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OF THE HIGH CALLING OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS.”***

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Dear Reader,

**“Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil” (He. 6:19).**

Over the last few weeks one cannot help but to wonder how long the **world system** will continue as its political and financial institutions are falling apart and failing. Uncertainty and perplexity fill men’s hearts with fear; man is looking around for answers and some stability, but is faced every day with more bad news and a grim looking future. **Christians should not be surprised and distressed as the earth-dwellers, for our souls have an anchor.**

The Bible, the Word of God, declares clearly to us where the world system is heading and that the answer to its problems is the coming of Christ. He and He alone will restore order and rule in righteousness. Let us not forget that we are citizens of heaven. We have great responsibility today to point man to Christ as the source of security and stability, and to heaven where our treasures should be laid up.

**“Now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent the day is at hand, let us therefore, cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light” (Ro. 13:11-12).**

May the Lord use this issue of Toward the Mark to strengthen, encourage, and help you to be established to the end that Christ may be displayed in your life.

Thank you for your e-mails and notes of encouragement and support.

Please keep praying for the Lord’s blessing on Toward the Mark.

Yours in our soon-coming Lord,

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***Quotations from Scripture are generally taken either from the King James translation or the J. N. Darby translation.***

## MILK

*"The truth shall make you free"*

### JESUS CHRIST SEEN CRUCIFIED

"Jesus Christ has been portrayed, crucified, before your very eyes" (Galatians 3:1).

The verb "set forth" has been translated here as "portrayed." The word may actually mean "placarded," posted up as on a poster, or "publicly advertised." The original word has the usual root for the verb to draw or write, "graphe," which all will recognize from its use in a good number of English terms, and the prefix "pro," which in composition with the verb can have the meaning of "before your eyes." It is asserted by some that the expression was used to refer to the Greek play producers' custom of making their presentations known by means of posters, on which were depicted details of a play; maybe enough to whet the appetite of interested playgoers, much as is done nowadays in the press, or indeed, on public posters. In what way, then, could Christ have been placarded, before their eyes, crucified? It was some years after His death; how then could the Galatians have seen the Lord graphically depicted as crucified?

**I believe that it was in Paul that they had this before them so vividly. The apostle had lived among them, for a time, as a Crucified Man would live. We may then ask How would a crucified man live? Several points might be noted, but I suggest two.**

1. Paul lived as a man who was **finished with the world**. A man suspended on a cross would realize more acutely than any of the onlookers would know, that in a very short time he will pass out of this world into the scene beyond death, and even in his extreme agony, this awesome journey would be starkly real to him. His physical suffering would be intense, especially if he

were nailed to the cross, which was sometimes the case, but the yawning abyss which opened its gaping jaws before his terrified senses would be more dreadful even than the indescribable sufferings he endured. Nothing in the world would hold his interest at all, except that if he were a family man with a living wife and children, he would think of them and agonize about their future, of course. **But the mere world, as such, would no longer have any meaning for him; his outlook would be blinkered to all that the world represented. Who would win the next election, which team would win the world cup – matters like this would no more engage his attention. This is what he was finished with. Paul also finished with this: the political or social outlook was not a concern of the apostle; he was wholly concerned with the kingdom of God and His righteousness.** He was crucified to the world (Gal. 2:20).

2. The **World was finished** with Paul. **It is very remarkable how what was said of the Lord was repeated almost verbatim of Paul.** They said of the Lord Jesus, "Say we not well that thou art a Samaritan and hast a demon?" One said of Paul, "Thou art beside thyself; much learning doth make thee mad." Of the Lord Jesus they said, "Away with Him;" they said of Paul, "Away with such a fellow from the earth." They said of the Lord Jesus, "Crucify Him;" and they said of the apostle Paul, "It is not fit that he should live." The Lord Jesus was plain in His utterances about the world. He had not come to condemn it, but in His statements concerning it He was really emphatic. The world was as direct as He in its rejection. The world did not know Him and it hated Him. Paul, as the servant of Christ, had come into a position similar to his Lord, vis-à-vis the world. Paul had abandoned everything in the world that could have been a profit to him. **If a man renounces the world as valueless he does not stand to increase his popularity in the world. The closer a Christian walks to his Lord the more certain will be his rejection by the world.** Paul was so clear an example of a devoted Christian that their rejection of him

