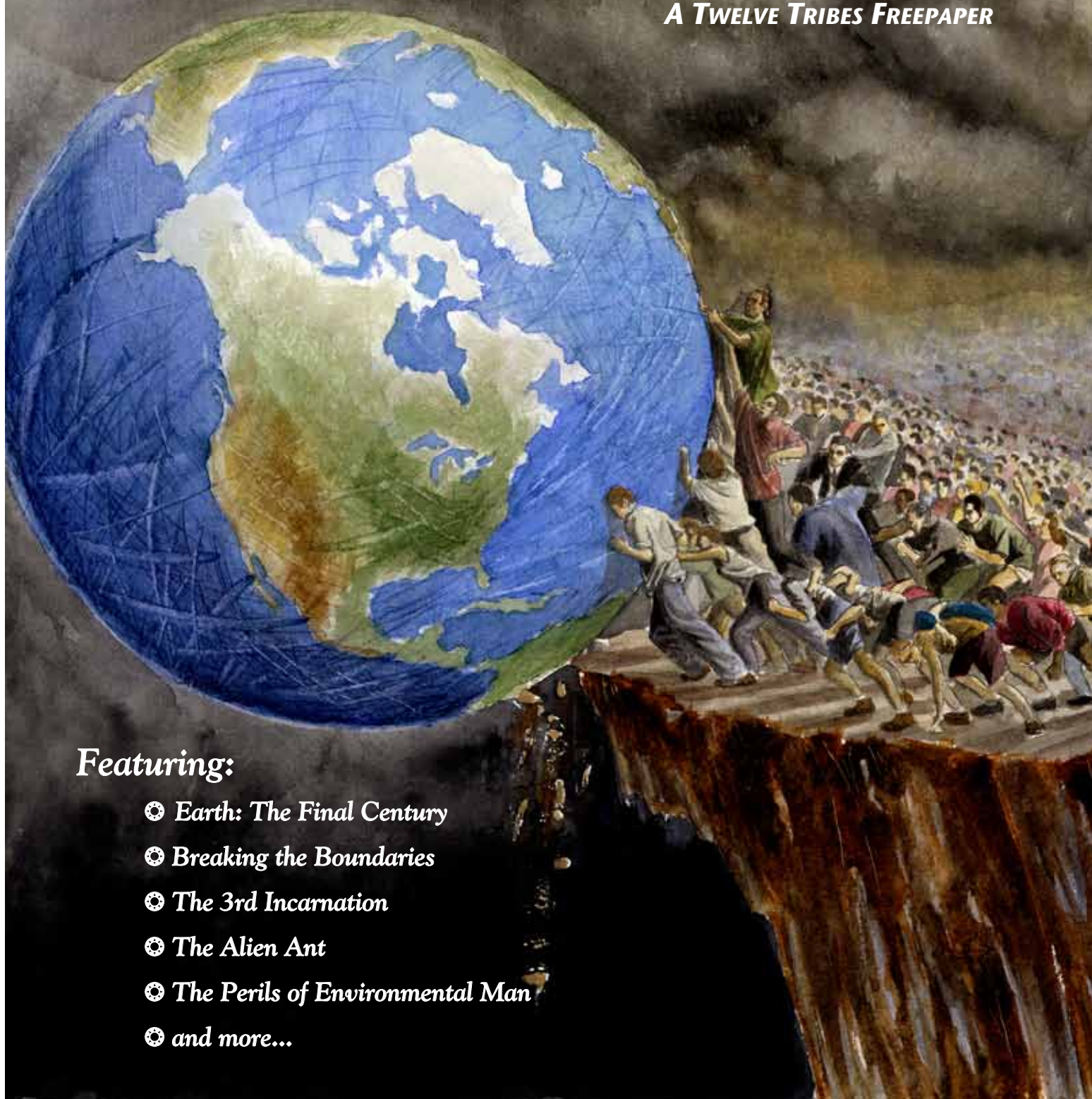


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Rare Earth



A mere glance at the stars invites the question, "Are we alone?" — one of the ultimate facing mankind. Not long ago astronomer Carl Sagan thought there were a million advanced civilizations in the Milky Way alone. But astrobiologists, men who look for life in other solar systems, and scientists are painting a far different picture. Once thought to be average, our planet, sun, and galaxy are anything but. Heavier than 95% of the stars in the Milky Way, the sun is both metal-rich and life-friendly. It has been a stable source of radiant heat for literally billions of years, releasing most, but not all of its radiation in the safe, visible light portion of energy. More energetic stars would release too much ultraviolet radiation, tearing apart the biological bonds of living creatures. Less energetic ones would be so small that the habitable zone around them, the orbits where water can exist on a planet, would be too close to them.

Our friendly sun is surrounded by an orderly array of planets with nearly circular orbits. If they had more eccentric orbits that brought them closer to the sun, gas giants like Jupiter would drive the inner, earth-like planets right into it. A massive moon, both lovely and useful, orbits our beautiful earth. It has kept the tilt of the earth constant for hundreds of millions of years, stabilizing the earth's surface temperatures in ranges suitable for life. The molten core of the Earth makes possible its great shield against solar and deep space radiation — its magnetic field. Its oceans, oxygen-rich atmosphere, and mighty upheavals of its crust to form continents — all have played their part in supporting life.

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*Yahshua is the Hebrew name of the Son of God. It is what His father Yoceph (Joseph) and His mother Miriam (Mary) called Him when He was born, as recorded in Luke 1:31 and Matthew 1:21. The footnote for this verse in the NIV New Testament reads: *Jesus is the Greek form of Joshua*. In Hebrew, as in old English, there is no "J" sound, and the name is more accurately rendered Yahshua. It means, "I am powerful to save," since it is constructed from *Yah*, the name of the Father (as in Hallelujah, "Praise Yah"), which means "I AM," and *shua*, which means "power and authority to save." We call Him Yahshua because that is truly His name (John 5:43; 17:11).



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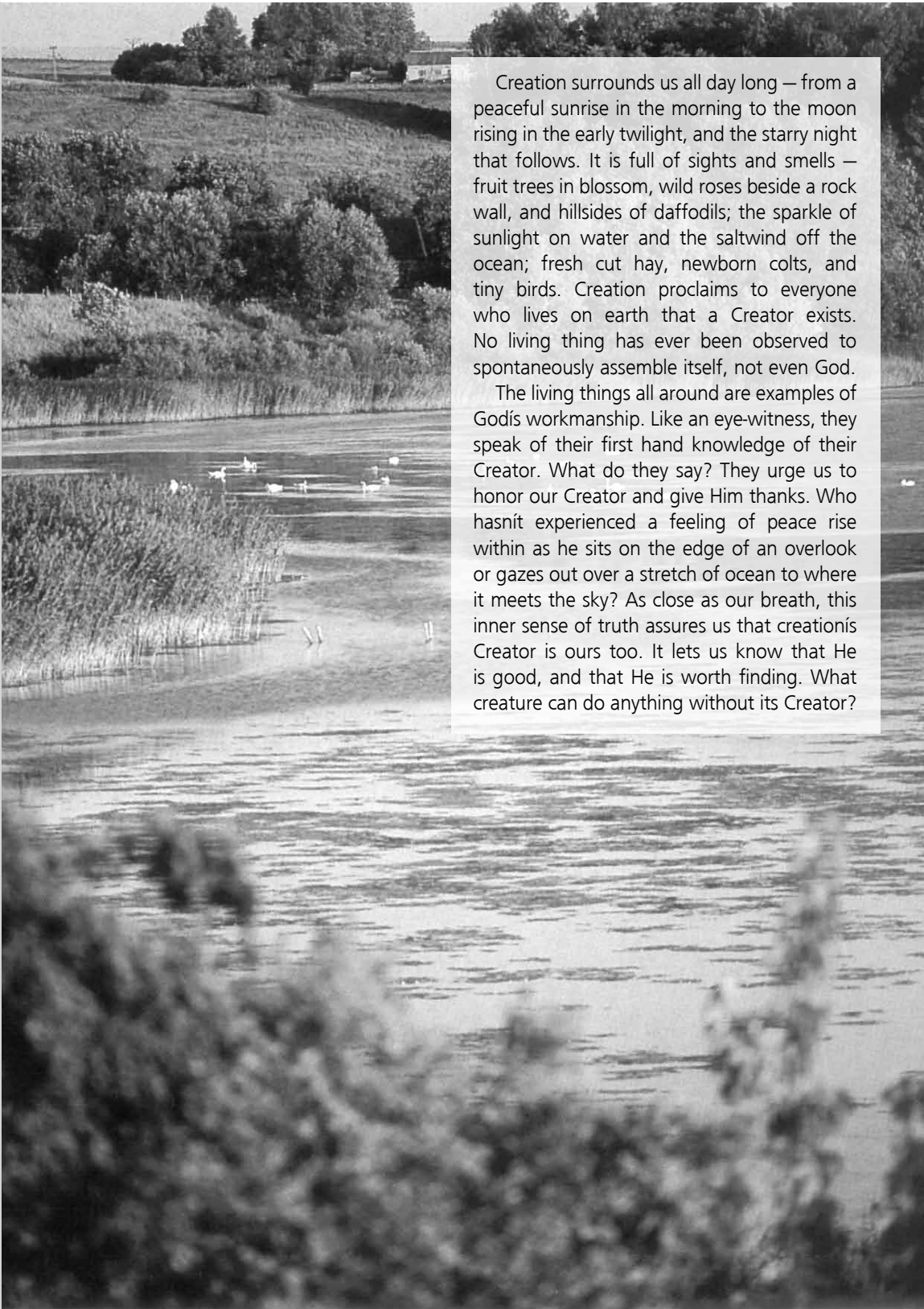
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Creation surrounds us all day long — from a peaceful sunrise in the morning to the moon rising in the early twilight, and the starry night that follows. It is full of sights and smells — fruit trees in blossom, wild roses beside a rock wall, and hillsides of daffodils; the sparkle of sunlight on water and the saltwind off the ocean; fresh cut hay, newborn colts, and tiny birds. Creation proclaims to everyone who lives on earth that a Creator exists. No living thing has ever been observed to spontaneously assemble itself, not even God.

The living things all around are examples of God's workmanship. Like an eye-witness, they speak of their first hand knowledge of their Creator. What do they say? They urge us to honor our Creator and give Him thanks. Who hasn't experienced a feeling of peace rise within as he sits on the edge of an overlook or gazes out over a stretch of ocean to where it meets the sky? As close as our breath, this inner sense of truth assures us that creation's Creator is ours too. It lets us know that He is good, and that He is worth finding. What creature can do anything without its Creator?

CREATION



Construction*

Creation is a delicate construction — full of little things and momentous forces at work. As unnerving as these forces beyond our control may seem, we live our short lives in trust. Most of us only experience a certain gentleness in nature. We take it for granted. Granted by Whom?

March did not come in like a lion this year. The snow melted off in a matter of days, and I noticed an unusual sight for so early in the year. There in my front yard was a crocus, three inches tall, heaving itself up out of its winter cradle. I had been expectantly waiting for months to see this herald of spring, and in my excitement I mentioned it to a friend. Hardly had the words left my mouth before she bounded out of the house to share in this miracle. A few minutes later, I told an old man who had sat down to eat, and as if I'd cast a spell on him, he leapt up and began peeking out the windows, fascinated by the spectacle.

* **construct** (from *com* - together, and *struere* - to arrange, build; hence, to arrange together) 1. to put together the parts in their proper place and order; 2. to devise and put into orderly arrangement; to form by the mind; originate or invent; 3. to draw (figure, plan, sketch) to meet certain requirements.



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Why is it that this little green sprig invokes such an appreciation in the young and old alike? You must know what I mean. Did you have the same thing happen to you this year? No matter how long you've lived, and how many times you've seen it year after year, you can't resist this inborn wonder. Everyone stoops down, as if in reverence, to acknowledge this little plant that somehow enchants the whole human race.

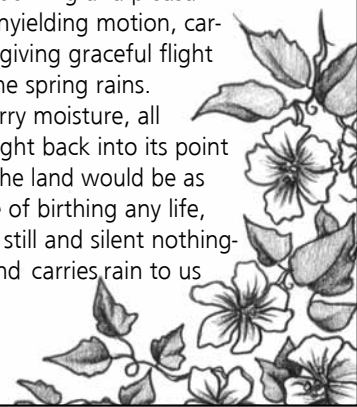
But really, the annual appearance of this flower signifies something much greater, something so big that we can't really grasp it. It marks the return of the earth to a specific point in the solar system in its 365-day trek around the sun. This might not seem so long to us, but if we realized the rocket-like speed we travel to accomplish this distance in this amount of time it would literally blow our socks off. We hardly think of it this way, though. Being such little people in a large world we don't walk around aware of the momentous forces that are at work, balancing and perpetuating one another. What we've been given to notice are the things small like us, such as the crocus. These powers have been masterfully woven together, thoughtfully and with precise care. Certainly creation is a delicate construction.

Let me try to paint you a picture of what I know about these invisible forces. It will probably turn out to be more like a finger-painting, knowing that the details of creation are unsearchably vast.

Starting with the sun, it jars one to think that if the earth were an inch further or closer to it (proportionally speaking) then everything would perish. All life would freeze instantly like statues, or vaporize without a trace. Yet here we are, perfectly set on some unseen track around the sun and have been for countless years, somewhat like an acrobat walking a tightrope without a net underneath him.

The sun warms the air, but here we're talking about all at once in massive global quantities. From the equator to the poles and back down again, fearfully powerful streams of atmosphere that we only detect as a soothing and pleasant breeze have been set in unyielding motion, carrying the dandelion seed, giving graceful flight to the birds, ushering in the spring rains.

Without the wind to carry moisture, all the rainfall would dump right back into its point of origin, the ocean, and the land would be as dry as a cracker. Incapable of birthing any life, the landscape would be a still and silent nothingness. Fortunately, the wind carries rain to us



for our crops as if it was always considering our need. So the sun revisits day after day, recalling the dew from the fields and delivering it on the wind back to the ocean again in its perpetual cycle.

The atmosphere is astounding. The wind churns and mixes it like a special brine that all of earth's life borrows from. The right proportions of gases not only give us our vital breath, but also blanket the entire planet, capturing its warmth until the sun emerges again just in time before things cool off too much.

We owe the timely reappearance of the sun to the rotation of the planet. Who is it anyway that set the well-calculated spin on the earth? If it were too fast would it fling us off like a slingshot or knock everything down? It's remarkable, the perfect size of the planet. Its density keeps it rolling along, but also swaddles the gaseous atmosphere to itself by the force called gravity. It gently holds all things to its surface, which if it were a little different we would all be flat — or nowhere to be found.

And, of course, earth's gravity is affected by the moon. It exerts its own pull powerful enough to make the earth slightly bulge like a water balloon, being that our planet's innards are made up of a unfathomable depth of molten putty.

Now consider the ground you securely walk around on. It's just a shell like that of an egg, suspended on this unstable substance. Yet, all this violent pushing and pulling doesn't break it all to pieces. This crust, aside from the flight of birds

and the dives of fish, houses a thin veneer of life, teeming and swarming with several millions of plant and animal species. All of them are affected in their habits and attitudes by these forces that balance and harmonize each other and life, as we know it.

