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### Welcome & Opening Prayer

A warm welcome to all and thank you for joining us at Truth To Wonder as we begin another month of study (a word modern Bible translations such as the NKJV remove for some unjustifiable reason) of the power and glory of Our Lord God and His Perfect Word.

It has become customary for this opening message to draw a brief focus on the cover image and how it can be seen to relate to Our Lord God. Our peaceful scene is a wonderfully serene reminder of the peace and stillness of heart that the Lord alone can bring to mankind.

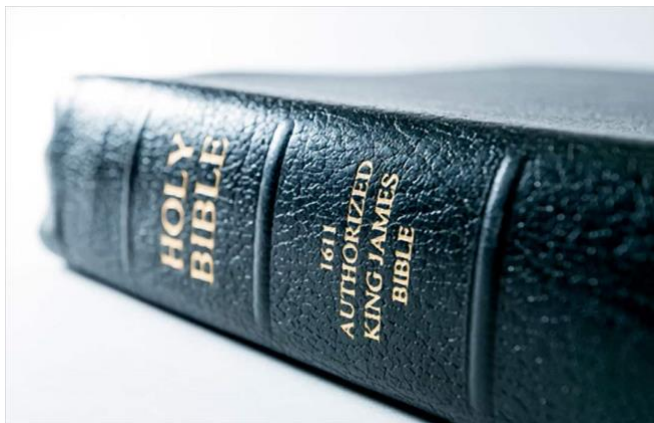
The world is full of frantic souls and restless people all who bounce from day to day full of anxiety and worry at the precariousness of their lives. Whether it be a fear over job security, fears of declining health, worries over mounting costs of living, doubts on permanence of home, concerns over friends and family, the delicacy of modern life is a daily toil for so very many.

This daily burden is a witness in itself to the fragility of life and the inescapable truth of this sad fact. Your life can be upended at a moments notice in any manner of unknown but devastating ways. This fragility of life destroys any peace that can be attained by the strength of ourselves and the Lord is compassionate to our frailties and struggles. So He offers to supply His own finished and perfect peace to all who would believe in Him.

Christ's peace rests in the finality of His work on the cross at Calvary in the actuality of history. His finished work of conquering death in His glorious bodily resurrection from the dead having atoned for the sins of fallen mankind was ACTUAL history not mere myth or allegory. Now He rests sitting in assured peace at the right hand of the Father knowing that life eternal is secured for all who would believe on Him. All is accomplished by Him, through Him and for Him.

Knowing this, understanding this and believing this act of recorded history to be true and delivered to us in all it's radiant power and glory through His Word the Holy Bible, we can partake of His perfect peace through faith in Him. By believing that He has truly accomplished all that He has said He has accomplished, we are counted righteous before God and so brought to everlasting peace before Him. If we be at peace with God then it matters little what eventualities befall us in this life for we trust that because He lives so shall we! We have the single greatest assurance in all existence, that we are a new

being in Christ and cared for by His own gracious hand. This same eternal hand will guide us throughout all trials and troubles with the assurance from Him that they are there to perfect us so that when we are called home to rest we are ready to delight in His glorious presence with a fullness of song that even the angels will marvel in wonder.



If you do not know of this peace then I invite you to seize it now, without delay for who knows when their last breath may be drawn? Secure His peace, His perfect, eternal peace by acknowledging that He has done all He has said He has done; that He died for your sins and rose again three days later having paid your debt of sin before God the Father so that you might be restored to Him. Call on Him as your Saviour, acknowledging that it is by Him alone that you may attain peace everlasting with God in paradise and that by faith in Jesus Christ you shall live forevermore. Amen.

## Opening Prayer

Dear Lord and Heavenly Father, I seek after peace for my heart is troubled and burdened by life. I know that I am weak and have no control over my days for you are the Living God, powerful and almighty. Lord, bless me with thy perfect peace and grant me a heart of faith so that I may rest in the finished work of Christ Jesus, who died for me so that I might be restored unto you through faith in Him. Hear my prayer I plea. In Jesus name, amen.

## A Unique Faith

There are poorly educated Bible sceptics who contend that the early books of the Old Testament were composed by men such as Ezra

and Nehemiah during the Babylonian captivity of Israel in the 6<sup>th</sup> century B.C. The argument is that the Mosaic books of the Pentateuch were written in the hope that they would be a series of nothing more than myths designed to give captive Israel a sense of national identity via a 'made-up' national history with which to rally around.

Biblical critics double down on this baseless argument with the completely evidence-less notion that Israel's monotheism (belief in one God) derived from polytheism (belief in many gods) and did not reach this point until the time of Ezra.

In response to these wild assertions let's begin with the actual historical evidence we have on this topic. There is no historical evidence that corroborates this argument. No evidence has been uncovered through historical study and archaeological research that Israel, even from the time of Abraham the nations progenitor, was founded in polytheism. Indeed all the evidence we do have dictates that Ancient Israel stood out as the proverbial sore thumb amongst ancient cultures for its adherence to a monotheistic religion.

Whilst Israel spent four centuries in oppression to the Egyptians, one would expect some 'bleed-through' of Egyptian religious practice into Jewish culture. A prime candidate of any such cultural assimilation would be the worship of the Scarab beetle. This humble beetle was a widely worshipped insect throughout the ancient world so one would expect this creature to be referred to in such a collection of books as the Old Testament. Alas it is not referred to even once! There is a complete lack of the adoption or even the smallest of references to Israel having engaged in this polytheistic religious practice.

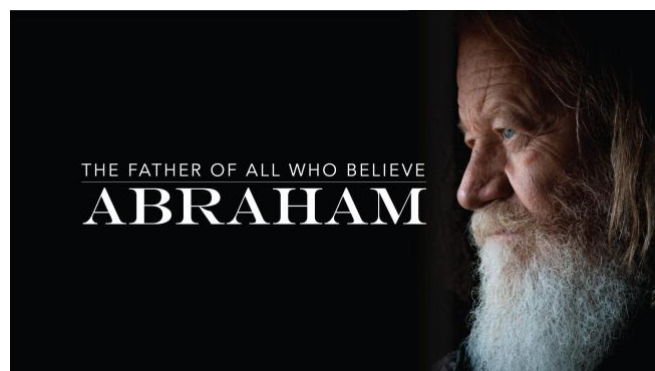
The God of Israel is consistently revealed as just, merciful, compassionate, and faithful. These are qualities that aren't reflected in ANY other ancient religion from the time of Moses (circa 1500 B.C) to Ezra (circa 540 B.C). Anyone who knows anything about ancient pagan religions knows that the gods from any given ancient people, whether it be the Babylonians, the Hittites, the Greeks, the Persians, the Romans etc, etc, etc, were all unreliable, cruel,

incompetent and completely unfaithful in their help to mankind. These various ancient peoples even highlighted the cruelty and indifference of their gods within their own writings! One read through of the story of Prometheus will inform you of how cruel the gods of the ancients were to mankind and how the God of Israel stands in complete contrast to this.

