours and discoveries, and while no man is without flaws and fumbles, we can learn an even more valuable lesson from his humble approach during a life of notable accomplishments.

—Adam West



Did Dinosaurs Kill God?



By **Gerald E. Weston**

Stephen Spielberg's *Jurassic Park* was a major box-office success when it came out in 1993, and the record-breaking performance of its 2015 sequel, *Jurassic World*, demonstrates that the appeal of its subject hasn't diminished. Dinosaurs have long intrigued us, and we have wondered about them ever since the first bones were dug out of the ground.

Scientists tell us dinosaurs roamed the earth in the geologic times known as the Triassic, Jurassic, and Cretaceous periods, ending—they tell us—about 65 million years ago, and this introduces an important question. Do dinosaurs invalidate the Bible and, by implication, write in stone the death of God?

Young Earth creationists believe that the Bible says the earth and the entire universe are both only 6,000 years old, but the gap between these sincere believers and most scientists is so great that there is no way to bridge it. Furthermore, are we to believe Tyrannosaurus Rex walked beside Adam and Eve? Were brontosaurus brought aboard Noah's ark, and—if so—why are they not around today?

Here at *Tomorrow's World* we believe the Bible, and we believe that all life was created by the God **of** the Bible, but is it possible that the worldview of many creationists and that of many scientists are *both* wrong? And is it possible to harmonize the Bible and some of what science has to offer?

Those who follow our *Tomorrow's World* television program and who read our magazine and literature know that we reject the Darwinian evolutionary explanation for the origin of the vast array of plant and animal life we see on this planet. We show evidence from highly educated scientists and scholars for

rejecting that concept that life evolved as a fortuitous accident of chance and natural selection. So before getting to the biblical evidence for rejecting Young Earth creationism, let's first look at just **one** line of evidence for rejecting Darwinism.

Witness of the Fossil Record

Charles Darwin had a huge problem from the beginning in trying to convince educated scientists that all life forms were the result of blind chance. According to Darwin, life evolved because of myriads of very small changes in various life forms over a very long period of time. Yet, the fossil record shows the exact opposite, and here's why.

Fossils show us that everything from primitive trilobites to Tyrannosaurus Rex were fully formed, and we see the same thing in today's world: an array of fully developed life forms—dogs, cats, and cows—each fully formed with great variety within its own kind. Amazing sea creatures and birds of all kinds are fully functional, yet we are told that all evolved from some “lesser forms.” Children are taught in school that birds came from reptiles, but simple logic dictates that if evolution were slow and gradual, there would be far more *transitional* fossils than there would be of either birds or the reptiles from which they supposedly evolved. Yet the mythical transitional reptiles needed by Darwinian evolution only exist in artists' conceptions.

Michael Denton explains the problem in *Evolution: A Theory in Crisis*. “But as by this theory innumerable transitional forms must have existed why do we not find them embedded in countless numbers in the crust of the earth?” (p. 157). These missing transitional fossils were a problem for Darwin from the beginning. While less thoughtful men were more easily



persuaded by Darwin's assertions, learned scientists of his day immediately recognized there were serious problems with his theory, especially when it came to the fossil record. Bill Bryson, in *A Short History of Nearly Everything*, explains: "*On the Origin of Species* was an immediate commercial success, but rather less of a critical one. Darwin's theory presented two intractable difficulties. It needed far more time... and it was scarcely supported by fossil evidence. Where, asked Darwin's more thoughtful critics, were the transitional forms that his theory so clearly called for? If new species were continuously evolving, then there ought to be lots of intermediate forms scattered across the fossil record, but there were not" (p. 389).

In fairness, Bryson has a footnote alleging that a transitional form had been discovered: "Archaeopteryx seemed to be... a creature halfway between a bird and a dinosaur. (It had feathers, but it also had teeth)" (p. 389). But even here, Bryson admits that this find was both controversial and woefully inadequate to provide much support for Darwin's

thesis: "It was an impressive and helpful find, and its significance much debated, but a single discovery could hardly be considered conclusive" (p. 389).

When Darwin developed his theory, he might have had excuse for not finding any intermediate life forms, but time has not been his ally. "The absence of intermediates, although damaging, was not fatal in 1860, for it was reasonable to hope that many would eventually be found as geological activities increased... Only a small fraction of the hundred thousand or so fossil species known today were known to Darwin. But virtually all the new fossil species discovered since Darwin's time have either been closely related to known forms or, like the Paganophoris, strange unique types of unknown affinity" (Denton, pp. 160–161).

"An Outrageous Hypothesis"

So where are these missing links? We see dinosaurs and thousands of strange extinct species. We see modern species, but each is complete in itself, and there is no hard evidence that one kind ever became a different kind. We readily admit that a great number of varieties can be bred within a particular kind—for example, there are many different breeds of dogs, but all are still dogs, just as all cats are still cats, and Darwin's finches are still finches. The many thousands of fossils linking one kind to another kind simply are **not** there in the abundance they should be expected according to Darwinian evolution! Such "missing links" are conspicuous by their absence.

Students are shown genealogic trees supposedly demonstrating how simple life forms gave rise to more complex life forms, but where is the hard evidence that one kind ever became a different kind? It doesn't exist! Where these links **are** found is in the imagination of men's minds!

Michael Denton powerfully summarizes the situation:

The overall picture of life on Earth today is so discontinuous, the gaps between the different types so obvious, that, as Steven Stanley reminds us in his recent book *Macroevolution*, if our knowledge of biology was restricted to those species presently existing on Earth, "we might wonder whether the doctrine of evolu-

tion would qualify as anything more than an outrageous hypothesis.” Without intermediates or transitional forms to bridge the enormous gaps which separate existing species and groups of organisms, the concept of evolution could never be taken seriously as a scientific hypothesis (pp. 157–158).