was total. How did this come about? Well, he tells us in this epistle, using an expression which is not used elsewhere, as far as I know. He writes, "It pleased God to reveal His Son In Me." **Not only was the Lord Jesus Christ made known to Him, but He was made known IN HIM. Thus, Paul became a living delineation of Christ, in his body, as a man on earth. This is how he appeared to the Galatians. Paul was there, a clear representation of His rejected Lord; maybe as clear as any man has attained to in history.** Paul had so literally accepted crucifixion with Christ that every thought, every word, every deed declared his fixed purpose to be done with the world and to be only, and wholly, for Christ. He was crucified with Christ to the world, and the world was crucified to him. He saw himself in this rejected place, and they saw him there also. Thus the rejection was complete both ways. He was not rejected for himself; it was not the man whom they refused; it was Christ IN HIM which brought about the rejection. It was not merely a personal matter but a representative matter. I am crucified with Christ. It all centered in Him and was for Him.

It was normal to flog prisoners who were to be crucified. The Lord was flogged in the course of His trial before Pilate. He was abused and struck by the Jews in their wicked examination of Him, though we do not read of Jews flogging Him. Paul had five times been flogged by the Jews and three times by the Gentiles. He did not have to endure crucifixion as the manner of his death; his was by the sword which was the privilege of a Roman. **But he was so far identified with his glorious Lord that he could say of himself, "I bear in my body the brands of the Lord Jesus."** So the statement may read thus, "As for me, I bear on my body the brands (or the stigmata<sup>\*</sup>) of the Lord

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\* The noun "stigmata" is often used of the scars left on the Lord's body by the sufferings on the cross. Paul did not have the marks of crucifixion, of course, but he bore the scars of stripes and blows; of stones which were hurled at him, and of the stocks in which he had been secured. The apostle

Jesus." Though a living man (perhaps the most truly LIVING man on earth in his time), yet it was not Paul who lived but, as he says, it was Christ who lived in him; Christ whom the world still rejected, still reviled, and still considered as having rightly been crucified, but who was now exalted to the highest glory: both Lord and Christ. They had wanted to be rid of Christ altogether. When a man came along who so clearly lived the life of Jesus in his tortured body, they saw that they would have to get rid of him also. Otherwise they knew that there would be no rest for them from the challenge of his life. When Christ was living here they could not fit Him into any of their plans or schemes. Nor could they find a niche for Paul. **But, the Lord does not seek a niche; He must be supreme; He must reign over all,** and Paul was not seeking a niche in the world. What He sought was that men should trust his Lord and give Him the supreme place in their lives and their affections, and he announced this gospel with the utmost energy and clarity (Phi. 2) He would suffer anything at all to make HIM known. Paul's presentation of Christ was not only in preaching (as in Gal. 1:8; 1 Cor. 1:17-18) but he was a living representation, in his body, of the Christ whom he preached. Was Christ rejected? Paul was rejected. Was Christ crucified? Paul was co-crucified with Him. The mockery, the derision, the ill-treatment with which men abused the Savior came upon Paul because of his total identification with the Lord Jesus. **A former Church of England bishop said in a speech at a function, "Wherever I go they make a tea party; wherever Paul went there was a riot."** These are very significant words indeed. **Paul was so wholly identified with His rejected Lord that they rejected him as completely as they rejected his Lord.**

**J. Barnes**

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Paul was as completely identified with his Lord as it was possible for a man to be.

## MEAT

*"Sanctify them by the truth"*

### THE WORLD: OUR POSITION AND ATTITUDE IN IT

**What is the believer's position with regard to the world as it exists today? And what should be his attitude towards it? The answer to the second question must be dependent upon the answer to the first. Our attitude in present circumstances must be governed by our position. It is futile for us to assume to settle things if we are not in a position to do so. So in considering what our attitude should be in regard to the remarkable and peculiar circumstances through which we pass, we must ask: What is my position in regard to them? Let me point out that this group of chapters (John 14-17) has one underlying thought, that is, that the believer is absolutely identified with Christ, before God the Father. We are identified with Him in a new relationship, a new joy, and a new position which He takes up as risen from the dead.**