The pantheon of polytheism with its myriad of deities would also constantly bicker amongst themselves as to the encroachment of other gods on their spheres of influence. Every ancient deity in polytheism had an area of power to which they were limited, whether it be the sun, thunder, warfare, fertility, the underworld etc, etc, etc. However the God of Israel is consistently revealed as being all powerful and without equal. This is again in complete contrast to ALL other people groups of ancient history. There is no hint of the God of Israel ever being less than sovereign at any point in the Holy Scriptures. Again if men such as Ezra created this notion of a single God religion, it would've been quickly rebuffed by a people who had theoretically at least known nothing but polytheism and were surrounded by polytheism; what attraction would there have been to adopt a monotheistic view? When one considers the religious reforms of Pharaoh Akhenaten, who brought in worship of the singular sun god Ra and thus overthrowing centuries of polytheistic faith in Egypt, his reign was quickly rebelled against by subsequent rulers who quickly restored Egypt's polytheism much to the delight of its people. Polytheism does not morph in monotheism by socio/political reform for the wickedness of mankind will always rebel against the reality of the One True God unless it is instilled in the heart by the Lord God Himself.

The monotheism of Israel stands consistent and unique in the ancient world by its revelation that the One True God is a covenantal God, taking on the redemption of fallen mankind solely upon His mighty shoulders as first glimpsed in Genesis 3:15 and further established through the Noahic, Abrahamic and the Davidic Covenants. This is upheld with all consistency through the to the New Testament where Israel's unique system of sacrificial offering, atonement and reconciliation is fully and finally fulfilled by Jesus Christ (the seed of woman promised in 3:15) on the Cross.

No other pagan faith in all the ancient world possessed such a satisfying and complete system for the explanation of the existence of evil, God's supreme love and grace and the offer of free salvation unto all mankind through faith in the Son of God. No culture in the history in the world has ever come close to 'evolving' such an intricate and complimentary form of redemption for mankind as revealed by the textual revelations of ancient Israel that convey the love of God towards sinners.



To further this investigation one would have to ask why would Ezra, if he was inventing a monotheistic faith to bolster national identity in a time of crisis would record such extensive religious wanderings of his people away from the One True God? The OT is tragically rife with accounts of Israel drifting from faith in God and ADOPTING not inventing polytheistic belief practices that they took on from neighbouring people groups. Surely Ezra, as any political agitator throughout history has surmised, would gain far more adherents to his 'proposed' monotheistic God from a bitter and oppressed people if he were to paint their forefathers as consistent, faithful servants who had been badly treated by foreign invaders. Why would you potentially undermine your own efforts to show that the nations ancestors consistently struggled to remain faithful in their worship of a uniquely faithful God? One might contend that this would be to implant a sense of fear of denying this so called 'new monotheistic faith' so as enforce adoption of a monotheistic religion. Yet again, anyone who knows anything about history and particularly religious history can attest to the oft repeated fact that when a people group experiences great trauma they often revert to old customs and practices rather than adopt new ones. This was seen in Ancient Egypt, Greece, Rome, the Aztecs etc, etc. Even today we are

witnessing it. There is increasing desire in African nations to rediscover their pagan past so as to 'reclaim' their heritage and identity and other throw the Christian ethic that was brought to them through missionaries under colonisation. Tradition is an extremely powerful force!

Therefore the argument that Ezra 'created' Israel's monotheism and recorded the OT in the 6<sup>th</sup> B.C is lacking on many fronts. There is no evidence in any department to support this notion and all evidence leads to clear and evident assertion that the One True God of the Bible as revealed to the Hebrews has been the foundation stone of this unique faith since the call of Abraham.

By Jonathan Badger

## **'A Blasphemous Fable and a Dangerous Deceit' - Part 2**

In the New Testament the Lord's Supper is always presented as a sacrament, (or Ordinance), never as a sacrifice. Indeed according to Levitical Law a sin offering was never to be eaten, and all eating of blood was forbidden. Thus the fact that in the Lord's Supper the elements are eaten is proof that it was never intended to be a sacrifice.

This doctrine of the Mass is based on the assumption that the words of Christ, 'This is my body', and 'This is my blood' Mt26 are to be taken literally. However, the accounts of the institution of the Lord's Supper in the Gospels and in Paul's letter to the Corinthians make it clear that He spoke in figurative terms. Jesus said, 'This cup is the new testament in my blood': Paul quotes Jesus as saying: 'For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till He come', (1 Cor 11v25-26).

The Gospel of Mark Ch16v6 states that, 'he is risen; he is not here:', that in itself speaks against a localised real presence on the altar. We may recall to mind the Lord's words in Mt 24v23, 'Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not.'

There are many ways one could answer the so-called 'Eucharistic Sacrifice', which is

considered as a true, proper, and propitiatory sacrifice, and not a mere commemoration of the sacrifice once for all offered at Calvary. This doctrine as taught by Rome is not only contrary to the teaching of the Bible but is repugnant to reason, there is a vast difference between a sacrament and a sacrifice: in a sacrament God offers something to man, but in a sacrifice the role is reversed. Further, what is offered in a sacrifice is either wholly or in part destroyed, but what is offered in a sacrament still remains. There is indeed so great a difference between one and the other, that we can say if it be a sacrament it is not a sacrifice, and if it be a sacrifice it is not a sacrament, it is impossible that it be both. If it were both Christ offered up Himself before He offered up Himself, for He offered up Himself in the sacrament before He offered up Himself on the cross; which offering up Himself in the sacrament was either a perfect or imperfect sacrifice or oblation. To say or suggest that Christ offered up an imperfect sacrifice to the Father is blasphemy but that sacrifice could not have been a perfect one for it would not have been repeated on the cross.



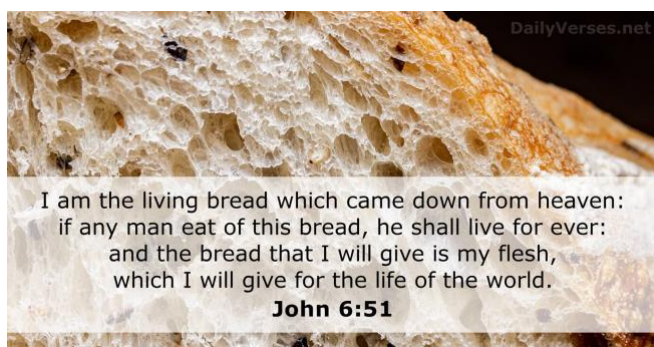
This Romish doctrine called Transubstantiation where they tell us the body of Christ is really offered up to God in the bread is nonsense. The Bible says 'without the shedding of blood there is no remission', so when the bread is broken and the wine poured clearly there is no blood shed therefore no remission of sin.

When the Lord speaks of the bread and wine He used a double figure of speech. The cup is put for the wine, and the wine is called the new covenant. The cup was not literally the new covenant, although it is declared to be so as definitely as the bread is declared to be



His body. They did not literally drink the cup, nor did they literally drink the new covenant. Neither was the bread literally His body, or the wine His blood. After giving the wine to His disciples Jesus said, 'I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the Kingdom of God shall come', (Lk 22v18). So the wine remained 'the fruit of the vine'! Paul too says the bread remains bread, (1Cor 11v27,28). No change has taken place in the elements.