Why is it, then, that the evolutionary theory is seen as fact, when in fact, *no* compelling hard evidence exists? Stephen Jay Gould and Niles Eldredge admit the following: “The general preference that so many of us hold for gradualism is a metaphysical stance embedded in the modern history of Western cultures...” (“Punctuated Equilibria: The Tempo and Mode of Evolution Reconsidered,” *Paleobiology*, 3:115–51, p. 145, quoted in Denton, p. 70).

In other words, the evidence for gradual, Darwinian evolution is based on philosophy and faith, rather than on scientific evidence. But how can this be? How could our modern, supposedly enlightened and scientific world come to believe so strongly and wholeheartedly in an unproven theory? As Denton explains: “Changing one’s interpretation of the world is not, however, the same as establishing a new fact. The facts were the same in 1850 as they were in 1870, only the perception of them had changed” (Denton, p. 74).

Over time, what was recognized as theory, even metaphysics or philosophy, was accepted and reinforced before all the facts were in. There was faith that, in the course of time, thousands and even millions of missing links would be found, but time has proved otherwise.

Such lack of support for evolution plagues the theory in a number of ways. For example, biologists had no understanding in Darwin’s day of the complexity of the microscopic cell. Even today, biology students hear misleading terms such as “a simple cell” when cellular life is anything but simple. With advanced

knowledge of the structure of cellular life, faith in blind chance has become blind faith. This, however, has not awakened people to discard the irrational. As Denton explains: “The fact that every journal, academic debate and popular discussion assumes the truth of Darwinian theory tends to reinforce its credibility enormously. This is bound to be so because, as sociologists of knowledge are at pains to point out... the plausibility of any theory or world view is largely dependent upon the social support it receives rather than its empirical content or rational consistency. Thus... the validity of Darwinian theory... could not even conceivably be wrong” (Denton, pp. 74–75).

Young Earth Creationism Also Wrong

Sadly, just as today’s evolutionists carelessly accept false assumptions, so Young Earth creationists have also built their worldview on incorrect assumptions. They assume from a casual reading of scripture that the earth and the entire universe were created about 6,000 years ago, but does the Bible really say this? On the surface it may *seem* to do so. Notice in the book of Exodus: “For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it” (Exodus 20:11).

Is it possible that there is more to this passage than first meets the eye? Is it possible that a careless

assumption has been made? Why did the English language translators say, “In six days the LORD *made*,” instead of, “In six days the LORD *created* the heavens and the earth?”

Details are often lost when translating from one language to

another, whether it be Hebrew to English, or French to Chinese. Translators understand that there are two different Hebrew words involved in this subject, and that brings us to the very first verse of the Bible, Genesis 1:1. Here we have the word *created* instead of *made*: “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” The word translated *created* comes

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from the Hebrew, *bara'*, whereas the English word *made* comes from the Hebrew *'asa* or *yasar*. Now this is no small difference. The very highly respected *Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament* (TWOT) explains: “The root *bara'* has the basic meaning ‘to create.’ It differs from *yasar* ‘to fashion’ in that the latter primarily emphasizes the shaping of an object while *bara'* emphasizes the initiation of the object” (#278a, p. 127).

In other words, *bara'* means the very beginning of something. Genesis 1:1 tells us that in the beginning, God **created** the heavens and the earth. Nothing physical existed prior to their creation. Today scientists tell us the universe was created in what is commonly called the “Big Bang.”

As almost everyone today understands, matter is made up of atoms, and atoms are made up of even smaller particles. The current belief among scientists is that the entire material universe was once concentrated into a space much smaller than the period at the end of this sentence. As Bill Bryson brings out,

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the Big Bang that created everything that we see and feel—everything that we call matter, everything that exists—began from nothing: “And so, from nothing, our universe begins” (*A Short History of Nearly Everything*, p. 10). Most surprisingly, the Bible and science agree on this point (see Hebrews 11:3).

Genesis 1:1 tells us that there **was** a beginning to matter, as most scientists affirm. Now continuing with the TWOT on the definition of *bara'*, “...since the primary emphasis of the word is on the newness of the created object, the word lends itself well to the concept of creation ex nihilo [from nothing]...” (#278a, p. 127).

As we can see, we have two very different words. When translated into English, one means create, as from nothing, and the other means to fashion, or make, something out of pre-existing material. Continuing in TWOT: “The use of *bara'* in the opening

statement of the account of creation seems to carry the implication that the physical phenomena came into existence at that time and had no previous existence in the form in which they were created by divine fiat. The use of *'asa* may simply connote the act of fashioning the objects involved in the whole creative process” (TWOT, #1708a, p. 701).

Genesis 1:1 tells us that in the beginning God **created** the heavens and the earth, but verse 2 indicates something happened *after* the original creation. Again, English translations often obscure the meaning a little when it uses the verb *was* instead of *became* as the Hebrew word is translated elsewhere (Genesis 2:7, 10): “The earth was [or became] without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep.”

Devastation and Restoration

The words “without form, and void” are translated from two words in the original Hebrew, *tohu* and *bohu*, that are used together only here and in two other passages of Scripture, and those other two

occasions use those Hebrew words to describe massive destruction as a result of sin (Isaiah 34:11; Jeremiah 4:23). The Hebrew word translated “without form,” *tohu*, is found in sixteen additional verses, and in each case it is used in a negative context of something that is totally worthless, empty, or in a state of confusion. Yet God tells us

in Isaiah 45:18 that He did *not* create the earth in such a state of confusion. With this in mind, we ought to wonder *why and how* the earth came to be in the condition we find in Genesis 1, verse 2.

