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How politicians and power brokers
hope to use the pandemic to create
a new world in their own image.



Tomorrow's World Magazine Grows in 2021

Great news! *Tomorrow's World* magazine will increase from its previous six issues per year to *ten* issues per year—beginning with the one you are holding! During a year everyone was happy to see end, when economies around the world shut down, God made it possible for *Tomorrow's World* to increase to ten issues yearly. Only for April-May and October-November will we have bi-monthly issues.

Beginning next month, we will reduce the magazine's size from 36 pages to 32, but you will actually receive more than 100 additional pages over the course of the year. God has put us in a position where we believe this is sustainable, and we look forward to touching base with you more often. This expanded yearly content will also accommodate a greater variety of writers.

At the same time, the year 2020 saw a 33 percent jump in *Tomorrow's World* subscriptions, adding about 100,000 subscribers in one year. This brought us to over 420,000 subscribers to our English-language magazine for January 2021. While this is wonderful news, we must manage the number to stay within budget constraints, and we do this with an active renewal program. When a subscriber has not contacted us at all for a period of time, we send that subscriber a renewal notice. Since the magazine is and will always be sent free of charge, we want to know if people are still interested in receiving it and are living at the address where we send their issues, or if some prefer to read the magazine online. And—sorry to add this—we want to know whether they are still among the living!

Therefore, if you receive a renewal notice and still want this magazine, be sure to return the notice, renew your subscription online, or call our office nearest to you and let us know you want to continue receiving your free subscription to *Tomorrow's World*. As I sometimes remind our staff, our goal is to have a large *readership*, and not just a large *subscribership*. Nevertheless, we are very pleased that we have so many new subscribers—and we appreciate you old-timers as well, who have long found *Tomorrow's World* of value.

Ready for a Reset?

Everyone is looking forward to a brighter and less traumatic 2021—which may or may not come. According to Bible prophecy, many geopolitical and cultural shifts must take place before the return of Jesus Christ. Hints of dramatic changes are all around us. With everything that happened last year, you can be forgiven for not knowing about the “Great Reset.” Most people are likely to know about it soon, but whether it will be pulled off remains to be seen. If it is, our world will change dramatically, as an opinion contributor to *The Hill* stated:

At a virtual meeting earlier in June hosted by the World Economic



Forum, some of the planet's most powerful business leaders, government officials, and activists announced a proposal to “reset” the global economy. Instead of traditional cap-

italism, the high-profile group said the world should adopt more socialistic policies, such as wealth taxes, additional regulations, and massive Green New Deal-like government programs (“Introducing the ‘Great Reset,’ world leaders’ radical plan to transform the economy,” *The Hill*, June 25, 2020).

Klaus Schwab, founder and Executive Chairman of the World Economic Forum, believes that “all as-

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pects of our societies and economies” need to be “re-vamped” (*The Hill*). Clearly, the Great Reset involves far more than the cancellation of debts—it envisions a total overhaul.

Again, whether something that would affect every country in the world can even be humanly pulled off is a huge question. However, as explained in Dexter Wakefield’s article starting on page 18, well-known and powerful people are supporting the Great Reset, and what better time to “reset” the world than now, when nations reel from the economic fallout brought on by COVID-19? Citizens and nations are also badly divided, and socialistic ideas are taking hold even in the United States.

Claims of Existential Risk

Central to much of the Great Reset is climate change and the need to “save the planet” while we still have time. Whether man-made climate change is real or one of the greatest hoaxes of all time is somewhat moot, as the idea of it has already been sold to much of the world. The alarm bells are ringing, and according to those promoting the idea, time is short, giving greater urgency to the Great Reset. Note this recent *Washington Post* story:

The Climate Clock unveiled by artists Gan Golan and Andrew Boyd warned at 1:30 p.m. Monday that there were seven years, 101 days, 17 hours, 29 minutes and 22 seconds until Earth’s carbon budget is depleted, based on current emission rates (“How long until it’s too late to save Earth from climate disaster? This clock is counting down,” *The Washington Post*, September 21, 2020).

Wow! By the time you receive this magazine, according to this account, there will be less than seven years left before human existence as we know it is doomed! (Cue dramatic music.)

However, those of us who have lived a bit longer and still retain memory beyond that of a Swedish teenager at the United Nations can remember alarm bells over “global cooling” in the 1970s, how this somehow changed into “global warming” a decade or

two later, and how it finally morphed into “climate change” to cover all eventualities—each time proclaiming catastrophe within ten years if drastic steps were not taken.

Of course, earth’s climate does change; we have had periods of cooling where large sheets of ice covered much of the Northern Hemisphere. Then there was the global warming period around 1000 AD. It was followed by the “Little Ice Age,” which caused crop failures, famines, disease, social unrest, many cultural changes, and even significant geopolitical changes. If mankind is causing irreversible damage to earth’s climate and we only have seven years left to act, we are indeed in serious trouble. But the point is that climate change, income inequality, the economic crisis with staggering private and public debt brought on by COVID-19, terrible national divisions, and societal expectations are *all* fueling calls for drastic action. In times like these, radical policy changes can occur, and while such changes may look good in the beginning, they do not always end well.

Tomorrow’s World has encouraged our readers to watch for Europe to move to the front of the world’s power structures, replacing the countries of the Anglosphere. We also know that there will be a brief period of prosperity at the time of the end (Revelation 18–19). The Great Reset may be the beginning of that transformation, or it may be another humanly devised, failed attempt that will only *spur* a more successful one to follow. Time will tell, but the Great Reset is something to watch. Something dramatic is going to bring ten leaders together under the sway of a charismatic, secular leader to form what the book of Revelation refers to as “the beast,” and the leader of that power will work alongside an influential *religious* leader (Revelation 13; 17). Whether through the Great Reset or by some other means, you may very well live to see this happen, so be sure to follow developments in Europe and the Middle East in the pages of *Tomorrow’s World*.



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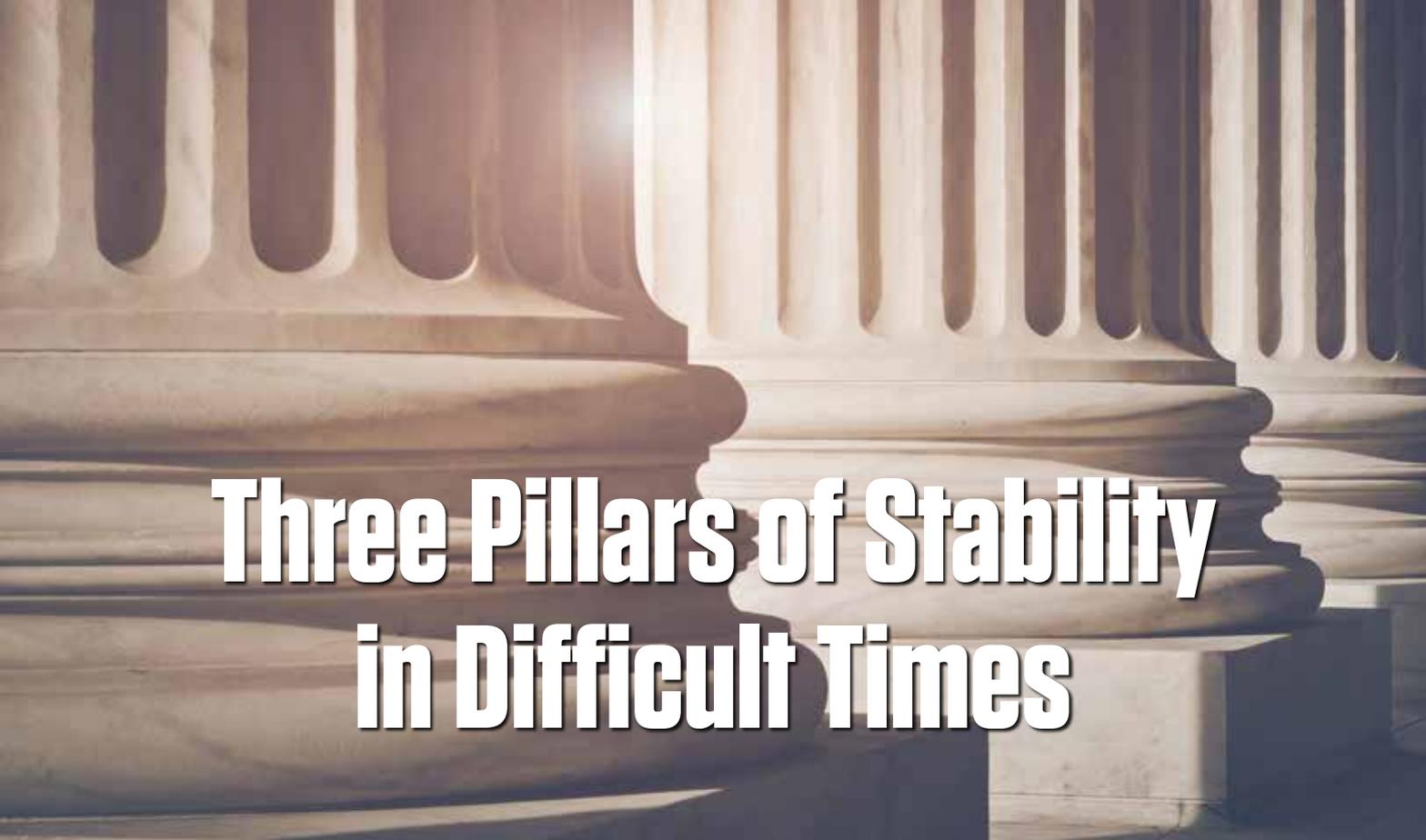
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Three Pillars of Stability in Difficult Times

By **Gerald E. Weston**

Life presents many challenges for each of us. Some suffer from physical infirmities. Others experience painful divorces. Businesses fail and layoffs occur. Many throughout history have gone through wars or lost children. Even much smaller struggles, ones that are comparatively trivial, can occupy vast spaces in our lives and minds. There is much pain in life, and the list of trials seems endless. But those trials do not have to seem hopeless. There are three pillars of stability that can help you maintain an even keel during difficult times, just as they have helped many others.

Time heals, or at least the pain of past trials subsides. Most people, for example, eventually get past the loss of a loved one. They can put their loss in perspective, even though they will always feel something missing in their heart. But the greatest stability comes from having the right perspective on your life's purpose, and knowing the "big picture"—resting on three solid pillars, as one might rest on a three-legged stool—will help you more than even the most positive attitude or the longest passing of time.

Does God Exist?

The question of God's existence is not as simple as it might appear. Not everyone agrees on the answer, but there is no "in-between." Either He does exist or He doesn't. The answer depends not on our upbringing, but rather on whether we *have proven God's existence to ourselves*. It is one thing to have faith, but altogether something else to have *faith based on factual evidence*. Faith is important and does indeed go beyond facts—but faith should not be blind.

Richard Dawkins, one of today's most outspoken atheistic crusaders, equates faith in God to belief without evidence. "Faith is the great cop-out," he says, "the great excuse to evade the need to think and evaluate evidence. Faith is the belief in spite of, even perhaps because of the lack of evidence" ("Editorial: A scientist's case against God," *The Independent*, April 20, 1992).

When Dawkins says "faith," of course, he means belief in God. He does not mean belief in evolutionary theory—which he would have to admit also requires faith, if he were being honest. In a February 13, 1993 meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, which discussed how to deal with "The New Antievolutionism," Michael

Ruse, a giant in the field of evolution and philosophy, acknowledged that “certainly, there’s no doubt about it, that in the past, and I think also in the present, for many evolutionists, evolution has functioned as something with elements which are, let us say, akin to being a secular religion.”