But in chapter 16 we get another side of the story. The Lord tells His disciples what treatment they are to expect from the world. He says, as it were, "Not only are you identified with me in my position before the Father, in all the favor and blessing that attaches to that position, but you are identified with me in my position of reproach and rejection before the world. If you have all the assets connected with My place before the Father, you must not be surprised to find you have got My liabilities in connection with the world." He intimated to them that they were to make up their minds to share His path of rejection even unto death. Does this sound strange to our ears? **We have been so accustomed to a quiet peaceful life in this land, where Christianity has greatly modified the standards of behavior,**

**and have for generations past had such a time of ease, that we are apt to forget what the truth is as to the position we hold, a position of the greatest possible blessing before God, but a position of persecution and reproach, if we are true to our Master, in this world.**

Now in John 17 we have the whole case presented with perfection. The Lord Himself lays down in the clearest possible way what our position is. Look first at verse 6. We have to remember that we are among those given to Christ by God the Father out of the world. Doubtless those words had special reference to the apostles, but verse 20 shows that they have every believer in view. The Lord prays for all His own right through the church's history, up to and including ourselves. It is a very touching thought that when the Lord Jesus paused outside the walls of Jerusalem, before crossing the brook that led to the garden, with His awestruck disciples about Him in the quiet night, He uttered this prayer. His eye swept the centuries, and He embraced us all in that for which He prayed on that never-to-be forgotten occasion. We too have been given to Christ by God the Father out of this world. He foreknew us in the past eternity, for as we read elsewhere, we were chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world. His thoughts for us precede the establishment of this material earth on which we tread. We need not be surprised, then, to find that our ultimate destiny lies outside it.

When the Lord was here, His own were under His continual guidance and care, but the moment had now come when He was to leave them. He is in spirit here already beyond the cross. He says to the Father, "Now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to Thee." He left the world, as we know, by the way of death, and resurrection, and ascension. He left it because it rejected Him. Let us never forget that.

**There are people who say, “If there is a God in heaven, why does He look down calmly on the atrocities that are being perpetrated?” Many answers might be given to these questions, but one very sufficient answer is, Because Christ has been rejected.** The only One who can put things right has been here, and has been rejected, and until He comes again you need not be surprised at anything that may happen. **Nothing can be right until the only One who can put things right takes them in hand.** But when He does, it means judgment, and that is why God waits. God is never partial. In our wrongs and disappointments we would like God to interfere on our own particular and special behalf; but why should He? When God intervenes, He will do so in a far-reaching manner, and it means the Day of Judgment. When the time comes for wrongs to be righted, all wrongs will be righted. If God is going to interfere in judgment, we can only say, “Enter not into judgment with Thy servant; for in Thy sight shall no man living be justified” (Ps. 143:2). It would mean an end of us all, apart from the provision that God’s grace has made, so meantime He keeps silence. But the hour of His mercy is fast running to its close, and then He will intervene to put things right.

Here are a few humble folk, who love Him, and He loves them. They are going to be left without Him in the world, and the next thing is what we get in verse 14: “I have given them Thy word, and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.” We are left in the world on the distinct understanding that we are not of it. **We are not part of the world-system by which we are surrounded, and for that reason the world hates the Christian. Notice the Lord here makes Himself the standard. We are identified with Him in this.**

Now notice a further thing in verse 18: “As Thou hast sent Me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.” We have been taken out of the great world-system. We speak of a man being a “man of the world.” By this we do not intend to

emphasize the fact that he lives on this planet in contrast to dwelling in the moon, or being an inhabitant of Mars. We mean that he is absolutely and in every sense a man of the world-system that is all around us, so that he bears its stamp and impress. The Christian is taken out of the world in that sense. Notice here again that He, Christ Himself, is the standard. If it is a question of our separation from the world, it is even as Christ Himself is separated from it; if it is a question of being sent into the world, as in verse 18, that also is measured by the same standard. **The Lord takes us out, breaks our links with this world, and then sends us back that we may be here for Him.**