In Isaiah 14 we read of a rebellion by a powerful angelic being who tried to take over the rule of the universe from his Creator: “How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations! For you have said in your heart: ‘I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars [or angels] of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High’” (vv. 12–14).

This rebellion is also spoken of in Ezekiel 28 where the chapter begins with the prince, the human ruler of Tyre, but transitions to the fallen angelic



power behind the prince. “You were the anointed cherub who covers.... You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, till iniquity was found in you.... Therefore I cast you as a profane thing out of the mountain of God; and I destroyed you, O covering cherub, from the midst of the fiery stones” (vv. 14–16, see also vv. 12–13).


We cannot know for certain that it was this rebellion that brought the age of the dinosaurs to an abrupt end, or whether the rebellion took place at a later time. There is much we do not fully understand, but it is evident from Genesis 1:1–2 and other scriptures that the physical universe was created but later came into disarray due to an angelic rebellion. And it was after this rebellion and the destruction that we come to Genesis 1:3 where God began to reshape and refashion the earth.

The world we live in today is a very different world from that of the dinosaurs. Man and tree-sized reptiles do not seem to have co-existed, and the best

understanding of the geologic record indicates very clearly that we have not done so. By the time man came on the scene, much of the “Jurassic world” was buried under mountains of earth.

Young Earth creationists try to explain all the geologic strata, laid down layer upon layer with all the fossils found in it, as the result of the worldwide flood of Noah’s day. Few credible scientists will give even the least attention to such thinking, and for good reasons. Though Noah’s flood *did* take place, a universal flood 4,000 years ago doesn’t explain a world filled with dinosaurs. The geologic record shows no evidence of man and dinosaurs co-existing. While we might quibble about how accurate radiocarbon, potassium-argon, or other scientific dating methods truly are, if we put aside preconceived bias we have to agree that the earth is significantly older than Young Earth creationists are willing to admit. Even granting some uncertainty in the various techniques, scientific dating methods and other considerations—such as how long it takes light to travel from distant stars to the earth—collectively paint a convincing picture of an earth and a universe that is far older than 6,000 years. And, as we have seen, these facts do not contradict the Bible. Though mankind and the life we see today were, indeed, created 6,000 years ago—just as the Bible says—the earth has a much older history, with plenty of room for dinosaurs in its ancient past, before the destruction described in Genesis 1:2.

Now this does not mean we have all the answers to earth’s mysterious past. We don’t. The so-called “gap theory”—or “ruin-restoration theory”—that we have explained here has been rejected by many. But it is, to date, the best explanation to harmonize the clear truths of the Bible and the overwhelming evidence of science.

We should neither take current scientific thinking to be the final answer nor totally discount everything in science. Where there is hard evidence that does not contradict God’s word, we should accept it. But when humanly conceived theories, such as Darwinian evolution, are not supported by hard evidence and clearly contradict God’s word, we should fearlessly discard them. 

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Listen with a Discerning Ear

One of my favorite memories as a guitarist in a band is looking out at a crowded dance floor while playing an upbeat tune. I vividly remember the euphoric feeling of oneness with everyone in the room, many of them complete strangers, united by the rhythm and energy of the songs we were playing. This is one example of the power of music.

I also remember being blown away watching the original *Star Wars* in a theater when it was released in 1977. From the powerful brass fanfare announcing the opening title sequence to the triumphant processional accompanying the final medal ceremony, John Williams' soundtrack set the emotional foundation for almost every scene of the movie. It's safe to say that the music contributed to the success of *Star Wars* as much as the characters, story or special effects. This is another example of the power of music.

Every time I hear the Earl Klugh album *Late Night Guitar*, I am instantly transported back to the time when a college roommate recorded himself reciting the Periodic Table of Elements over the exquisitely smooth guitar music. He would then play the recording while sleeping so he could "subliminally" memorize the table for science class. (It didn't work.) As another example of the power of music, not only does hearing these songs remind me of my friend and his creative recording, but also calls to my mind a mental picture of our dorm room and the arrangement of every piece of furniture in it, along with the entire "feel" of the place!

I'm sure many of you reading this article can cite personal examples that highlight the power a piece

of music has had in your life. Music is many things to many people, but one reason it has the potential to have such an impact on us is that it communicates on a deeply emotional level. Further, it seems to speak to us personally. My examples are significant to me, but you have your own experiences with music that have had a lasting impression for you.

What is it about music that makes it so powerful?

Why Music?

Music isn't simply some happy accident discovered when someone realized that hollowed-out coconuts could be used as drums. The Bible reveals that music pre-dates the first humans. The book of Job refers to angels—here called morning stars—singing at the creation of the earth (Job 38:4-7). This indicates that God is the creator of music, and that it has been an important part of His dominion in heaven.

It's interesting that God chose to share music with us. Why did He? He could have kept it for Himself and the angelic hosts, but He did not—and that is significant.

I believe part of the answer lies in the fact that we are created in His image (Genesis 1:26-27). The Bible reveals that God has emotions and expresses love (1 John 4:10), compassion (Psalm 103:13), delight (Jeremiah 32:41) and anger (Ezekiel 5:13), among other feelings. God created humans in His image with this same need for emotional expression.

Music is one of God's gifts to help us communicate on a deeper emotional level. It helps us express ourselves in a way mere words simply cannot, and is a *communication of the heart*. That's one reason why it has the power to transcend language, geographical bound-

aries and time. It's one of the reasons why the music composed in the 1780s by a young man named Mozart is still universally played and cherished.