While admitting that evolution is akin to a secular religion, Ruse never used the word *faith*—but faith is the essence of equating evolution with religion. And, in this light, let’s not forget Dawkins’ definition of faith: “Faith is the belief in spite of, even perhaps because of the lack of evidence.”

Ruse went on to speak of evolution as not only a *current* form of secular religion, but also an *historical* one. “I think, for instance, of the most famous family in the history of evolution, namely, the Huxleys.... Certainly, if you read Thomas Henry Huxley, when he’s in full flight, there’s no question but that for Huxley at some very important level, evolution and science generally, but certainly evolution in particular, is functioning a bit as a kind of secular religion.... Certainly, though, as I say, for Thomas Henry Huxley, I don’t think there’s any question but that evolution functioned, at a level, as a kind of secular religion.”

Ruse then commented about Thomas Huxley’s grandson: “I think Julian Huxley was certainly an atheist, but... If you look both at his printed stuff, and if you go down to Rice University which has got all his private papers, again and again in the letters, it comes through very strongly that for Julian Huxley evolution was functioning as a kind of secular religion.”

Lest any misunderstand, Ruse is a hardline evolutionist, as he made abundantly clear in his symposium speech and his answers to questions that followed. Yet he continued to affirm that evolution is a secular religion:

But I am coming here and saying, I think that philosophically that one should be sensitive to what I think history shows, namely, that evolution... akin to religion, involves making certain *a priori* or metaphysical assumptions, which at some level cannot be proven empirically [proven by the evidence]. I guess we all knew that, but I think that we’re all much more sensitive to these facts now. And I think that the way to deal with creationism, but the

way to deal with evolution also, is not to deny these facts, but to recognize them, and to see where we can go, as we move on from there.

As Ruse explained, Dawkins and others like him, who ridicule faith in God, would be well served to look in the mirror and admit their own faith in their Darwinian god. Of course, disproving evolution in any or all its forms does not prove God, but one must ask: Is there any alternative? *Panspermia*—that is, life being transported to our planet from somewhere else—only kicks the same basic question into another part of the universe. Can life spontaneously arise from non-living materials with no intelligent guidance?

Disproving evolution is not nearly so difficult as one might think, as the shoe is really on the other foot; the problem is proving how it *could* reasonably happen. How did life originate in the first place? We constantly hear about water being on one planet or another, as though that is all that is needed to produce life. It sounds so simple, but is it?

Bill Bryson is a prolific and captivating writer. Even though he is an evolutionist, he writes time and again about the miracle of life and the impossibility of it just happening by chance. Go figure! In *The Body: A Guide for Occupants*, he states the following: “You could call together all the brainiest people who are alive now or have ever lived and endow them with the complete sum of human knowledge, and they could not between them make a single living cell” (2019, p. 4).

In the next paragraph, he refers to life as a “miracle.” Bryson understands that DNA is needed to make our cells, but what is DNA? “Your DNA is simply an instruction manual for making you” (p. 6). But how did the “instruction manual” come to be? And how did the first protein come to be, since proteins need other proteins to assemble them? There are so many admissions in *The Body*—and in *A Short History of Nearly Everything*, another book by Bryson—that any truly thinking person ought to wonder how anyone can believe such a preposterous theory as evolution.

Michael Denton, who holds a Ph.D. in biochemistry, is one individual who concluded that evolution is impossible and that the evidence does not support it. In *Evolution: A Theory in Crisis*, Denton writes,

“Although the tiniest bacterial cells are incredibly small... each is in effect a veritable micro-miniaturized factory containing thousands of exquisitely designed pieces of intricate molecular machinery... far more complicated than any machine built by man and absolutely without parallel in the non-living world” (1986, p. 250).

Read that again! Consider that he is speaking as a scientist, not as a theologian. He writes further: “The complexity of the simplest known type of cell is so great that it is impossible to accept that such an object could have been thrown together suddenly by

thology of disjointed documents, composed, revised, translated, distorted and “improved” by hundreds of anonymous authors, editors and copyists, unknown to us and mostly unknown to each other, spanning nine centuries (2006, p. 268).

Dawkins may sound knowledgeable to those ignorant of the Bible, but his facts are not quite correct. He fails to see the overall picture and the unity of thought found in the Scriptures. For example, a comparison of the first and last books of the Bible,

Genesis and Revelation, shows common themes that “bookend” the overall narrative. Yes, these books were written fifteen centuries apart, in two different languages, from two different locations—yet *The Companion Bible* lists 30 parallels between them, such as the beginning of sin in Genesis and the end of sin

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some kind of freakish, vastly improbable, event. Such an occurrence would be indistinguishable from a miracle” (p. 264).

When we consider the incredible complexity of life—from the tiniest cells, to the organs that work together to make us function, to the beauty and harmony of the natural world—the evidence points to a Mind that has put it all together, and that Mind is great beyond any description. If you do not have copies of our resources *The Real God: Proofs and Promises* and *Evolution and Creation: What Both Sides Miss*, be sure to order your free copies and *prove God’s existence for yourself*. This will give you one strong leg on which to stand in times of trouble—however, there is more to remaining stable than leaning on a single leg.

The Bible as a Pillar of Strength

One can hear the disdain coming from Richard Dawkins in a quote from *The God Delusion*, where he ridicules what both Christians and Jews claim is their source of doctrine and inspiration—the Bible.

To be fair, much of the Bible is not systematically evil but just plain weird, as you would expect of a chaotically cobbled-together an-

in Revelation, and the tree of life being rejected in Genesis and the tree of life being accepted in Revelation (E.W. Bullinger, “Appendixes to the Companion Bible,” 1972, pp. 5–6).

The fact that this amazing series of books was written by some 40 different men, over a period of 1,500 years, from Iraq to Italy and places in between, and written in the forms of history, poetry, song, letters, and prophecy—all in its two primary languages of Hebrew and Greek, and to a lesser extent in Aramaic—only serves to make the Bible’s unity of thought more remarkable. We should also note that it has been translated into hundreds of languages and dialects and that there are far more copies of it than of any other book.

Perhaps the most remarkable thing about the Bible is its fulfilled prophecy. Jesus predicted nearly 2,000 years ago that the world would come to a point where all life could be snuffed out—and, in fact, *would* be snuffed out—unless He returned to stop mankind from its madness (Matthew 24:22). This was never possible when His prediction was written, nor was it possible during most of the 1,900 years that followed. But, beginning with the dawn of the atomic age some 75 years ago, it became a *real threat*.

Much earlier, the prophet Zechariah predicted that Jerusalem would be a troublesome spot with a Jewish presence (Zechariah 12:1-3; 14:1-2). This could not have been fulfilled from 135 AD, when the Jewish people were expelled from Jerusalem, until at least 1967, when they once again controlled the city. Today, however, it is an ethnically divided city, as Zechariah 14:1-2 predicted.

Some prophecies of the Bible are obvious and easy to understand. Others are more obscure and admittedly more difficult to understand, for a variety of reasons. Then there are those whose meanings are obvious, but only when pointed out. As an example, we read of two men who, by the power of God, prophesy and plague the earth for a period of three-and-a-half years to get rebellious mankind's attention. At the end of that time, they will be killed in the city of Jerusalem.

When they finish their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them. And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. Then those from the peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations will see their dead bodies three-and-a-half days, and not allow their dead bodies to be put into graves. And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, make merry, and send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth (Revelation 11:7-10).

Notice that people all over the earth will see their dead bodies and celebrate for a period of three-and-a-half days. How is this possible? We take instant communication for granted today, but it required the invention of new materials, rocketry that launches satellites into earth orbit, computers, LED screens, smartphones, etc. This prophecy could only be fulfilled in our modern age, as it predicts something not remotely possible 1,900 years ago.

Another proof of the Bible is often overlooked, even though anyone can plainly observe it. Contrary to the opinion of some, the law of God is still in effect



and is a powerful proof that the Author of the Bible is smarter than any human being. Dawkins and others tout science as the ultimate arbiter of truth, so let us look at the evidence as one would in a scientific experiment.

Take one of the biblical Ten Commandments, “You shall not commit adultery” (Exodus 20:14). All is well when two people live by this law, but when either party violates it, bad things happen; the marriage often ends in divorce, leaving hearts broken and children confused and hurting. The effects are often lifelong. Expanding the intent of the law, sex between two unmarried people also carries harsh penalties. How many suffer untold misery as a result of Sexually Transmitted Diseases? How many single mothers are forced to drag their children through poverty due to a foolish decision to flout this biblical injunction? Yet no harm comes from patiently waiting until marriage and then remaining loyal to one's commitment. This being the case, what is the scientific conclusion? That God knows best!

The Bible also instructs mankind on meats that are fit for people to eat and other meats that are not fit (see Genesis 7:1-3 and Deuteronomy 14:1-21). But most people—including most scientists and dieticians—think they know better. Yet scientists and epidemiologists know that SARS, MERS, Nipah virus, Ebola, the 1918 flu pandemic, the swine flu of 2009, and more are the result of handling these unfit meats as food. While the source of COVID-19 is a very controversial subject, at the bottom of it

all, the virus originated in bats, whether in a wet market or manipulated in a biohazard lab. This is to say nothing of the many parasitic and bacterial diseases contracted because of the consumption of these biblically unclean animals every year. If you are unfamiliar with our resources on the subject, we invite you to contact our regional office nearest to you for a copy of *God Answers His COVID-19 Critics*, one of our many free DVDs.

Where Is God Working?

Proving to oneself that God exists and that the Bible is His revelation to mankind is invaluable, but one also needs a third pillar to bring real stability during times of stress. One must develop a heartfelt relationship with God the Father, Jesus Christ His Son, and His holy Scriptures, and that means more than repeating a few words. So, what exactly does the Bible reveal about God's will for you?

Many think they know—but, once again, we must ask, *Have they proved it?* Most people accept the religious beliefs of parents and peers. While many individuals at least temporarily stray from religion after leaving home, normally Protestants remain Protestant, Catholics remain Catholic, and Muslims remain in the Islamic faith. But are all religions equal? Do “all roads lead to heaven,” as some believe? Try to get to Detroit that way! No, there are contradictory doctrines even within dominant religious categories. Consider how many Protestant denominations there are. Some believe baptism by immersion is necessary, others that you are only saved if you speak in “tongues of angels.” My friends, they cannot all be right!

These questions must be asked and adequately answered from Scripture: What is God's will for mankind? What does the Bible say that may be opposed to the traditions you were taught growing up? Does the Bible agree with what your minister preaches? Most take for granted that their minister, who may be an inspirational speaker, is telling them the truth—but is he? Are his messages in true harmony with the biblical message?

A young man came to me one time and questioned a scripture that I had read. His minister had

said that the law of God is burdensome, but the scripture I had quoted said otherwise. Who was he to believe? The answer is found in another question: Will you believe your minister or Christ's Apostle John? Read what John said in 1 John 5:3 and decide for yourself who to believe.

Has the law been abolished? Read 1 John 2:3–6.

Did Jesus come to end the law? Read Matthew 5:17–19.

Did the Apostle Paul dismiss the law? Read 1 Corinthians 7:19 and Romans 3:31.

Do you believe your Savior? If so, read what Jesus told the young man who wanted to know what he needed to do to inherit eternal life in Matthew 19:16–19.

The question of where God is working is not one that can be answered in a single article, but it *can* be answered if one is willing to investigate. *Tomorrow's World* offers many resources to help you. The *Tomorrow's World Bible Study Course* provides an excellent starting point. We also offer booklets such as *What Is a True Christian?* and *Satan's Counterfeit Christianity*. All our resources are free of charge, easy to understand, and based on the Bible—referencing the relevant passages of Scripture.