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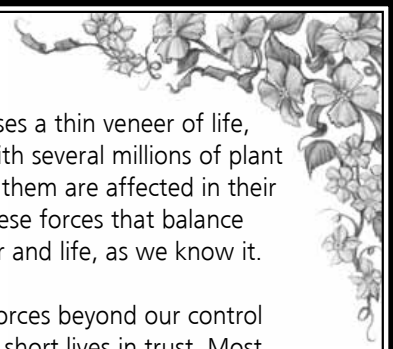
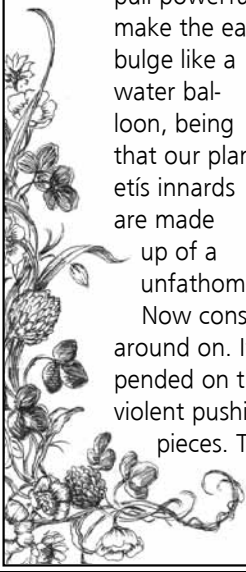
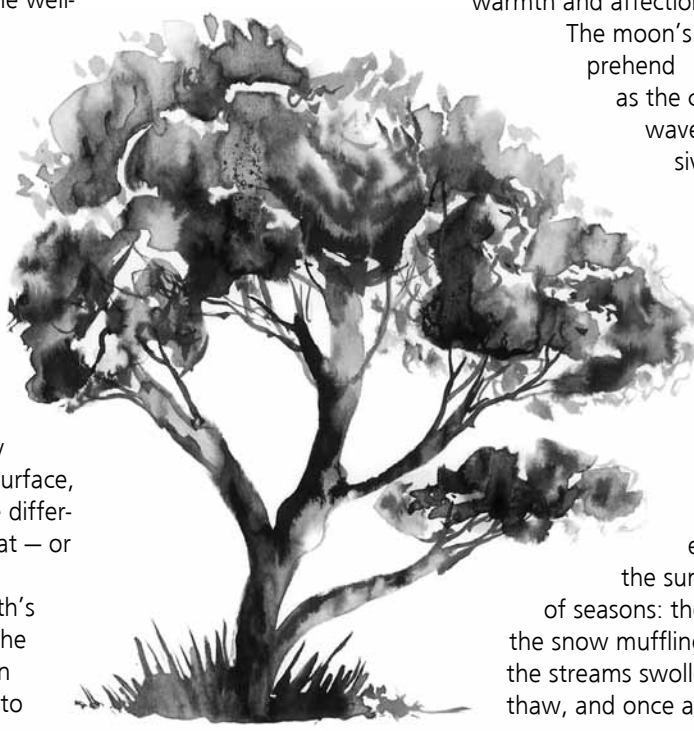
The fury of the sun we behold as royally colored sunsets, and its terrible flames we feel as its morning rays caressing our skin; witnessing the Creator's warmth and affection.

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We experience the earth barreling around the sun as the gradual change of seasons: the leaves changing color, the snow muffling the sleeping ground, the streams swollen from the spring thaw, and once again, the crocus lifting itself up from a long slumber. That flower, so small, but a sign of the working of great and marvelous things. A sign everyone can read, no matter

what language one speaks, literate or not. So listen to what it's saying. It's beckoning you to take notice, not of itself, but of Him who is aware of something far more powerful, and far greater, and far more important than all of these things. He's aware of you. ☪

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The Everlasting Covenant

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EACH YEAR I LOOK FORWARD TO THE
CANADIAN GEESE MIGRATING.

The sound of their honking always causes me to crane my neck to see where they are. Their powerful flight and stately formation is a source of wonder no matter how many years I have seen it happen. Men call it instinct — this common, inborn pattern of activity and response. The geese know when it's time to go. They are not made to survive the harsh northern winters. They would die if they didn't obey their instinctive urge to fly south.



It is evident that they have within them the knowledge they need to survive and multiply. Unlike human beings, they have no choice about obeying their instincts. If they did, it would be plain why they have them — the ones who didn't migrate would perish. If such waywardness spread among geese they would quickly be on the verge of extinction. They would have broken the covenant their Creator made with them. For animals that covenant could be expressed very simply: *Do this [obey your instincts] and you will live.*

The Son of God said, *"Look at the birds of the air — they do not sow, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them,"* and, *"Not one bird falls to the ground apart from your Father."* (Matthew 6:26 and 10:29) These are covenant words. In a covenant you bind yourself to another — to care, protect, and love them in every way. The instinctive knowledge within animals is evidence of the covenant between them and their loving Creator.

It is evident to human beings that this is the nature of God. The intricate web of life, the orderly roll of the days, the constant warmth of the sun, and the beauty of the stars all unmistakably speak of the great wisdom and care of the Creator. Yet it is

obvious that human beings possess very few physical instincts. Babies hardly know how to do anything, and they take years to reach adulthood. Are we then without instinctive knowledge? Is there no covenant made with us, the one creature that can consciously choose or refuse to honor the Creator?

All of creation functions according to the instincts planted in them. They cannot tell you what they are, and we only discern them by observation. Consider what is in you as you act and think. You may not have thought about your responses before, but they reveal that you have something like instinct. It is not irresistible like the dictates animals unthinkingly heed, but rather a natural response that seems right to you in a situation. However, it serves the same purpose as instinct does among the animals, giving us the knowledge we need to survive and multiply. Beyond that, to obey this knowledge of what is good is what brings us happiness and peace of mind.

Have you ever noticed the respect given a pregnant woman? She is more apt to get a seat on the subway; the cashier in the check-out line gives her a warmer-than-required smile; she receives appreciation from strangers and friends alike. All of this simply because she carries a child in her womb. Have you ever noticed the joy that greets a child born into the world? It

is a deep, unstoppable surge of emotion at the arrival of new life. Have you ever experienced the reality of these words: *"Whenever a woman is in labor she has sorrow, because her hour has come; but when she gives birth to the child, she remembers the anguish no more, for joy that a human being has come into the world?"* (John 16:21)

Have you ever been moved with compassion at the sufferings of someone else, especially a child? Crimes against and among youth are so terrible because it's so unjust — they haven't even had a chance at life yet.

Have you ever sensed that deep inside what you desired from another human being was trust, and acceptance, and love? Really what you long for is the covenant of marriage, to be able to mean it when you say, "Till death do us part."

Have you ever sensed the satisfaction from working hard to earn your own living? Is it really what you want — to be on easy street, with everything handed to you on a silver platter? Have you ever sensed the moral corruption of those who haven't pulled their own weight?

Human beings have moral instincts, and these are just a few of them. They are evidence of the covenant God has entered into with all men and women: *Do this [honor the instinctive knowledge of the truth within you] and you will live.* In the same way that geese not flying south would ultimately bring destruction to their whole species, so our disregard of our moral instincts brings ruin to us and all those around us.

Unlike animals, we are accountable for what we do, because we have an ability to reason and a freedom to act far beyond them. Consistent with this is the great gift of the Creator to mankind — the conscience. This is the true source of our accountability, for it warns us before we do wrong. It is God's mercy to us that our conscience has the added power to condemn us if we go past that warning. That guilt is meant to soften the heart we had to harden in order to do what we knew was wrong. To continue to go against the voice of our conscience in spite of the increasing weight of guilt is to incur eternal judgement.

The Everlasting Covenant

What exactly is this voice saying? What is this instinctive knowledge that God has inscribed on every human heart? It is the terms of an Everlasting Covenant that God made with Adam and Eve after the Fall, the boundaries of the conscience that would keep them and their offspring from the sins that would take them to the second death:

To the woman He said, "I will greatly multiply your pain in childbirth; in pain you shall bring forth children; yet your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you." Then to Adam He said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat from it,' cursed is the ground for your sake. In toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life. Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you, and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your brow you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, because from it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

(Genesis 3:16-19)

These verses convey the essence of God's absolute moral standard for men and women. The woman is to desire her husband and give herself to bearing his children, not trying to escape the suffering of childbirth or the responsibility of caring for them. This creates a strong bond between the woman and her children, who grow up respecting her. Her husband's love and respect for her also increases as he watches her go through the pain of childbirth.

The woman is to willingly submit to her husband's authority over her. The man is to lovingly rule over his wife, appreciating her desire for him and being faithful to her. He is to work hard to provide for his family, living off the sweat of his own brow, not trying to escape the suffering or the responsibility of being their provider. And they love and respect him for this.

An old road goes through the woods behind my house. It's abandoned now. Even though little plant roots are starting to crack its asphalt and the steel guard rails alongside it are slowly rusting into nothingness, still, you can tell that there was a road there. Its ugly scar has permanently marred the verdant forest.

Man is a complex creature. Though made from the lowliest of stuff he bears the image of his Creator. The highest glory of the whole universe has been placed inside of him. Man has a conscience.



An Old Road

He can make choices.

Some men's consciences look like the scene behind my house. Years of not heeding the voice within has left an ugly scar for ever. Time alone cannot erase its effect. Like buried plastic it doesn't just go away.

I live with people who are working hard to uncover another ancient road. It is narrow and it leads to life. To travel it a man must abandon himself and surrender his old life doomed to destruction. This road began when the very Creator of mankind came to the earth. Made of the same stuff as we are, he lived as a man. He uncovered the ancient way and made it accessible to anyone who would humble himself. The new life he offered came about through his blood. It was poured out upon the tortured earth as a sacrifice. It can cover and erase our sins, and erase all the scars of our tortured conscience.



The Birds of the Air

Yesterday as spring was breaking through on the bank of the Hudson River, I sat and watched the birds for a while. A tidy row of seagulls was perched on an old beam near the shoreline. Their heads were turned toward each other as if engaged in conversation. In the water two serene groups of swans glided smoothly in circles around each other, producing gentle ripples that sparkled in the sunshine. Occasionally they would stretch their long necks out and plunge beneath the surface. Short but uniform lines of ducks were going to and fro in the little inlet near the shore. Circling above me were little birds in flight, not wanting to be left out of the social gathering.

I marveled at the peacefulness of all the different birds. They weren't concerned or distracted with trying to be like other birds or different than they were. It was so nice.

Suddenly a shot split the air. The noise disrupted the scene entirely. The seagulls all simply flew away down the river. The swans got frantic flapping their huge long wings and splashing the water, squawking as they slapped the river. The ducks all moved faster and huddled together. The birds in the air just disappeared.

When I heard the sound of the gun it caused me to think about man's ability to destroy his environment. It made me sad to think of all the bad things man has done to Creation, abused her for selfish gain. Why haven't we taken better care of her?

Man has fallen far from the creation that God created for him, his wife, and their offspring. But He is still there, waiting, longing for His children to return to Him, just as His Creation groans for them to be revealed.

There is no room within these boundaries for sexual relationships outside the life-long covenant of marriage between a man and a woman. There is no room for the selfishness that usually motivates the choice to not bear children. There is no room for the wife to dominate or manipulate her husband. There is no room for the husband to be passive or lazy, or to be harsh or tyrannical. But there is much room for mutual love and care, faithfulness and diligence, loyalty and patience, kindness and warmth, endurance and fruitfulness. There is much room for happy, secure, righteous children who grow up to continue in the footsteps of their parents, within the boundaries of this Everlasting Covenant of conscience.

Tragedically, beginning with Cain, there were many that forsook this covenant. By the time of Noah's generation, wickedness was so great that God was grieved that He had made man (Genesis 6:5-8). But He took hope in Noah's family, who still held to the Everlasting Covenant. After the great flood He added to it:

And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth... And surely I will require your lifeblood; from every beast I will require it. And from every man, from every man's brother I will require the life of man. Whoever sheds man's blood, by man his blood shall be shed, for in the image of God He made man. And as for you, be fruitful and multiply; populate the earth abundantly and multiply in it." (Genesis 9:1-7)

This includes a provision for human government to punish those who destroy human lives, which Israel received as law (as all nations will in which righteous men prevail):

If anyone kills a person, the murderer shall be put to death at the evidence of witnesses, but no person shall be put to death on the testimony of one witness. Moreover, you shall not take ransom for the life of a murderer who is guilty of death, but he shall surely be put to death... So you shall not pollute the land in which you are; for blood pollutes the land and no atonement can be made for the land for the blood that is shed on it, except by the blood of him who shed it. (Numbers 35:30-33)

All good people will uphold this standard (even with their vote), for they value the image of God in their fellow man. Not only will they not murder (or withhold justice from murderers), but they will not knowingly do anything to ruin another person's life. Still, as in the days of Noah, most people today do not uphold this Everlasting Covenant, and the tragic results are plain to see, as the prophet Isaiah foretold:

The earth is polluted by its inhabitants, for they transgressed laws, violated statutes, broke the Everlasting Covenant. Therefore, a curse devours the earth. (Isaiah 24:5-6) ☉

Poisoned Soil



Although I am a planet, and planets do not talk, still, I have a story to tell. My beginnings have been greatly misunderstood by those who have tried to interpret the Bible. Most translators say in Genesis 1:2, "Now the earth was formless and void," but this is not true. Actually, if you read the Hebrew rightly, I was *created* with beautiful form and content, but I was *made* into a waste place, I *became* a place of ruin and devastation. Who did it?

There was an attempt at a military coup in heaven, and the rebel army of heaven came upon me with great wrath, to destroy what they had once been helping to build. I became devastated, an ecological nightmare. But my loving Creator did not give up. He began to labor once again upon my suffering surface, and restored a small part of me as a paradise, Eden.

Then I felt a new sensation upon my surface, something I had never felt before. It was feet! My Creator made a new creature to deal with the rebellion of the evil one. Now "Man" walked upon me in a beautiful and perfect garden. His footsteps were like the caress of a lover. Now I had hope.

But oh no! What's happening? Those wonderful feet are heavily plodding out of my paradise into the harsh wilderness! Why? Now who will care for me? I scarcely had time to consider, for soon I felt the invasion of a poison chilling my soil, and my soul if I have one. At first I shuddered, hardly able to grasp the situation. What is this, how can I take it?

I clutched my belly, fighting to suppress a violent urge to vomit, as the liquid seeped into my heart, like a cancer hunting for more undeserved nourishment. I convulsed, shuddered, as the blood of an innocent man flowed over my surface, seeping into my inward parts. I wept like a virgin raped, with no one to hear. Poor Abel! His blood dried upon my skin, a stain forever, and who is there to care?

I became the universe's first rape victim, and I hung my head in disgrace. My hair fell down over my tortured face as my loins burned from the indignity. I had hoped for so much more from you, O Man. Could I ever be the same? Who would ever love this violated Mother? I wept, not for myself, but for my unrealized destiny.

Now what would become of me? And of my friend, Justice? And of you, Man, for whom I was created?

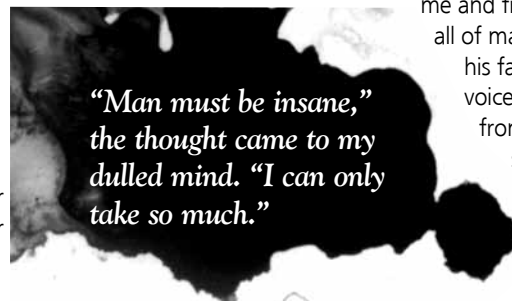
Then he came back, a gleam in his eye, returning to the scene of the crime, only for more sport. Created to be a friend to man, I became instead the object of his sadistic pleasures, as the evil sought out the good to shed even more innocent blood. *Man must be insane*, the

thought came to my dulled mind. I can only take so much poison, so much pain, so much violation.

"It's all over," a voice whispered, "now you must die." From deep below my guts burst — tremors, gushing floods, the vaults of my heart gaped open; clouds released my painful tears as I cried to Him who knew all things. Pounding waves, death washing me down, down. *This is it*. There was a certain calm in death; the floods brought a coolness to my wounds. The dried blood for which I cried began to dissolve. The pounding waves slowed down, the bashing subsided to a gentle scrubbing. Nearly a corpse, I began to breathe. My Creator had released a flood from within

me and from above to destroy all of man except Noah and his family. Then I heard a voice declaring to Noah that from now on, anyone who sheds innocent blood must himself be destroyed. If only man would listen, I could be to him what I was meant to be!