But it's precisely because music is a communication of the heart that followers of Jesus Christ should use spiritual discernment to make informed musical choices. Jesus said, "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within and defile a man" (Mark 7:21-23).

Is all music good for us? For those who believe that no piece of music is truly good or bad—it simply "is what it is"—this question may seem strange or irrelevant. But for those who strive to use the Bible to guide them in making good personal entertainment choices, the question is not merely relevant, but crucially important. Does God's word offer any help? Yes, it does.

Biblical Principles for Discernment

Instead of debating about what is good or bad about any particular *genre* of music, biblical principles can be applied to any single piece. Along with evaluating each composition against God's instructions, we also need to honestly analyze what message is being conveyed and its effect on us as listeners.

Most popular music is a combination of melody, harmony, rhythm and lyrics. Each of these parts should be evaluated.

First, the music. Although the chords and beat usually conform to a standard musical structure, how those parts are constructed and played has everything to do with the "feel" of a song. This may be the source of the strong emotional connection to music, but it also



can have a great effect on our behavior. For instance, I know from years of playing dance music in a band and being a DJ what rhythms inspire certain moods and the maximum amount of participation—and this response is largely predictable.

The same musical elements are used by musicians of almost all genres to convey a mood and elicit a response. One biblical principle that can be used to analyze this aspect of a piece of music is found in Jesus' statement that "by their fruits you will know them"

Jesus' warning about what comes out of the human heart should motivate us to be aware of what response musicians are trying to elicit with their music.

(Matthew 7:20). Although the context of this instruction refers to people, the principle can also apply to the fruit—or the results—of music.

Second, there are the lyrics of a song. One scripture to use in analyzing song lyrics is Philippians 4:8, where we are told to dwell on things that are true, noble, just, pure, lovely, of good report, virtuous and praiseworthy. This indicates that what we allow our minds to dwell on should be positive and uplifting.

Does this describe the lyrics of the songs you find yourself singing? It can be hard to admit that the music we love is not up to God's standard. But for any music, there are worthwhile questions we should ask ourselves:

- How does this music affect my mood?
- What do I think about while listening to this music?
- Does this music inspire/encourage me to be worldly?
- Does this music influence me to right behavior or sin?

The good news is there is a wide variety of music that can be enjoyed. Because God created music, it can be a positive enhancement to our lives. But He also gave us His instructions to help us to know what He considers good in all aspects of life. Using these principles can help us to listen to music with a discerning ear.

—Phil Sena



TURNING POINTS *in* WORLD HISTORY



Europe, Christianity & God's Plan

Many assume the rise and fall of nations and the great events of history are just a matter of chance—of being lucky—while some see mindless historical patterns and trends at work. Yet others see a “magnificent sense of purpose... as if there was a plan”—especially in the emergence of Europe, the rise and global spread of traditional Christianity, and the impact of Western civilization on the world (*The Miracle of Freedom: Seven Tipping Points That Saved the World*, Stewart & Stewart, p. vi). Few today understand that God *has a plan* (Psalm 33:10-11) and that He *guides* the course of history by removing kings and raising up kings at crucial points in the history of human civilization (Daniel 2:21). In this article, we will look at a series of complicated and improbable events that paved the way for the rise of Europe and spread of historic Christian thought and values around the globe.

Preparing the Way

The story of God's plan for Europe and the West begins in Genesis 12:1-3 and 13:16 with prophetic promises made by God to Abram (or Abraham) that his descendants would multiply and become great and be a blessing to the peoples of the earth. These promises were expanded and passed on to Abraham's grandson Jacob, whose twelve sons became the progenitors of the twelve tribes of Israel (Genesis 35:9-12). God gave the Israelites a unique set of laws so they could be lights to the world, but, sadly, they failed to live by those laws and were carried into captivity—the northern ten tribes to Assyria about 721bc and the nation of Judah to Babylon about 586bc. The

remarkable preservation of the Jews under the Persians (see the book of Esther) and their return to Jerusalem, after a 70-year captivity, made possible the prophesied birth of the Messiah, Jesus Christ, whose teachings are the basis of true Christianity. However, after the fall of the Assyrian Empire, the ten tribes of Israel never returned to their ancient homeland, but migrated into northwest Europe where they would expand and reap the blessings promised to Abraham—blessings they were prophesied to share with the peoples of the world.

As we review history, we can see how God intervened *miraculously* at several critical turning points to prepare Europe as a place where His purpose for Israel could begin to be fulfilled. In 480bc, Xerxes, king of the mighty Persian Empire, launched a massive invasion to conquer Greece and eventually bring all of Europe under his control. However, a small force of brave Greeks slowed him down at the narrow choke point at Thermopylae, and a calculating Greek navy destroyed the Persian fleet in the narrow channel at Salamis—saving the West from Persian domination. The *unexpected outcome* of these two battles changed the course of human history by allowing Greek culture to spread ideas of self-government, individual freedom, education, reason and advances in arts and sciences that would eventually set Western civilization apart from the rest of the world. Later, the conquests of Alexander the Great and the spread of the Greek language facilitated the spread of Christianity. Had the Persians won these two crucial battles, the West would likely speak a different language, follow a different religion and hold very different values—and probably not enjoy the freedoms it possesses today (Stewart & Stewart, chapter 2).