Another important proof of no change in the elements is that the literal interpretation makes the sacrament a form of cannibalism. Rome tries to deny this but not with much logic. Taking the point further how can Christ's words, 'This is my body', and 'This is my blood', be taken literally because when He spoke these words the bread and the wine were on the table and in His body He was sat at the table. Furthermore, we cannot memorialise someone who is present as Rome teaches Christ is in the Mass but in His absence these elements of bread and wine would symbolise His broken body and poured out blood. In this sense we call to remembrance His sacrifice. A memorial does not present the reality but a reminder of the real thing.



The Bible is written in the language of ordinary people. It is perfectly obvious that the Lord's Supper was a simple memorial feast. One can see the real meaning of Christ's words if you compare them with other figurative language He used. He speaks of the water of life to the woman at Jacob's well who unlike Roman theologians had enough common sense to note He had no way to draw up literal water. He said, 'I am the door', but no-one thought he was a literal door with lock and hinges. He said, 'I am the vine', but He wasn't a grape vine. When He said, 'Ye must be born again', He wasn't referring to physical birth. He said, 'Destroy this temple',

He meant His body not the building. When He said, 'Whoso eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood hath eternal life'; (John 6v54), He was speaking of a spiritual relationship between Himself and His people in terms of the Old Testament type, that is, eating the passover lamb and drinking the passover wine.

Further proof of this figurative language can easily be demonstrated from scripture. 'Ye are the salt of the earth'. 'Ye are the light of the world'. 'The tongue is a fire'. Moses spoke of the bread of affliction. Isaiah of the 'bread of adversity and the water of affliction', (Is 30v20). None of these statements is intended to be taken literally. So likewise 'This is my body', and 'This is my blood', are easily understood except for those who will not see, or those who adhere to the teachings of medieval theologians. It is most reasonable indeed utterly ridiculous to take these two expressions literally while taking the others figuratively.

The actual eating of human flesh and blood is repulsive and was especially so to the Jews. It is contrary to scripture, see (Lev 17v10), (Deut 12v16). Even at the Jerusalem Council, legislating for the Christian age a decision is taken against the eating of blood (Acts 15v29). How then when the Apostles had set forth the law of God could they themselves be partakers of human blood as they would have been if in the Lord's Supper they regularly ate the literal flesh and blood of Christ.

As we continue with our thoughts on the Mass I realise that Rome admits that there is no visible change in the bread and the wine, that they continue to have the same properties, weight, dimensions, taste, colour, smell. But it should be sufficient to refute this doctrine to say it involves an impossibility. How can the attributes or sensible properties of bread and wine remain if the substance has been altered? It is obvious that if the attributes of flesh and blood are not there, the actual flesh and blood is not there either. We can turn for an example to the scriptures when Jesus changed the water into wine, there was no question it was wine. It had the properties of wine. Friend, that which contradicts our reason should be pronounced irrational.

There are many other things we could say about Rome's teaching regarding the Mass, for example, if Rome is to be consistent in teaching that the sacrament is absolutely necessary to salvation let her give it to infants. If you are to understand (John 6v53-55), literally and not figuratively (and it is not believed absolutely in the literal sense by Rome either she only takes it as far as suits her purpose). If you take it literally, then no laymen has life because he is deprived of the cup by Rome, yet Christ refers to drinking His blood to have life.

Now, Rome may answer one receives the blood in the wafer, so of what use is the cup? You can't drink a wafer. Further, read John 6v54, if accepted literally it would prove that all communicants are saved, but Rome would not accept that. Further, Jesus speaks of Himself as the living bread which came down from heaven, (John 6v51). If that be understood literally it would prove that Christ's flesh came down from heaven, which would contradict the truth that He was born of the virgin Mary.

Again, if the passage be taken literally, it would prove that there are two ways of salvation, one by the sacrament, the other by faith. Look at v58 for one, and John 3v36 for the other. Look, the verses in (John 6) we have pointed out the Lord explains clearly, see verse 63. Jesus constantly used figurative language. We take the Lord's Supper in remembrance of Him till He comes. He lives not in the elements but in the heart. Brethren remember many in our land burnt at the stake for these truths, you are to cherish them and preach them.

God Bless.

Dr David Badger

## Behind A Mermaids Smile

Many of you will be familiar with the youth transgender group *Mermaids*. This activist group has gained several headlines recently for the revelations of the dark networkings and connections this God hating organisation holds with other socially reprehensible societies.

On October 3<sup>rd</sup>, one of the trustees of the *Mermaid* group submitted their resignation after *The Telegraph* newspaper uncovered that they had been a guest speaker at a U.S conference hosted by a group known as B4U-ACT. This group supports those who identify as 'minor-attracted persons'; in other words paedophile-aid organisation. This group was founded in 2003 by Russell Dick, a social worker and convicted paedophile. His aim was to create a group that would promote sexual attraction to children as a 'sexuality' just as equal as any other sexuality embraced by society today. As disgusting as this ideological hope is it is a spine shuddering alert as to what happens when one deviant group is allowed within society. All the other perverted groups such as paedophiles, understandably logically speaking, question as to why homosexuals, bisexuals, transgender etc, etc get to be accepted by society but they are not. Once the door is opened to sin where do you draw the line? This is especially difficult to determine if morality is relative as we are being indoctrinated to believe in our modern society.

This disgraced trustee of the *Mermaid* group, is a certain Dr Jacob Breslow, assistant professor of gender and sexuality at the London School of Economics. His speech at the B4U-ACT conference focused on this theme, that 'minor-attraction' is a genuine and acceptable 'sexuality'.

Dr Breslow's depraved mind was previously revealed in his 2021 book, *Ambivalent Childhoods: Speculative Futures and the Psychic Life of the Child*, titled *Desiring the Child*, which looks at the "queer life of children's desires". I shall at this point refrain from discussing this man's filth any deeper for the sake of the reader but I hope the reader gets an understanding of the depth of depravity of this man's mind.

Now considering all this, one must question how such a man could be elected to the board of a youth organisation?! All this disgraceful output had been provided before Dr Breslow had been appointed as a trustee (appointed July 2022) so they would've been aware of his ideologies and sympathies. Yet

nothing was done until the *Telegraph* began their investigations. Interesting isn't it!

Furthermore this *Mermaids* group is under investigation for allegations that it sent breast binders to girls 'struggling with gender-identity' without parental consent. Along with this their website's online help centre is alleged to have told children as young as 12 that puberty blockers are safe and reversible, a claim that is flatly rejected by all leading medical associations.

These same chat rooms gave advice to children on how to raise money for hormone-blocking medication and how to best take testosterone. Building on this, the *Telegraph* has also discovered that moderators of this online chat room were giving their approval to teenage users to move their conversations over experimental medications and transitioning to less monitored platforms such as Discord. Why would they do this if they had nothing to hide?



### **The deviant youth transgender group *Mermaids***

Anyone signing up to the official *Mermaids* forum are encouraged to use an email that their "primary carers have no access to". The sign up process requires no age verification even though it's supposedly for 12-15 year olds exclusively. All these points raise alarming concerns over child safeguarding!

Even more alarmingly that even after these discoveries by a national newspaper, Nicola Sturgeon's government is still active in referring children to the care of these

monsters! This deplorable group gains public tax money through it's charitable status, and yet there is growing support for churches to be stripped of this status. What an abomination this nation is becoming before God!