He Himself came into it with one great thought before Him. The supreme object that dominated the life of the Lord Jesus was the glory of God. Our benefit, great as it was, was not the primary thought before Him. He came into this world, which at the instigation of Satan had cast off divine allegiance, always perfectly revealing Him, and ultimately working out redemption for sinners. In reading the Gospels, we see how again and again there was the temptation presented to Him to turn from the main line of God’s purpose and run into a siding, but He never did so. I mean such instances as when a man came up to Him and said, in effect, “I have got a brother who is not straight; speak to him that he divides the inheritance with me.” The Lord’s answer was, “Who made Me a judge or a divider over you?” **His business was not to deal with social matters and to remove those inequalities which are so pronounced. Socialists actually wish to claim Jesus as one of themselves, even with a scripture like this staring them in the face. Here is a great social problem presented to the Lord, and He declines to touch it. It would have been leaving the main track of that for which He was here. There was also a national or political question raised about paying tribute to Caesar, but the Pharisees did not get the answer they expected, for the Lord only used the occasion to throw into**

**relief that which was the supreme question; the right of God.**

Now we Christians are left here on those lines. The Lord has sent us into the world that we may represent Him rightly, and promote His interests. Remember what the Apostle said in 2 Corinthians 5, "Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ." **An ambassador is a gentleman of very considerable knowledge and skill, who is entrusted by the Government with the important task of representing king and country in a foreign land.** He does not belong to that land. The British ambassador in Paris is not a Frenchman. His business is not to see that the streets of Paris are perfectly swept. He does not concern himself with the latest social improvements of that land. He may be invited to do some things here and there, but if so he does them as an outsider. He is there in Paris simply to represent his country. His thought is what will best further the interest of the king and country he represents.

**Now the apostles, in a very special way, were ambassadors for Christ. We may not be so, in quite the same sense, but we are attached to the embassy. In Paris there is the ambassador, but he has helpers. He has a considerable number of assistants and clerks. The honor of the country is bound up with the behavior of all, even the humblest. Everyone in the embassy will so act as to uphold the credit and further the interests of the country he represents.**

**Let us never forget that our place in this world is to be attached to the embassy of the absent King. We belong to His country. We have got His peace, His Spirit, His joys. We are here to represent Him. If we lay this well to heart, it will answer for us a hundred different questions as to what the Christian's attitude should be.** I think if I were attached to the embassy in Paris, as a Briton I should be very glad if I had an opportunity to help individual Frenchmen. (I use this as an illustration). I should be glad to serve to any extent within my

power the people by whom I am surrounded. I should like to treat everybody with kindness and consideration, but I should always bear in mind that I am not there just to do that. That is incidental. I am there to represent my King, and everything has to be gauged by that fact.

**Our great business down here is to rightly serve and represent our Lord. Let us seek grace to do it. We are not a part of the world system; in fact our interests are outside it. As Christians we have great interests, magnificent interests, though as yet invisible to mortal eyes, and with those interests we are identified.**

**If we keep clearly and constantly before us the fact that our citizenship – our life-associations – are in heaven, from whence we await the coming of the Savior, we shall increasingly realize our separation from the world, and rejoice to serve our absent Lord.**

F.B. Hole

### SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES!

1. Who told the first lie?
2. Where did Zacchaeus the tax collector live?
3. What New Testament prophet predicted a worldwide famine?

## Exercise

*"Exercise thyself unto piety"*

### *I KNEW HER WHEN SHE WAS ONLY SICK* *MY GREATEST REGRET*

It was raining outside. When I entered the room and tried to wipe my feet on the foot mat they sunk down, the mat was soaked. Someone must have left it outside or something. Either way I was annoyed. I would leave footprints now and everyone would think I was disrespectful. But no one noticed. Everyone was very upset.

I hated being in this room. What I hated even more was that no one agreed to come with me. They all had things to do or were going at later times. So I had to go by myself. It was awkward being there.

I searched frantically to try and recognize someone anyone but it was all just family members and I didn't know any of them. I told her mother that I knew her from school and that she was a great person. She hugged me and said thanks.

I knew her when she was only sick. But I didn't tell her mother that. I knew her when she didn't know about her illness, although I'm doubtful she actually ever found out.

I don't know why I didn't tell her that she was sick. I had such a fragile relationship with her — I guess I didn't want to spoil it. We had one or two classes together; I don't remember because it was so long ago. But I thought she was great. I don't know what happened but our friendship slowly decayed. We started out as friends but grew somewhat distant by the end of the year. Not because of her; only because of her illness.