At the Battle of the Milvian Bridge in 312AD, we see yet another pivotal moment God would use to shape Europe. There the Roman Emperor Constantine defeated a rival emperor due, in part, to a disastrous military mistake by an opposing emperor who was misled, according to some, by a "vision." Constantine's victory led to his so-called "conversion" and decrees forbidding the persecution of Christians (see Stewart & Stewart chapter 3). The "Christianity" promoted by Constantine absorbed many pagan customs and ideas, yet the emperor also promoted the publishing of Bibles—the byproduct of which was increased public exposure to the teachings of Jesus Christ. As a result, Europe increasingly gained a generally "Christian" perspective. Even before Constantine, however, the *true* Gospel of Jesus Christ was able to spread over Roman roads during the *Pax Romana*—the period of relative peace throughout the empire from 30BC to 180AD (see the book of Acts and *Lessons of History*, Durant, p. 69).

Defending the Land

The hand of God was evident on two more occasions when the course of European history could have turned in a very different direction. In the fall of 732AD, "Charles Martel defeated a powerful and seemingly unstoppable Islamic army" at the Battle of Poitiers in central France (Stewart & Stewart, p. 18). In the century before, Muslim armies swept out of Arabia and overran Persia, Egypt and half the Roman Empire, as they murdered, looted, enslaved and forcibly converted peoples they conquered to the worship of Allah. As a result, both true Christianity and its Roman-influenced

hybrid, along with Judaism, nearly disappeared in these conquered lands. However, during the fighting at Poitiers, the leader of the invading army was killed and "that night, unexpectedly—really *inexplicably*—the Muslims abandoned their camp" and began a retreat back to Spain (pp. 170-171). Had the Muslim armies conquered Europe, Allah would be worshiped on the continent in place of anything like Christianity



or biblical religion, religious freedom and human rights could be virtually non-existent, Europe's civil

laws might be based on the Koran, and the status of women would likely be dramatically different. The noted German historian Leopold von Ranke has written that the victory of Charles Martel at Poitiers "was the turning point of one of the most important epochs in the history of the world" because it was the battle that preserved Europe as a continent rooted in the culture and character of historic Christianity (p. 141).

The final threat to the emergence of a European "Christendom" that would transform the world was the Mongol invasion in 1236AD—a time when the cities and nations of Europe were waking up from the Dark Ages. Trade, commerce, banking and industry were growing, universities were founded and science was beginning to blossom. After conquering China and India and leaving a trail of devastation across central Asia, the Mongol army continued west, defeating a powerful Hungarian army, then plundering the country and enslaving thousands—especially craftsman and professional classes. The destructive invaders hoped to conquer Vienna—then Rome, Paris and London. However, as the Mongol army approached the city of Vienna, the Great Khan of Mongolia *suddenly died* along with his son. With no apparent heir, the Mongol royalty and their armies left Europe and headed home, focused on the fight to become the next khan—and they never returned (Stewart & Stewart, p. 203). Had the Mongol invasion succeeded, all of Europe—the land where the migrating Israelites had settled—would have been devastated, and the contributions to the world that sprang from European "Christendom" would never have taken place. God had a plan for Europe—as we will see in future articles!

—Douglas S. Winnail



Wilhelm von Kaulback's depiction of the Battle of Salamis (Die Seeschlacht bei Salamis, 1868)

not just the weather but *all* of His creation—states, “Yet once more I **shake** not only the earth, but also heaven” (Hebrews 12:26). What kind of “shaking” will it take to wake most people up? Increasing **millions** of the American and British-descended peoples are beginning to “despise” God’s law and His statutes—the entire *way of life* set forth in the Bible. So, exactly as prophesied, Almighty God is even now beginning to increase His intervention to “shake” us to our senses!

Twelfth, finally, the *real* Jesus Christ—the Christ of the Bible—will return to this earth as King of kings (Revelation 11:15). Shockingly, because the nations of this world are so *completely deceived*, hundreds of millions of angry people will literally **fight against Jesus Christ Himself**—as if He were some feared alien invader from space—as He returns to planet Earth to restore peace and sanity to this confused world (Revelation 17:14)!

By the end of this age, most of humanity will have become terribly confused by Satan the Devil, and will embrace all sorts of perversions—such as we see in today’s “transgender” movement—along with evil religious practices involving blasphemies against the true God, even to the point of *demon worship*. Countless millions of deceived people will “**curse God**” when He pours out His plagues in an attempt to humble them and *wake them up*: “They blasphemed the

God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and did not repent of their deeds” (Revelation 16:11).

Pray for Understanding!

My friends, the groundwork for quite a number of these awesome events is already being laid—**now!** Over the next several years of *your life*, you will see these events coming together. Remember, **unless** we in the U.S. and Britain and other modern Israelite nations genuinely **repent** and begin to serve and obey the Creator God—the God of the Bible—our lives will **never** be the same.

Long-time readers of this magazine are aware that I do not usually get this plain and this vivid with you readers in describing the horrifying events just ahead. But, as we see our own peoples becoming so frantic and excited and vile in their rebellion against the true God—increasingly paraded in our newspapers, which seem to *celebrate* the growing sexual confusion and the perversion of traditional marriage—I feel that it is my God-given responsibility to help you realize, more than ever before, *where all of this is leading*.

Dear subscriber, please *get this straight!* Almighty God is **neither impressed nor intimidated** by the blinded and confused men and women of the U.S. Supreme Court and our state and national legislatures. Nor is He challenged by *any* puny human being or group of humans. The very real God of the Bible



states, “I am God, and there is **none** like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done, saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure’” (Isaiah 46:9–10).

THROUGHOUT THE BOOK OF EZEKIEL, GOD AGAIN AND AGAIN DESCRIBES THE PUNISHMENTS HE PLANS TO BRING ON THE REBELLIOUS “HOUSE OF ISRAEL.”