When the reader considers all these things and how our nations leaders are intent on promoting such vile and wicked behaviour, how can we be surprised to look out and see a nation falling apart under it's own evil. A recent newspaper article said in it's subtitle, 'Britain's transition to the new Italy is nearly complete'. This referring to the political and economic stability that Britain has thrown away and how we now more closely mirror Italy and it's well known high levels of political and economic corruption and inefficiency (interestingly a deeply Catholic country – a problem shared with many other Catholic supporting nations, make of that what you will).

These deviant and foul people who run and operate such groups as *Mermaids* would do well to take urgent heed of Christ's words in Luke 17:2:

*It were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he cast into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones.*

Our Lord God is a good God who dearly loves His precious little ones, the vulnerable children of the world and He has furious anger towards any of those who would harm them by going against the clear commandments of God as to the protection and care of children.

For those who may know someone with a child who 'struggles' with their being a boy or girl (an extremely common but very minor thing in reality and something most parents have experienced at some point), reassure them that they are what they are, whether a boy or girl, by the design and grace of God and that He chose to give them life and a unique, personal identity so that they might know Him in all His power and glory and experience life everlasting through faith in Jesus Christ. When anyone is given such confidence in their existence, that the



Almighty Creator God decreed it to be so, they soon find peace with the tremendous gift that they have been graciously given, that is life. Then when that peace is established, lead them on to call on Christ to be their Saviour so that their eternal life might also be secured by the grace of God.

By Jonathan Badger

## Faithful In Life And Death – Part 3

Christianity is a faith of martyrs. As Cyprian, an African Bishop said, 'When persecution comes, God's soldiers are put to the test and heaven is open to martyrs.' Of course there are countless modern martyrs, however, the news media doesn't speak of them. In Latin America behind a 'Purple Curtain', not the 'Iron Curtain' or 'Bamboo Curtain', and despite the image of Rome presented by the Charismatics and Ecumenicals Rome continues her murderous ways.

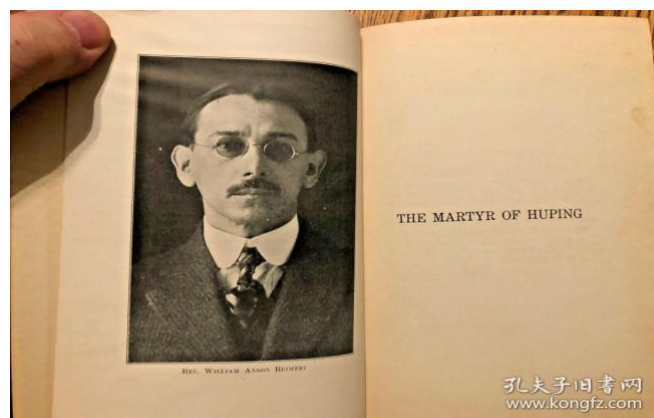
Let's look at our martyred brethren around the world.

- 1) 1921 - William Reimert martyred in China.
- 2) 1931 - Jack Vinson martyred in China.
- 3) Watchman Nee died in China after torture.
- 4) 1960 - Henry Lin died in prison at Nanking.
- 5) Peter Wyss and David Schweitzer martyred in Thailand.
- 6) Dick and Sandy Watson buried alive by the Viet-Cong.
- 7) 1952 - Walter Erikson and Edward Twitt martyred in New Guinea.
- 8) 1933 - Pastor Arseny martyred in Siberia.
- 9) Twenty missionaries and their families martyred in Rhodesia.
- 10) In Mexico the Roman Catholic Church continued to carry out her standard policy, kill as many as you can get away with under the contemporary situation.
- 11) 1945 - Feliciano Juarez and Vincent Garita martyred and cut in pieces.
- 12) After a terrible amount of atrocities committed by Catholics in San Felipe De Santiago, the police finally came to

investigate and Father Pedro Juarez had a mob capture and torture the police so that the media wouldn't get news of the atrocities.

- 13) A Protestant Minister, Sam Luis Potosi was martyred with 85 stab wounds, his murder was attributed to Father Jose Maria Rosales a Catholic Priest.
- 14) In Mayoro, two pastors martyred.
- 15) 1957 - In Central America a whole family of Bible-believers martyred.
- 16) 1974 - Gilbert Reimer martyred in Panama.
- 17) In China and Africa, Bible-believing brethren bloodied their garments in martyrdom.
- 18) Inuwa Ibrahim martyred by Muslims.
- 19) Gwahu killed by his father who beat his brains out.
- 20) Thousands of believers dying in Russia, Africa, China, South America and South East Asia.
- 21) In Seoul, Korea, 10,000 died in one day.
- 22) In Colombia several thousand native believers murdered by fanatical Roman Catholics.
- 23) In Korea, 450 believers were wired together, pierced through their hands and forced to march until one by one they died.
- 24) We know that between 1929 – 1940, 25,000 Evangelical Baptist Pastors were arrested in Prussia of which 22,000 were martyred.

It has been said, 'God crowns His children amidst the splashing of blood, the roaring of flames and the howling of beasts, animal and human.'



**Picture of William Reimert – martyr for Christ**

Only a few years ago Romania saw the end of an evil dictator, the suffering the Church faced was massive. The prison camps were found to be like the Nazi death camps. In one of these 'death camps' was found Pastor Florescu, he had been tortured with red-hot irons and knives. He had experienced starving, rats placed in his cell, he couldn't sleep lest they eat him alive. He was forced to stand day and night for two weeks. When they found they could not break his will they beat his 14 year old son to death in front of him, the lad died praising God.

Yes, look on you Church in the West, sing your choruses, clap your hands, dance, prance and act stupid. While here in the West spiritual pygmies go to their conferences, 'Bible-Weeks', fall in love with Rome and claim the signs of the apostles without ever raising one single corpse day after day your brethren suffer.

While Charismatic celebrities make big-fat livings off gullible souls and preach positive thinking and pseudo-psychology, Communists were torturing believers while claiming, 'We are of the devil.' While Bible believers in other lands pour out their blood, endless numbers of British believers run from one meeting to the next to get their latest 'spiritual fix'.

While the Charismatic Movement embraces Rome and runs around like a greased-pig on a frozen duck pond shouting love, unity, all one, be positive and see you at Mass, preachers of the Gospel are martyred in Catholic lands. Men like Pastor Jerez Hernandez, to name one. Yes you Ecumenicals, go on fill up the Cup of Iniquity you dead, blind guides. What about you Charismatics with your everlasting chant of Hate News, Lies, Lovelessness, Bigotry, Anti-Catholic, go on fill up the Cup of your deception.

You don't want to hear of believers burnt alive in Angola or two American women missionaries burnt alive in Laos or of women believers tied between horses and torn apart in Korea. Oh I know you want to be made happy, you don't want your worship spoilt by such grotesque talk. Know this the blood cries out, like Abel's, there will be a day of

reckoning.