The year 2020 was stressful—and the years ahead are shaping up to be even more stressful, as the Bible clearly foretells. We need to be well grounded when life seems overwhelming. This begins with knowing that the Creator God exists, proving His existence for yourself. It also requires knowing for certain—based on facts, not traditions—that the Bible is the true word of the Creator. And it requires studying that remarkable book so that we know the plan of God—what He expects of us and the wonderful reward He offers us.

These three pillars must then stand upon Jesus Christ as their foundation (1 Corinthians 3:11), for He is God (John 1:1–2, 14), He inspired the word of God, and the Bible expresses His mind. When you prove these things, you can be reminded of the big picture when troubles overwhelm you, as you stand upon the stable foundation of these three pillars. 

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In the spring of 1915, Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae attended to the wounded after the Second Battle of Ypres in Belgium. The battle was the first in which poisonous gas was used as a weapon of warfare. McCrae, an established physician, was himself gassed, and the chlorine greatly aggravated his asthma. The 1st Canadian Division had managed to capture a section of the trench in the Ypres Salient, an area on the outskirts of Ypres that was of great strategic importance to the Western front. In doing so, this division had made history, becoming the first former colonial force to defeat a European power in Europe. I remember visiting the fields of Ypres as a young teenager and listening to our Canadian tour guide explain the legacy of the Canadian forces and their daring feats of bravery in the dire stalemate of trench warfare.

Saving the Wounded—and Honouring the Slain

Born in 1872 in Guelph, Ontario, John McCrae was also an author, poet, medical surgeon, professor of medicine, and artist. He had previously served in the Canadian armed forces during the Boer War, and had been in his early forties when Britain declared war on Germany at the beginning of World War I. He had enlisted without reservation, and while a medical officer at Ypres, he had witnessed the tragic carnage of war, which resulted in the poppy-covered fields becoming strewn with grave markers. After the death of a young friend, he penned the now renowned poem “In Flanders Fields”:

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,*

*That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*

Nearly 6,000 Canadians lost their lives outside Ypres during this battle, many expiring in agony after inhaling chlorine gas. Yet this is a metaphoric teardrop in the watery craters of World War I's fatalities, as an estimated 9.7 million military personnel lost their lives in addition to the 21 million wounded and ten million civilian





deaths (“World War I casualties,” *Reperes*, 2011). World War I was a watershed moment in mankind’s tumultuous history of warfare, and because of McCrae’s poem, the red poppy has become the symbol of remembrance for all those who died in it. However, what followed was of far more severe and widespread consequence.

The Spanish Flu

Lieutenant-Colonel McCrae contracted pneumonia and meningitis on January 23, 1918, after providing more than three years of wartime medical care for the injured and dying. Days later, the Spanish Flu pandemic began. Over the next two years, nearly 50 million people succumbed to that deadly outbreak, with some sources suggesting that this figure is a drastic understatement (“Updating the accounts: global mortality of the 1918–1920 ‘Spanish’ influenza pandemic,” *National Center for Biotechnology Information*, 2002). By 1920 the total death toll from the Great War and ensuing influenza had killed around 8 percent of the global population of the time (based on highest estimated deaths for WWI and the Spanish Flu—40 million and 100 million, respectively—and an estimated global population of 1.8 billion).

In Canada, a country with a population of around eight million at the outbreak of the war, nearly 61,000 were killed in battle and an estimated 50,000 died from influenza (“The Cost of Canada’s War,” *WarMuseum.ca*; “1918 Spanish Flu in Canada,” *The Canadian Encyclopedia*, March 19, 2020). The vast majority of these casualties were young, healthy men, many of whom were the main wage earners for their families. The combined consequences of the virus and the war can never truly be quantified.

Thankfully, the events of the twenty-first century, including the COVID-19 pandemic, have not yet resulted in the mass casualties of the early twentieth century. But our future holds the same grim realities of pain, sorrow, death, and sacrifice. The Bible, specifically

the book of Revelation, foretells devastating conflicts and wasting diseases. Such suffering is the sad result of mankind’s individual and collective decision to choose for ourselves the way we live and to write our own rules of social restraints and public order.

The Valley of Dry Bones

We must recognize that we lack the foresight to anticipate all the effects of our actions when we stray, even with the best of intentions, from the handbook given to us by our Creator. As history repeats itself, so will the disease and conflict of the twentieth century. Yet there is a prophecy found in the book of Ezekiel that shines the light of hope at the end of the proverbial tunnel.

The hand of the LORD came upon me and brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it was full of bones. Then He caused me to pass by them all around, and behold, there were very many in the open valley; and indeed they were very dry. And He said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” So I answered, “O Lord God, You know” (Ezekiel 37:1–3).

The prophecy that follows looks forward to a time when all victims of mankind’s ill-fated self-rule will rise to life again from the ground—including from those



poppy-laden fields around Ypres. Then, as we read in Ezekiel 37:6, God “will put sinews on you and bring flesh upon you, cover you with skin and put breath in you; and you shall live.”

What is the glorious result of this prophecy? “I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken it and performed it” (v. 14). All human beings will know their Maker and will finally get a chance to live His way of life, no longer the victims of sin and the suffering it brings.

If you’re looking for some good news, there you have it! The suffering of this day and age will soon come to an end and be replaced with life, abundantly and forevermore!

—Jonathan Riley

GRACE

Freedom to Sin?

Grace is a wonderful gift from God. Yet it is much misunderstood. How can you be sure that you are making the most of God's grace in your life?



By **Richard F. Ames**

“**G**race” is a word many Christians use, but surprisingly few understand. Maybe you “say grace” before eating a meal. Maybe you think of grace when you see an expert dancer or an act of great politeness. Or maybe you owe money on a credit card and its “grace period” lets you wait almost a month to make your payment.

Christians, however, talk about grace in a very specific way. In our Christian lives, grace is the free and unmerited favor God gives to those who seek Him.

But if grace is really free, some wonder, doesn't that mean I can do anything I want? Over the centuries, some have wrongly taught that once Christians “accept Jesus,” it does not matter what sins they commit; they are supposedly assured of salvation even if they do not give up old habits of murder, idolatry, and all sorts of other awful behaviors. Surely, that can't be right. But, on the other hand, since grace is God's free gift, how can there be any “conditions” attached to it?

Clearly, many people do not understand God's grace. In fact, you may be surprised to learn that

most people—even many Christians—do not really understand what salvation is, or even what sin is. Yet the knowledge of sin and salvation is vital to understanding how grace works in your Christian life! In this article, we will briefly explore what it means to receive God's grace, what that grace means in the life of a Christian, and how it relates to salvation and forgiveness of sin.

“Cheap Grace”?

If grace is a free gift, how much is it worth to us? Do we treat it as something valuable? You may have heard people talk about “cheap grace,” but what do they mean? The famous German pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer observed, “Cheap grace means the justification of sin without the justification of the sinner. Grace alone does everything, they say, and so everything can remain as it was before.... Well, then, let the Christian live like the rest of the world, let him model himself on the world's standards in every sphere of life, and not presumptuously aspire to live a different life under grace from his old life under sin” (*The Cost of Discipleship*, translated by R.H. Fuller, 1963, p. 46).

Bonhoeffer contrasted this with what he called “costly grace.” He wrote, “Such grace is *costly* because

it calls us to follow, and it is *grace* because it calls us to follow *Jesus Christ*. It is costly because it costs a man his life, and it is grace because it gives a man the only true life. It is costly because it condemns sin, and grace because it justifies the sinner. Above all, it is *costly* because it cost God the life of his Son: ‘ye were bought at a price,’ and what has cost God much cannot be cheap for us. Above all, it is *grace* because God did not reckon his Son too dear a price to pay for our life, but delivered him up for us” (pp. 47–48).

Are you responding to the grace God has given you? Or do you treat God’s grace as “cheap grace”? Do you take God’s gift for granted and live the way you have always lived? Many Protestant evangelicals have grown up hearing the slogan, “once saved, always saved.” That would be reassuring—if it were true. In reality, we all have seen many people “sincerely and honestly” respond to the emotional pull of an altar call and believe that they are “saved,” only to go back to their old patterns of sin as soon as the emotional “high” wears off. If “once saved, always saved” were true, these people would be just as “saved” as those who ceased from their old habits of sin—who repented.

This vital point—**repentance**—is what is too often missing from people’s definition of salvation. God does not just grant us grace; He grants us repentance if we come to Him sincerely. We cannot honestly say that we “trust” Him if we say we accept His grace but do not accept His gift of repentance. As the Apostle Paul asked Christians in Rome, “Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?” (Romans 2:4). Yes, dear readers, when we respond to God’s grace, that response includes repentance—and more.

Peter’s Sermon

On the day of Pentecost in 31 AD, in the first, inspired sermon of the New Testament Church, the Apostle Peter spoke in Jerusalem to several thousand people, after which they became convicted of their part in killing Jesus the Messiah. Thousands asked Peter and the other Apostles, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?” (Acts 2:37).

Here was Peter’s opportunity to tell them that they did not need to do anything more than “trust” or

“believe” in God. But he didn’t say that. What did he say? “Then Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit’” (Acts 2:38).

Peter proclaimed wonderful news—that sinners could be forgiven of their sins and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. And for this to occur, he insisted on two points—that they repent and that they be subsequently baptized.

If you had been listening to Peter, grieving over your part in Christ’s death and wanting to change your life and receive forgiveness, what would you have done? Would you have argued with Peter, saying, *I won’t repent, I won’t be baptized, because those are works and I don’t have to earn my salvation?* If you had responded that way, you would have been arguing against many of God’s plain instructions, including these basic New Testament teachings.

Of course, no one can *earn* salvation. But a willful disobedience to God’s instructions is a sure sign that you have not truly repented.

So, how did the crowd respond on this first Day of Pentecost in the New Testament Church? Scripture shares the wonderful news: “Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers” (Acts 2:41–42).

On that day, 3,000 new Christians obeyed God’s instruction—they repented and were baptized. They did as Jesus had told all Christians to do: “Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, ‘The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel’” (Mark 1:14–15).

Think Differently!

When we repent of sin, we are deeply sorry for having transgressed God’s law. We no longer have a hostile attitude toward God and His law of liberty. We no longer have a carnal attitude that “is enmity against” the law of God (Romans 8:7). After repentance, we want to be in harmony with God’s law of love—the Ten Commandments. Repentance brings a deep change in our thinking and a commitment to live by every word

of God. As Jesus said, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God” (Luke 4:4).

Repentance is more than an intellectual awareness of sin. Genuine repentance brings deep sorrow for our sins. Think of the woman who washed Jesus’ feet with her tears (Luke 7:37–38)—what she showed was deep repentance.

We should be aware that there is also a worldly sorrow that is not genuine repentance. Notice Paul acknowledging the Corinthians’ repentance: “Now I rejoice, not that you were made sorry, but that your sorrow led to repentance. For you were made sorry in a godly manner, that you might suffer loss from us in nothing. For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death” (2 Corinthians 7:9–10).

Some criminals express worldly sorrow, outwardly saying that they are sorry for their crimes—their sins—when in fact they are *inwardly* saying, *I’m sorry for getting caught, I’m sorry for suffering the penalty for my crime, but if I get a chance to commit another crime, I will.* And it is not only criminals who have this worldly sorrow. Many who become addicted to oppressive and unhealthful habits—such as sexual sins, drug abuse, or misuse of alcohol—may feel a kind of sorrow, regretting the consequences that come with their behavior. However, without a genuine change of heart *and* a lasting change of behavior, their continual sinning will result in death! That is where the sorrow of the world leads!

Godly sorrow—true repentance—brings different, better fruit. Notice its characteristics, as described in Scripture: “For observe this very thing, that you sorrowed in a godly manner: What diligence it produced in you, what clearing of yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what vehement desire, what zeal, what vindication! In all things you proved yourselves to be clear in this matter” (2 Corinthians 7:11).

Act Differently!