So, you need to understand **why** these awful events will soon occur. Again, our magazines, booklets, and websites over the last few years have done their best to make all of this clear. But for those of you who are new subscribers or have “tuned in” late, *please consider*: We in America and the other British-descended nations have had *every opportunity* to study and to *understand* the inspired revelation from God—the Holy Bible. But we have obviously *rejected* the God of the Bible. We have, in effect, “thrown out” the Ten Commandments as a guide to Christian living. We are increasingly forbidding even the use of the words “God” or “Jesus Christ” in many of our public meetings.

This is absolutely **astonishing** when you consider that, over the past 200 and more years, such expressions of respect for the Almighty have nearly **always** been included! Meanwhile, many of our professing “Christian” leaders join in various “interfaith” conferences or religious meetings where the *worship* of Buddha or Allah is included right along with the worship of *their* counterfeit version of Jesus Christ! Most professing Christians seem to have *no awareness* or deep respect for the powerful teachings of the **real** Jesus Christ of the Bible who said, among many other such statements, “**Why** do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and **not do the things which I say?**” (Luke 6:46).

True Christianity is **not** merely one “option” among many equally valid religions. It is **the** unique Truth that *alone* explains the true laws, origin, and *purpose* of life and **how** to attain that awesome purpose. But again, Satan the Devil has done a masterful job in *totally deceiving* the entire world. The Apostle

Paul was inspired to describe Satan as “the god of this age” (2 Corinthians 4:4), and the “prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience” (Ephesians 2:2). The beloved Apostle

John described him as “the Devil and Satan, who *deceives the whole world*” (Revelation 12:9).

If God is opening your mind—perhaps through this very Work—then **you** need to set out to “prove” the things that I am now saying, one way or the other. For **if** I am correct, then **you** and your loved ones are about to experience the most horrific and traumatic events in all of human history! As

Jesus Christ stated, “For in those days there will be tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the creation which God created until this time, nor ever shall be” (Mark 13:19).

Somewhere on this earth, Almighty God does have a true Church with true ministers who will teach you the genuine **Truth**. It is up to you to “seek” God and to carefully find out and **prove** where God is working.

Pray for Courage

My friends, if you will carefully study the background of the book of Ezekiel in Bible dictionaries and other resources, you will find that it was written about 593–571BC. You will also find that the ancient “House of Israel” was taken into Assyrian captivity in about 721BC—well over 100 years **before** the book of Ezekiel was written! Yet, throughout the book of Ezekiel, God again and again describes the punishments He plans to bring on the “House of Israel.” His warning, as He clearly explains, was not just for the “House of Judah” (today’s Jewish people), which was then a nation separate from Israel (Ezekiel 3:1, 17; 4:1–6; 5:4).

Studying Ezekiel carefully, it is *very apparent* that most of the prophetic events God is describing are future events, which will occur near the “time of the end” when the modern descendants of ancient Israel will once again be taken into captivity. *If you will study* our eye-opening booklet, *The United States and Great Britain in Prophecy*, you can **prove to yourself** that the Anglo-Saxon/Celtic peoples—across the U.S., the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa, as well as the peace-loving peoples of northwestern Europe—*really are* the descendants

of the so-called “Lost Ten Tribes” of Israel. With that knowledge, you will *see* that dozens of major end-time prophecies are speaking directly to *the modern descendants of ancient Israel*, for this is a major “key” to understanding end-time prophecies. And these prophecies are beginning to be fulfilled *right now*—before our very eyes!

In Ezekiel 33, God states that He has set a “watchman” to warn Israel what to do at the end time. We at *Tomorrow’s World* are part of the Work of the living Christ, carrying out the responsibility of this end-time “watchman”! We understand that, for most people, the message we preach will only be a “witness” and will not be received warmly. However, the fact that you are reading this article means that God is very likely calling you now to understand and respond to this message! *If* you are sincerely interested in learning about and **understanding** the **true** prophetic happenings that are just ahead, please request—and genuinely **study**, along with your Bible—our free booklets entitled, *The United States and Great Britain in Prophecy*, *Fourteen Signs Announcing Christ’s Return*, *The Beast of Revelation*, *The Middle East in Prophecy*, *Revelation: The Mystery Unveiled!* and *Who or What Is the Antichrist?* To request your free copies, contact the Regional Office nearest you (listed on page 4 of this magazine) or go to our website, *TomorrowsWorld.org*, to order the booklets or read them online.

We in this Work sincerely want to *be of service* to you. You can find out—if you sincerely want to—that we are committed to carrying out Jesus Christ’s “Great Commission” in a powerful way. We realize that this means we may need to give up our “comfortable” lives in the world. Because we powerfully preach the Truth of God, we know our own friends and family members may even come to hate us for proclaiming a message that **is not popular. Yet, because** we do have the “fear of God,” and because we genuinely know that He intends for us to preach a message that most people in our “blinded” society **will not accept** at the end of this confused age, we are willing to do this—because we know God has **commanded** us to do it!



So—for *your sake*—please write for these **free** booklets and the other materials listed above, and **prove** for yourself what we are saying is true! Then, ask God for the faith and courage to **act** on the Truth. Let me assure you that, over the next several years of *your life*, the twelve milestones I mentioned above will intensify far more powerfully than most people today can even begin to realize. These world-changing events will have a *massive effect* on the so-called “American way of life.” They will have a *massive effect* on our readers living in Canada, Britain, Australia, New Zealand and elsewhere across the English-speaking world—eventually enveloping the entire globe! So, **you** need to ask God for the *understanding* and the **courage** to actually **prove** to yourself the Truth that is now freely available from your Creator. These soon-coming prophesied events will literally “shake” thousands of people to their senses—and I prayerfully hope that you are among those whom God calls before these end-time events bring destruction on our peoples.