Brethren the night is coming even in Britain. British Christians have known no real persecution since the reformation (apart from Northern Ireland), yet believers all over the world have been lying down in MARTYR GRAVES. While so many Ministers and Bible College lectures have been betraying God's Word, their brethren have been following the Master to Calvary. So many we don't even know their names. Do you remember the brother in Rev 2v13? Here is a martyr Church History can tell us nothing of, we only know he was faithful unto death. Thank God for the souls under the alter in Rev 6, that glorious company of martyrs is still being made up.

As we have said, the night is coming, already there are signs of intimidation, abuse and loss of employment for being a believer in this land. It is not such a big step to martyrdom. The last man to be martyred for preaching the gospel in the open-air was John Kensit in 1902, think on it. It is very easy to forget our brethren in chains. I will never forget that while in Bible College we had a visit from a persecuted Pastor from abroad. He was poorly dressed and as he went up to the platform it was noticed to the amusement of some that he had holes in his shoes. What a response from men/women who were to be future Christian leaders, (I don't mean women preachers either), that was how someone who had suffered for Christ was viewed in a famous British College.

Let us remember in closing, that we have not yet resisted unto blood, and pray God we may never be put to the same test as some of our brethren lest we be found wanting.

God Bless.

Dr David Badger

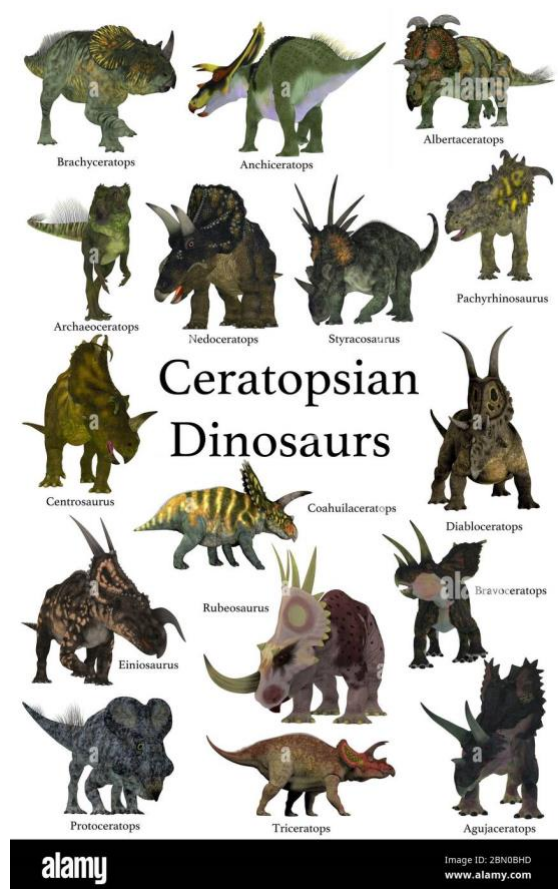
## **How Did Adam Name All The Animals In One Day?**

This question is often asked and is seen by many as an insurmountable problem for the logistical ability of one man to name all the living creatures in just one day. The poser of this question often posts the query with a



presupposed image in their mind of Adam having to trail through thousands of individual species of each animal group (e.g, naming every species of beetle, which would mean naming up to 200,000 beetle species alone!) in just a single day.

However this assumption is full of inaccuracies from the very outset. Firstly let's acknowledge that there is no general consensus as to what even constitutes as 'specie'. Charles Darwin, the father of modern Evolution Theory and writer of *The Origin of Species* couldn't even qualify what a specie is. Some scientists contend that a specie can be unique from another through even the smallest of alterations. For example the Triceratops is considered by many as a member of the *ceratopsian* family along with the Anchiceratops and various others as seen in the following picture. Many argue that each of the ceratops are different species (meaning 16 different species in just this group alone).



However there are other scientists (biologists especially) who contend that these should all be listed as one specie as they could all breed successfully with each other. Therefore this same group of ceratops could be also be

classified as being just one specie.

As you can see, the world of science has yielded it's usual bickering and indecisiveness of even basic points so let us consider what God has to say on the matter. God decreed in the Creation Week as recorded in the Book of Genesis that each creature should be 'fruitful after it's own kind'. A Biblical 'kind' would be akin to the modern term of 'family' (think of the 'Felidae family' otherwise known as the 'cat family', which comprises of at least 37 different cat species from the house cat to the lion). Now if Adam were to just have to name each broad family group (as seen with the cat family) as opposed to each individual specie, this would save a staggering amount of time in the task of naming all the various animals God brought to him to name.

Now consider what the Bible says actually took place in this naming of the various animals. In Genesis 2:19-20, we read that God brought to Adam every fowl of the air and every beast of the field. Note that it does not say that the 'creeping things' were brought to Adam to name, just the animals of the air and of the fields, those that contained the 'breath of life' or in Hebrew the *naphesh chayyah*. If Adam was not tasked with naming all the insect world this again would save an enormous amount of time.

Having all this noted, Adam could've easily been given the task of naming just the broad family groups of each creature for just the flying creatures and the land animals. So for instance instead of standing there reeling off all the names for the various breeds of cow, he would've merely needed to name the original cow. Bear in mind also that this is perfectly reasonable given what we know from animal breeding that a variety of different types of animal can come from one original pairing – just look at all the dogs breeds that have been bred in the last four hundred years alone!

Now having all this established let's crunch some numbers. If Adam needed to name just the original 'kinds' of each animal that occupied the land and air, so leaving out the sea creatures and the insect world, he could've been required to name approximately 2500 different creatures. If

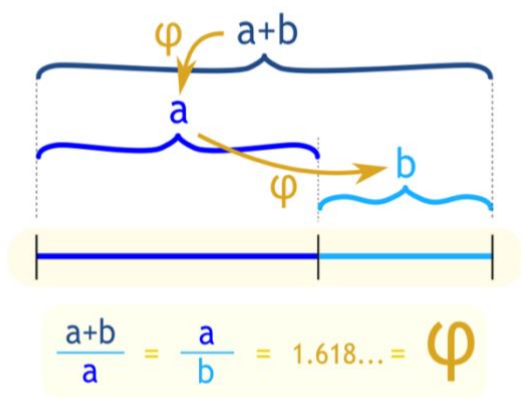
Adam were to name an animal every 5 seconds with a 5 minute break each hour of his work, it would still only take him 4 hours to complete this task. Given that Adam enjoyed a pre-fall mind and mental ability, I'm sure that he would've been up to such a task. So from an initial starting point of Adam having to name hundreds of thousands if not millions of differing creatures in a single day (a sizeable task I grant you!), in reality he would've needed to name just a couple of thousand. It's amazing what logical and sensible outcomes can be determined from taking the Biblical account of Creation literally. It answers all questions calmly, scientifically and satisfactorily to a level that no Bible sceptic, atheist, evolutionist or agnostic can ever begin to get close to achieving. This is why we are invited to come to God and reason with Him (Isaiah), because when we do we see His Word is Truth (John).

By Jonathan Badger

## The Golden Ratio

The Greek letter *phi* (the squiggle pictured in the picture below) is used in mathematics to denote a particular value, roughly that being 1.618 recurring. This value is reflected in geometry, art (Mona Lisa) and architecture (Greek Parthenon) and has been used for centuries as a mathematical formula to create an atheistically beautiful piece.