When a Pharisee asked Jesus Christ to name the greatest commandment, how did He respond? “‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Proph-

ets” (Matthew 22:37–40). As we learn to think like God, we also learn to act like God.

If we think we have “been saved” but we continue to practice sin with no change in our attitude or behavior, we have not genuinely repented. Psalm 51 is David’s acknowledgement of his sin, and reading that psalm will help you to understand repentance more deeply. Notice that David did not ask for “justice”! Justice for David would have meant the death penalty, since “The wages of sin is death” for us all (Romans 6:23)! Rather, in his repentant attitude, David asked for mercy: “Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; according to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin” (Psalm 51:1–2).

Yes, David acknowledged his sin! He prayed earnestly for God to cleanse him. Have you ever prayed that way? David went on to pray, “I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Your sight—that You may be found just when You speak, and blameless when You judge” (vv. 3–4).

How did David sin “only” against God? David had committed adultery with Bathsheba. He had sent Bathsheba’s husband, the soldier Uriah, to the front lines to be killed. Certainly David had “sinned against” them. But God commands, “You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery” (Exodus 20:13–14). David had sinned against the Lawgiver and had earned the death penalty.

David’s repentance sets an example for all of us. We all need that humble and contrite attitude! “The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart—these, O God, You will not despise” (Psalm 51:17).

A License to Sin?

After we come to the point of repentance, as David did, and we obey Christ’s instruction to be baptized, we are forgiven of all our past sins and we begin to walk in newness of life. How, then, should we continue to respond to the grace—the unmerited pardon—that God has given us? Notice: “What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?” (Romans 6:1–2). Should a newly

begotten Christian, whom God has granted unmerited forgiveness and pardon, continue to transgress God's law and disobey God? Paul says plainly, "Certainly not!" The biblical evidence is overwhelming: We cannot continue to disobey God willfully and be given the gift of salvation! Paul was dealing with false Christians who were trying to use grace as a license to sin—as many do today!

The Apostle Jude also condemned this unbiblical approach to grace: "For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ" (Jude 4, *KJV*). The *New Revised Standard Version* states that these "intruders... pervert the grace of our God into licentiousness...." The *New International Version* words it this way: "They are ungodly people, who pervert the

So, as Paul strongly stated, we cannot continue to live under grace if we are practicing sin at the same time. No truly repentant Christian would want to practice sin while claiming grace. The true Christian has "died to self" at baptism, as Paul explains: "Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:3–4). That "burial" is symbolized by the repentant sinner's complete immersion in water. After baptism, the forgiven sinner begins a new spiritual life.

The Holy Spirit

We cannot grow spiritually without God's Spirit. God gives a repentant sinner the gift of the Holy Spirit after baptism and the laying on of hands.

God expects us to exercise active faith. He expects that we will trust Him to the point that we will actually do what He tells us to do. Jesus warned His followers, "But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say?" (Luke 6:46). We need to do as He did! Remember, even Jesus Himself set the example of being

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grace of our God into a license for immorality...."

How many professing Christians today are doing exactly that? Those who pervert the grace of God are saying by their conduct, *We are free to transgress the Ten Commandments; we don't need to obey God!* That is wrong! That form of rebellion is carnality, not conversion! Converted Christians recognize that keeping God's commandments is an expression of love. The first four commandments show us how to love God, and the last six commandments show us how to love our neighbors. As the Apostle John wrote, "For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome" (1 John 5:3)—or "not grievous," as the *KJV* has it.

baptized in obedience to God's instructions!

The Holy Spirit is the spiritual power from God that begets us as His children and empowers us to grow spiritually. Notice that this gift of God's Spirit is given by the laying on of the hands of God's true servants. The Apostles "laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit" (Acts 8:17).

We need the Holy Spirit to overcome the downward pull of human nature. Paul described his struggles with human nature: "I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin" (Romans 7:25).

Notice Paul's attitude of obedience. Will God give the Holy Spirit to those who have an attitude of

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THIS IS **London** **CALLING**

The “Beeb” and Objectivity



The BBC World Service (international broadcaster of the British Broadcasting Corporation), famously began its programmes with the announcement, “This is London Calling.” With its worldwide audience, the BBC—affectionately known as “Auntie Beeb”—is widely considered the preeminent broadcaster of the English language. And with broadcasts in more than 40 other languages focused on local regions around the globe, the BBC truly speaks to the world.

Since the Brexit vote of 2016, the objectivity of BBC reporting has come under scrutiny. Chartered as a national broadcaster under Royal Decree by King George V in December 1926, the BBC has within its charter the following mission statement: “The Mission of the BBC is to act in the public interest, serving all audiences through the provision of impartial, high-quality and distinctive output and services which inform, educate and entertain” (“Royal Charter for the Continuance of the British Broadcasting Corporation,” *BBC.co.uk*, December 2016).

Today, the pursuit of impartiality may well be the greatest of the BBC’s challenges. Though impartiality was a relatively easy assignment in the 1920s when it served a homogenous audience of English, Scottish, Welsh, and Irish, the situation has changed in many ways since those foundational days of broadcasting.

How Times and Agendas Have Changed

The challenge of impartiality was recently highlighted when Boris Johnson’s administration proposed the appointment of two individuals who had been arch-critics of the BBC. One appointee was to chair the BBC itself, and the other was to lead Ofcom, the

broadcasting regulatory body responsible for ensuring that the BBC lives up to its charter. The prospect of these appointments prompted BBC employees to threaten a mass exodus of staff.

Why? Because the BBC has been a left-leaning institution for so long that much of its staff has no sympathy for anything that is *not* of the left.

Controversy also followed the new BBC Director General’s mandate that staff can no longer support campaigns, “no matter how apparently worthy the cause or how much their message appears to be accepted or uncontroversial” (“BBC’s new social media guidelines: Staff told not to back campaigns even if they appear ‘uncontroversial’,” *INews.co.uk*, October 29, 2020). Many BBC employees had previously been seen as “leading the charge” on various social issues. Furthermore, these same people had become opinion leaders simply because of their large numbers of followers on social media platforms. Many among the BBC’s more prominent staff have also used their roles within the corporation for considerable financial gain outside of it, to the point that BBC positions have increasingly been seen as opportunities to grow rich rather than to serve the public.

To be fair, the problem is not necessarily of the BBC’s own making. Rather, it is the product of an education system that is systemically left of centre and produces left-leaning employees.

Diversity and Diversion

In the years since the BBC’s founding, a once-homogenous British society has become multicultural. The years following the Second World War saw an influx of

new citizens from around the world who brought their distinctive cultures with them. Once comparatively cohesive, the outlook of British citizens has increasingly become shaped by divergent views from every corner of the earth.

In those same years, Britain sought to become a *scientifically driven* society. The study of science

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was vigorously promoted by national leaders, and the social sciences were given full rein in the development of British culture. The result has been a decidedly *secular* transformation of British society, not unlike the transformation of France and other European states. Yes, the Queen is still the head of the Church of England, and senior church roles are still appointed by today's British government, but these roles are increasingly seen as anachronistic. Indeed,

many of the “new” British are more religious than those amongst whom they have settled.

So, how could anyone maintain a sense of impartiality in such a diverse, multicultural society as is now the United Kingdom?

The Need for True Worship

The problem the United Kingdom faces today is that it has *no foundation* on which to create a cohesive vision for its increasingly complex society.

Where can we look for that foundation? In the Jerusalem of his time, the prophet Jeremiah delivered a prophecy that still holds true today. He explained that human beings do not have knowledge of how to direct their own ways (Jeremiah 10:23). They need an external understanding to put things into perspective, to provide a sense of purpose to their existence. Science and technology may create a vibrant economy and represent the intellectual prowess of a society, but they neither provide nor reveal the reason for its existence. One of the sagest British minds of the last several decades, the late Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks—Britain's chief rabbi from 1991 to 2013—gave the keynote address at a conference devoted to religion and media in 2019, in which he noted:

Science tells us how. It doesn't tell us why. Technology gives us power, but it doesn't tell us how to use that power. The market economy and the liberal democratic state give us choices, but often no advice as to which choices to make (“Keynote remarks at the Religion and Media Conference,” *RabbiSacks.org*, April 30, 2019).

Sacks understood that religion is essential to answering those questions. He echoed the wisdom of King Solomon, who noted in his proverbs that we should not lean on our own understanding or be wise in our own eyes. Rather, Solomon taught the need for human beings to accept the place of God in their lives and seek to do what He wants us to accomplish. Doing so brings spiritual and psychological health to the individual—and, by extension, to society (Proverbs 3:5–8).

Impartiality, in and of itself, is an empty pursuit. To be meaningful, the goal of impartiality requires a shared societal ideal. It requires a foundation of answers that, as Sacks said, science cannot provide. It requires a *real* religion with *real* answers—not any of the secular substitutes we have adopted so freely in the Western world. We as a society have rejected the place of God in our lives to our own hurt.

Jeremiah's warning is also for each of us. He laments that we have forgotten our God and have followed false idols—a truism of the current British society, which seeks to define itself by science instead of a relationship with God. The final, lamentable outcome of such forgetfulness, described by Jeremiah, is national nihilism and subjugation to others (Jeremiah 18:15–17).

But you need not suffer this fate. Take advantage of what *TomorrowsWorld.org* has to offer, including the free booklet *Restoring Original Christianity*, and discover how you can fill your life with the only real God.

—Peter G. Nathan





**Are You Ready for
the Great Reset?**

Have you heard of the Great Reset? Most people haven't, but some very prestigious and serious people around the world think it's coming your way—and soon. Later this year, it will be the subject of a major meeting of world leaders. If they get their way, it will dramatically change daily life for billions of people on planet Earth!

By **Dexter B. Wakefield**

In a world of skyrocketing budget deficits, fears of devastating climate change, and a virus running rampant and generating a global pandemic, leaders in many nations are taking notice and plan to take action on a coordinated, worldwide scale before ruin comes to the entire global economy. And for many, the state of crisis that they see presents an opportunity too “good” to pass up—an opportunity not just to return to normal, but to return to a *new* normal based on their vision of how the world should work. One such vision gaining great traction is being called the “Great Reset.” If you do not know about it yet, you need to, as some of the most powerful people in the world are seeking to make it a reality.

What is the Great Reset? Why do so many believe it is so crucial to humanity's flourishing—even its survival? Can this coordinated effort among the movers and shakers in today's world give us the free, safe, secure world mankind has long sought? Or is the Great Reset just one more pipe dream in a long history of pipe dreams?

Time will tell, but the subject deserves your attention, because some very powerful people at the World Economic Forum are working very hard to reset *your* life—whether you want them to or not.

The Debt Problem

Sovereign debt, the debt of national governments, has been soaring in recent years, and many analysts and politicians are confident that it is unsustainable. In late November 2020, the total debt of the United States was at \$27 trillion and rising fast, with no end in sight. Multi-trillion dollar fiscal deficits are anticipated well into the future. Even though calculating

the total debt for the world can be complex, economists agree that many other countries are in the same predicament.

But while the developed countries are struggling with the decline of their economies and the soaring financial demands of the COVID-19 crisis, many poorer countries maxed out their borrowing capacities long ago, and are facing the prospect of cutting back essential services, such as healthcare and education.

The Guardian recently reported,

There is growing concern of an imminent debt crisis among low-income countries struggling to keep up the payments on money borrowed from a mix of public and private creditors over the past decade. Both the World Bank and its sister organization, the International Monetary Fund, have warned that poor countries are being forced to cut back on health and education spending to keep up repayments on debts incurred before their economies were hit by a collapse in demand for their exports and a drop in remittances (“World Bank Calls for Debt Relief Programme as Amounts Owed Hit Record Levels,” October 12, 2020).

