



From the President's Desk -



Lies, lies and more lies. How do we as modern-day Christians, discern for ourselves the difference between deception and truth when the scriptures clearly say in John 8:32 "know the truth and the truth shall set you free"? Surely this must be one of the major questions on the minds of most Bible-believing, God-fearing Christians today considering current world events. Ever since the fall of man through disobedience to God in the garden of Eden, when man lost their God-given dominion over all things within the earth to Satan, the dismissed throne room angel; spoken of by Jesus as the father of liars.

John 8:44-47 "You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it. But because I tell you the truth, you do not believe Me. Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me? He who is of God hears God's words; therefore, you do not hear, because you are not of God."

Jesus clearly draws the line between those who follow God and can expect to spend eternity in heaven and those who are destined for hell's fire. We all know the scriptural report in Daniel 2 of King Nebuchadnezzar's dream and Daniel's God-given interpretation, but before we look at Nebuchadnezzar's dreamt image, I want to go back to verses 20-23 where Daniel answered and said: "Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, for wisdom and might are His. And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes Kings and raises up Kings; He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding."

He reveals deep and secret things; He knows what is in the darkness, and light dwells with Him. Like Daniel, we are God's remnant people living in these strange times and need to take confidence not only in the word of God but in the fact that He changes not. What God promises he fulfils, when He gives, He doesn't take back. Satan, that serpent of old, on the other hand, does all he can to make us doubt God, using all his tools of deception, offering us freedom, power, self-control, and autonomy. John 10:10 "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."

Today's ungodly thinking of modern man is we that don't need God's commandments for we are a kingdom unto ourselves with our own all-sufficiency. Therefore, we can and will direct our own destiny, and within the kingdom of self we have the power to take life from our unborn. Lies. Back to Daniel's interpretation, and more importantly, the smiting stone cut out without hands that struck the image on its feet of iron and clay and broke them into pieces. Most commentary would say this stone is Jesus and that could well be the truth of the matter, but how does one become a mountain and fill the whole earth, verse 35?

As Christians we have been recreated in the image of our creator and unto good works. Therefore, consider this: the smiting stone just might be the body of Christ at a given time in history. Satan will always be doing battle with the servants of God. At the conclusion of the Book of Romans, Paul makes this extraordinary statement Romans 16:20: And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen." God speaking to Satan in Genesis 3:15: And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His Heel. Here we see the dividing of the generations to come; Satan's seed and the godly seed of women in Daniel 2:43. As you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay, they will mingle with the seed of man; but they will not adhere to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay.

The wheat and the tares grow together until the final harvest. Have you ever considered the times in which we live? During our lifetime we have seen many changes, some good, some not so good, but could any of us ever imagined world events moving so fast, to the point that fear is driving people to do things contrary to their own will or beliefs just to conform to the request of the politically elite.

My question is who's driving the politicians of our day? To find the answer one must go back historically beyond the Hundred Year War between England and France 1339-1453 ending with Joan of Arc defeating England. The Venetian Black Nobility manipulated the Monarchs of the day with dirty deeds of treason, then came the merging of the powerful American Industrialists families known as the bloodlines of the Illuminati and in 1782 they merged with Freemasonry, forming the evil trinity that controls much of what is happening in the world today enclouing the push towards the one world order.

Scary? No, not really. In Revelation 13 we read of the beast rising out of the sea having seven heads and ten horns and on his horns ten crowns: depicting ten kings. Revelations 17:12-14 the ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast.

These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast. These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them for He is Lord of lords and King of kings and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful. Who then are these kings? They can't be monarchs for monarchs have kingdoms, yet the scripture here says these ten kings haven't received a kingdom as yet and they will only hold power for one hour before handing their authority to the beast. I, therefore, put it to you, could these so-called kings be the shakers and rattlers of our day, namely the extremely wealthy One World Order string-pullers who have amassed billions and trillions of dollars over the past ten years, to the point that it is no longer about money, but complete control of the human population.

Now back to Daniel 2:44 "And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever." As God's people, we need to read God's Word, for in it we find the truth. Isaiah 41:10-14 says, "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you. Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand. Behold, all those who were incensed against you shall be ashamed and disgraced; they shall be as nothing, and those who strive with you shall perish.