I had the cure too! I had it the whole time. I might have been the only one in the entire school with it. In fact I think I'm the only one in the whole school who even knew she was sick. The sickness is sin and the only cure is the love and blood of the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. I knew it the whole time. I knew and didn't say anything. Now it's too late. I can't say anything to her now because now she can't hear.

Her parents are sick. Her sisters are sick. They don't know it but I do. But now is not the right time to tell them. I'm not sure when that time will be. Perhaps it will never come and I will relive this day again.

I stare at her. I tell myself it wouldn't have mattered, it wouldn't have changed anything, she wouldn't have listened, she wouldn't have believed, she wouldn't have cared, it would not have made a difference.

...It wouldn't have mattered...That's what I tell myself...But I'm not sure if I believe it or not.

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth."

Was I ashamed?

Anonymous Young Christian

## ANSWERS TO SCRIPTURES SEARCH!

1. The serpent (Genesis 3:4)
2. Jericho (Luke 19:1)
3. Agabus (Acts 11:28)



## Rest

*"Shall I not seek rest for thee, that it may be well with thee?"*

## A WORD OF CHEER

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in Thee. Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord Jehovah is the Rock of Ages" (Is. 26:3-4).

**That we have been, and still are living in days of much pressure is only too apparent. In the homeland there are troubles, in commercial life, in industrial life, in professional life, in fact in every department. In many homes there is anxiety. The difficulty to make ends meet. The cloud of sickness; the heart-break of bereavement; the burden of domestic trial known only to those thus afflicted – and to God.**

While things may be the worst known in living memory, and we each naturally think that our case has no parallel, we find, as we turn to the Holy Scriptures, that in all ages suffering has been the portion of the people of God.

As we run our mind back over Old Testament history, name after name occurs to us. What a record we have in Hebrews 11:36-38 of nameless, unknown warriors, men and women, "subject to like passions as we are" (Ja. 5:17); whose lives were marked by unspeakable suffering ending in cruel death. We remember that our Lord Jesus said to His disciples, "In the world ye shall have tribulation" (Jn. 16:33). We read of the sufferings of Paul as epitomized in 2 Corinthians 11:23-28 and what he has to say about it all in 2 Corinthians 4:16-18.

Some reader may say, "That is all very well, but to know that others have suffered, does not lighten my burden, lessen my sorrow, nor make my trial more easy to bear." That is conceded at once. It does help us, however, to learn in whom they found an unfailing resource, and by what means they were sustained.

This brings us to our text, and we affectionately invite our tempest tossed fellow-believers to weigh every word. May we be permitted to reproduce it as it is rendered in the very excellent New Translation by J.N. Darby: "Thou wilt keep in perfect peace the mind stayed on Thee, for he confideth in Thee. Confide ye in Jehovah forever; for in Jah, Jehovah, is the Rock of Ages."

**Observe! The mind that is stayed not upon the trial of suffering; nor upon what might have been, nor upon second causes in any way; but that is stayed upon God, that one, his mind, he himself, will be kept by God in perfect peace. Why? Because he worries? No. Because he gets excited and hysterical? No. Because he shuts himself up by himself, shuns the company of his brethren, and nurses his troubles? No. What then? Because "he confideth in Thee." To confide, says the dictionary, is "to trust fully: intrust to: rely on."** Say, dear brother or sister, do you think God is One who you can "trust fully?" Upon whom you can rely? Is your burden so heavy, your trial so great, that you feel you cannot "intrust to" Him the whole affair? We feel sure we know that you are mentally answering as you read our questions, therefore we pass on to the heartening exhortation: "Confide ye in Jehovah for ever." At all times, under every circumstance, when the clouds are dark and threatening; when the load seems almost too great; when the pain is well nigh unbearable; when in the outlook there seems not a gleam of sunshine; when oppressed by a feeling of indescribable loneliness; "Confide ye in Jehovah for ever." What will you find? Just what myriads of saints right down the ages have found, and that numberless saints in their Heavenward, homeward journey are finding now; that in Jah, Jehovah, is the Rock of Ages. The self-existing, covenant-keeping God: can you confide in Him, do you think? **Has He ever failed you? Will He ever fail you? Could He ever fail you? No! No! NO! answers every reader.** Then confide in Him. Says someone, "Yet I must confess I tremble at

times, I cannot help it.” That may be, and He knows, He understands, “for He knoweth our frame; He remembereth that we are dust” (Ps. 103:14).