The total sovereign debt of the world's nations is counted to be in excess of \$60 trillion, and total U.S. government debt now exceeds its Gross Domestic Product (GDP), as government debt does in many other countries. As *Foreign Policy* reported in October 2020, “Total global debt stands at an unsustainable 320 percent of GDP.... Piling debt on top of debt seems to have reached a dead end.... A growing number of economists and policymakers are beginning to talk about the need to shift to a new, possibly digital

monetary regime whose contours remain unclear” (“Start Preparing for the Coming Debt Crisis”).

Current national debt loads are widely considered unsustainable, especially for the poorer countries. The world’s finances have been at a “tipping point” for some time, and the COVID-19 crisis has given them a shove.

For a number of years, economists and politicians have been recommending a “debt reset” of some kind that would allow governments to get out from under their crushing debt loads. Now this idea is being seriously considered on a broad scale as part of a grand plan to solve the world’s problems.

Seeking Global Solutions for Global Problems

And when you’re solving the world’s problems, why stop there? Sovereign debt is hardly the only “global problem” on the minds of our would-be social engineers looking to transform the world.

Regardless of what you may think of the issue, the idea that mankind is negatively changing the weather systems of the entire planet, also known as anthropogenic (human-caused) climate change, is a driving political force in the world. Taking advantage of the growing focus on climate change, some policymakers in the United States and elsewhere have pressed for a “Green New Deal”—a dramatic proposal to completely reinvent the nation’s power industry, economy, and social contracts under the banner of fighting man-made climate change. And when presented as a worldwide crisis, proponents of such measures demand worldwide solutions incorporating worldwide controls.

And sovereign debt aside, the perceived wealth disparities between “rich” and “poor” nations—as well as *within* nations—has long been a target of policymakers and economic philosophers. Although international trade and multinational companies have lifted hundreds of millions out of poverty in recent decades, proponents of radical change note that wealth differences have increased social and political tensions, even within industrialized countries. Many politicians and think-tank researchers have long advocated more aggressive reallocation of incomes, and they are considering a *reallocation of wealth* within and among nations as well.

Add a global pandemic to the mix—with poorly coordinated responses between nations supposedly

adding to the spread of the virus and national economies turned to rubble—and many see *opportunity* in these dramatic world conditions.

One such individual is former U.S. Vice President Al Gore—a prominent climate change activist—who said in a June 2020 interview,

I think this is a time for a **great reset**. We’ve got to fix a lot of these problems that have been allowed to fester for way too long. And **the climate crisis is an opportunity** to create tens of millions of new jobs and clean up the air—[and] reduce the death rate from pandemics, by the way, because the air pollution from burning fossil fuels heightens the death rates from coronavirus (“Al Gore Talks Climate Crisis: ‘This Is the Time for a Great Reset,’” *Today.com*, emphasis added).

A “Great Reset” is exactly what many have long wished to bring to the world—and the COVID-19 pandemic seems to have brought them just the opportunity they were looking for to make their wishes come true.

Not Wasting a Good Pandemic

You may have heard the famous quote, “Never let a good crisis go to waste.” Whether you heard it attributed to Winston Churchill, Saul Alinsky, or Chicago mayor Rahm Emanuel, the idea is that, as Emanuel explained some years ago, a large-scale crisis represents “an opportunity to do things you think you could not do before.” Right or wrong, many leaders see the COVID-19 crisis as *just such an opportunity*. They believe that a global problem requires global solutions and presents global political opportunities that must be seized now.

For instance, Klaus Schwab, German economist and engineer, has said, “The pandemic represents a rare but narrow window of opportunity to **reflect, reimagine, and reset our world**” (“Now Is the Time for a ‘Great Reset,’” *WEForum.com*, June 3, 2020, emphasis added). And the World Economic Forum—founded by Schwab, who serves as its Executive Chairman—aims to do just that in 2021.

Annually since 1971, the World Economic Forum (WEF) has held conferences at which leaders of gov-

ernments, academia, and commerce meet to give and hear presentations on the world's social, financial, commercial, and political issues. It's a very exclusive gathering, attendance is by invitation only, and the cost of membership in the WEF is expensive. The theme of the 2021 conference in Lucerne, Switzerland, will be **"The Great Reset."**

As a policy, the WEF states, "The Great Reset is a new initiative from the World Economic Forum and HRH the Prince of Wales to guide decision-makers on the path to a more resilient, sustainable world beyond coronavirus. The economic fallout from COVID-19 dominates risk perceptions, but there is a unique opportunity to *reshape the global economy*" ("How

is drawing a level of interest that is worth noting. The Prince of Wales is not the only prestigious personality onboard.

António Guterres, United Nations Secretary General, said, "The Great Reset is a welcome recognition that this human tragedy must be a wake-up call" ("The Great Reset: A Unique Twin Summit to Begin 2021," *WEForum.org*, June 3, 2020).

Kristalina Georgieva, director of The International Monetary Fund, said, "This is the moment to decide that history will look back on this as the Great Reset" ("The Great Reset," *IMF.org*, June 3, 2020). On Twitter, she stated, "The recovery from this crisis is a once in a lifetime opportunity to support a **transfor-**

mation in the economy. A greener, smarter, and fairer economy."

Schwab and the WEF seek what they call a "Fourth Industrial Revolution," which they hope will transform the world. The members of the WEF have been developing programs for many years and see this pandemic as a unique opportunity to convince others to move on them. In the vision of the WEF, the Fourth Industrial Revolution will

change humanity—and they are open about it, explaining their desired changes in detail on *WEForum.org*.

Part of this "revolution" would be the elimination of *market-oriented, shareholder capitalism*, to be replaced with what they call *stakeholder capitalism*. Shareholder capitalism has been the dominant economic model for much of the past century, seeking to maximize the value given to the shareholders. The WEF's alternative, stakeholder capitalism, seeks to serve the diverse desires and needs of the many competing groups that have an interest in what the business does.

Stakeholder capitalism is very appealing to many socialists, because it can give the government a large measure of control over corporate activities for social and political purposes, but without the operational responsibility for running the corporation. That responsibility and all the accompanying headaches remains with the business's managers and owners. The WEF is actively promoting this model for world businesses.

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the World Can 'Reset' Itself after COVID-19—according to These Experts," *WEForum.com*, June 3, 2020, emphasis added).

Schwab has detailed this perspective in a book written with co-author Thierry Malleret, titled *COVID-19: The Great Reset*. In it, they claim that the problematic nature of the foundations of civilization "now lie exposed as never before, and people feel the time for reinvention has come. A new world will emerge, the contours of which are for us both to imagine and draw" (2020, pp. 11–12). Schwab and Malleret cast a vision of a world reset on multiple major fronts: economic, societal, geopolitical, environmental, and technological, with consequences at all levels of civilization, from governments and major industries down through to families and individuals. The pandemic, in Schwab's eyes, is a rare chance to reshape human institutions at all levels: "We should take advantage of the unprecedented opportunity to reimagine our world" (p. 19).

The WEF has proposed "big ideas" on a global scale before, often to little effect. But the Great Reset



The Pope Weighs In

Among those joining the call for major changes in the world order is Pope Francis, leader of the world's 1.2 billion Roman Catholics and global advocate for causes important to many socialists. He has published a 223-page "Apostolic Exhortation" titled *Evangelii Gaudium*, in which he declares sweeping social and political goals in moral and religious terms and calls for worldwide social, political, and economic change.

"Inequality is the root of social ills," Francis states flatly in his work (2013, p. 160), and capitalism causes inequality. He characterizes modern market capitalism as "a new tyranny" (p. 47), declaring, "We can no longer trust in the unseen forces and the invisible hand of the market" (p. 161). In Francis' view, individualism is an obstacle to the collective pursuit of the common good. He writes, "We should recognize how in a culture where each person wants to be bearer of his or her own subjective truth, it becomes difficult for citizens to devise a common plan which transcends individual gain and personal ambitions" (pp. 51–52).

Francis' encyclical echoes themes of the WEF's Great Reset by noting, "In our time humanity is experiencing a turning-point in its history" (p. 44). And he asserts the theme of debt cancellation, saying, "Debt and the accumulation of interest also make it difficult for countries to realize the potential of their own economies and keep citizens from enjoying their real purchasing power" (p. 48). In his support, he cites the words of John Chrysostom from the fifth century: "Not to share one's wealth

with the poor is to steal from them and to take away their livelihood. It is not our own goods which we hold, but theirs" (p. 49).

And it is not just the world's Catholics who pay close attention to what Pope Francis says.

Some observers suggest that the pandemic is part of an overall conspiracy, but *Tomorrow's World* does not engage in politics or conspiracy theories. However, it is clear that a broad spectrum of officials very openly advocate using the current pandemic to promote far-reaching agendas. And one could hardly call it a "conspiracy" in the usual sense, as the WEF's policies are widely published and promoted.

Not Everyone Agrees

But the WEF isn't without its critics. *National Review* contributor Andrew Stuttaford suggests that the Great Reset...

... has more to do with handing power to "leaders"—that word again—than honoring the "dignity of every human being," a pretty concept difficult to reconcile with a world-view in which most people are regarded as victims, bystanders, or members of a "purpose-driven community"....

Why, in the wake of a colossal failure of governments, it is "capitalism" that has to be reset is unclear, as is how "the world," that imaginary polity, will take such far-reaching decisions. But democracy won't have much to do with it.... there is little room for dissenters—voters, say, with their unruly discord or shareholders with their unseemly greed....

It doesn't hurt that this club has established a privileged position within globalism's opaquely assembled governing class. The WEF has been designated by the Swiss government as an "international institution for public-private cooperation," granting it, according to the WEF's history, "the privileges enjoyed by other international organizations, such as the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the United Nations."...

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BURSTING THE BUBBLE

As economies fail around the world, we learn the lessons taught by misplaced confidence.

As America experienced the most robust economy in memory, with high employment, rising wages, record retail sales, and booming international trade, it was the pride of government leaders and political partisans.

Then the illusion of stability in the economy and financial system rapidly evaporated. The vulnerable nature of the system was quickly exposed as a mysterious virus brought the world to its knees. Confidence in the vaunted economic miracle was shattered when an obscure illness began in Wuhan, China, in November 2019 and quickly developed into a global pandemic. Great panic ensued as nations “shut down” to prevent a devastating loss of life.

This bursting of the economic bubble should not have been a surprise, considering the modern financial system, which is based on an idea in which all the players must believe. Millions of employees in every sector depend upon being paid on a regular schedule. Each payday, they receive a physical paycheck or a direct deposit into their bank account. The payee gets a piece of paper with some numbers on it that represent wages or other compensation. Upon deposit, one receives a deposit receipt with some numbers on it. The person then pays monthly bills or makes purchases using physical checks, credit, debit cards, or electronic transfers, all of which involves exchanging numbers representing the value or price of the transaction.

In this process, no physical currency has changed hands. It is all based on an idea, a system of financial transactions. The system works only if everyone in the chain of events believes in the system and accepts the concept that the numbers on the check, receipt, bill of sale, etc. are a valid store of value. The system is a fragile financial arrangement subject to the vagaries of panic or instability.

Confidence Instead of Substance

Surprisingly, far more of the world’s economic system is backed by mere human confidence than the uninformed observer might believe.

Decades ago in American history, currency was backed at least in part by actual gold and silver. In

1934, Congress passed the Gold Reserve Act, which removed gold as the basis for the dollar. The law also made it illegal for U.S. citizens to own gold until the ban was removed in 1975. Some U.S. bills existed, for a time, alongside Silver Certificates that were redeemed for physical silver, but this practice waned and finally was fully halted in 1968.

And even precious metals like gold and silver only provide a certain level of stability. Even they can fail in a time of crisis. The prophet Ezekiel wrote, “They will throw their silver into the streets, and their gold will be like refuse; their silver and their gold will not be able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of the LORD” (Ezekiel 7:19).