May God grant **you** the understanding and the humility to act on what I have written here—and to **surrender** to the God of the Bible. We in this Work of the living Christ are indeed God’s “watchmen” to **warn you**—ahead of time—what is *just ahead*. These coming events I have described are *very real*, and they will **change** your life forever. May God help you to **act** on His Truth before it is too late! ^{TW}

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Only yesterday I was reading your excellent article “Almighty God Controls the Weather” (November-December 2016). Coincidentally, at my church on Sunday the “Gospel Reading” was Luke 21:5–19. The very next day, two minutes after midnight, New Zealand is struck with massive earthquakes. Liberalism has been so destructive to society and our young people and has violently rocked the very cradle of civilization.

G.B., e-mail from New Zealand

Thank you, so much, for sending me *Tomorrow's World*. I love to read the magazine and cannot help studying it. I park my car and read it, since my job is driving. It is an informative and eye opening magazine. May God bless you!

D.G., Rangoon, Burma

I have been reading the *Tomorrow's World* magazine for some time now. First of all, I want to thank you for such a great magazine. I admire the fact that your authors stay true to the word of God. Some of my favorite sections from the magazine are the “scientific sections” where you speak about a topic of science, such as “The Gecko Grip” (November-December 2016). I am an engineering student, and topics like that one are very interesting.

N.A., e-mail from New Jersey

Just wanted to say thanks for the magazine I've received from *Tomorrow's World* for the past five years. Your ministry is spreading the light of Christ around the world, and God bless you all for it.

M.M., Edmonton, Alberta

I really appreciate all you have provided from *Tomorrow's World* magazine. The wide-ranging, comprehensive presentation that you publicized on television was admirable. It seems that you have answers to all my questions. Your articles gave me insight and broadened my knowledge about what true Christianity signifies.

H.A., Geelong, Victoria

Thanks to Rod McNair for his recent article (“Holidays or Horror-Days?” September-October 2016). I appreciated his attention to the question about what happens at death. I have been wrestling with this issue given what most people believe versus what is written in the Bible. The Roman Catholic Church has a very definite message on the issue, which flies in the face of scriptures.

R.M., Dallas, Pennsylvania

I received the DVD “The Power of Prophecy” which you kindly sent me. It is so enlightening! Thank you. The booklets also give me much food for thought.

A.P., Croftby, Queensland

Your July-August 2016 issue had a particular article that I have read dozens of times now, “Seven Keys for Peace of Mind.” I could not begin to tell you just how helpful that article has been to me personally. Actually, I have had to get a few copies made, because the magazine had just become threadbare. I've read thousands upon thousands of articles, but this one in particular seemed to be aimed directly at me.

M.K., Mendon, Illinois

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The Majesty of Mountains

Growing up in the state of Texas, mountains were not really a big part of my visual vocabulary. I had seen them in books, photos, paintings and movies, but I had never seen one with my own eyes until I was in my early thirties. However, when I did finally lay eyes on one—driving into the famous Rocky Mountains of Colorado—I realized I would never be quite the same again.

There is a startling majesty about mountains. They can move us, inspire us, and even intimidate us. They seem the perfect pictures of strength and stability—of power and permanence. And when we view them, we must keep in mind the words of the prophet Amos:

For behold
He who forms mountains,
And creates the wind,
Who declares to man what his thought is,
And makes the morning darkness,
Who treads the high places of the earth—
The LORD God of hosts is His name (Amos 4:13).

Let's take a moment to consider these magnificent sculptures of the natural world, and to consider, as well, what the Artist behind their creation may be seeking to tell us through His works.

Different Types

It's easy to think that mountains are all alike, especially if you have only lived near one kind, but there are actually several types.

Fold mountains are the most common. Geologists believe they are formed when different portions of

the earth's crust—which is always in motion, however slowly—push against each other and cause the land to buckle and bend. These are the sort of mountains that my family and I saw in Colorado and that form the famous Himalayas, including Mount Everest.

Fault-block mountains form when cracks in the earth's crust allow large blocks of rock to be pushed higher than their surroundings. They are often very steep on at least one side. Examples of these include the Sierra Nevada range of California and the Vosges Mountains of France.

Volcanic mountains and dome mountains are each formed by the pressures of molten magma within the earth. In the case of volcanic mountains, that magma makes the surface in the form of lava and ash. As these materials continually build up and cool on the surface, a mountain like the Philippines' Mount Pinatubo or Japan's Mount Fuji is formed. But in the case of dome mountains, the hot magma never makes its way to the surface. Rather, the pressure caused by the magma pushes higher the layers of earth above it. Over time, the magma cools into solid rock, and erosion shapes the raised surface, creating a dome-like appearance that is further shaped by erosive forces.

Finally, there are plateau mountains. These mountains are actually formed by the lowering of the surrounding area, as rivers erode and cut their way to lower and lower depths. The striking buttes of Monument Valley in Arizona are famous examples.

Shapers of Weather and History

But more than mere geological features adding variety to an otherwise flat planet, in their own way mountains

are participants in the world around them, shaping activity and events by the power of their presence.