In Him, however, is “The Rock of Ages,” and that Rock never trembles. The forces of hell have attacked that Rock, the powers of darkness have spent themselves upon it; and still it remains unshaken and unshakeable, and there, just there, you may rest, “for in Jah, Jehovah, is the Rock of Ages.” We again ask your attention to what our Lord Jesus said to His disciples when sorrow lay heavy upon them: “These things have I spoken unto you, that in Me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world” (Jn. 16:33).

**Just as He did on that dark night, as you read these lines, He would speak peace to your troubled heart. Peace not in yourself, nor in your plans, nor in your restless energy, but peace in Himself, and Himself alone. Then in His own gracious, tender, sympathetic, inimitable way, He would say to you, “Be of Good Cheer!” Oh the exquisite joy of His coming to us individually, seeking to wipe the tears from our eyes, to lift the burden from our spirit, and to pour His love into our heart; as He whispers in our ear, “Be of Good Cheer!” We write thus, led we trust by the Lord, because we meet many in cases similar to these we have described, and we feel sure among the readers of “Scripture Truth” there are many more. To such, in the Lord’s name we pass on the words of our text, “confide ye in Jehovah for ever,” and our Lord’s words to “His own,” “Be of good cheer.” Let us kneel down and thank Him for them, let us take them right home to ourselves; and then with a ring of divinely-given faith, certainty, and reality, let us sing;**

“We expect a bright tomorrow; All will be well.

Faith can sing through days of sorrow, All, all is well.

On our Father’s love relying, Jesus every need supplying;

Or in living, or in dying, All must be well.”

**W. Bramwell Dick**

## SUCCESSFUL PREDICTIONS

BY

## CREATION SCIENTISTS

### **1. Prediction // Strength of the Planets’ Magnetic Fields**

There is evidence that every planet and large moon in our solar system, including earth, has – or once had – a magnetic field surrounding it. And since the earth’s creation, its field has been steadily decaying (losing strength), for which Horace Lamb created a model over 100 years ago. More recently (1984), creationist physicist D. Russel Humphreys developed a theory to explain the strength of the magnetic fields of the earth and the other planets.

### **Test Result // Voyager 2’s Measurements**

If the earth were even 20,000 years old, its magnetic field would have been so strong as to make life impossible, based on the present rate of decay. The theories of Humphreys and Lamb can be used to determine how much the magnetic field of an astronomical object should decay after 6,000 years at the present decay rate. The numbers that resulted from Humphrey’s theory not only matched the strengths of the known magnetic fields at the time but also successfully anticipated Voyager 2’s measurements of the magnetic field of Uranus (in 1966) and Neptune (in 1990). These results not only confirmed a creationist theory but also helped confirm that the solar system really is as young as the Bible claims.

### **2. Prediction // Decay and Helium Release Rate**

When radioactive elements (such as uranium) decay, particles are released. These particles include helium atoms, which are “slippery” and make their way out of the crystals where they are formed. If uranium has been decaying at the present slow rate over millions and billions of years, most of the helium should have slipped out of rock crystals. If, in contrast, the earth is

young and radioactive decay was much more rapid in the past, then we would expect to find lots of helium in the earth's rocks.

#### **Test Result // New Mexico Drill Site**

When rock was tested from a drill site in Fenton Hill, New Mexico, large amounts of helium in crystals were found. This suggests not only that those crystals are only thousands of years but also that lots of radioisotope decay (which would require more than a billions of years at today's rates) had to occur in only thousands of years. This in turn suggests that nothing on the earth can be dated any older than the Bible indicates.

#### **3. Prediction // Radiohalos in Sandstones**

Radiohalos are the evidence of damage caused when radioactive elements within rocks break down. The breakdown of uranium also creates the fast-decaying radioactive element polonium. Geologist Andrew Snelling suggested that if water flowed rapidly through a rock at the time uranium was rapidly decaying, polonium could be concentrated in a separate place from the uranium. If Snelling's theory were correct, geologists would expect to find more polonium halos wherever additional water was passing through the rock.