Prosperity can be an illusion based on current conditions, subject to sudden, drastic changes. An unsound system can collapse when its financial bubble bursts.

The Bible states, “Do not put your trust in princes, nor in a son of man, in whom there is no help” (Psalm 146:3). King David highlighted a different approach: “In God I have put my trust; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?” (Psalm 56:11).

What can we learn from this disastrous time? Scripture warns us, “Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall” (Proverbs 16:18). As a nation, our great pride in the bustling economy was evident to all. God makes it plain that there is a limit to His patience: “Alas, sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a brood of evildoers, children who are corrupters! They have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked to anger the Holy One of Israel, they have turned away backward” (Isaiah 1:4). Can anyone deny that these words describe this time in our history?

As millions of people face uncertainty brought about by the pandemic and the resultant bursting of the economic bubble, we should realize that we can’t count on the system or government procedures. However, we can rely on God to do His part if we do ours. The key is to “seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you” (Matthew 6:33).

—*J. Davy Crockett III*



Teaching Kids True Masculinity and Femininity

One of the most challenging issues facing parents today seems almost too simple: How should we raise our boys to be men and our girls to be women? Before we know their weight or their length, give them a name, or hold them close, we look at their “underparts” to see if they are a girl or a boy. From that moment on, a big part of our life is helping them to be all that they can be—as a boy or as a girl.

Mixed Signals

It’s easy for today’s parents to become confused. On the one hand, we’re bombarded with a barrage of messages informing us that masculinity is toxic and boys should be more like girls. These voices tell us that differences between girls and boys are only a matter of physical variation, and that children should be raised in exactly the same way—without “programming” them with “archaic” thinking about how boys or girls should act. According to this way of thinking, most differences between men and women are stamped upon them by the way they are raised or “nurtured.”

And yet, in Genesis 2:21-23, we read plainly that it was God who designed and created us as men and women. In fact, God made a point of impressing this upon Adam when He brought him animals to be named. We read, “So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him” (Genesis 2:20).

As a man, Adam was incomplete. He had no counterpart, no partner, no complementary person who would, with him, complete the first human family. So,

God created Eve, the first woman. We at *Tomorrow’s World* believe this, and with the conviction that it was God who designed, created, and established this complementary duo, we’re led to one of the fundamental keys to understanding what we should teach our children about masculinity, or “being a man,” and femininity, or “being a woman.” That key stems from the roles and responsibilities that God gave to each.

The Role as the Rule

But before we get to that key, let’s first consider an *unintentional fallacy* that we can create. In trying to define and measure true masculinity and femininity, we can inadvertently create the wrong “yardstick.” For example, we might say that the following words describe a masculine man: courageous, strong, determined, dependable, reliable, and trustworthy. And we might describe a feminine woman as gentle, patient, approachable, kind, modest, and discreet. Such adjectives are often used by people who think more conservatively about men and women—and make no mistake, these are words that would describe a fine man and a fine woman. But did you notice the problem with using them to describe masculinity and femininity? All of them speak to the *character* of a person; and as descriptions of character, they are not exclusive to men or women. The truth is, women should be courageous, strong, and determined—as were Esther, Ruth, and Mary. And men should be modest, kind, and approachable—like Moses, David, and Jesus Christ.

If we are to train our boys to be masculine and our girls to be feminine, we need to differentiate between character traits and godly roles and responsibilities.

Godly character traits are expressed by both males and females. Courage, humility, kindness, and a love of peace are not uniquely masculine or feminine traits—they are *godly* traits. But that doesn't mean that there is no difference between boys and girls and between masculinity and femininity! So, what guide should we use to teach our children?

For the answer, we look to the Bible.

Unique Creations to Complement

In Genesis 2, we read that God created Adam first, followed by Eve, who was intended to complement him and assist him. God gave Abraham the responsibility to lead his family, and said, "For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the LORD, to do righteousness and justice, that the LORD may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him" (Genesis 18:19). God inspired Solomon to describe a wife in her role, caring for her family and supporting her husband (Proverbs 31:10-31). In Ezekiel 16, He described His chosen people as a wife to Him, the perfect, caring husband. And the Apostle Paul, continuing that theme in his letter to the Ephesians, described the marriage relationship as one in which the husband is responsible for leading and cherishing his wife, as well as one in which the wife is responsible for assisting and following her husband (Ephesians 5:22-33). This pattern of roles and responsibilities for husbands and wives gives us the biblical *starting point* for teaching true masculinity and femininity!

In other words, when we teach our son to open the door for his sister or mother, we're teaching him more than common courtesy; we're teaching him the mascu-



line trait of loving, serving leadership. When we teach him to offer to take the heavy shopping bag from his mother, we're helping him rehearse that same masculine perspective. Does that mean that our little girl can't open a door or carry a package? Of course it doesn't! But if we recognize that these are opportunities to teach our son about true masculinity, we will use them as training exercises for him to become a "manly man" who is gentle, considerate, and helpful. When they are small, a boy and his sister might wrestle and rough-house. Yet, as they age and he grows much stronger, we teach him to treat her more gently, as a young lady. We are not denigrating her for being a girl—rather, we are helping him understand the attitude taught in 1 Peter 3:7, that husbands are to treat their wives as precious and valuable.

The same principle applies for our girls. A good understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a wife can guide us into practical lessons in womanhood for our daughters. When we show appreciation for our little girl's tender care of her "baby doll," we are reinforcing a small part of what it means to be womanly as she acts out "being a mom." When she bursts into the room wearing a new outfit and asks, *How do I look?*, we have a chance to reinforce her femininity as she revels in being adorned with beautiful and modest attire. Some would say that is denigrating and objectifying for girls; yet God Himself expresses His love for Israel as His beautifully attired wife (Ezekiel 16:11-13).

It Begins with Mom and Dad

God has given us the responsibility and opportunity to help our children lead fulfilling and productive lives. One way we can help them do so is to teach our boys to be masculine and our girls to be feminine—even while our culture blurs and even condemns the wonderfully designed differences between the two.

We should train our daughters *and* our sons to develop bravery, tenacity, gentleness, strength, and a full complement of other virtuous character traits (cf. Galatians 5:22-23). These are not unique to either sex. But how we express those traits is different for boys and for girls, for women and for men. And the path to perfecting that difference is provided by God through the roles and responsibilities of man and woman, husband and wife.

—Jonathan McNair

HACKING THANKFULNESS

“Discovering” ancient godly wisdom.

Over the millennia, human beings have tried many different paths in their pursuit of true happiness and “enlightenment.” As we draw near to the end of this age, with the explosion of technological advancement over the last hundred years, mankind is now harnessing new tools and vast amounts of research in its never-ending search for happiness.

One recent trend in this search is called *biohacking*, a movement encompassing a wide variety of attempts to maximize human biological potential and to “transcend” the limits of health, happiness, and performance. While some biohackers go to dangerous extremes—including altering their bodies with technology or experimenting with dangerous drugs—others more safely explore what can be achieved through diet, exercise, and mental conditioning. Their goal is to discover what can be done, from a purely *biological* and *scientific* perspective, to make themselves happier and more efficient.

An Ancient Truth Revealed by a Modern Trend

One area in which some modern biohackers have found common ground with the Bible is the importance of *behavior*. They see that how you treat other people—and how you look at your place in the world—*matters*. They understand that to have a healthy body, you need to have a healthy disposition toward yourself and others.

Many on this quest have rightfully noted the need for gratitude. They have seen that taking the time to quantify what they have to be thankful for is not only beneficial, but essential—so much so that Tim Ferriss, a leading proponent of various biohacks, feels that people should schedule “gratitude training” and take inventory of the positive achievements in their lives, as well as the positive people who surround them. As Ferriss has noted on his blog, “It’s frighteningly easy to develop pessimistic blinders and lose sight of the incredible blessings and achievements in our lives.”

Ferriss has stumbled upon a truth that the Bible has advocated for thousands of years. The Apostle Paul, discussing an increasingly corrupt society, noted

that although people “knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened” (Romans 1:21). In other words, an unthankful attitude leads to a foolish and unsound mind.

It’s interesting that the word “darkened” at the end of this scripture describes an *intellectual* darkness or blindness. Paul is showing a clear connection between a lack of thankfulness—specifically towards the Creator and Sustainer of the universe—and a diminished understanding of spiritual matters. Such a lack of spiritual perspective leads, in time, to a mind that becomes increasingly corrupt and slides into moral decay. As the *New Living Translation* reads, “Yes, they knew God, but they wouldn’t worship him as God or even give him thanks.... As a result, their minds became dark and confused.”

Appreciating God: The Ultimate “Biohack”

The solution, of course, is practicing thankfulness, and true thankfulness starts with acknowledging God as the Creator and Provider of all good things. Paul states, “And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful” (Colossians 3:15). The entire context of this section in Colossians concerns what we as humans should focus our minds on and how we should treat other human beings. Avoiding negative attitudes and cultivating a positive and thankful outlook leads to a peaceful state of mind. That’s a “biohack” endorsed by God Himself.

Practicing thankfulness not only helps us appreciate the blessings we have been given, but also keeps us humble as we recognize our place in the big picture. Thankfulness gives us mental clarity so we can recognize our complete dependence on God, helping us avoid spiritual blindness. As the end of the age draws near, humanity is going to slide into complete rebellion against its Creator, and that slide starts with an attitude of ingratitude. Let’s avoid this common pitfall and be thankful for the numerous blessings we have in our lives. Above all, let’s be thankful for our Creator.

—John Robinson

disobedience? No, He will not! As Peter plainly stated, the Holy Spirit is something that “God has given to those who obey Him” (Acts 5:32). God will not give the gift of the Holy Spirit to those in an attitude of disobedience.

Peter and the other Apostles continually demonstrated an attitude of obedience to God. Notice Peter’s boldness in speaking to the Sanhedrin. This council had commanded the Apostles not to preach in the

anyone should boast” (Ephesians 2:8–9). Notice that while God’s grace is a gift, faith for salvation is also a gift of God! The next verse is often overlooked by those who try to turn grace into a license to sin: “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them” (Ephesians 2:10). A righteous response to God’s grace produces good works, and a servant of God walks in them—that is, continually produces good works. We must bear the fruit of true Christianity in our lives.

By analogy, John describes the process of bearing spiritual fruit as Christ being the vine and the Father being the vinedresser (John 15:1–8). How do we honor our Father in heaven? Jesus states, “By this My Father is glorified, that you

bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples” (v. 8). If we “abide” in Him” (vv. 4, 7), we continually have a close relationship with Him and rejoice in His grace or favor.

The book of Acts gives several examples of grace (*charis*) as favor. The *International Standard Bible Encyclopedia* puts it nicely, reminding us that “*charis* is also used to say that someone had favor in another’s eyes: the early Church found *charis* with ‘all the people’ ([Acts] 2:47). Stephen recalls that Joseph found favor with Pharaoh (7:10), and David with God (7:46)” (ed. Geoffrey Bromiley, 1982, vol. 2, p. 552).

Paul begins several of His letters with a blessing that goes something like this: “Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ” (Ephesians 1:2). And the final verse of the Bible gives us this encouragement: “The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen” (Revelation 22:21). You and I need God’s favor, forgiveness, and continual grace.

Jesus Christ is our living Savior. We shall be saved by His life (Romans 5:10), but we must *continue in obedience!* We at *Tomorrow’s World* hope you will accept God’s grace, obey His will, seek His favor, and participate in His wonderful plan of salvation! 

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name of Jesus. What was their response? “But Peter and the other apostles answered and said: ‘We ought to obey God rather than men’” (Acts 5:29).

