

A cartoon showed an egg. Then there was a crack in the top of the egg. Then a little chicken's head popped up. It looked to the left, to the right and behind. Then its little head went back down into the egg.

The little chicken forgot to look up. We need the belief that our world is governed, not by people like you and me, but by God.

When Hitler was marching through Europe like a knife through hot butter, he made the mistake of attacking Russia. This meant he broke the first law of military action, fighting a war on two fronts – the Allies on the West and Russia on the North.

He was a military genius, because he had the wisdom and power of Satan. He was only a few months away from developing an atomic bomb and a "V2" rocket that could take it to New York City or Washington. He was producing gasoline from horse manure.

Why did he act so foolishly and attack Russia? It was the same reason he did not believe his military leaders when they warned him the allies would land in Normandy. Satan controlled and empowered him, but God was more powerful than Satan, and led him to make these foolish blunders.

2. The Bible removes guilt (Luke 15:20). Another thing psychiatrists agree on is the need to rid ourselves of guilt. They tell us to stop looking at things as "wrong"; to break away from the outdated teachings of religion.

The Bible, on the other hand, deals with sin and guilt, from Genesis chapter three onward; and tells us how to be set free from both.

It punishes sin in the sacrifice of Christ. It gives us power over sin in the living presence of Christ. And it gives us a full, free pardon from sin in Christ.

John Newton, as a wild, drunken man and a former slave trader, knew the guilt and shame of sin. But he found Christ in the Bible and lived to write hymns of praise for pardon received.

The one that best reveals how God removes guilt is...

I saw One hanging on a tree  
In agony and blood  
He fixed His languid eyes on me  
As near His cross I stood  
My conscience felt and owned the guilt  
And plunged me in despair  
I saw my sins, His blood had spilt  
And helped to nail Him there  
A second look He gave which said  
"I freely all forgive"  
This blood is for thy ransom paid  
"I died that thou may live"

3. The Bible shows how valuable we are to God.

"Greater love has no man than this: that a man would lay down his life for his friends."  
(Jesus in...John 15:13)

The world may look down on you because you don't have the four "B's" – beauty, brains, bucks and brawn. And sadly, what others think about us, often determines what we think about ourselves.

In the Middle-Ages a wandering scholar fell on hard times and became homeless. He was found barely alive lying in an alley, and taken to the hospital.

The Doctors, speaking Latin, the language of scholars; (so he wouldn't know what they were talking about), were saying he was worthless and it would do the world some good, to use him for medical experiments.

Muretus, the homeless man in rags, motioned for them to come over to him. In Latin, the language of scholars, he said,

"Gentlemen, never call a person worthless for whom the Son of God was willing to die."

**He's got the whole world in his hands  
He's got you and me brother  
In His hands**