#### **Test Result // Smoky Mountains**

When Snelling examined metamorphosed sandstones in the Smoky Mountains, he found exactly what he had predicted. Not only do these polonium halos confirm this creationist theory but they also suggest that many processes were more rapid in the past. Radioactive decay, metamorphism, and cooling of rocks must have been more rapid in the past to fit into a biblical understanding of earth history.

#### **4. Prediction // Cold Material Near the Earth's Core**

In the early 1980's, physicist John Baumgardner developed a creationist theory for the rapid motion of the earth's crust during the Flood. His theory suggested that the "cold" crust, located beneath the pre-Flood oceans, should have sunk the full 1,8000 miles (2,900 km) to the base of the earth's hot mantle,

where the temperatures are up to 7,232 F (4,000 C). This crust would have melted if it had millions of years to reach the base of the mantle, sinking as slowly as today's rates. On the other hand, if it sank quickly 4,350 years ago, as Baumgardner's theory suggested, then piles of those plates should still be found at the base of the mantle, cooler than the mantle around them.

#### **Test Result // Mantle Discovery**

It took ten more years before scientist developed the technology capable of "seeing" something like that at the base of the mantle. When that technology was developed, the cold material was discovered, just as Baumgardner's model had expected. This successful prediction suggests that Baumgardner's model is true. It also suggests that continents moved rapidly during the Flood and that the Flood occurred only thousands of years ago, just as the Bible suggests.

#### **5. Prediction // Reversal of Earth's Magnetic Field**

All magnetic fields have two distinct poles, a north and a south, and so it is with the earth's. At various times in the past, however, the earth's magnetic field has actually switched directions. In each case, the North Pole switched with the South Pole. Since volcanic lava, as it cools, records the direction of the magnetic field at the time of the cooling, the rocks of the earth have recorded these flips of the magnetic field. In 1986, however, D. Russell Humphreys suggested that the turmoil of the Flood caused the magnetic field of the earth to flip rapidly during the Flood. If so, the field must have flipped every couple of weeks or so.

#### **Test Result // Steens Mountain Record**

In 1988, a basalt flow was found at Steens Mountain in southern Oregon that did indeed record a flip in the earth's magnetic field. So far, the only way to explain such a rapid reversal is by the disruption of the young earth's magnetic field during a global Flood – just as the Bible claims.

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## BUSY AS A BEE

“O Lord how manifold are thy works! In wisdom hast thou made them all ;”( Psalm 104:24)

Have you heard the expression, “busy as a bee”? A bee always seems to be busy, and did you know that it carries 22 little tools around with it as it works? It carries two pollen rakes, six pollen brushes, four combs, four spurs, two comb cleaners, two pollen pressers, and two pollen baskets. Quite a handyman! The bee can also move its four wings at the rate of 11,400 strokes per minute. A colony of bees may visit 25,000 flowers in one day’s work, and fly a distance equal to twice around the world to produce one pound of honey. Just remember this the next time you spread honey on a piece of bread.

Honey bees are divided into three classes: queen bee, workers and drones. The queen lays thousands of eggs, the workers do all the work, but the drones simply eat and enjoy themselves all summer. The drones have a sad end, though, and we shall learn.

I wonder which kind of “bee” you are. Are you a worker, attending not the queen but the King of kings and doing His business? Or are you like the drones, with no part nor lot in His happy service? Those who have trusted in the Lord Jesus should be busy serving Him, and telling others about Him. If you are His, just ask like Paul, “Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do? (Acts 9:6). You may soon be “busy as a bee”.

Worker bees are busy all summer in the hive, and they feed some of the younger bees a substance called royal jelly. Scientists also tell us that when a bee finds a good supply of food, it has a way of telling the other bees where to

find it. As it enters the hive it does a kind of little dance, and the other bees watch it and then fly off to the very spot.

But what of the drones? Well, in summer while food is plentiful the workers give them free “room and board,” but in autumn when food becomes scarce, out they go – cast out to die in the cold night air.

Isn’t it sad to think that while boys and girls who have trusted the Savior will be enjoying the sweetness of His company in heaven, others who have rejected Him will be shut out for all eternity. Now is the time to come and put your trust in Jesus. Then you will be His forever!

## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

**Q.** Please explain Galatians 2:20: is it true of every believer that he is crucified with Christ? How can we live in this world where there is much temptation as though we are crucified with Christ?