The Golden Ratio stipulates that we divide a line into two parts, the whole length divided by the long part is equal to the long part divided by the short part. The equation looks something like this:



The Golden Ratio is amazingly able to define itself! Look at the formula for the Golden

Ratio below and see how it can be used to determine it's own existence:

$$ab = a + ba$$

We can split the right-hand fraction like this:

$$ab = aa + ba$$

$ab$  is the Golden Ratio  $\phi$ ,  $aa=1$  and  $ba=1\phi$ , which gets us:

$$\phi = 1 + 1\phi$$

This mathematical brilliance as expressed in this 'golden' ratio utilised by artists and architects for millennia is a powerful testimony of the mathematical genius of the Creator God. The ability of the ratio to define it's own existence is a brilliant reflection of God's own ability to define His own existence through Himself, as He revealed to Moses, "I AM that I AM".

Yet there's more! The Golden Ratio can be found to have an expression revealed in nature via the Fibonacci Sequence. This sequence is as follows:

0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, ...

(The next number is found by adding up the two numbers before it.)

Amazingly, if we take any two successive (*one after the other*) Fibonacci Numbers, their ratio is very close to the Golden Ratio.

In fact, the bigger the pair of Fibonacci Numbers, the closer the approximation. For example

A	B	B/A
2	3	1.5
3	5	1.666666666...
5	8	1.6
8	13	1.625
...	...	...
144	233	1.618055556...



The Fibonacci sequence is seen in nature in the humble pine cone or the exotic pineapple when we look at the individual sections that fan out on the outside of these items. God clearly has an eye for mathematical beauty and order, we just utilised it for our art and constructions. God was always there first no matter how great or small the discovery!

Finally some mathematicians believe that the Golden Ratio is the most Irrational Number (never ending number) in existence.

As noted earlier the Golden Ratio can be defined in terms of itself.

For example

$$\varphi = 1 + \frac{1}{\varphi}$$

(In numbers:  $1.61803... = 1 + 1/1.61803...$ )

That can be expanded into this fraction that goes on infinitely (called a "continued fraction"):

$$\varphi = 1 + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{1 + \dots}}}$$

Be aware also that many other irrational numbers are close to rational numbers (such as [Pi](#) = 3.141592654... is pretty close to  $22/7 = 3.1428571...$ )

Again one would not have to think long and hard as to who this remarkable number dimly reflects but the eternal God.

Hopefully this mathematical study will have briefly highlighted the amazing intricacy of mathematics in the Created Universe, how this has been studied and harnessed by mankind but all ultimately points back to the Ultimate Mathematician, God! As for the chance that such mathematical intricacy to have evolved by random accident? Well that is mathematical impossible!

By Jonathan Badger (source for formulas displayed [mathisfun.com](http://mathisfun.com))

## Behind the Scenes – The Origin of the I.Q Test

All are familiar with I.Q Tests or *Intelligence Quotient* and it's objective in trying to determine an individual's intellectual ability.

People are separated into various categories of ability depending on their I.Q scores as follows:

- **1 to 24:** Profound mental disability
- **25 to 39:** Severe mental disability
- **40 to 54:** Moderate mental disability
- **55 to 69:** Mild mental disability
- **70 to 84:** Borderline mental disability
- **85 to 114:** Average intelligence
- **115 to 129:** Above average or bright
- **130 to 144:** Moderately gifted
- **145 to 159:** Highly gifted
- **160 to 179:** Exceptionally gifted
- **180 and up:** Profoundly gifted

If you've sat an I.Q test before you will likely be familiar with this scoring system and it's bracketing of your mental capacities through some very narrow fields of questioning. You've likely come across individuals who boast of a high I.Q and yet struggle to complete basic, everyday tasks or to apply common sense to a situation. In other words a 'brilliant' idiot. Then there are others who don't score highly on an I.Q test and yet show immense ability to retain and explain information and are highly successful in life. The tests 'one size fits all' approach and it's severe limitations in determine human ability is no surprise when one considers the motivations for it's inception.

Created by Lewis Terman (1877-1956) of Stanford University, USA, the test was built upon an Evolutionary foundation that asserts all humans are nothing more than advanced apes. As a result all human life is interchangeable and will have a share an unremarkable starting point of similar intellectual capacity that is expressed through a universal method. Bear in mind this goal to find a 'universal language of imparting information' has been the objective of **Lewis**



**Lewis Terman – creator of the I.Q Test**

philosophers, artists and academics for centuries and has its roots firmly in the spirit of the Tower of Babylon.

Given that the foundation assumption of this academic test is Evolutionary, we continue to delve into the motivation for the creation of this test and we find that Mr Terman was part of the Eugenics movement of the 1920's and 30's. Eugenics is the study and belief that mankind can reach its godlike potential through selective breeding. This belief was wildly popular in Western thinking in this era and was held also by a certain Adolf Hitler, who used this notion of a 'master race' in his chilling book *Mein Kampf*. This foul and atrocious work would be the foundation of the Nazi movements and the horrific atrocities it committed both before and during WW2.

Mr Terman designed this *Intelligence Quotient* as a means of determining who in society was 'strong' in Darwinist thinking and who was weak. The hope then was that the weak could be separated from the strong so as to bring about this ambition held within the Eugenics movement of creating a 'master race'.

As you can see this widely used test used to bracket people into narrow academic boxes robs individuals of their God given unique skills and abilities and denigrates them to merely 'able and less able' creatures with more or less desirable skills for society.

Through the application of these tests, many who score highly are given social privileges that are withheld from the lower scorers. This occurs over nothing more than the fact that they scored lower on some test built upon arbitrary questioning and scoring according to the prejudices of an individual with highly dubious personal motivations! The reader may have seen this in action, I certainly have where I witnessed people been given places in prestigious schools/training programs based solely on the score achieved in this test (and others similarly designed). Yet when this successful individual is tasked with the subsequent work given in these establishments they are completely lost! Conversely those kept out of elite settings often show more capacity to complete the actual work involved following the initial test.

The reader will have probably come across similar examples in the work place. Intelligence and wisdom are not the same thing! It is very possible to have an intelligent idiot and history is full of them from Socrates to Voltaire and Bertrand Russell.

Each person is created uniquely and holds the image and likeness of God, as attested by Genesis 1:26. Thus each individual holds tremendous potential and an array of skills that differ from another. Thereby in the grace of God He has created a populace with a diverse range of abilities to suit and supply the diverse range of mankind, from doctors, teachers, police officers, bin men (you soon realise how important they are during a strike!), electricians etc, etc, etc. The awful alternative would be a world created by the selective breeding of mankind through Eugenics that would bring about a world of great minds yet no practical ability. This 'master race' populace would likely spend more time deliberating the reality of their hunger through useless philosophical discussion than actually sourcing food and thereby satisfying their physical needs.

So we are to be thankful unto the Lord for His gracious provision in all things and celebrate His goodness in providing differing gifts to each of us so that we might fulfil His commandments to be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth, thereby bringing Him glory through the honouring of His Word.