You shall seek them and not find them those who contended with you. Those who war against you shall be as nothing, as a non-existent thing. For I, the Lord your God, will hold your right hand, saying to you, Fear not, I will help you." Yes! I'm encouraged and hope this article encourages you to come away from worldly media and back into the Word of God. Blessings, Len



Written by Bob & Debby Gass

'BE AN EXHORTER

'EXHORT ONE ANOTHER DAILY.' HEBREWS 3:13 NKJV

The Greek word for 'exhort' is *parakalew*. It comes from two words, one meaning 'alongside of' and the other meaning 'to call'. This is the root of the Greek word *paraclete*, which is the name Jesus gave the Holy Spirit. The real ministry of the Holy Spirit is to exhort and encourage us in our walk with God.

So you are never more like the Holy Spirit, and never more in tune with his ministry, than when you are exhorting and encouraging others. An exhorter can turn a loser into a winner, a shirker into a worker, and a pessimist into an optimist. They inspire others with renewed courage, spirit and hope. They have a ministry of affirmation and appreciation. It's important to remember the distinction between appreciation and affirmation. We appreciate what a person *does*, but we affirm who a person *is*. Appreciation comes and goes because it's usually related to accomplishments, but affirmation goes right to the heart because it's directed at the person's worth. An exhorter has the ability to make you feel good about yourself. They uplift, inspire, motivate and make you feel better just by being around.

The Bible says that Barnabas was an exhorter. 'Then news of these things came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent out Barnabas to go as far as Antioch. When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad, and encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord' (Acts 11:22-23 NKJV). So the word for today is: be an exhorter.

Gone to Glory - Alex Moody

It is with real sadness that I inform you of Alex's passing on the 18th October 2021 due to a heart condition. Alex was the National President for FGBMFI New Zealand for a number of years previously and left a very godly legacy. Our condolences go out to his wife June and family. We have all been blessed and encouraged by knowing Alex.



A series of true stories compiled by John Wright – FGBMFI UK

'Marvellous in our Eyes.'

In May 1940 King George VI called for a National Day of Prayer in the crisis of Dunkerque. Such was the widespread belief in God that millions went to Church to pray. As a result, Hitler told his army to stop advancing, the English Channel became calm, and a flotilla of small boats brought our army home.

Lt. General Sir Frederick Morgan was Head of Planning Staff at D.Day. He wrote about Divine Intervention in the war, *'An Invasion Fleet was sailing for North Africa. A U Boat saw only one vessel, all the rest were hidden by a squall, and so only a routine report was sent in. Then the Invasion Fleet could not land at Casablanca due to a full Atlantic swell. But a sudden reversal of the wind to off-shore enabled the Landing Craft to arrive safely.'*

General Eisenhower, Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces, wrote about the last minute change in the weather that allowed D.Day landings to could go ahead. *'If there were nothing else in my life to prove the existence of an Almighty and merciful God, the events of the next 24 hours did it.'* After a twenty-four-hour postponement due to terrible weather, there was a break in the weather 'out of the blue' and the Invasion went ahead.

Air Chief Marshall Sir Hugh Dowding, Commander in Chief of Fighter Command, wrote, *'I say with absolute conviction that I can trace the intervention of God, not only in the battle itself, but in the events leading up to it.'* Perhaps he was thinking of the providential provision of the Spitfire, which with the Hurricane turned the tide in our favour.

General Sir William Dobbie was Governor of Malta George Cross during the siege that started in 1940. He wrote, *'God in His mercy answered our prayers... His help was obvious and very real... so much so that many Officers said to me, "I think someone up there has been helping us today!"'*

Field Marshall Montgomery, Commander in Chief of the 22nd Army Group, sent this personal message to the troops under his command. *'On this day of victory in Europe we must remember to give praise and thanks where it is due. "This the Lord's doing, and marvellous in our eyes."'* **Psalm 118:23.**



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**I Assumed Science Had All the Answers. Then I Started Asking Inconvenient Questions.
My journey from atheist dogma to Christian faith was paved with intellectual and spiritual surprises.**

I had an unusual childhood for an American. Members of my extended family were union organizers and left-wing radicals, and my parents had even been members of the American Communist Party. My indoctrination in the dogmas of communism and atheism was deep and long lasting. At the same time, my father gave me a love of science and reason, and he taught me the importance of asking questions. These gifts, along with my training in scientific thought and research, eventually cracked open the prison cell that held my soul captive during those early years.

Breaking free was a slow process, akin to chipping away at a dungeon door with a dull spoon. Early on in life, my curiosity led me to ask questions. I saw contradictions in some of what I had been taught. If humans were a blind product of evolutionary chance, with no special purpose or significance, then how could the stated goals of socialism—to advance human dignity and value—make sense? And if religion, particularly Christianity, was really such a terrible historical evil, then why were so many Christian clergy members involved in the civil rights movement?