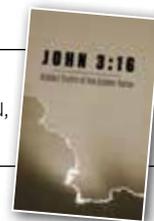
One of the main themes of the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation, is that obedience to God brings blessings and disobedience to God brings curses. You can receive God’s grace—His wonderful blessings and His gift of eternal life—through Jesus Christ our Lord. Remember, though, that God will only give His free gift of salvation to those who are willing to repent, to believe, and to obey Him. As Peter wrote, “For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God? Now ‘If the righteous one is scarcely saved, where will the ungodly and the sinner appear?’” (1 Peter 4:17–18).

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MAY WE SUGGEST?

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Wired for Worship

Several thousand years ago, a young shepherd sat alone in a field under a brilliant night sky. He looked up at the starlit expanse and was deeply moved. It may have been during such a night that he thought of these lines: “When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained, what is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You visit him?” (Psalm 8:3-4).

This shepherd was destined for greatness as the future king of Israel, yet he never lost touch with that early sense of wonder in meditating on God’s greatness and his own relative smallness. On that quiet night in particular, young David felt awe.

Our word “awe” comes from the fourteenth-century English term *awe*, meaning “fear, terror, great reverence” (“awe (n.),” *EtymOnline.com*). Today, it means a sense of vastness, wonder, admiration, or inspiration. Awe has particularly puzzled evolutionary scientists; though so highly developed in humans, awe seems to serve no obvious survival purpose. We at *Tomorrow’s World* understand that a master Creator designed our world’s highly complex forms and their functions, as well as many even more complex emotions and feelings. Though subject to abuse and manipulation, awe is wired into our neural structures for a purpose. We were wired for awe, and therefore wired for worship of our God. Awe, as we will see, is something we can cultivate in our Christian walk today.

Awe and Influence—Past and Future

In her article, “What Awe Looks Like in the Brain,” Dr. Summer Allen cites a study by Michiel van Elk of

the University of Amsterdam. He and his colleagues used functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) to observe the brains of participants viewing videos. The videos selected to inspire awe decreased brain activity in regions of the default mode network (DMN), a brain system particularly active when our minds wander or engage in self-absorbed thought. Dr. Allen summarizes, “In other words, awe may help stop us from ruminating on our problems and daily stressors. Instead, awe seems to pull us out of ourselves and make us feel immersed in our surroundings and the larger world (which may help explain its tendency to inspire generosity and a sense of connection with others). Dampening DMN activity may be key to giving us a sense of self-transcendence” (*GreaterGood.Berkeley.edu*, October 18, 2019).

Private business is increasingly teaming with neuroscience to study and measure the awe experience for profit. Many businesses see awe as a desirable state to trigger in consumers, and they can do so by using electronic media, virtual reality, and visual effects. Even Cirque du Soleil has jumped on the bandwagon, partnering with neuroscientists to study audience response to their performances. They measure factors including pre- and post-show behavior, heart rate responses, brain activity, and galvanic skin responses (“Cirque du Soleil and the neuroscience of awe,” *Vox.com*).

Is this neurobiological phenomenon manipulated more frequently than we realize? Could awe be hijacked by “influencers”? Perhaps even by a nefarious political or religious leader? Bible prophecy reveals that, in the end times, a charismatic leader will wield great

influence over masses of people swayed to venerate him. 2 Thessalonians 2 warns us of a false prophet who will show great spectacles and signs, proclaim himself divine, and demand worship. Read our free booklet *The Beast of Revelation: Myth, Metaphor, or Soon-Coming Reality?* to learn more.

Who Has a Mind Like God's?

Awe was understood properly by the Apostle Paul, the man who wrote to the Thessalonians. Paul, mentored and trained by the prominent religious scholar Gamaliel, spent much of his youth and early adulthood studying Scripture. With a tremendous reverence for the God-breathed word, Paul felt its truths resonate deeply in his heart and mind. He well demonstrates a thoughtful illustration of awe: "Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!" (Romans 11:33).

Paul here illustrates the first step to instilling awe in our worship: *contemplating how God is vast or noteworthy*. Paul's exclamation of "Oh, the depth of the riches...!" refers to truth that cannot be comprehended humanly. This "wisdom and knowledge of God" has a depth that even the angels don't understand (1 Peter 1:12). Paul was well acquainted with scriptural examination of God's mysteries, and thrilled by their unfathomable depths that could not be fully explored in a lifetime.

Divine counsel is characterized not only by depth and height, but also by breadth and length (Ephesians 3:18). No microscope can tease out its detail. No telescope can reveal its length and breadth. No MRI can reveal its inner workings. No man-made instrument can pound out its parts and pieces. Human beings cannot, by their own power, disassemble or reassemble the truth.

Paul uses the word "riches" to denote an abundance of that which is precious and valuable. Mankind's riches, compared to God's, are shallow. The "bottom" of it all is too quickly reached, and only dejection and disappointment result. God's riches, however, are "deep" and His judgments "are a great deep" (Psalm 36:6).

In our era of massive distrust of the media, it seems that truth is more elusive than ever. History is too often something malleable, bent to the current

political agenda. We must view all information sources, media outlets, and even government officials with an unprecedented degree of suspicion and scrutiny. There is only one clear, certain, infallible view—only One who comprehends all things that are, ever were, and ever shall be. And, as the psalmist stated, "Such knowledge is too wonderful for me" (Psalm 139:6).

But how can this be? "For who has known the mind of the LORD? Or who has become His counselor?" (Romans 11:34). As a natural consequence of contemplating God's many attributes, Paul calls into question the stature of man and sees what we all must come to see: *God is big. I am small*. Paul here illustrates the second step to instilling awe in our worship: *contrasting God's vastness with our smallness*. Job understood this when he finally recognized God's awe-inspiring power and beautiful grandeur, exclaiming, "Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. Listen, please, and let me speak; You said, 'I will question you, and you shall answer Me'" (Job 42:3-4).

Our God-given capacity for awe exists by design. It was designed by a Creator who wants a relationship with every human being He has created. Sadly, evil influencers have abused this neurobiological mechanism—as will a prophesied end-time false religious leader seeking incredible power. However, rightly used, awe is a gift from God. Just as the human organs of speech allow for meaningful communication between husband and wife, the mechanisms that give us the capacity for awe allow us to appreciate the meaningful ways in which our great God communicates with us and teaches us to approach Him in humility.

King David will live again; Scripture describes him as serving as a king under Jesus Christ in the future millennial Kingdom on earth (Jeremiah 30:9). Awe, led by truth, will help us walk the path leading to that kingdom.

—Bryan Fall

Bible prophecy reveals that, in the end times, a charismatic leader will wield great influence over masses of people swayed to venerate him.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Why Did Jesus Need to Be Baptized?

Question: What was the meaning of Jesus' baptism? In Matthew 3:16, we read that when John baptized Jesus, the Holy Spirit descended "like a dove" and rested on Him. Is this when the human Jesus Christ first received the indwelling of the Holy Spirit?

Answer: This misunderstanding of Jesus' baptism is very common and is frequently expressed by those who believe in the false doctrine of "adoptionism"—the idea that Jesus was not the Son of God before His baptism—and who want to deny or diminish Jesus Christ's pre-existing eternal presence in the Godhead.

Jesus Christ existed as the Logos—the "Word"—from the very beginning (John 1:1). This very same divine Being came to the earth "in the flesh"—and Scripture labels as "Antichrist" the idea that Jesus was not fully human (1 John 4:3; 1 Timothy 3:16). Yet Scripture also makes it plain that Jesus Christ would come to the earth as "God with us" (Matthew 1:23; cf. Isaiah 7:14).

How could Jesus be a human being coming forward for baptism, yet also be "God with us"? Reconciling these facts will not only help us understand how and when and why Jesus Christ received the Holy Spirit; it will even help us understand something about His nature—a subject much misunderstood by mainstream "Christianity."

We know from Scripture that Jesus was born of a virgin and that He was conceived by the Holy Spirit (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:20). Yet, although the Logos was God, He voluntarily gave up His Godhood, emptying Himself of divinity—in what is known as His *kenosis* (Greek for "emptying")—to become a human being (Philippians 2:5–7, *NRSV*). Yes, when Jesus Christ was a man, He was really a man, and when He died, He spent three days and three nights in the grave before His Father raised Him to eternal life.

Notice that, throughout His ministry, Jesus again and again made clear that His Father was greater than He (John 14:28). Christ did not claim to do miracles or offer His teachings on His own authority; rather, He clearly pointed to His Father as the source: "The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own

authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works" (John 14:10). Scripture shows that there were sometimes limits to what the Father would authorize the human Jesus Christ to accomplish when faced with unbelievers who knew Him simply as Mary's son, the carpenter. Notice this account of His visit to Nazareth: "Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them" (Mark 6:5).

Jesus Christ set a complete example for us to help us know how to fulfill God's righteous will and plan for our lives. That example included baptism.

So, why did Jesus go to John the Baptist for baptism? John—whose mission was to prepare the way for Jesus' ministry (Matthew 3:1–3)—was surprised, himself, telling Jesus, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?" But the Lord reassured him, replying, "Permit it to be so now, for *thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness*" (Matthew 3:14–15). As our Savior, whose life Christians commit themselves to emulating (1 John 2:6; 1 Peter 2:21), Jesus Christ set a complete example for us to help us know how to fulfill God's righteous will and plan for our lives. That example included baptism.

Unlike today's Christians, who are begotten by the Holy Spirit after repentance and water baptism, Jesus Christ—who had no sins of which to repent—received the indwelling Holy Spirit from the moment of His conception. He was Immanuel—God with us, the Word become flesh (John 1:14). Filled without measure with the Holy Spirit (John 3:34), He lived a perfect, holy, and righteous life even before beginning His ministry. John baptized only with water, but at Jesus' baptism, which set the example for all who would follow, God gave a sign—the Spirit descending "like a dove"—indicating that Jesus' followers would be baptized not only with water, but with the Holy Spirit. This is the meaning of Jesus' baptism by John. ^{Tw}

The WEF acts as an amplifier and supporter of the soft authoritarianism of the globalist governing class in waiting—and not always in waiting (“A Useful Pandemic,” *NationalReview.com*, October 29, 2020).

As Stuttaford observes, the WEF has found a privileged position among those seeking to change our world. It may not be globally admired, but its reach is almost global. It may not always achieve its grandiose goals, but it does have influence.

A Tale of Two Mountains

Even those who disagree with the WEF’s proposals may agree that something must be done about our planet’s problems. It is interesting that the annual WEF meeting usually takes place in the mountains of Switzerland. The Bible often uses mountains to picture governments. Satan has his “mountain”—currently the whole world, in fact, as he is the “god of this age” (2 Corinthians 4:4). Yet Scripture tells us that Jesus Christ will return to establish His Kingdom, also called the Holy Mountain of God (Isaiah 11:9; 56:7; 57:13).

Ancient King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon once had a dream of a giant image composed of various materials—gold, silver, bronze, iron, and clay—picturing the world-ruling governments from his time to the return of Christ. In his dream, which was a vision given by God, a stone “cut out without hands” (v. 34) smashes the image at its feet, shattering it to dust that is blown away by the wind. That stone then grows to become a mountain that fills the whole earth (Daniel 2:31–35). The prophet Daniel interpreted that dream for the king and the meaning of the stone that became a mountain, saying that “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” (v. 44).

The WEF brings powerful people together to plan various reforms for our world. Mankind continues to look to its own ideas and “righteousness,” always

rejecting God’s way of life—His government. Human suffering has been the inevitable result. The causes of the world’s problems are spiritual. The results are social and political. The solutions are *biblical*.

Scripture shows that Satan’s world cannot be “reformed” any more than Satan can be. *Jesus Christ is not coming to reform Satan’s mountain—his kingdom—but rather to destroy it and replace it with His own!* That is the good news of the Kingdom of God!