Mountain ranges have a profound influence on weather patterns. As moving air encounters the elevated terrain of a mountain, it is forced to rise, which cools the air and triggers condensation and rain. If the mountains are high enough, the difference between the weather on one side versus the other can be dramatic, causing a “rain shadow.” In this case, one side of the mountain range gets the benefit of the forced condensation, with frequent rainfall and fertile land. The other side of the range, however, is denied that rain and must settle for the drier air that passes over the mountain. These regions can become arid and parched. The Judean Desert and the Dead Sea area result from such a rain shadow caused by the Judean Mountains, and the Gobi Desert lies in the rain shadow of the Himalayas.

But more than shaping weather, mountains have helped shape civilization.

The most obvious influence mountains have is in the movement of migrating peoples—acting as both channels and boundaries, directing and shaping the flow of moving populations. The Caucasus Mountains in Eurasia, for instance, may have played a significant role in the movement of wandering Israelites into the European continent.

When God says of the nations that He has “determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings” (Acts 17:26), the mountains of His creation are one means He has used to accomplish that.

In the case of the *polis* or city-states of ancient Greece, the mountains had a dramatic impact on the culture of that civilization. With more than three-quarters of Greece covered with mountainous terrain, movement between cities was extremely difficult, forcing cultures and political organizations to become very localized and autonomous. As a result, relatively close city-states, such as philosophical Athens and militaristic Sparta, could develop in starkly different ways. And the mountainous nature of the land also forced the ancient Greeks to establish colonies elsewhere along the Mediterranean to support themselves, further shaping their own culture and the cultures of the surrounding people, as well.

Given the influence of ancient Greece in modern Western culture, one could say that the mountains of Greece have impacted the world!



A Picture of Their Creator

God uses mountains and the natural sense of power and might they project to point us to Himself.

When we look at the magnificence of a mountain, standing firm and seemingly immovable, God wants us to pause and reflect on the power of the One who created that mountain! When King David praised his Creator, who is “the confidence of all the ends of the earth,” he noted that it is the God Almighty “who established the mountains by His strength, being clothed with power” (Psalm 65:5–6).

Yes, the awesome sight of Mount Everest or the peaks of the Grand Tetons in Wyoming can stir our hearts as we consider their grandeur and scale. But the Ever-Living One wants us to consider that, if these majestic features of the land impress us and force us to consider how small and relatively fragile our own lives are in comparison, how much more majestic and powerful He is—the One who wielded the power to create these vast monuments of stone and brought them into existence by His will! Surely no statue carved by man should impress us so much.

In fact, perhaps the greatest testimony the mountains can give to the awesome power of their Creator is that, for all their air of strength and permanence, even they quake and tremble at His presence and will yield at His return (Revelation 6:14; 16:20)!

Mountains are one beautiful example of the strength of God made visible in the world. When he needed a reminder of his Creator’s power to help and to save, King David said, “I will lift up my eyes to the hills” (Psalm 121:1). They should so remind us, as well.

—Wallace G. Smith

OIL ON THE WATER

Reflections on Pearl Harbor

A visit to the USS Arizona Memorial at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii some years ago was, for me, a moving experience. The impact of the horrific attack catapulted the United States into World War II and directly affected the lives of millions of Americans, including my family. You see, my father, caught up in the national indignation and patriotic fervor that swept the nation, enlisted in the United States Navy three days after the attack.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt, in his address to Congress, immortalized the event with the words, “December 7, 1941, a date that will live in infamy.” These words, spoken by a very popular president, along with the shock of our nation being attacked, galvanized the country into action in a way that has not been seen before or since.

Other members of my family subsequently enlisted in the various branches of the armed services, leaving wives and children at home as they went off to war to defend their homeland. Those that returned home were changed forever by their experiences in war. One of my uncles did not return. Having given his life in combat, he left behind a young widow and an infant son.

It was with this personal perspective that I made the trip to Pearl Harbor. The boat ride to the monument, which is constructed over the sunken battle ship, brought me to a stark reminder of the consequences of war. The monument itself is a beautiful white structure which contains the names of all 1,177 sailors, Marines and officers that lost their lives




USS Arizona Memorial in Pearl Harbor

on the USS Arizona that day. This represented the greatest loss of life aboard any ship in American naval history, and yet it was only part of the 2,388 killed and 1,178 wounded at Pearl Harbor that day.

As I viewed the calm waters of the bay on the day of my visit, I noticed a colorful pattern on the surface caused by fuel oil on the water. I asked the National Park Ranger the source of the oil slick. He replied that the fuel tanks of the Arizona were not emptied, and a little of the fuel oil leaks out continually, causing the colorful film on the water around the monument. He explained that it was part of the design and served as a reminder that a real ship was below, and that it has

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not been so long ago that it went down.

When my fellow Americans and I reflect on that “day of infamy”—75 years ago, now—we should not forget the sacrifice of those who died in defense of their country, nor the ongoing sacrifice it meant for their families and descendants and the impact it had on their lives. But there is a larger lesson for all mankind. The Bible puts it into perspective for us in Isaiah 59:8, where the prophet wrote, “The way of peace they have not known...”

The United States is struggling today with a cruel and relentless enemy. Families are experiencing the same gut-wrenching separations and devastating losses that my generation experienced after Pearl Harbor. There will be attempts to achieve a state of peace, but will they succeed? The Bible says, “They have also healed the hurt of my people slightly, saying, ‘Peace, peace!’ when *there is no peace*” (Jeremiah 6:14).

When *will* we have peace in the world? When the Prince of Peace returns in power and glory to set up His Kingdom. Isaiah reported this in advance: “For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. **Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end**” (Isaiah 9:6–7).

Until then, there will be more oil on the waters of this earth from the many battles that still lie ahead.

—D. J. Crockett

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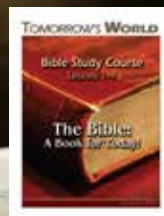
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