As I studied science and began my research career in biochemistry and molecular biology, I formed a passionate attachment to a life of knowledge rooted in the scientific worldview. I found comfort and joy in the beauty, complexity, and wisdom of the scientific description of reality. But I also began wondering whether there might be something more to human existence than science and pure reason.

Surprising Discoveries - At this point, the question of faith was off the table. I knew that evolution was true and the Bible (which I hadn't actually read) was false. I knew that a supernatural god living in the sky was a fairy tale. I knew that science held the keys to unlock all mysteries. Or did it?

I was disturbed to learn that, according to science, some things are actually unknowable. It is impossible to know, for instance, the position and speed of an electron simultaneously. This is a critical feature of quantum mechanics, even though it makes little rational sense. If the uncertainty principle is true (and it must be, since so much modern technology is based on it), then how valid is the idea of a purely deterministic and predictable world? I also began to contemplate other questions. Where did the universe come from? How did life begin? What does it mean to be a human being? What is the source of our creativity—of art, poetry, music, and humour? Perhaps, I thought, science cannot tell us everything.

Now I was beginning to seriously wonder about the whole religion thing. I met Christians who were smart and scientifically minded, and for the first time I attended a church service. I was surprised at what I found. Nobody glared at me with suspicion, and I heard no thundering condemnation of sinners. The pastor spoke about the power of love. The people next to me shook my hand and wished me peace. It was all quite beautiful, and I decided to return.

Then I read the Gospels and had another shock: I found them beautiful and inspiring. So far as I could tell, they carried the ring of truth. And the Book of Acts struck me as actual history, not at all like a fictional account concocted to enslave the masses—the kind of reading my Marxist upbringing would have conditioned me to affirm.

The door to my prison cell was swinging open, and I stood there gazing out onto a new world, the world of faith. Yet I was afraid to fully leave.

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But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light.

Mark 13:24

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International President Mario Garcia



Suppose I was being fooled, misled into a trap? I remained stuck in that place of indecision for several years. And then the Holy Spirit pulled me over the threshold.

It happened one day while I was traveling alone on the Pennsylvania Turnpike in the rural middle part of the state, with a long way to go. Turning the radio on, I heard the unmistakable voice of an evangelical Christian preacher, the kind I used to mock and avoid. But this preacher was really good. I have no idea what he was saying, but his voice and inflection were mesmerizing and I listened for a few minutes before turning the radio off. Driving in silence for a while, I began wondering how I would sound if I ever tried preaching—after all, I always liked to talk. I laughed a bit, thinking about what I could possibly say. The first thing that came to my mind was something about science—how, if there were a God, he might have used science to create the world.

And then something happened. I felt a chill up and down my spine and could hear myself speaking in my mind—preaching, in fact. I could see an audience in front of me, people in an outdoor stadium, dressed in summer clothing. I pulled the car over to the right lane and slowed down. It was not a vision exactly, but it was intense. I knew I wasn't making the words up—I was listening just as much as the audience.

I talked about knowing that Jesus loves me. With a voice full of passionate emotion, I assured the crowd that whatever their sins might be, they were no worse than my own, and that because of Christ's sacrifice on the cross we could all be saved. I explained that God's love is more powerful than any other kind and that anyone can have it without deserving it.

At some point during this experience, I had pulled over onto the shoulder of the road, where I sat behind the wheel crying for some time. I had never considered the things "I" had been saying. Some of the concepts were unfamiliar. The only explanation I could fathom was that the Holy Spirit had entered into my life in dramatic fashion. "Thank you, Lord," I said out loud in between sobs. "I believe, and I am saved. Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ."

Joy and Release - When I recovered my composure, I was aware of a great feeling of joy and release. I had no more doubts, no trace of hesitation—I had crossed over, stepping over the ruins of my prison cell into my new life of faith. From that day onward, my life has been devoted to the joyful service of our Lord.

Today, I am an active member of my church and have served as lay leader for several years. I am a fellow of the American Scientific Affiliation, the largest organization of Christians in the sciences, and the vice president of its metropolitan Washington, DC, chapter. I also serve as editor in chief of the ASA's online magazine *God and Nature*. I assist my wife, who is codirector of a local charity that distributes food to the needy. I am an active online evangelist. Along the way, I made many discoveries.

I learned about the power of the Bible as a guide from God to the central questions of our existence. I learned that the true purpose of science is to describe how things are, not to engage in misplaced speculation about *why* the world is the way it is. I learned that modern atheist taunts about the purposelessness and meaninglessness of the universe and our own existence are not only false but destructive. Most importantly, I learned that nothing I have learned came through my own merit, but only from the grace of our Lord, whose love and mercy are beyond understanding.

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