By Jonathan Badger

## **Psalm 101 – The Determined Walk**

Our modern life is so very perilous to the child of God (as Paul warns Timothy in 2 Timothy 3) as we live our lives in what are certainly the last days. Persecutions and temptations are escalating at a staggering rate with each passing year and so it can be extremely hard for a Christian to stay removed from the evil of the world and yet remain within it until the day we are taken to our heavenly home.

However this daily struggle for the Christian to live in a holy manner before God whilst living in a world of sin is not limited to us today. The saints of the Old Testament knew this spiritual warfare well as David the



Psalmist shows in Psalm 101. In this psalm we read of the *habits of the blameless* and how the believer in Christ is to live their daily lives with a clearly determined path of dedicated service to the commands and precepts of the Lord God.

Verse 1 opens with what many liberal 'Christian's' would find unpleasant and even bewildering, how a Christian could celebrate or sing of both the 'mercy and judgment' of God. The modern liberal Christian is happy and settled with an all loving and merciful God but they shudder to think of a God that is rich in just judgment along with mercy. Yet David has no issue but instead delights in the justice of God and sees it as just as worthy of praise as the merciful attributes of God. The God that David knows is not weak and powerless in the face of sin and evil but is strong, mighty and suffers no speck of evil before Him. The reader may ask why this is important to note? Well it is crucial to meditate on this attribute of God because it reminds us of His power, His sovereignty, His holiness and that in relation to Him we are so very wicked and mired in our own sins. This awareness of the awesomeness and just judgment of God towards the wicked crushes our pride filled spirit that is after the father of lies and pride itself Satan, and in it's place builds up a awe filled spirit of humility. Humility is the base plate for a close walk with God, the beginning point for a desire to separate ourselves from the wickedness of the world and please Him instead. Humility makes us fear the awesomeness of God and as we are told in Scripture, this is beginning of wisdom. In wisdom, supplied by God Himself through the guiding hand of the Holy Ghost ministering to our hearts, we set about each day with a joyful desire to live in a manner that pleases our thrice Holy God.

Yet it does not end there even. Verse 1 ends with a repetition of David singing of God's mercy and judgment. The humility David feels and knows is not a burdensome 'putting down' of David as the devil would have you believe. No, no. It is a cause of celebration for in the goodness of God He reveals to the humble that they are cared for, that they are loved, that they are built up and lifted up to share in His own glory. As we saw earlier in the study of the uniqueness of Israel's God,

Our God, the same God of Abraham, and through being humbled before Him, He shows us that we are indeed weak; we are indeed frail; that we are mortal sinners worthy of judgment but that He loves us with an everlasting love. A love so deep and eternity spanning that He gave His only Son so that we might KNOW that we are forgiven, that we are loved and that we are cared for. When you rob people of the judgment of God then you rob them of the awareness of the true depth and significance of the Gospel. This is why you have so, so many anxious, confused, weak Christians today, because they do not know Him as He would have them know Him.

This palpable sense of humility is evident in verse 2 as David declares a bold mission statement that because of what he knows about His Lord, he will behave in a 'perfect way'. Now can any Christian live and behave in a perfect way? Of course not, though we are reborn in the spirit our flesh is not yet glorified and so pulls us back to sinful behaviours and actions.

### **Psalms 101:2**

King James Version

I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way. O when wilt thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.

So we are give up before we begin on this noble but I'll-fated quest yes? Absolutely not! This awareness of our tendency to still fall into sin even though redeemed by Christ should compel us to be more alert to our fallen tendencies. A former alcoholic does not wander into a bar or pub if they are responsible and truly aware of their tendencies of nature because they wouldn't trust themselves not to fall into wicked behaviours. We are to live as good soldiers as Paul instructs Timothy (2 Timothy 2) so as to please our Captain, Christ Jesus. We are to strive after perfection of spirit, of faith even though we know we shall not achieve it in this life. Why? Because He has redeemed us through the shedding of His Blood, through the giving of His life for a debt we never stood

a chance of repaying. If the knowledge and magnitude of gratitude towards Christ for His sacrifice does not motivate you to at least try and live a holy life before Him then I ask you to question the validity of your claim to faith in Him.

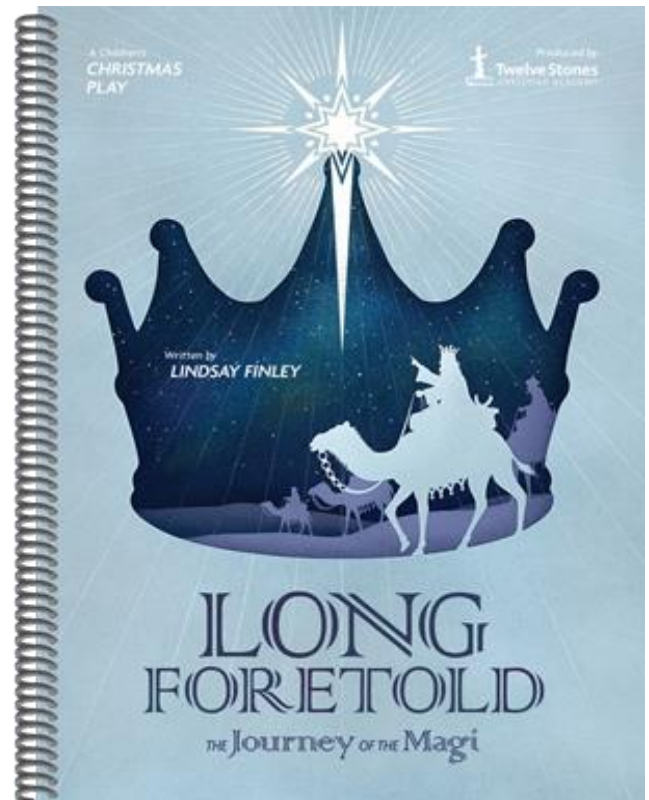
David of all people knew that he did not live perfectly before God for he was guilty of adultery and murder. Yet he did not throw in the towel and pridefully declare 'I am what I am' unto God (as many modern liberal 'Christians' do today). Far from it he broke down before God in humble repentance and accepted the just punishments from God. Thus it is again in this state of humility before God that we witness the heart cry of the believer unto Him. A cry of deep and satisfying communion with our Creator and Redeemer as David depicts in the middle of verse 2 when he declares, "O when wilt thou come unto me?" It is in humble dependency of God that we see our complete need for Him and we cry out not timidly ask, for His Spirit to dwell within us. It is this longing of all truly redeemed souls that our greatest thought, our greatest hope, our greatest source of joy, our greatest expectancy is for that day when we will be united with Him forever.

It is in this hope that Christ comes to us to soothe us in the comforting of the Holy Spirit to our souls. It is in this humble hope that He ministers to us of Him so that we are wonderfully intertwined with His own nature and being thereby gifting us the singular joy that flows like a life giving stream when we serve Him. This depth of bond between Redeemer and redeemed is displayed in the last sentence of verse 2, "I will walk within my house with a perfect heart". This is a Messianic psalm and here we see the Lord Himself speaking through the psalmist. Who else can declare with all truth and boldness that they will walk with a perfect heart? Surely only God can and yet by faith in Christ Jesus, the Son of God, we are brought into that same perfection so that though the psalmist speaks, it is the Lord that fulfils it! We are living proof of this statement that though we speak of our faith in Christ it is Christ that sustains it and sees it through to glory at the last! On that point we will break for now and

Lord willing continue in our studies of this psalm next month. God bless.