Rico from the Philippines

**A.** Dear Rico,

The answer to your first question is yes, it is the true position of every believer.

**Now to live in that state daily I would like to draw your attention to three references in the epistle to the Galatians:**

- **CONFORMITY** Gal. 2:20. I am crucified with Christ. This takes care of me. The believer's desire should not be in following rules and regulations (the Law) although the Law is good in itself, but to be conformed to the image of Christ (Christ lives in me; also the faith of the Son of God). God delights to see that Christ is being formed in His children (Gal 4:9).
- **ABILITY** Gal 5:24-25. In this verse, it is those that are Christ's that have done the act of crucifying the flesh. How could they? one may ask. The Spirit of God comes in and gives the ability to overcome the temptations.
- **VICTORY** Gal 6: 14-15. "That I should glory." Indeed, these are words of victory (the world crucified unto me). Thank God that the cross has severed my ties with this wicked world, and now I am a new creation (v. 15).

Rico, I would say we have to pray lest we enter into temptation (Lk 22:46). We need to stay in constant communion with God to live in the good of being **CONFORMED** to His image practically.

In James 1:14 temptations are because of self indulgence. The believer should allow the Spirit to help (Ro. 8:26). He will give the **ABILITY** to run when faced with lusts of the flesh (2 Ti. 2:22).

In 1 John 2:15, "Love not the world." It is the greatest danger when one's affections are not set exclusively for Christ. When love becomes cold for Christ, then it is so easy to fall into temptation and be defeated (2 Ti. 4:10). May the Lord guard our hearts so that we can love Him more each day and enjoy **VICTORY** over the world!

**Much love in Christ,  
JA**

## SONS

### PART 2

Unchanging glory fills the place  
Where Jesus dwells on high;  
But brighter joy our spirits trace  
With Him, for ever nigh!

We joy in Thee; Thy holy love  
Our endless portion is –  
Like Thine own Son, with Him above,  
In brightest heavenly bliss.

His Father Thou, and ours through grace  
We taste the same delight –  
Blest in the brightness of Thy face,  
In heaven's unclouded light.

Father! Thy love my portion is,  
As son, like Christ, with Thee;  
Oh, who can tell of love like this,  
So sovereign, full, and free!

O Holy Father, keep us here  
In that blest name of Love,  
Walking before Thee without fear,  
Till all be joy above.

**J. N. Darby**

## ONE HUNDRED PERCENT RIGHT

It's amazing what can be done with statistics. By a clever arrangement of the facts, framed in a shrewdly worded context, it is possible to make even a poor situation sound good. For example, a weatherman once boasted, "I'm 90% right – 10% of the time!" His claim sounds quite impressive until it is analyzed. He needed such a manipulation of statistics to cover up his poor record.

Such manipulation, however, is not necessary with the Bible. Its predictions are 100% right. There's no need for double talk when it comes to the Scriptures.

The Lord Jesus was born in the city of Bethlehem as prophesied by Micah (5:2); born of a virgin according to Isaiah (7:14); at the time specified by Daniel (9:25). Infants in Bethlehem were massacred as foretold by Jeremiah (31:15). Jesus went down into Egypt and returned as prophesied by Hosea (11:1); Isaiah foretold His ministry in Galilee (9:1-2); Zechariah predicted His triumphal entry into Jerusalem riding upon a colt (9:9), His betrayal for 30 pieces of silver (11:12), and the return of this money for the purchase of a potter's field (11:13). David lived 1,000 years before the birth of Christ and had never seen a Roman crucifixion, yet in Psalm 22, he penned under divine inspiration a graphic portrayal of the death the Lord Jesus suffered when he died upon a Roman cross. Isaiah 53 also gives us a detailed picture of our Lord's rejection and death.

These few prophecies alone should impress the worst of skeptics with the reliability of the Bible. Since these prediction have all been fulfilled to the smallest detail let us also accept with confidence that which the Bible says about the way of salvation the way to heaven.

*“To Him ( the Lord Jesus Christ) give all the prophets witness, that through His Name Whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins” (Acts 10:43).*

*“If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart, that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be SAVED” (Romans. 10:9).*

Remember that the Bible is 100% right – all of the time.