The centuries passed, and I saw many more unspeakable things occur. So much sorrow and oppression. But then I felt it again. It was feet, but so what? I had been feeling the heavy treading of feet for a long, long time. But these feet were different. They had a spring in their step, the spring of hope. It was Messiah! I had hope! Things could change! It wasn't long before I felt the trickle of





Blood . . . blood . . . blood. So much blood! Like a cancer eating away at her insides, Mother Earth is being destroyed by the guilt of unpaid murders. Only with the return of Messiah for His bride can the restoration process begin that will make her clean again.

warm blood growing cold upon my soil. I had felt it many, so many times before, but this was different. This blood was without any hint of sin.

My surface shook at the injustice! Death was not supposed to be upon me! I did not understand about His resurrection too much, but delighted when His feet caressed my surface for a brief moment again, then He was gone. His feet departed, a few others much like His took His place for a time, then silence.

It was back to business as usual, but with a vengeance. More and more, I sensed the treading of men's feet, heavy with the guilt of innocent blood. I remembered the days of Noah. So

much time passed. How long? My features grew marred with concrete; the garbage sank to the bottom of my seas; the explosions; my air grew foul, my rivers stinking, my oceans turning to blood. Blood, blood, so much blood! I longed for the feet of the One who could save me. If something did not happen soon, I must perish.

I don't know how it happened, what caused it. Maybe you know now. I felt a powerful force, something compelling me, no, propelling me forward. I groaned, anxious for an end to it all. I began to pick up speed, turning faster and faster. The explosions; I quaked over and over; the spinning of the stars,

around and around. I began to wobble, teetering like a shack, about to collapse. My oceans roared, the giant waves. The guilt of man was too much for me. I must surely die. Then I felt it. It was feet. Feet? Where had I felt those feet before? Why — it was Him! No, how could that be, He was still in heaven? It was many feet, thousands and thousands of feet, but they were just like His feet! Beautiful feet! And then I heard a voice. I heard a voice! I heard a voice!! O KING, YOUR BRIDE HAS BEEN PREPARED!!!

See page 45, "The Second Eve" for more about who this Bride is.



As men scream for freedom of speech to support their causes, great or small, there is one voice that is being silenced and no one seems to care. It is the clear, yet ever so gentle voice of creation:

The heavens tell of the glory of God. The creation displays His marvelous craftsmanship. Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make Him known. They speak without a sound or a word; their voice is silent in the skies; yet their message has gone out to all the earth, and their words to all the world.

(Psalm 19:1-4)

Since the beginning of human existence, every individual

on earth has had the ability to look at nature and observe its wonders — migrating birds flying south for the winter, the spectacular sight of leaves changing color on a cool autumn day, or the vibrant display cast into the sky as the sun sets over the mountains. These wonders serve as witnesses of a good and loving Creator.¹ They proclaim loudly (in their own silent way) the very existence of their Creator and what He is like. Nature is so beautiful, because the One who made it is that way.

The determined fight of a salmon making its way back to the place of its birth is one witness. It awakens awe in everyone who hears of its struggle. The salmon is a small creature, yet it knows



CAN YOU HEAR CREATION SPEAKING?

instinctively how to return home to spawn though hundreds of miles away in the sea. The brooding hen is another. Man can barely fathom what is in that bird that causes it to care so tenderly for its young (*see box on the following page*).

When we are sensitive to the beauty around us — like the way dandelions spread their seed — and begin to take note of these small wonders (or grand ones), we too can testify that we have heard the speech of nature.

The horrible injustice of these days we live in is that many of



these unique qualities in nature are being altered by man, and in some cases are vanishing all together. The effects of selfishness and greed are evident in our environment — rivers and streams are polluted, animals are extinct, forests are cut down and even the air we breathe is no longer clean. In our desire to amass wealth and avoid suffering, we have destroyed the earth and many of its inhabitants. The condition of the earth is a striking reflection of the condition of the human heart.

The ecological crisis we find ourselves in today should come as no surprise. Some people saw it coming long



ago — even thousands of years. The great prophet Isaiah spoke about what would happen in the last days of this age. He said that when men and women stop acknowledging God and obeying their consciences, then the earth itself would be consumed with devastation and pollution. The witness of creation, which speaks of the goodness of God, would be silenced and those who dwell on the earth would be held accountable.² Certainly, this ancient prophecy is being fulfilled. What judgment, do you imagine, awaits those who take part in the destruction of the earth?³ What will happen when the earth loses its freedom of speech, and grows silent?



The magnificent civilization that is under construction is coming at a great cost to the earth.

Although people say that the earth is their mother, their actions prove they don't care what happens to her. They do not heed her voice, nor the voice of their conscience. How will Mother Earth respond to the way they have treated her. Will she remain silent forever?

The prophets of old spoke of a time when the earth would break forth under the pain of her death throes and scream for justice. The guilt of humanity will be broadcast to the universe. These prophets said terrible

times would come before the last day. Creation will cry out, not as before, but this time in horrible cries of desperation.

Like a woman in pain, ready to give birth, the earth will moan as she brings forth her final statements before the end. The entire universe will watch as planet Earth writhes in agony, pleading with her inhabitants to turn back and honor their Creator. The once soft voice of the mother will turn into a violent rage. What will she say?

The elements that have for so long been a blessing will suddenly turn to curses. The oceans, rivers, and springs will turn to blood and all the creatures in them will die. Once-pleasant fragrances will be replaced by the stench of death. The sun's heat will intensify and the earth's surface will be scorched with fire. The inhabitants will be burned and few will be left. Will anyone hear what she is trying to say?⁴

Then her foundations will split open with great force, destroying entire nations. Gigantic hailstones will fall from the sky, destroying buildings and crushing men. The sun will turn black and the moon red like the blood of a man. The earth will reel and stagger like a drunk. She will sway like a hut in the wind because the rebellion on her surface is too much to bear.⁵ Why didn't men listen to her proclamations

DETERMINED SALMON & BROODING HENS

At the University of Wisconsin, scientists genetically altered brooding turkey hens to increase their productivity. Brooding hens lay less eggs than non-brooding hens. Researchers were anxious to curtail the "brooding instinct" because "broodiness disrupts production and costs producers a lot of money." By blocking the gene that produces the prolactin hormone, biologists were able to limit the natural brooding instinct in hens. The new breed of genetically engineered hens no longer exhibits the mothering instinct. They do, however, produce more eggs. Other researchers are experimenting with the creation of sterile salmon who will not have the suicidal urge to spawn, but rather remain in the open sea to be commercially harvested. During the long journey back upstream to their birthing place, salmon stop eating and lose body weight.

Scientists hope to break the reproduction cycle, by shocking salmon eggs to produce a doubling of the chromosomes, which results in the production of sterile fish. Michigan State University scientists say that by breaking the spawning cycle of chinook salmon, they can produce salmon whose body weight will exceed seventy pounds, compared to less than eighteen pounds for a fish returning to spawn.

("The Biotech Century — A Second Opinion: The Marriage of the Genetic Sciences and the Technologies Reshaping our World," Jeremy Rifkin)



through the salmon, the hen, the dandelions, and the evening sunset? Why didn't they heed the warnings when the lightning bolt in a summer storm gave them a glimpse of the awesome power that she could unleash?

All this will take place before the last day can come. Only a few will even hear this final voice of warning and listen. Most will curse God and continue to suppress the truth in their conscience, not realizing that they are reaping what they have sown.⁶

The time for final judgment is just over the horizon, but there is still time to change and hear the gentle voice that tugs on your heart. Have you silenced that voice in your conscience? Do you go past the boundaries that you know you shouldn't — hurting others and yourself? Have you taken advantage of others, disregarding how they feel, only to gain momentary pleasure for yourself? What you do with your life and how you treat other people directly affects the world around you. This is why the earth is in the state it is in today. Do you see the connection?

We are entering a new millennium. What do you think lies in store for us? Greater prosperity? Continued degeneration? There is great anticipation in the air. Everyone has something to say because we have the freedom to speak. But shhhh... listen carefully, for there is another voice. Consider her warnings before it's too late! 🗣️

¹Romans 1:20 ²Isaiah 24:4-6 ³Revelation 11:18 ⁴Revelation 14:7 ⁵Isaiah 24:20 ⁶Obadiah 15

HEALING THE SCARS

One day it began — a single cell among millions of normally functioning cells. No alarms went off, no red flags went up. Entirely unnoticed the mutation began to multiply.

One cell became two; two became four. The cells around it helped it grow. Four, eight, sixteen, thirty-two.

No one even noticed. Thirty-two, sixty-four, one hundred twenty-eight, two hundred fifty-six.

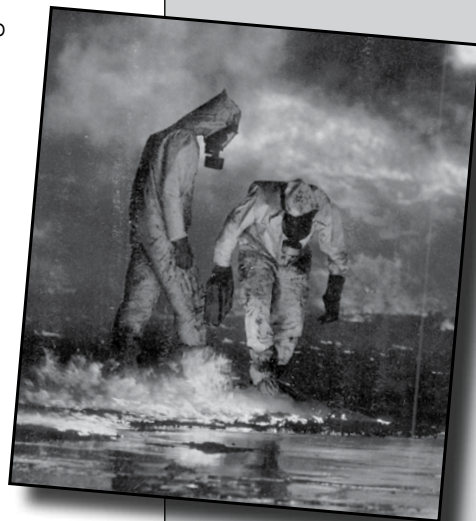
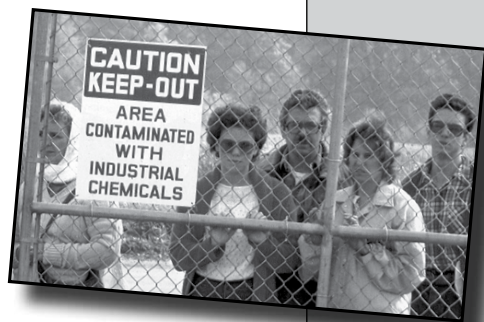
Eventually it was detected. The white blood cells sprang into action. They communicated quickly: an invader was in the body. Something had to be done.

They rushed to surround it like a crew of police. They fought a losing battle. The growth had gotten ahead of them. It had multiplied beyond their ability to contain it. Waste products from the mutant cells spread poison everywhere. Soon pieces of it travelled through the bloodstream, colonizing other parts of the body. Nothing could kill it, neither surgery nor chemical cures. Hope was gone.

For years I've thought that the cancer killing this planet was a mutated form of one of her basic cells: the human one. The world's problems — its ecological disasters, social injustice, racial discord — all stem from the problems growing deep in man's inner being. Beneath all man's outward problems is man's mistrust, unkindness, greed, pride, and selfishness.

When people live for their individual pleasure and profit, they are a cancer. When they live for others rather than themselves, they are the remedy. Mankind needs a new start, a way to begin all over again. Only by becoming reconnected to the Spirit who created us can we be part of what brings healing to this scarred earth.

In our communities we've found power from our Creator to start over. We are being restored to how we were always meant to be. We are no longer part of the cancer that is destroying the earth. We are being cleansed from cancerous inner strife such as mistrust, greed, and selfishness. Now we are learning how to love. Now we are part of the cure.





Have you ever seen a rainbow?

The world has gone through so much since the days of the first rainbow! Out of the ancient families who marveled at it grew clans, tribes, and nations that fill the earth today. Within their separate boundaries each has developed its own special customs, culture, and flavor. If globalization wipes out these distinctions, mankind will face a greater destruction than even the Flood. Is there a second Ark?

Every now and then we get an awesome treat. After a mid-day thunder shower when the elements are just right, up in the sky, something special appears. As the sunlight cuts through the clouds an almost surreal image appears — a multi-colored bow arched up over the earth, hinting of an unseen spiritual realm. Have you ever seen a rainbow?

Have you ever wondered what the significance of the rainbow is? It was established as a sign of God's love toward all living things on the earth.¹ The earth and its entire population had been destroyed by a flood because of their great wickedness. Their thoughts were set on evil continually and the earth was filled with violence.² Only a handful of people did not give into the tremendous societal pressure to do evil, but remained faithful to the instinctive knowledge of good and evil that was in their conscience.³

After the flood, God commanded them to be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth with righteousness.⁴ He also made a covenant with them and all the human race to follow. Obeying this covenant would insure a healthy society, abandoning it would pollute the earth again.

The sacredness of human life was established, murder condemned, and capital punishment given to the governments to carry out.⁵ The rainbow was placed in the sky as a sign of this everlasting covenant that God was making with mankind. It would be there for all future generations to look at and remember the destruction that would come about through breaking that covenant.⁶

Today it is just like it was in the days of Noah.⁷ Men and women are eating, drinking, and enjoying an unprecedented boom in the economy. People everywhere are coming under the societal pressure

of the day to abandon morality and conscience for a life of ease and pleasure. Traditional values are being replaced by a new "morality" — murderers are allowed to live, the covenant of marriage is endangered, and sexual immorality is endorsed and applauded. But what about this sign of the rainbow?

The earth is becoming polluted by its inhabitants because they are breaking the everlasting covenant.⁸ This is doing more to destroy the planet than anything else. The warning signs for the end of our society are present all around us. Will anyone acknowledge them?

As in the days of Noah, the God of Creation is preparing a ship that will carry all those on board into a new age where righteousness dwells. This time it is not a literal boat but a nation of people who have surrendered everything to see the purpose of their Creator accomplished on the earth. This nation is made up of ordinary people who have been forgiven for the ways that they once suppressed their conscience. Now they are learning how to love one another.

The rainbow stands as an everlasting reminder of the Creator's kind intentions toward mankind. It also tells of the looming judgment that will come to everyone who practices evil. To this day, men and women everywhere have the privilege of looking up into the sky after the rain to see that spectacular sign. Next time the sun shines through the clouds and casts the colored arch over the earth, consider the true message of the rainbow. ☪

¹Genesis 9:16-17 ²Genesis 6:5-12 ³Genesis 3:22 ⁴Genesis 9:1 ⁵Genesis 9:5-6 ⁶Isaiah 24:5-6 ⁷Matthew 24:37-39 ⁸Numbers 35:33

BREAKING THE

Rivers, mountains, deserts, and oceans have separated the families of man since ancient times. Man lives securely when he stays within the borders set for his people. God speaks through the voice of Creation to him there and also through the voice of his conscience. As clans and nations grow, culture and customs develop, as well as regional dialects and manners. Human relationships flourish in these tight-knit communities — people know their place, who they are, and that what they do matters.

Today the situation is quite different: nations are a mosaic of many cultures, races, and peoples living side by side; boundaries between them are breaking down; instantaneous communication, global trade and finance, and the pressing problems of the environment are creating a global culture. *Globalization* is an attempt to work together for the common good of all by breaking down the barriers that keep mankind separate. But is this good? Can the world be one culture without language, ethnic, or cultural differences? Or is this just another attempt to build the tower of Babel?



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Earth!

Loneliness, alienation, and the disintegration of basic human relationships always go hand-in-hand with selfishness. Even consuming vast amounts of the world's goods does nothing to make up for the gnawing emptiness when human warmth is gone. The only escape from this ever-increasing cycle of selfishness and consumption is to enter a brand new society as a brand new person. Here's how:

Since the beginning of time, Creation's voice has spoken to man. When the air was clean and you could drink water from the streams, Creation's voice spoke of the Creator and His bountiful intentions toward mankind. It spoke of His invisible nature which is seen through what He made for us: the eternal sun, the crisp silver moon, countless twinkling stars, majestic sunrises, fresh flowing streams, graceful birds in flight, the miracle of life itself: His handiwork. Even today Creation proclaims this same message to every creature under heaven, great and small alike. It tells of the Creator's care for everything — from the farthest galaxy to the soil that He carefully designed so we could grow plants that contain just the right nutrients to sustain life and prevent disease.