Jonathan Badger

### Resource Corner



### Long Foretold

It'll soon be Christmas!

People commonly believe Christmas begins with the Saviour's arrival one starry night in Bethlehem. However, the truth is that Christmas was the culmination of a series of miraculous events long foretold.

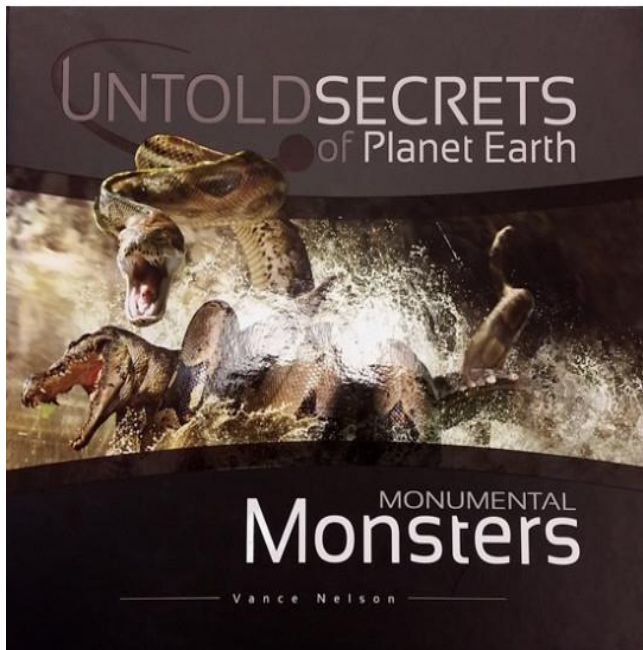
In this delightful children's program, many questions are answered as the wise men discover the truth about the bright shining star they are following. Were these kings? How many were there? How did they know to look for the star? Were the wise men at the nativity? And most importantly, what was so special about this baby? To find the answers, we must look at what Scripture teaches . . . and we start in Genesis! Your church will love it!

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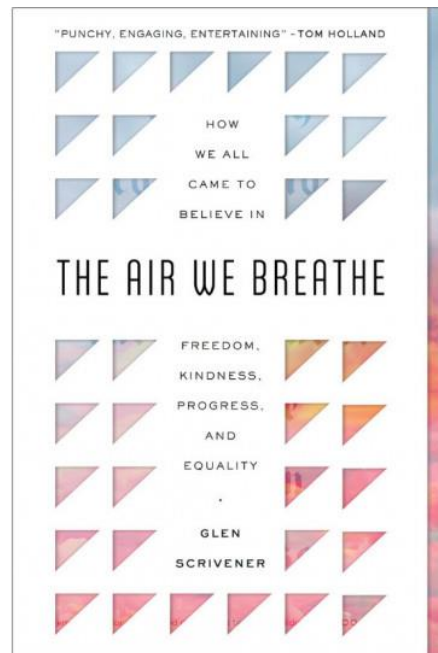
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### The Air We Breathe

Today in the west, many consider the church to be dead or dying. Christianity is seen as outdated, bigoted and responsible for many of society's problems. This leaves many believers embarrassed about their faith and many outsiders wary of religion. But what if the Christian message is not the enemy of

our modern Western values, but the very thing that makes sense of them?

Author Glen Scrivener is a minister, blogger, speaker, and filmmaker. He wrote the book particularly for non-Christians, both those without any religious affiliation and those who, through disillusionment, have moved on from Christianity. The book is also richly rewarding for Christians.



Available from Amazon

### A Final Thought

*Titus 2:13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ*

A worrying trend in modern Christian culture, in the pulpits and among the congregations, is to very frequently refer to Jesus without any additional titles, e.g. omitting “Lord” and/or “Saviour”. “Jesus loves you”, “Jesus teaches this” or “What would Jesus do?” are expressions often uttered in the contemporary church, but by continuing to simply refer to Christ by his first name risks seriously undermining and devaluing Him. Jesus *is* Lord. He is the Son of God and very God, lest we forget that the Pharisees sought to stone Him for claiming equality with the Father (John 10:30). The Lord Jesus is not merely a teacher who we should try and emulate; he is our Lord, and we have a duty to obey His commands and precepts. A servant can not serve two masters; He is the one we

should dutifully serve and follow, forsaking all if we must. He is also the Christ, the one foretold throughout the Old Testament (as far back as Genesis 3:15), who would save us from our sins and overcome Satan and death. We owe everything to Him because He took our own sins on Himself on the cross (1 Peter 2:24); through the substitutionary atonement of Christ, we have access to eternal salvation, and a throne from which we'll one day judge angels. Simply calling Him Jesus can lead to us forgetting what an astonishing and weighty debt we owe Him. Whenever we utter our Lord and Saviour's name, let us reflect that we ought to acknowledge Him in those capacities, and that in Him dwells all the fulness of the Godhead bodily (Colossians 2:9). And as we do so, we'll be in awe of such a compassionate Lord and Saviour, who has saved us, abides in us and loves us enough to have died for us.

By John Sivewright

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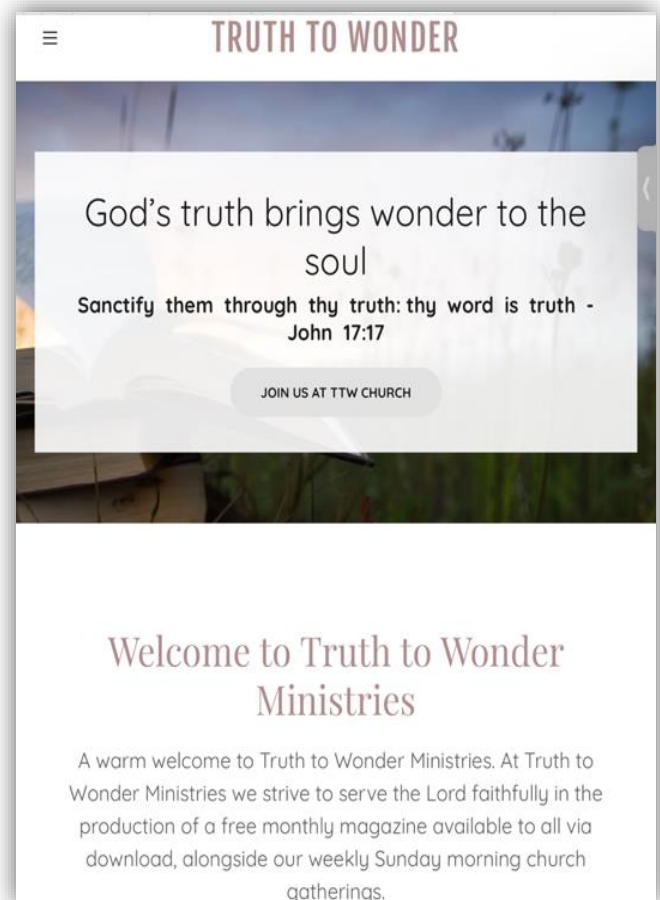
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