Reformers for the last 6,000 years or so have tried to elevate human society with different forms of government: tribal, feudal, monarchy, anarchy, communism, socialism, Marxism, Leninism, Maoism, autocracies, democracies—to name just a few. Yet, again and again, human leaders consistently reject *God’s* government and *His* way of life. As a result, our planet is full of hurt, misery, injustice, and destruction. The world’s governments and laws are based on human ideas of right and wrong, not God’s—and human misery is the inevitable result. When Satan tempted Adam and Eve, he said that they could “be like God, knowing good and evil” (Genesis 3:5). When Adam and Eve accepted that offer, they put in motion a profane system in which mankind would create its own governments, education systems, and other human institutions that exist apart from God’s rule.

Prophecy tells us that these systems of carnal government will eventually be used by a great political leader allied with a great religious leader during the last days of this age. Will the Great Reset be the vehicle these prophesied figures are able to use to their advantage? Only God knows the answer to that question. Whoever can implement such a program can acquire great power very quickly, but we should note that ambitious political programs have been proposed and fizzled before.

Yet the path of prophecy remains sure, and *Tomorrow’s World* will continue to illuminate fast-moving world events with the light of God’s word, so watch this space! In the meantime, we can all pray earnestly for the return of Jesus Christ—the only “Great Reset” that will *truly* bring the sort of world we all need and desire. TW

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Greece Plans Military Buildup

Tensions are growing between Turkey and Greece, fed in part by Turkey’s energy exploration in Greek territorial waters. In response to Turkey’s actions, Greece is looking to increase its military arsenal. “Despite the deep recession caused by the coronavirus crisis and a rising budget deficit, Athens has decided it’s time to act. Fighter jets, frigates, torpedoes and helicopters are all on Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis’ shopping list” (“Greece Goes Arms Shopping as Turkey Tension Rises,” *Politico*, September 11, 2020). This will increase Greek military spending by about a third over the next ten years. Even now, reports describe dozens of navy flotillas from each nation beginning to crowd each other, and “diplomats fear an accidental or deliberate escalation could spark a full-blown conflict.”

France, a close ally of Greece, will be one of the major contributors to the nation’s military buildup. Greece is also hoping to achieve a “mutual defense assistance” agreement with France. French support for Greece’s position recently

prompted Turkey’s president Erdoğan to warn Paris, “Don’t mess with the Turkish people. Don’t mess with Turkey” (“Erdoğan Warns Macron: ‘Don’t mess with Turkey,’” *Politico*, September 13, 2020).

The world is entering a time when simmering tensions—whether new or long-standing—will begin to boil over. While there have always been wars and rumors of wars, the Bible reveals that these ominous situations will increase in frequency and potential severity as we approach the last days (Matthew 24:4–8).

Divisions and Realignments in the Middle East

Following last year’s historic peace deal between Israel, the UAE, and Bahrain, and the powerful engagement of both Saudi Arabia and Egypt, Middle East stability again appears to be fracturing (“Analysis: The Real New Middle East Reality,” *Israel National News*, October 2, 2020). The mostly Sunni nations mentioned above are gravitating more toward Israel and the United States, while Iran and Iraq are moving closer to Turkey. Iran is now threat-

ening terror attacks against the UAE and Bahrain. Turkey’s President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan observed to Turkish lawmakers that “Jerusalem is our city”—referring to the period from 1516 to 1917 when the Ottoman Empire controlled the city (“‘Jerusalem is our city,’ Turkey’s Erdogan Declares,” *Times of Israel*, October 1, 2020). Erdoğan has also stood up to defend the rights of the Palestinian people.

Israeli prime minister Netanyahu, however, has commented, “Israel and states across the Arab world not only stand together in advancing peace. We stand together in confronting the greatest enemy of peace in the Middle East: Iran” (*Israel National News*).

The Bible warns of a coming “king of the South” that will arise in the Middle East and come into conflict with the coming European empire (Daniel 11:40–43). The fracturing of old Arab ties in the Middle East, and new agreements with Israel, are fascinating and

could tie into biblical prophecies about a temporary, relative peace in the region prior to Christ’s return, even allowing the reinstatement of animal sacrifices (Daniel 11:31; 12:11). Students of Bible prophecy need to watch the Middle East!

Europe Pushes Back Against Russia

In response to the recent poisoning of Putin critic Alexi Navalny and Russian interference in Libya, the European Union and the United Kingdom have leveled sanctions against several Russian leaders considered to be in President Vladimir Putin’s inner circle, as well as one Russian organization. “The adopted restrictive measures consist of a travel ban to the EU and an asset freeze for individuals, and an asset freeze for the entity” (“Russia Vows to ‘Respond in Kind’ to EU Sanctions on Putin Aides,” *Deutsche Welle*, October 15, 2020).

The Kremlin warned that this action could hurt EU-Russia diplomatic relations and

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that Russia would retaliate in kind. Of particular interest is the singling out of Germany for criticism: “The Germans are not planning to provide any facts, despite all international and legal obligations.”

Sweden is planning to double its annual military conscription numbers and increase its defense spending by 40 percent in the next five years, after letting its military dwindle in recent years (“Sweden to Increase Military Spending by 40% as Tension with Russia Grows,” *The Guardian*, October 15, 2020). This is a reaction to increased Russian activity and territorial encroachment in both the Baltic Sea and Swedish airspace. While Sweden maintains strong ties with NATO, it is not a member of the alliance, and is thus entirely responsible for its own defense.

Students of Bible prophecy should take note, as Scripture indicates that the world should expect a growing schism between Russia and the nations of Western Europe as the end of the age approaches.

Nature Boosts IQ in Youth

A new study of more than 600 children, conducted by a university in Belgium, found that the more exposure children have to “green spaces,” the higher their IQ (“Growing Up in Green Spaces Boosts Children’s IQs, Claims Study,” *EuroNews.com*, August 24, 2020). Researchers discovered that “a three per cent increase

in the greenness of a child’s neighbourhood raised their IQ score by 2.6 points on average.”

These researchers also looked at children across all socioeconomic levels (education and income) and found that, no matter their background, their IQs rose as they had more exposure to green spaces with bushes and trees. That means “that the relationship between nature and cognitive development is not solely related to the child’s upbringing and financial background.” While the researchers still do not understand all the mechanisms behind their findings, they speculate that “children who live in greener spaces have lower stress levels, experience less noise pollution and have more opportunities for social play.”

Regardless of the reasons behind the findings, these modern researchers have apparently stumbled across something God has understood for a long time. In the beginning, God placed the first family not in the desert or the tundra, but in a garden (Genesis 2:8–9). Bible prophecies about God’s coming Kingdom on the earth make clear that people will live on their own land and be able to sit under their own trees (Micah 4:2–4). This will be a time when springs pour forth from the desert, making it lush and causing it to “blossom as the rose” (Isaiah 35:1). When Jesus begins His reign on earth, He will initiate many changes that

will positively impact child development and IQ—and adding green spaces will be one of them!

Western United States Still Burning!

From California up to Washington and from the Pacific coast inland to Wyoming and Colorado, flames charred millions of acres during the 2020 fire season (“States Are in Desperate Search for Help Battling Record Wildfires,” *The New York Times*, September 10, 2020).

Oregon’s governor stated, “We have never seen this amount of uncontained fire across the state” (“Oregon Fires Force 500,000 People to Evacuate; California Fire Becomes State’s Deadliest

and then the next year say this is the biggest year. It’s becoming numbing how frequently we have to say this” (*The New York Times*).

The scale of destruction in the American West is sobering. Meanwhile, fires have also ravaged Canada, Europe, and Australia. In the pages of the Bible, God warns modern Israelite-descended nations (including nations of Western Europe and many English-speaking countries) that “your heavens which are over your head shall be bronze, and the earth which is under you shall be iron. The LORD will change the rain of your land to powder and dust; from the heaven it shall come down on you until you are destroyed” (Deuteronomy 28:23–24). As



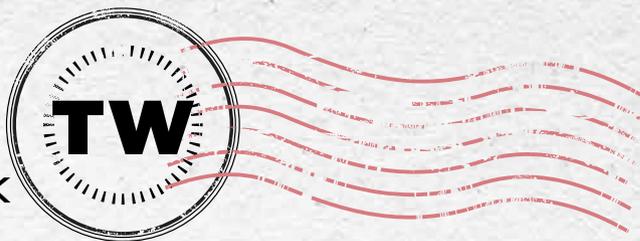
Sept 9, 2020: A large glowing cloud from wildfires turn the sky red. Black skies are stagnant through the Willamette Valley from the McKenzie River fires.

of 2020,” *Weather.com*, September 11, 2020). Roughly 500,000 Oregonians had to be evacuated from their homes, as tens of thousands of firefighters faced shortages in equipment. And yet, as another official put it, “[It’s] becoming sad that every year we’re having this conversation. We say this is the biggest year,

we see increasing droughts, famines, and destructive fires around the globe, we need to remember that admonition. Yet we can take encouragement, as well, as Jesus Christ tells us in Luke 21:28, “Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near.”

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I found that it was rewarding doing the first lesson [of the *Tomorrow's World Bible Study Course*]. Thank you so much for all the information in the books and magazines that I have been reading. It has brought me closer to the Lord. I find all the magazines and booklets I have been reading very rewarding. As a pastor I found that I don't know the Bible as well as I thought I did and was doing many things the pagans' way. But now I am doing the right things, so thank you so very much.

— Subscriber in Swainsboro, GA

I just would like to say thank you for providing me with all the materials. I can't stop reading, listening, and studying with the help of the materials you have blessed me with. Thank you for all the hard work you are doing in the name of our Lord. God bless you all.

— Subscriber in Liverpool, Merseyside, UK

In these times of uncertainty, you are truly a Godsend! I've been a longtime subscriber to your magazine and other study aids that you provide. It is so wonderful that you tell the truth according to God's word. Over the last number of years, I have learned so much from *Tomorrow's World*, and especially now. I look to you for the truth about what's going on in the world and how we desperately need to look to God for true forgiveness and salvation.

— Subscriber in Medicine Hat, AB, Canada

I'm an avid reader of your magazine publications as well as your Christian books and booklets. So helpful, your publications are. I urge you and your staff to keep the standards up.

— Subscriber in Harare, Zimbabwe

Marijuana has been proven to help more than it hurts. Research it. Stop listening to anti-marijuana propaganda! It does make you ignorant to the facts! Don't like marijuana? Then don't use it! It's way better than alcohol, pills, crack, cocaine, cigarettes, etc. How many have those killed? Hundreds of thousands if not hundreds of millions of people. How many has marijuana killed? Zero. I've never heard anyone getting killed because of marijuana or over it! Not to mention if it was legalized, all that money could help pay for roads, schools, [and] debt, among other things, like jobs, but no some of you people don't want that. Ugh. I am sick and tired of you people who are anti-marijuana. If you are so against marijuana, then don't smoke it. Stop trying to spread anti-marijuana propaganda lies.

—Email from a Reader

Editor's Note: Thank you for the feedback, though our position is more "pro-truth" than "anti-marijuana," and the truth about the harmful impact of marijuana on both society and individuals is plain to see for those with willing eyes. Some of the mistaken ideas and arguments repeated in this email are addressed very thoroughly in our free booklet *Marijuana: What They Aren't Telling You*. You can obtain your own free copy by contacting the Regional Office nearest you, listed on page 4.

I received a copy of the September-October 2020 issue of *Tomorrow's World* today. I loved reading every article in it. Thanks for providing Bible verses; it makes Bible reading more interesting. I'm now taking notes of every verse quoted, which could be handy in our weekly Bible studies. Kudos for the work you do. God bless!

— Subscriber in Ropes Crossing, NSW, Australia

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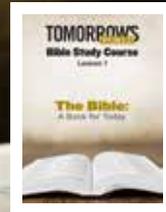
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