The voice of Creation is the *outward* witness or evidence that there is a Creator. This voice agrees with the *inner* witness or conscience of man. It knows what is right and what is wrong — intuitively, instinctively, without being taught. The truth about the Creator is evident, revealed in the heart of every man and every woman. If a human being ignores this inner voice, he is without excuse. Denying God happens when someone suppresses the truth in the innermost recesses of his heart. Men do this by the choices they make in life every day. They can obey what they know, what Creation and their conscience tell them, or they can suppress what they know — the truth of Creation and God's voice within, sinking into the gutter of being ruled by self-interest.

This is the root of mankind's problems. When a person stops listening to God's voice in his heart, he starts to fall farther and farther from his Creator. What will ultimately control the heart of man? Will it be his intuitive sense of what is right? Or will it be his reasoning which always succumbs to the common denominator of greed and selfishness? Despite lofty talk and ideals, this common denominator is winning out. The result is the disintegration of basic human relationships. In its wake follow alienation and anger, separation and strife, bitterness and jealousy: the world's problems.

Mother Earth reflects the same condition. Just like the breakdown of relationships in society, the ecosystems that have so delicately held the earth together are breaking down rapidly. Her resources are being sapped and used up, vast areas of her surface are being drained of life, she is reeling on the edge of destruction. Man has consumed so much of the earth's life to satisfy his wants that he can hardly see that he is killing his mother. If this happens, the human race cannot survive.

Many centuries ago, the prophet Isaiah foresaw what the earth would be like and told us why:

"The earth is polluted by its inhabitants; they have disobeyed the laws, violated the statutes and broken the everlasting covenant. Therefore a curse consumes the earth; its people must

bear their guilt. Therefore earth's inhabitants are burned up, and very few are left." (Isaiah 24:5,6)

How much the earth is polluted is in exact proportion to how much individuals have suppressed the inner voice of conscience — violating laws, statutes, and covenants all men have been given to live by. The result of this is that we think we know better than God what is good for us and the earth we

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live on. We really do. Science, higher education, and contemporary thinking have all subtly deceived us and caused our hearts to become dull, forgetting or ignoring God in our conscience. The result has been man exalting his ways above God and His ways. This is not very smart. Man's understanding is so darkened that he thinks he will be able to solve the world's problems before they destroy him. But the prospective solutions have only produced bigger problems.

Few men understand that it is their distance from God in their conscience that is polluting the earth. Blaming the large corporations isn't the answer; going against their ever-eroding conscience has done more harm to the earth than these giant polluters.

Guilt is real. Guilt causes violence and pride to rule instead of humility and reconciliation. Killing, immorality, and making a living off of someone else's sweat is unjust and wrong. Integrity and honesty are almost forgotten values. Few people know what it means anymore. Many know that having uncommitted sexual relationships devastates people's ability to trust, but approve of it anyway. But few realize that it also upsets the fragile balance that sustains nature. To think otherwise is to believe a lie.

All people will stand or fall before God based upon what they did, not on what they thought or what they wanted to do. If we want to save the Earth, what can we

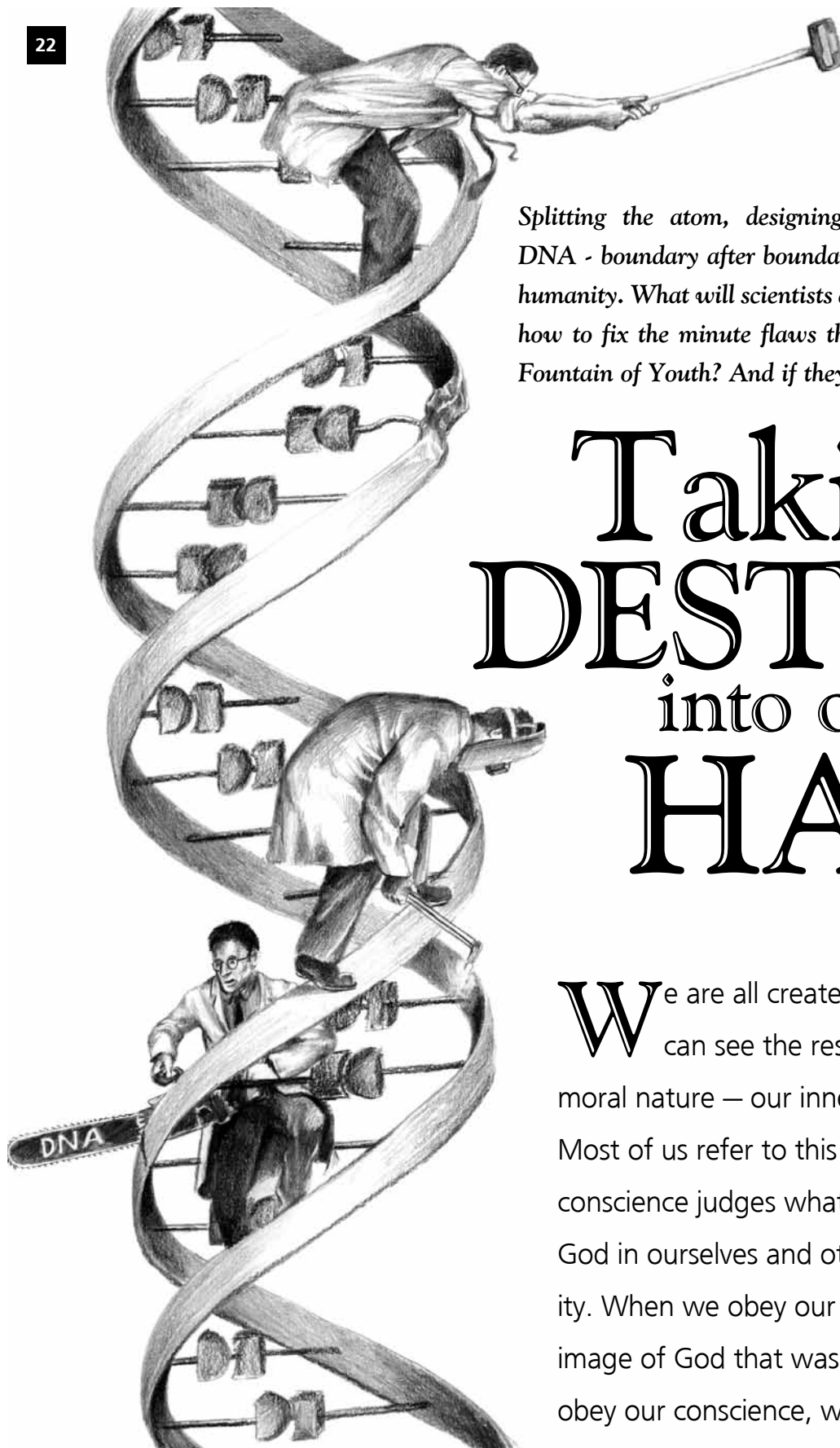
do? We need to admit our guilt in polluting the earth through our transgressing of God's internal code of conduct, whether we are champions of environmental causes or not. We have to face the hypocrisy in our own hearts of trying to save the earth when we don't put other people ahead of ourselves but instead lead selfish lives.

To truly make a difference we have to come out of this existing social order that is driven by consumerism. The word *consumerism* describes a way of life that continually wants more, never being satisfied. Self doesn't care whom it hurts to feed its insatiable lust for *stuff*. The society of consumption we are living in cannot

last long, since it eats itself up with the liberal philosophy of "anything at any cost." Present-day society is much like ancient Greece and Rome which experienced decay, decrease, depletion, and finally destruction. They were consumed by wasting diseases like the society we live in today. There is no changing it. If you stay in it you will be eventually consumed by it.

We who write this paper are harbingers of a new social order (see *A New Social Order*, page 42). We are the beginning of a voice that warns all the earth's inhabitants of what is coming in the decades ahead. Just before the end of this age, the collective witness of this new social order will have a loud voice that will be heard throughout the earth. Its warning will ring out giving man a chance to hear what he chose not to hear through Creation or his conscience.

Then the earth will shake, tremble, and spew forth her insides. Those who do not heed and escape into this new social order will cry out for the rocks to fall upon them. They will be in terror of the coming judgment because they were repeatedly told it would be for those who destroy the earth. At that time, our Master Yahshua, the Messiah, will return to save the earth and to rule over it. He and those who belong to Him will bring judgment to all those who have polluted and destroyed her. ☉



Splitting the atom, designing new computer chips, decoding our DNA - boundary after boundary has been crossed at great cost to our humanity. What will scientists do next? If gene researchers can discover how to fix the minute flaws that riddle our DNA, will they find the Fountain of Youth? And if they do, what will it cost for a drink?

Taking DESTINY into our own HANDS

We are all created in the image of God. You can see the resemblance most clearly in man's moral nature — our inner sense of right and wrong. Most of us refer to this sense as our *conscience*. Our conscience judges what would damage the likeness of God in ourselves and others. It preserves our humanity. When we obey our conscience we maintain the image of God that was put in us; each time we disobey our conscience, we begin to lose it.



Man has an enemy who is constantly at work, tempting him to disobey his conscience and leading him astray from his created purpose. At one point in eternity past, this enemy, Satan, thought he could ascend to the place of God. Although he didn't succeed he hasn't stopped trying. Today he is attempting to usurp God and to supplant Him as the Sovereign of the universe by manipulating or modifying the likeness of God in man. If he is able to change man so much that he no longer represents God's image and glory, then he has accomplished his purpose. Instead of resembling God, man will resemble Satan throughout eternity and spread Satan's destructiveness everywhere he goes.

Throughout history Satan has used many aspects of an all-encompassing scheme to achieve his end. He wants his image (pride, selfishness, rebellion, and inhumanity) to fill the universe. He believes he can do it through man's technology and globalization since the whole world lies in his power. In the 20th century he used nuclear technology and the computer - two powerful tools to accomplish his goal. In the 21st century he is using another powerful tool — genetic engineering. Currently the Human Genome Project is mapping the entire human genetic code. This knowledge may have a more powerful effect on controlling every aspect of human life than splitting the atom or developing the computer microchip. Man is on the verge of taking destiny in his own hands.

Through manipulating the human genetic code, man may repair many of the broken genes caused by the curse of

sin. If he is able to do this, nothing will prevent him from living forever. What Satan said to Eve when he tempted her in the Garden will then prove true: when she ate the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, he said that she (and later, man) would ultimately find the knowledge through which they could live forever. Although their disobedience brought sin and death into the world,

God gave them a way, the *conscience*, to not have to suffer a *second death*, like Satan. By obeying his conscience man can preserve God's image. All who have done this will be given eternal life after their sins have been paid for by their suffering in death.

The effects of sin have gone deep into man's genetic make-up. If man is able to correct these damaged genetic pieces he may achieve a kind of immortality through his own efforts. He would no longer need to obey his conscience in order to live eternally and Satan will have effectively supplanted the image of God in man.

It is a race against time. Whose image will prevail in man? Will it be God's or Satan's? Will God's plan to restore man and ultimately all of creation win out or will Satan be able to genetically alter

man to the point that God's likeness is unrecognizable in him forever?

Our Master, Yahshua the Messiah, was born from a preserved seed that was pure. This second man didn't have the taint of sin in His genetic make-up. Through a life of submission and obedience to God's spirit within him, He accomplished redemption and salvation for all mankind. He has the power to correct all of the mutations that mar the perfect code that God created in us. First of all, He will correct the mutations in our soul

where the way we treat one another is determined. He has the power to save us from our sin and to transform us into His exact likeness.

God must have a people whose lives together demonstrate this transformation, bringing healing to our minds, emotions, and wills. This is what will prove that God sent His Son and that He has the power to save man from the effects of sin.

A restored Twelve Tribes living a life of love expressed in the same unity that Yahshua had with His Father will be the demonstration that proves it. The whole world will be held accountable, righteous judgment can come from God, and the earth can be saved from the hands of those who destroy it, especially those who destroy God's image in others. ☉

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BREAK

Globalization is the development of a global culture. Its goal is to amalgamate the separate cultures of the world into one homogeneous whole and thus solve the world's problems. But even greater problems are created in society when people try to come together beyond the boundaries of the covenant of conscience. To ignore this is to ignore the root of what divides human beings.

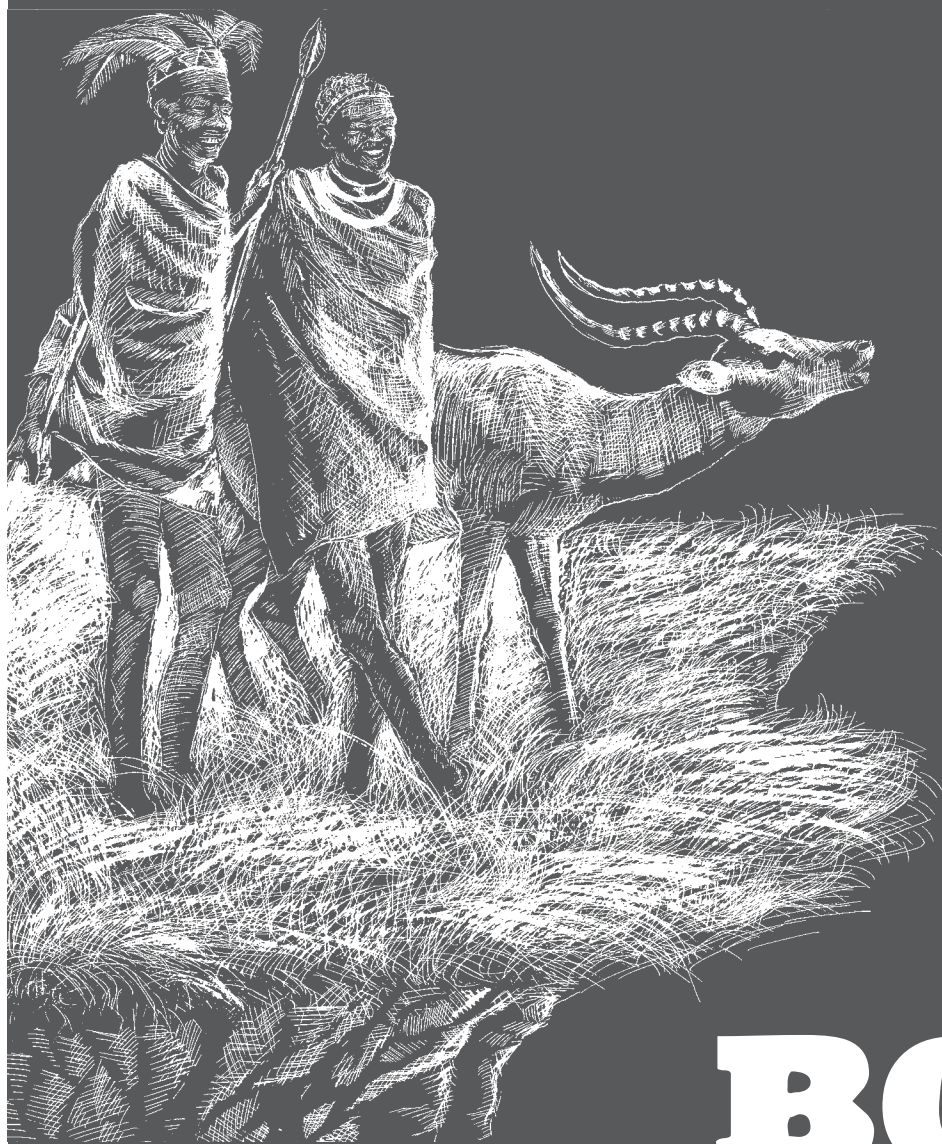
What is recorded in Genesis 11:4 was the first attempt to create a global culture:

"And they said: Come, let us build for ourselves a city, and a tower whose top will reach into heaven, and let us make for ourselves a name; lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth." The Creator of all mankind knew that it wasn't time for the nations of earth to come together into one social order. That is why He divided their languages at the tower of Babel. He saw that they were not maintaining the boundaries of conscience and would need further boundaries to keep them from destroying themselves. Therefore He separated them into nations to become distinct cultures, each with their own manners, customs, traditions and national borders. By themselves, they would have a better chance to hear the voice of their conscience and the voice of creation speaking to them. Through this, it was possible for them to see their need for their Creator and find a way back to Him.

Thousands of years later, the apostle Paul confirmed the wisdom of God in this:

"He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation, that they would seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us." (Acts 17:26,27)

God saw what sin had done to the human race. He saw the murder, egotistical pride, and arrogance in men, and what



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*From these the coastlands of the nations were
separated into their lands, every one according to his
language, according to their families, into their nations.
(Genesis 10:5)*

would happen if He allowed them to stay together in one place with one mind. Although building the tower sounded like the perfect plan, it would have resulted in chaos. Had it succeeded, the one united world would have been completely dominated by the evil one. He would have caused the few to oppress the many, and instead of creating the magnificent civilization that would end the world's problems, an oppressive system would have arisen, forcing men to go against their consciences.

God's intent to separate the nations by language, customs and manners was so that the peoples of the earth could experience a measure of peace, and in that peace grope for God. Hopefully, they would live in such a way as to make them worthy of inheriting eternal life in the nations. The deliberate separation of the sons of Noah and their families mentioned in Genesis 10 was a test for them. He wanted to see who would rise up and presume to desegregate the nations and mix the different cultures into one, in order to have dominion over them. Men have always known what is right, peaceful, and good in their conscience. It is instinctive. They were not to overstep the boundaries He had made for them. Those who passed the test stayed within the boundaries God established. Those who didn't, tried to force people together across racial and cultural barriers, causing great strife, jealousy, and hatred. The war, bloodshed, and immorality that resulted came about because men were not able to overcome their differences nor their selfishness.



ARIES

5,000 years later, another great attempt is on the way to make the world into one culture, where all language, religious, and ethnic differences are removed. Through globalization man continues the pattern of crossing boundaries as did his ancestors.

We live in an unprecedented time of increased knowledge and travel. This has been made possible through the technological advances of the information age. This time of history was foretold by the prophet Daniel when he said: *"But as for you, Daniel, conceal these words and seal up the book until the end of the age; many will go back and forth, and knowledge will increase."* (Daniel 12:4)

This prophecy began to be fulfilled in the second half of the 20th century through NAFTA, WTO, GPS, the Internet, and phenomenal advances in the telecommunications industry. This titanic human enterprise, a godless effort, is the work of antichrist. The antichrist will get the credit for this false coming together so that he can gain dominion over the whole world. The unity of the world through the alliance of government and ecumenical religions can be clearly contrasted with the unity of the Stone Kingdom spoken of in Daniel 2:44. Daniel 2:28 prophesies that this will happen sometime in the latter days. No one has lived in the latter days more than we are today.

The global society the nations are trying to build for themselves is going to be destroyed, just as the Tower of Babel was. The scattering in Genesis 11:4 caused the diversity of culture and customs that God has maintained to a large part throughout human

history. It is healthy in our fallen world to keep the cultures separated (and the religions, too). Yet Satan has also been working steadily to destroy the conscience of man and cause him to break down these boundaries.

THE RISE OF ONE WORLD GOVERNMENT

The concept of a global government gained new credence when the UN was established at the end of WW II.



nations. These advocates of world government wanted it to have military control, especially over nuclear weapons.

At that time the government they imagined, with enormous administrative and coercive powers to enforce its will, could not come about. Today, however, we are much closer to seeing it happen.

We have seen how governments of the western world have

worked together, using economic sanctions and boycotts as a method of control and coercion. Drawing ever closer is a government that would destroy the independence of sovereign nations and of individuals.

There are some who strongly oppose international agreements that affect national sovereignty in the areas of environment, trade, and finance. They sense in their conscience what the results of such cooperation will

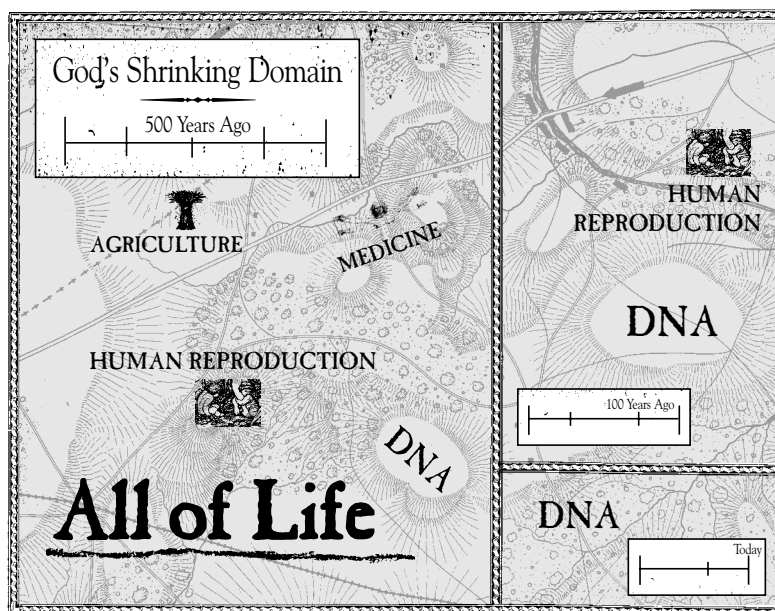
be. Though they have tried hard to preserve the boundaries, they are fighting a losing battle. Since the end of the Cold War international trade and multinational corporations have expanded on a scale that cannot be stopped. Through organizations such as NAFTA and the WTO, nations willing to sacrifice their sovereignty for the benefits of increased trade and security can participate in multinational agreements. In addition, the UN has assumed a more central role

in global politics since the end of the Cold War. Because of the global wars the 20th century has seen, great thought is being given to a global government in hopes that it would ensure world peace.

When a one world government gains power no real liberty will exist for an individual to remain faithful to the voice of his conscience. Freedom of choice will be removed. Global government won't allow the people to be their own government. It will remove "government of the people, by the people, and for the people." A worldwide Gestapo system will take its place. It will be a planetary police state.

Today's generation that cries out for globalization to end the world's problems is an egotistical and proud one — no different than the generation that built the Tower of Babel. It is a generation that is abandoning the boundaries of conscience and therefore abandoning the boundaries of culture, traditions and morality. It is a generation that ignores man's instinctive desire to live with those of like mind, to congregate in neighborhoods with those of the same culture and ethnic origin. It is a generation that wonders why social, political, and economic problems are steadily increasing even though they are striving with all their might to solve them by breaking down the ancient boundaries. Politicians who rally different cultures to be one are forerunners of the antichrist.

Nations have to impose laws and sanctions in order to keep order in a multicultural society. Multiculturalism pressures people to cross boundaries that go beyond the realm of natural law, coercing them to



be one with a neighbor that doesn't even speak their language or have their culture. It goes beyond the realm of how God wanted people to live in separate nations for their own welfare and safety.

MULTI-CULTURALISM

Multiculturalism increases murder, crime, and prejudice. It goes against the way man is. It places impossible demands on people to love others who are culturally and socially different. This is unnatural — it forces people to go against their instinctive knowledge. They are told, "You can't discriminate." Although discrimination is viewed as an evil sin, it is still within a person's prerogative (right) to segregate himself.

If the human race had remained united during the era of the Tower of Babel, then globalization would have resulted sooner. The leaders of that generation would have seized the reins of history and there would have been no end to their rebel-

lion against God. Just as back then, globalization today is the proud attempt to displace and exclude the Kingdom of God. It is a satanic attempt to take over the earth in a unified one-world government.

In this day, it will take a witness of a unified people from every tribe, nation, and language to warn the inhabitants of the earth of what is to come. Nothing will stop globalization this time. There must be a new nation who come forth to demonstrate that it is only in Messiah where people's sins can be forgiven, that these ancient boundaries have been broken down and all races and cultures can live together in the same economic unity that demonstrates justice to the world. This witness is what proves that God, the Creator of all, sent His son, Yahshua, into the world to save the world from destruction. It will bring to light the only legitimate way that people can live together and bring an end to the destruction of the earth. ☉

The 3rd Incarnation

Incarnation — the rebirth of the soul in another body — has been the hope and fascination of countless men and women for thousands of years. Perhaps this is because it is akin to something that is deep in the heart of their Creator, in whose image they are made. He desires nothing greater than that the essence of who He is would be made visible and tangible in human form. He actually made Man (male and female¹) with a human spirit that is compatible with His divine spirit, in the hope that they would be joined together — man linked to God, able to express His heart on the Earth. We call the first man *Adam*, which is simply Hebrew for *man* or *mankind*. He was created pure and clean, an empty vessel ready to be filled with all that was in his Creator's heart.

But through an old and sad story that you can read about in the Bible,² Adam lost his vital connection to his Creator and his descendants have been groping for Him ever since, unable by their

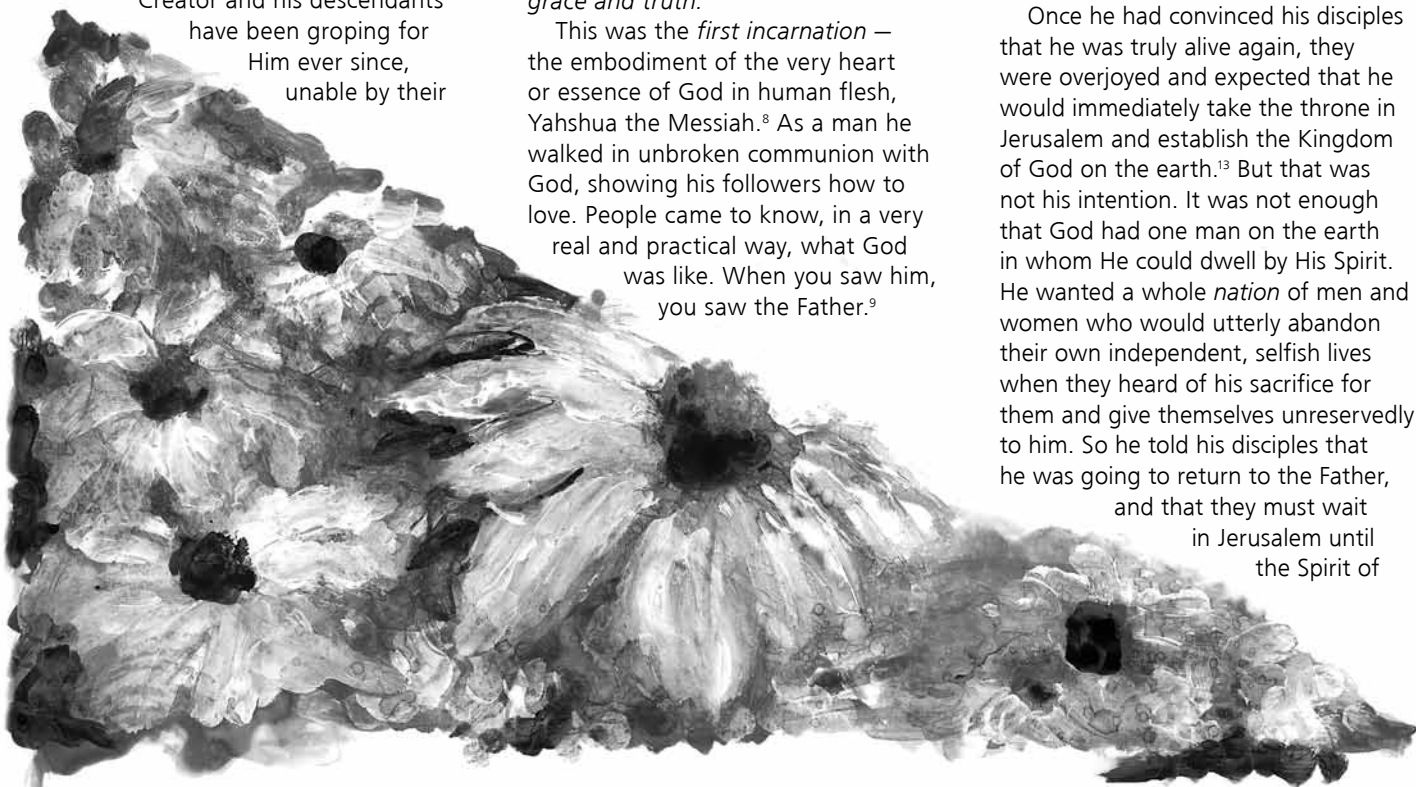
own strength or intellect to reconnect. They could not get past the barrier of selfishness in their own hearts. So, in order to open the way past that barrier, God took a pure seed preserved from before Adam fell, and placed it in the womb of a Hebrew virgin named Miriam,³ and she gave birth to a son, whom she and her husband called *Yahshua*,⁴ which means "Yahweh's Salvation." In a very real way he was a *second Adam*⁵ in that he was born without the fallen nature that is common to all of Adam's descendants. But unlike Adam, he chose to always keep his heart turned towards his Father,⁶ ready and willing to obey His every word. Into this pure and willing vessel, God was able to pour His very essence — His *word*. As the Apostle John described it: "*And the Word [of God] was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw his glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.*"

This was the *first incarnation* — the embodiment of the very heart or essence of God in human flesh, *Yahshua the Messiah*.⁸ As a man he walked in unbroken communion with God, showing his followers how to love. People came to know, in a very real and practical way, what God was like. When you saw him, you saw the Father.⁹

That is what *incarnation* is for — to reveal the heart of the Father to mankind.

The religious establishment of his day — the Jewish scribes and Pharisees — could not stand his invasion into their realm. His purity, compassion, and spiritual authority were a threat to their stronghold on the people's souls and pocketbooks. So they had him crucified. But they did not understand their own prophets.¹⁰ They did not understand that Death could not hold him captive because there was no sin, no iniquity in him. Death is the outcome of sin, the place where we must face our guilt and receive the penalty for every word and deed that caused hurt.¹¹ Having no sin of his own, he became a ransom for us, receiving the full wages of our sin. He endured the agonies of death¹² on our behalf for three days and three nights...

Once he had convinced his disciples that he was truly alive again, they were overjoyed and expected that he would immediately take the throne in Jerusalem and establish the Kingdom of God on the earth.¹³ But that was not his intention. It was not enough that God had one man on the earth in whom He could dwell by His Spirit. He wanted a whole *nation* of men and women who would utterly abandon their own independent, selfish lives when they heard of his sacrifice for them and give themselves unreservedly to him. So he told his disciples that he was going to return to the Father, and that they must wait in Jerusalem until the Spirit of



God came to dwell in them to give them the power to express his Father's heart on the earth.

A few days later it happened: the Holy Spirit came upon them in great power and they spoke boldly to all the people who were gathered in Jerusalem for the feast of Pentecost, calling them to repent of crucifying their Messiah. As a result, 3000 people surrendered their lives that day and were filled with his Spirit. Together with the original disciples they formed a unified body (a community) that powerfully expressed the character of God by the way they loved one another:

Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common. And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all. Nor was there anyone among them who lacked; for all who were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of the things that were sold, and laid them at the apostles' feet; and they distributed to each as anyone had need. (Acts 4:32-35)

This was the *second incarnation* — the embodiment of the very heart or essence of God in a body of people who were totally surrendered to him and to each other. For several decades their radical life of love and unity turned the world (as they knew it) upside down.¹⁴ It was intended that together they would be every bit as real and visible and tangible as Messiah himself when he walked the earth.¹⁵ But by the end of the first century there was very little vitality left in that "body" as the letters to the churches in the Book

of Revelation show.¹⁶ They were an appeal to the churches to "wake up" lest their light be snuffed out, which is exactly what happened. But although the light that gave evidence to the indwelling Spirit of God had ceased to shine, the churches went on in lifeless form, mutating into the divided institution called *Christianity*.

So what about the *third incarnation*?

For almost 1900 years, history does not record another occurrence of the very same communal life as those first believers. However, the prophet Isaiah said that one day there would be a people who would be called the "Repairer of the Breach"¹⁷ — a breach of time during which God had no body to dwell in on the earth. The apostle Paul also quoted Isaiah as predicting that, "Unless the Sovereign of Hosts had left us a seed, we would have become like Sodom, and we would have been made like Gomorrah."¹⁸ And the prophet Daniel predicted 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 another people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever."¹⁹ It is clear from the context in the book of Daniel and the references to his prophecy in the book of Revelation²⁰ that the "ten kings" of this prophecy form a world government that will emerge in the very last days of this present age. And it is during the days of those kings that God establishes a "kingdom" on the earth that will never be destroyed or left to another people. This "kingdom" is the third and final

incarnation, and it is being formed on the earth right now, even as the forces of "globalization" are forming a world government.

Right now the Spirit of God is calling together a people again who are being formed into the very Body of Messiah. They are responding to the same message that formed the second incarnation — the call to leave everything and follow Yahshua the Messiah, the call to love one another just as Messiah loved them, the call to lay down their lives for one another *daily* in a common life of love and unity. They are being formed into a holy nation, a royal priesthood²¹ who fully represent Messiah on the earth again — the *Third Incarnation*. Perhaps this call is tugging at your heart... ☪

¹Genesis 1:27 ²Genesis 3 ³Or *Mary* in English.

⁴Commonly known as *Jesus* in English.

⁵1 Corinthians 15:45 ⁶Both Adam and Yahshua could rightly claim God as their Father, or *Abba* in Hebrew, which means *source*. ⁷John 1:14 ⁸Or *Christ* in Greek; *Messiah* means "anointed one" — the one having the "anointing" of God upon him — the favor, authority, and understanding or *mind* of God, which is the fullest meaning of the "word" of God. ⁹John 14:10 ¹⁰Isaiah 53; Psalm 16:10; etc. ¹¹Romans 6:23 ¹²Acts 2:24 ¹³Acts 1:6 ¹⁴Acts 17:6 ¹⁵1 John 4:17 ¹⁶Revelation 2 and 3 ¹⁷Isaiah 58:12 ¹⁸Romans 9:29 ¹⁹Daniel 2:44 ²⁰Daniel 7:24; Revelation 17:12 ²¹1 Peter 2:9

*As men ignore the ever-present witness
of Creation, the cataclysmic events of
Isaiah 24 will unfold.*

A black and white illustration depicting a globe resting on the edge of a dark, steep cliff. Behind the globe, a large, dense crowd of people is gathered, looking out over the edge. The background is a textured, stippled grey. The title 'REELING on the edge' is written in a large, white, stylized font across the bottom right of the image.

REELING on the edge

Long ago the prophets of Israel foretold that in these terrible days men would call evil good, and good evil (Isaiah 5:20). Men and women act as though God does not exist. They push beyond the age-old boundaries of the human conscience, heedless of the consequences.

God is not indifferent to what is happening on the earth. The sin of mankind is pushing the earth to the brink of destruction — the judgment which God has already announced by His prophets, as recorded in the Bible.

It will be like the days long ago when God warned Noah that a flood was coming on the earth. Noah was told one hundred and twenty years before it happened. Noah obeyed the voice he heard in his conscience because he knew it to be true. The earth was full of evil, murder, and violence, and it deserved to be destroyed. Men's thoughts were wicked continually (Genesis 6:5). Noah and his family's great efforts in building the ark saved the lives of eight people from the greatest catastrophe in the history of the human race. Just a remnant survived, a seed of the vast population that had perished, but it was enough to begin again.

The story strikes a resonant chord in the hearts of men, women, and children still, thousands of years and millions of retellings later. For one shining moment the earth was clean and pure and fresh again, like we all know it was always meant to be. It will be that way again.

But first the earth will become as wicked as in the days before the flood (Matthew 24:37-40). Isaiah the prophet warned of what would happen when men broke the everlasting covenant of morality.

It was God's tender mercy that caused Him to write in everyone's conscience the limits they must stay within (Genesis 3:16-19) in order to avoid eternal death in the Sea of Fire.

They are simple. A woman is to desire her husband and let him rule over her. She is to bear their children

in pain. A man is to toil and sweat to provide for his family, not live off the labor of others. He is to rule over his wife. Sexual relationships are to be limited to the covenant of marriage. Together, these things provide the maximum opportunity to raise and care for children who will be happy and secure.

When this traditional morality is scorned to the extent that it is called evil, and when those who do good are not allowed to live in peace, then the covenant will have been broken beyond remedy. The hour of judgment will come. Can you see this is what the earth is coming to?

Global Warming

The last time God's judgment was the flood; this time it will be the fire. Anyone who knows even a little of the potential of global warming knows what could come upon the earth. Global warming only takes into account what man is doing to the atmosphere, but what if the sun itself were to burn hotter? This is the meaning of the dreadful prophecy in the Book of Revelation:

And the fourth angel poured out his bowl upon the sun; and it was given to it to scorch men with fire, and men were scorched with fierce heat; and they blasphemed the name of God who has power

over these plagues; and they did not repent, so as to give Him glory.

(Revelation 16:8-9)

This will be the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy, spoken some 2,700 years ago. Isaiah saw ahead of time the wickedness of the modern world, and he understood why the earth would be polluted:

The earth is also polluted by its inhabitants, for they transgressed laws, violated statutes, broke the everlasting covenant. Therefore a curse devours the earth, and those who live in it are held guilty. Therefore, the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and very few men are left.
(Isaiah 24:5-6)

The moral ruin of these days will be worse than the physical ruin, and the outer burning a foretaste of something more terrible. No one will escape who despises the authority of God in his conscience. The pressure on everyone to compromise in the last days will be tremendous. Who will stand?



The Holy Prophets

Many things are recorded in the mysterious writings of the holy prophets of ancient Israel. Amos spoke thousands of years ago:

Surely the Lord God does nothing unless He reveals His secret counsel to His servants the prophets.
(Amos 3:7)

The prophet Isaiah said at about the same time that just as the rain causes the plants to spring up, providing food for man and beast,

So shall My [the Lord's] word be which goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me empty without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.
(Isaiah 55:10-11)

It is without doubt, then, that the many prophecies of the coming age of peace will come to pass, not through the efforts of men to unite a fallen Christianity and take over the political affairs of the world (Revelation 17:3-5), but through the direct intervention of God.

The Son of God, the greatest prophet of all, described the days just prior to the end of this age with the grim word tribulation. Some of the events He describes are beginning to happen even now:

And you will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars; see that you are not frightened, for these things must take place, but that is not yet the end. For nation will rise up against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes.
(Matthew 24:6-8)

He went on to say that these things are merely the beginning of the birth pangs. Only those with faith will see these events as leading to a better world; everyone else will be profoundly fearful. Men will actually faint from fear.

The terrible state of the world in those days will cause most people to accept any leader and pay any price necessary to have peace and stability. In order to participate in the world system, they will go so far as to take a mark upon their forehead or hand. Those who do not conform will be hated like all non-conformists have been hated. But this time they will be denied the right to buy and sell anything, and will even face the death penalty (Revelation 13:15-17).

The Dawning of the New Age

So there is a new age coming, but it will not enter quietly. Instead, it will be heralded by the most astonishing event the world has ever seen: the sun will go down at noon and rise again six hours later! Amos prophesied long ago:

And it will come about in that day, declares the Lord, that I shall make the sun go down at noon and make the earth dark in broad daylight.
(Amos 8:9)

This will not be some freak occurrence; it will happen over and over again. This will be one of the terrible troubles that will overtake the world as judgment for its evil ways; yet it will be a shield behind which God's chosen ones will flee:

For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever shall. And unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect, those days shall be cut short.
(Matthew 24:21-22)

Our Master Yahshua knew the prophecy of Amos and He knew what it meant. He saw that the length of the days would be cut short, rather than the number of the days, for that, too, is sealed in prophecy. He knew that the sun would go down at noon, and the earth would spin twice as fast as it does now. This would have profound effects on the world, fulfilling His unalterable words:

And there will be signs in the sun and moon and stars, and upon the earth dismay among nations, in perplexity at the roaring of the seas and the waves, men fainting from fear and the expectation of the things which are coming upon the world; for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. (Luke 21:25-26)

Dismay Among the Nations

Radio and satellite communications will be disrupted since the earth's magnetic field will be increased. The life cycles of all kinds of animals, plants, insects, and trees will be radically affected by the abnormal rising and setting of the sun. The God

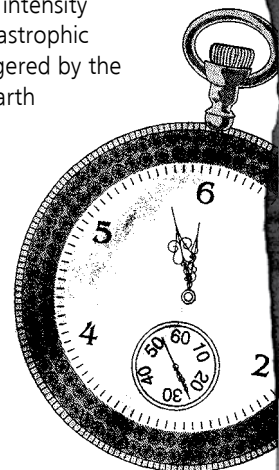
of heaven will use the forces of nature to execute His judgment upon mankind: *Do not be deceived; God is not mocked; whatever a man sows, this he will also reap* (Galatians 6:7-8). A humanity that sows corruption will reap corruption. The earth surviving at all will be a miracle. The waves will roar and the seas will crash. The sudden change in the rotation of the earth will have a catastrophic effect on the climate (B. G. Hunt, "The effects of past variations of the Earth's rotation rate on climate," *Nature*, Vol. 281, pages 188-191, Sept. 20, 1979). The added warmth of the sun will greatly increase

the intensity of the ocean storms, as will the melting water from the polar ice caps. Right now scientists are keeping watch on volcanic activity in one of Antarctica's mountain ranges, buried under an unimaginable volume of ice. If the heat of that volcanic activity were to release that mass of ice, causing it to slide into the ocean, the level of the oceans would suddenly rise about twenty feet worldwide!



That event in itself would cause huge tidal waves to devastate the coastlines, and in combination with the earth spinning twice as fast, their intensity would be staggering. Add to that catastrophic earthquakes and volcanic activity triggered by the tremendous rotational stress as the earth deforms, flattening at the poles and bulging at the equator. So great will the upheaval be that this amazing prophecy will be fulfilled:

And there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder; and there was a great earthquake, such as there had not been since man came to be upon the earth, so great an earthquake was it, and so mighty... And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. (Revelation 16:18,20)



All of these things will come upon those who reject the rule of God. Some will reject Him by rejecting the voice of their conscience which condemned them when they did wrong; others will reject Him by rejecting the mercy He offers in Yahshua, the Son of God. He, the coming King, is now a long way off, but when He returns it will be too late to make peace with Him. (Luke 14:31-33 looks ahead to the awesome encounter of Revelation 19:11-16.) At His return, He will destroy those evildoers who have escaped the burning sun, raging sea, and

tumultuous earth. Today, however, these words are still being preached:

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the good news. (Mark 1:15)

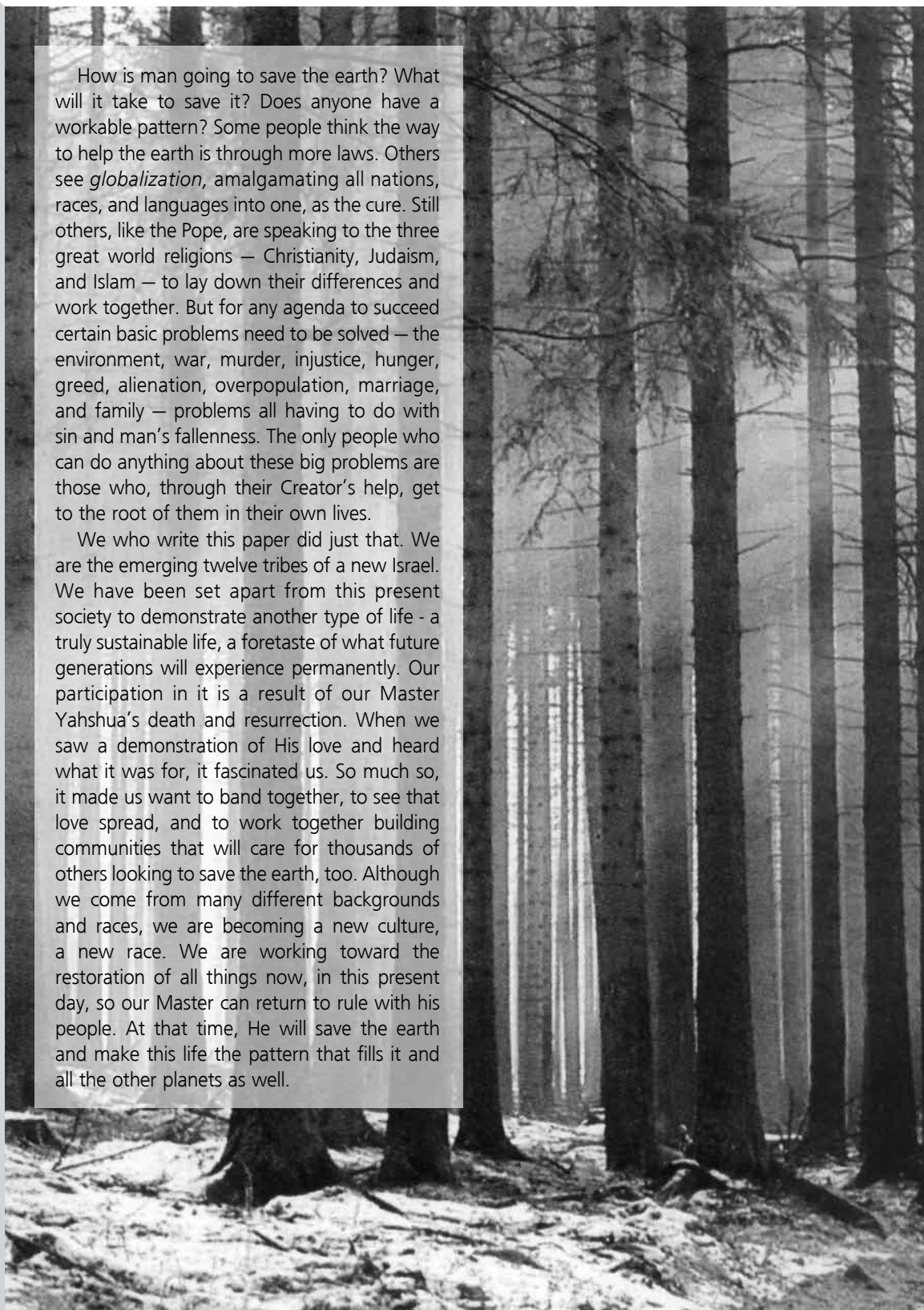
What will you do? ☛

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How is man going to save the earth? What will it take to save it? Does anyone have a workable pattern? Some people think the way to help the earth is through more laws. Others see *globalization*, amalgamating all nations, races, and languages into one, as the cure. Still others, like the Pope, are speaking to the three great world religions — Christianity, Judaism, and Islam — to lay down their differences and work together. But for any agenda to succeed certain basic problems need to be solved — the environment, war, murder, injustice, hunger, greed, alienation, overpopulation, marriage, and family — problems all having to do with sin and man's fallenness. The only people who can do anything about these big problems are those who, through their Creator's help, get to the root of them in their own lives.

We who write this paper did just that. We are the emerging twelve tribes of a new Israel. We have been set apart from this present society to demonstrate another type of life - a truly sustainable life, a foretaste of what future generations will experience permanently. Our participation in it is a result of our Master Yahshua's death and resurrection. When we saw a demonstration of His love and heard what it was for, it fascinated us. So much so, it made us want to band together, to see that love spread, and to work together building communities that will care for thousands of others looking to save the earth, too. Although we come from many different backgrounds and races, we are becoming a new culture, a new race. We are working toward the restoration of all things now, in this present day, so our Master can return to rule with his people. At that time, He will save the earth and make this life the pattern that fills it and all the other planets as well.



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Early one morning, I looked out my window just in time to see the sun beginning to peer over the horizon. It was a brilliant orange. "This is going to be so nice," I thought as I prepared to watch the rising of the sun.

To my surprise, the sky never filled with radiant reds, oranges, pinks, or purples. It merely remained a dull gray. Even my surroundings seemed unaffected. I looked at the trees which were barely illuminated by the light of the sun. They were so unimpressive, so scraggly and stunted by the pollution around them. As far as I could see was city — red lights, tractor trailers, convenience stores, power lines, and gas pumps. It was not a pretty sight. I realized this is exactly why men pack up and move to the country. When they

look out their windows in the morning all the disarray that stood in the way is gone. Only the beauty of creation remains.

So who is it or what is it, really, that man runs to the country to escape from? Is it the city, or the creator of the city - man? Isn't he the one who creates all these unsightly things? Yet the sun rises day after day shining gloriously on the good and the bad alike, without partiality. Man runs from man and yet the Creator of man does

not run from man. Just like the sun, our Creator shines warmly and brilliantly, faithfully, day after day upon man. Nor does He only show His faithfulness to the righteous, waiting for the day when the unrighteous will be out of the way. No! He is there day after day revealing Himself (through the glory of His creation) to all.

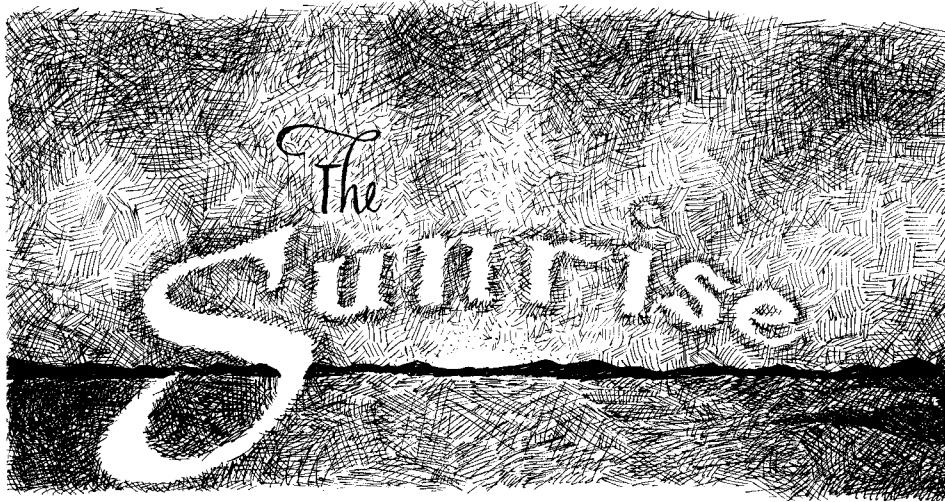
Just as the rays of the sun reach out to warm the earth, so He is reaching out

people would form on the earth whose love and unity would show forth the glory of their Maker. A great dawning is about to take place, such as the world has never seen. It is starting within the heart of men, among brothers and sisters who dwell in unity, who reflect the glory and the love of their Maker and Redeemer, shining like the stars in the universe.

The dawning of this day is what will

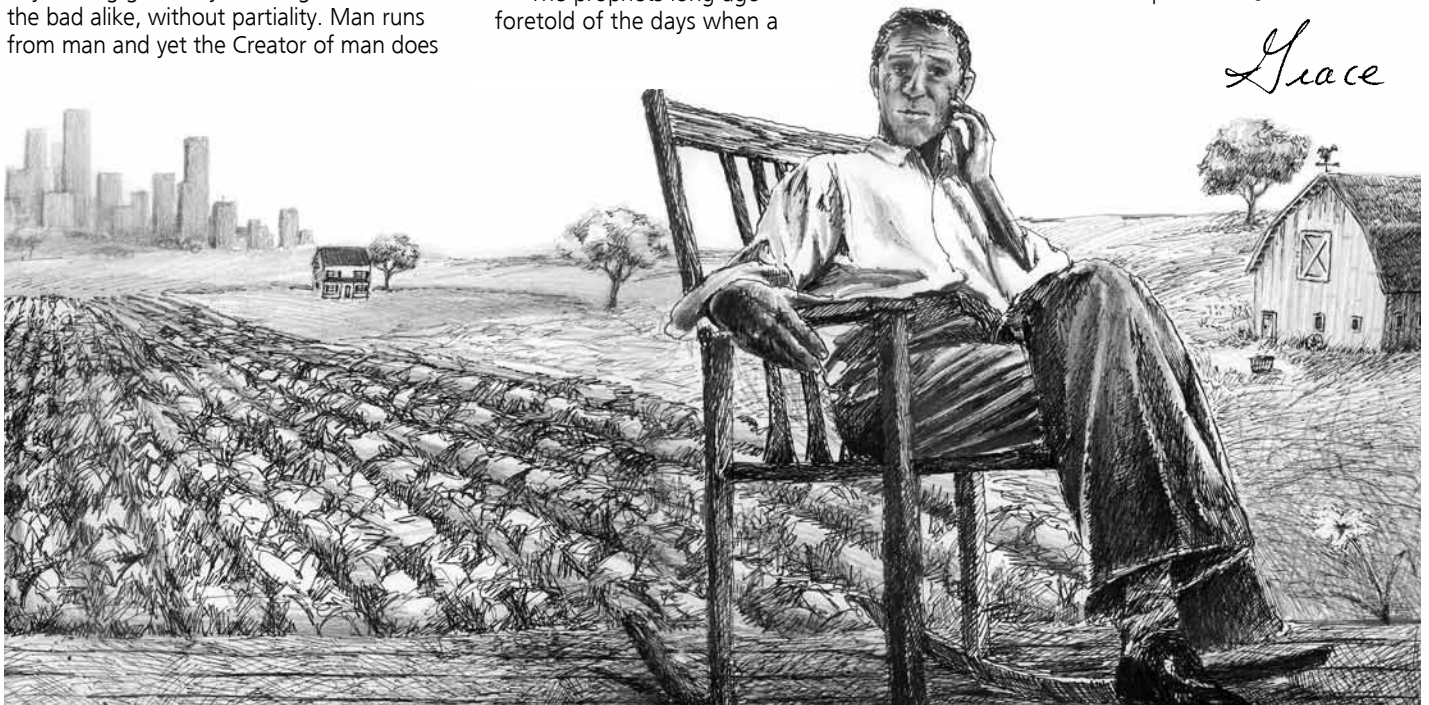
redeem the earth. There is no hope for the earth apart from the heart of man turning toward the heart of his Creator, becoming a new creation, and bearing His image. Whenever you feel the warmth of the sun, just remember: He wants to fill your heart with His warmth, His glory. It is not mystical. Just like the sun rising every day, His love shines forth in a people dwelling

in unity. His love will fill the earth. It is what Yahshua, the great Emancipator, prayed for. It is what He died for. His resurrection proves that it was possible. Now that He has justified us, He needs a people to justify Him by the way they love one another and the world He loves. (Luke 7:29-30) He would not have done it if it were not possible. ●



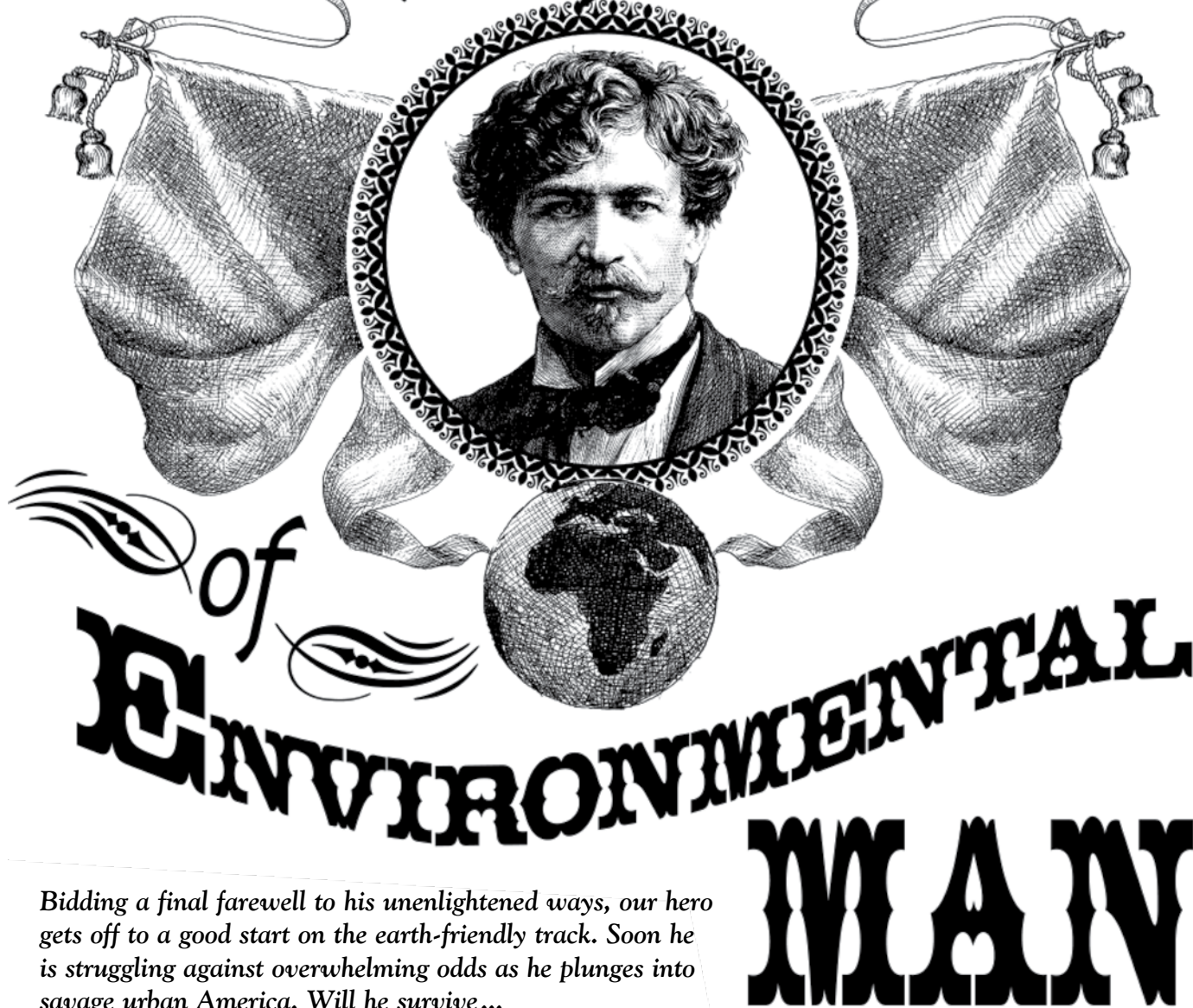
to warm the heart of man, His greatest creation. Man was the one who was created to bear His image, the one who was created to reflect the glory of his Creator. He was meant to have a glory that would outshine the sun. But man runs away from his Creator when he shuns the voice of his conscience. He exchanges the truth of God in him for a lie.

The prophets long ago foretold of the days when a



Grace

the Perils



Bidding a final farewell to his unenlightened ways, our hero gets off to a good start on the earth-friendly track. Soon he is struggling against overwhelming odds as he plunges into savage urban America. Will he survive...

The answer to living an environmentally friendly life is usually better technology replacing bad technology. Still, it'll take some pretty sophisticated industries to come up with something better than plastic to-go containers for hamburgers. Yes, Environmental Man looks to technology to win the day and save the earth. He faces the future with

confidence that there are solid answers just waiting on the horizon to be implemented.

After all, it wasn't too many years ago that careless industries were spewing all sorts of suspended particulate into the air, as well as a host of other evils. Putting high-tech filters on the smokestacks cleaned up the air alright, but it still came out *hot*, contributing to

global warming. Perhaps if we can come up with cheaper air-conditioning we can cool the smokestacks down. "Cheaper" can almost always be defined as "more polluting," though, and the chemicals involved work against the ozone layer. And Mother Earth's temperature is rising. What can you do for a planet when she has a fever?

Well, we can chuck modern technology altogether, and go back to a mule and a hoe. You know, basic sustainable agriculture, lots of fresh air, and sweat. But have you noticed that people already living at the bottom of the technological pile are trying to knock down our doors to escape such a life? Few people seriously envision a world of small farms run by hard-working, enlightened people who are content with just keeping terra firma tidy. There just aren't that many around who are ready to make such an extreme move. You're probably not one of them either.

But perhaps you have taken steps to remove yourself from the self-destructing rat race of a greedy polluting consumer society. Steps like getting rid of your car and bicycling to work. This is a significant step, surely, since the automobile is the symbol of everything Environmental Man loathes. After all, it does more to make Mother Earth sick than any other one factor. Driving that infernal machine poisons her lungs and gives her a fever, and just the manufacturing of it creates toxins without number, shutting down her liver. Only someone pretending to be Environmental Man would ever be found owning one.

So you bite the bullet and buy a bike. Pedaling to work, you risk your fool neck in insane traffic as those despised automobiles full of environment-hating rednecks whiz by you without a care. Breathing deeply, you ponder the wisdom of your choice as you fight to not cough from the hydrocarbons pouring out the tailpipe of that last car. What good will it do Mother Earth if you wind up squashed like a bug on the asphalt? Who will take care of her then?

Slightly dizzy from the last diesel blast of a city bus, Environmental Man looks down to evaluate his contribution to saving the earth. After all, a truly efficient bicycle is quite a marvel. Of high-technology, that is. Do you have any idea what it takes to manufacture a graphite-composite frame, or even a metal alloy one? Well, what about the coating on your brake cable housings? Or more basic, just your tires? One guess, and it's spelled e-l-e-c-t-r-i-c-i-t-y, and lots of it. And most of the world's electricity is generated by coal (ugh!) or worse, a good deal of it by nuclear power! How are you going to generate enough of it with solar panels and windmills to make bicycles for 6 billion people? (And who knows how to make

solar panels and windmill generators without pollution? Or without electricity?)

But still, you gotta survive. No matter how noble his thinking, or how much he considers such lofty matters, Environmental Man must eat. Fortunately for him, he lives

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in the richest nation in the world. (Brought to him in part by immensely profitable and immensely polluting industries.) Never one to dwell on the negative, full of determination, he makes the decision to grit his environmental teeth and *walk* to work.

The next morning, Environmental Man laces up his sneakers, having decided to jog to work. It's better for him, he figures, and besides, it gives him more time in the afternoon for racquetball (it used to be hacky-sack). As he laces the last eyelet, the dreaded thought comes, "How do they make these things?" Slipping into reality, his mind becomes entranced with accurate visions of some dingy factory in a Third World country, right at the change of shifts, as shabby-dressed men and women file into the gaping doors of this brick monster, their heads hung low from the hardship of a futureless life. Out the other doors come the weary victims of night shift, having produced another blue million high-tech sneakers with some basketball player's name emblazoned on the side in fluorescent letters. Above all of their heads the smokestacks chug out choking-black fumes, like a harlot blowing cigarette smoke in your face, mocking their hopes for a better life.

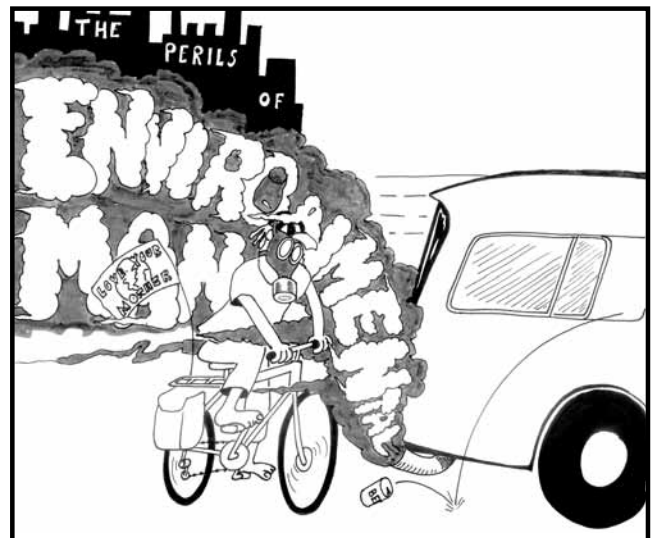
Snapping back, Environmental Man realizes he'll be late for work if he doesn't leave right away. His mind weighed down by the immense task of living environmentally friendly, he considers a possibility. Maybe he could import Guatemalan organic cotton hand-knitted shoelaces into the country for people like himself. That would help. And of course, it would have a better chance of catching on if some famous basketball star endorsed it.

He flings on his cape, opens the apartment door, and pauses, troubled by his recent vision. Making a few minor adjustments, Environmental Man hurls himself out the door... barefoot.

After three days of walking to work starting at 3 AM, Environmental Man hobbled back one gloomy evening. A cloud as thick as bus smoke hung over his head. All the stress of being environmentally devout was getting to him. He'd snapped at his friends all day at work, and cut his foot on a piece of a broken beer bottle as he walked home.

He was perplexed as to what to do next. Adam may have left the Garden barefoot, but Environmental Man had his doubts that he could get back in the same way. The more he tried to live with a good conscience, the less joy he had in life. He felt the impact on his soul, as he was becoming so unkind to his friends, and loneliness was becoming the only one who understood him. All his environmental ideals were leaking out, making him feel as flat as the tire on the bike he had given away.

How, oh how, could Environmental Man get out of this genetically modified pickle? Can you help him? ♻️



Saving planet Earth is a titanic enterprise, don't you think? Without some sort of global cooperation we're not going to get very far. But before we zoom off in that direction, maybe we should consider a different path? Maybe we should listen to the voice of...

The ALIEN ANT



In the middle of a fallow field owned by Farmer Brown there was once a large anthill, teeming with burly red ants. Highly intelligent, sophisticated creatures they were, maintaining a modern civilized society complete with centralized government and a university which taught history, science, psychology, sociology, philosophy, and political science.

One gentle spring afternoon a strange ant approached — a black ant. Scout ants watched, scrutinizing every move. He climbed the hill slowly, sideways, favoring an injured leg. The presidential complex was alerted, and a special contingent was sent out to meet the alien.

Being intelligent, highly educated, well-bred, and peace-loving ants, they were courteous and hospitable to any newcomer. They offered him food, medical assistance, a place to stay. But the new ant refused everything. His antennae were waving excitedly, and his mandibles were clicking at an abnormally high rate. He insisted that he had no time to waste but had an urgent message for the whole hill.

"Can't you tell us the message and let us pass it on?" he was asked.

"No!" he insisted, rearing up on his four hind legs. "I must tell all the ants at the same time, and I must tell them now!"

At this the ants called a top-level conference, and decided that under such an unusual circumstance a special assembly of the whole hill could be called. The colony, after all, had been working very hard, and the meeting could, perhaps, take on a

festive air. And besides, it would give the president ant a chance to make an address he'd been planning for some time.

Assembly call was sounded; and soon red ants, pleased with the opportunity to suspend work, began swarming from every cell and passageway until they completely covered the hill, looking like a great pile of living red beads shining in the warm spring sunshine.

After the traditional protocol and preliminary introductions, the impatient black ant was finally given the summit from which to tell his story.

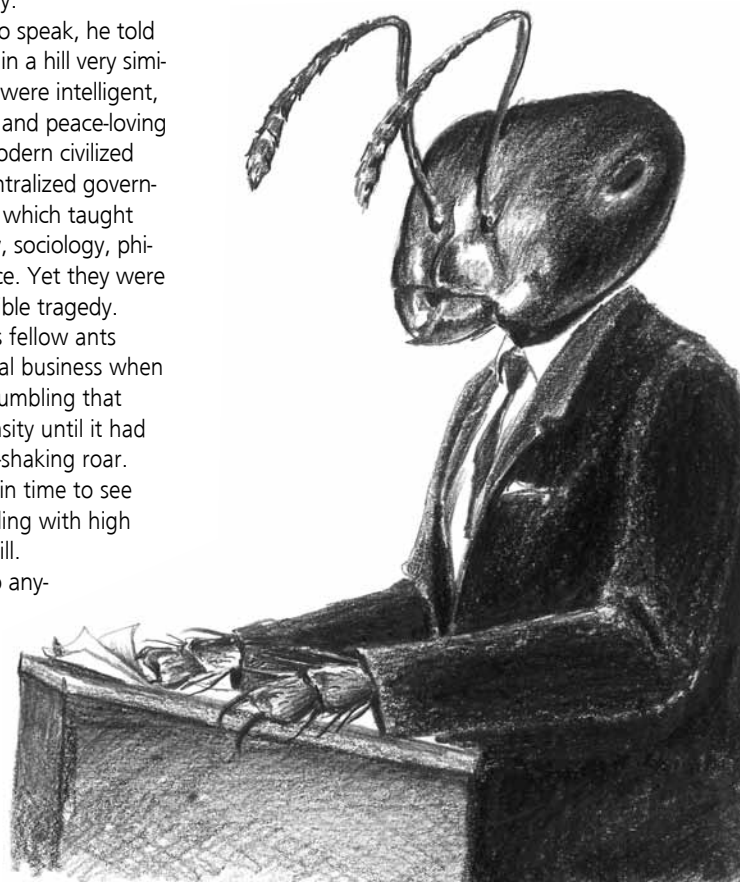
Opening his mandibles to speak, he told them that he too had lived in a hill very similar to this. His kinsmen too were intelligent, highly educated, well-bred, and peace-loving ants, living together in a modern civilized society complete with a centralized government and even a university which taught history, science, psychology, sociology, philosophy, and political science. Yet they were all taken unaware by a terrible tragedy.

Just yesterday he and his fellow ants were going about their usual business when he had heard an ominous rumbling that had kept increasing in intensity until it had become a deafening, earth-shaking roar. He had rushed outside just in time to see a monstrous black mass rolling with high speed directly toward the hill.

There was no time to do anything but rush out of the way. He had run stumbling down the slope, looking back just in

time to see the black mass crush the hill hopelessly into the ground. So great was its force that it had sent great boulders hurtling across the earth, one of them hitting him, injuring his leg.

An enormous shiny knife-like object had followed, ripping the earth into a great canyon. It had slashed into the flattened hill, tearing it open and exposing all the carefully stored eggs to the birds. The horrible monster had come again and again, gouging out row upon row of canyons, destroying the whole earth before it finally went away.



He had stayed there with the few survivors, all of them dazed with shock, until great floods had come washing down the canyons, carrying away the eggs and dead ants. Then they had decided to abandon their one-time home. But before parting they had sworn a pact to warn all other anthills.

"That's why I'm here," the alien ant told his audience. "And that's why I can't stay. This place is going to be destroyed!"

The red ants listened, but although seemingly interested, made no sign of real excitement aside from occasional mandible clicking and antenna waving. The alien ant insisted there was no time to lose. The hill must be evacuated immediately, he told them, and the eggs transported to a safe country. All ants must leave or face destruction.

In a hurried, on-the-spot meeting, the president and his advisors decided all ants should go back to work while the professors of the ant university subjected the problem to intensive study. Then another assembly would be called, at which time the professors would report their findings. Meanwhile the alien ant would be taken into custody for further questioning and to prevent him from inciting a possible riot.

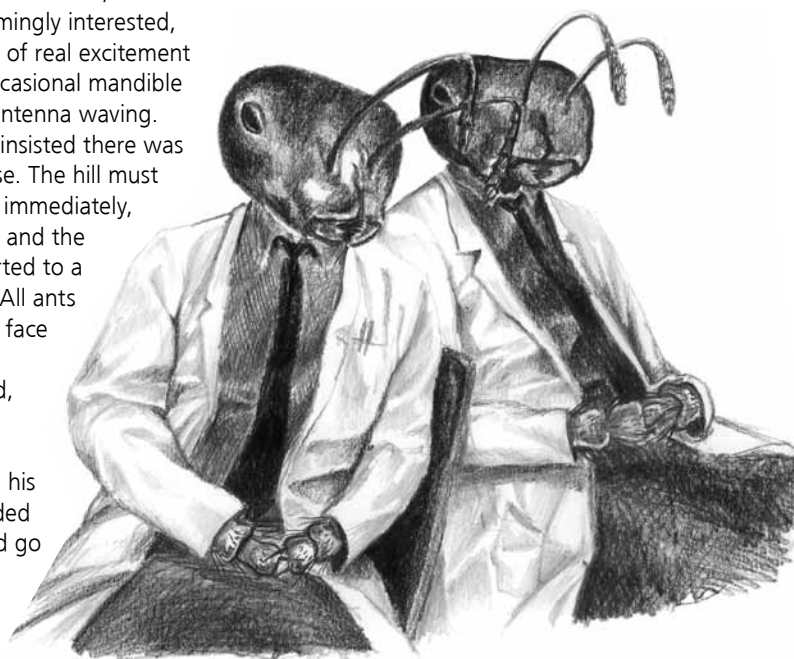
At the reassembling of the ants, the president announced that a decision had been reached. Five noted ant professors were to read their reports, after which he would announce the decision.

Enter: *Historian ant*. Cited the many and sundry crank ants who had come and gone throughout recorded ant history, each propounding some nonsensical theory which had later proven untrue. Stated that in all the annals of ant history, no account of any such catastrophic destruction and flood had ever been substantiated by hard evidence.

Enter: *Scientist ant*. Demonstrated with the use of audio-visual aids that such phenomena as a "monstrous black

mass" and "an enormous shiny knife-like object" could not be produced by ant science, could not even be envisioned by ant science, were outside the realm of ant science, since they clearly were of a supernatural character. Stated that in his personal opinion the phenomena were miraculous and therefore unthinkable to the scientific mind.

Enter: *Psychologist ant*. Explained how physical injury to an otherwise healthy ant



might work to dement the mind, bringing on phobias, obsessions, delusions, and realistic hallucinations. Stated that this could explain the "vision" of the alien ant.

Enter: *Sociologist ant*. Pointed out the absolute necessity of maintaining societal stability, of preventing mass hysteria by use of group denial. Stated that in order to preserve the healthy well-being of an ant civilization it was imperative to disbelieve anything which might upset the status quo and create chaos.

Enter: *Philosopher ant*. Set forth the theory of the relativity of truth. Stated that what the alien ant believed, was truth for him, and that he could shape his own life around it. But what the red ants believed was just as much truth for them and that any change of belief was unnecessary as long as the red ants stayed within their own culture.

Enter: *President ant*. Extolled the virtues of the red ants. Revealed the decision to maintain the status quo. Publicly instructed the alien ant: He was to be

released, but only with the stipulation that he was to leave never to return. And, were he to return, he was hereby officially notified that, upon his return, he would be immediately placed under arrest.

A salute was rendered to the future of the red ants. The ant creed was read, and the ant pledge of allegiance repeated. The assembly was dismissed, each red ant going to his own cell.

Set at liberty, the alien ant began to limp his solitary way across Farmer Brown's pasture, engrossed in his thoughts. What had he done wrong? Why wouldn't they listen? He didn't even notice Farmer Brown sitting serenely atop his tractor, preparing to plow up his fallow ground, figuring how much water it would take to irrigate the field where that particularly large red ant hill was located.

Poor, foolish ants! So, why didn't they listen? Why didn't they realize that they must totally pull out? Why didn't their learned scientists agree? Why was the voice of a solitary prophet neither heard nor obeyed? Why was everyone so intent on preserving their wealth, power, reputation, or comfort? Poor, foolish ants!

But are we any different? Are we really able to hear and obey the voice of the prophets in these last days? What are those prophetic voices saying anyway? We hear of different solutions to the big, looming disasters threatening the whole earth. We hear that programs are going to be put in place to hopefully keep the ecological balance of the whole earth from collapsing. We hear that America needs to secure its economic survival by becoming increasingly independent of Third World countries' resources. But is there anyone speaking about our need to totally pull out of a wasteful and destructive lifestyle, unequaled the world over? Isn't this the prophetic warning we hear (but somehow ignore) every Earth Day?

Yes, but where would someone go if they wanted to leave? Where is there a real place where we can be part of the solution, not part of the problem? Where is the place where selfishness and wastefulness can be taken out of us? On page 42, the article "A New Social Order" describes just such a place.

A Truly Sustainable Life

Once long ago, the world witnessed the ideal of a "sustainable life" being carried out. It took place among Messiah's first followers who shared a simple life of love and unity. The largely Christian society of the Western world today bears no resemblance to the life of those early believers. Instead, it is a society driven by self-concern, with an insatiable appetite for greater comfort, wealth, prestige, and pleasure.

About the year 1945, two clean-cut young men met one another for the first time in the dormitory room they would share together during their first year of college. Robert watched with curiosity as Howard emptied the contents of his duffle bag onto his bed. It contained two sets of cotton sheets, a wool Army blanket, a few pairs of socks and underwear, dungarees and flannel shirts, and a single navy blue suit, white shirt, and tie for wearing to church on Sunday.

It only took Howard a few moments to put his clothes neatly away. Then he carefully made his bed and sat upon it, flipping idly through the pages of his Bible as he watched Robert open the lid of his large leather-covered trunk, revealing its amazing contents: several pairs of custom made dress shoes in their pockets on the underside of the lid; a tray full of toiletries, brushes, combs, suspenders, silk ties and matching handkerchiefs; and under the tray, many finely tailored suits for every mood and season, each with its matching shirt and socks.

Howard could not disguise his astonishment as Robert hung suit after suit on hangers in his closet. Robert cast him a condescending grin and said confidently, "You have to dress for success! How can you ever expect to get anywhere in this world if you don't dress, think, and act as if you had already arrived?"

Fifty years later Howard died, a poor insignificant preacher, having spent his life raising a large family and trying to convict or inspire the lukewarm laity in church after insignificant church. Robert, on the other hand, went on to become a famous and influential multi-media minis-

ter, preaching his gospel of comfort and prosperity to thousands of rich or would-be-rich patrons in his palatial California church and to millions of telechurchgoers, ushering Christianity into the 21st century.

It is a tragic irony that over 150 million adult Americans, who together form over 86% of the most consumptive society the world has ever known, claim as their "Lord and Savior" the One who said, *"None of you can be My disciple who does not give up all his own possessions."*¹ In the beginning all of His followers shared a simple common life of love and unity. Any who wanted to join them gave up their personal wealth, trusting their leaders to distribute it wisely so that there would be no needy among them.²

This was the first truly sustainable life, for its leaders believed and taught that *"godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out; having food and clothing, with these we shall be content."*³ Not only was it sustainable in its material simplicity, but also in its social relationships, because they were forgiven, washed clean of their former lives of self-indulgence and had received the ability to live for each other, to forgive one another, and to overlook each other's faults.⁴ This way of living was intended to grow into a nation and produce a great light to show the world what a truly sustainable life is. As its love, light, and unity increased it would overflow to the whole world and bring salvation to the ends of the earth. However, by the end of the first century, this life was already waning, mutating into the stale, ritualistic system known as Christianity.

The largely Christian society of the Western world bears no resemblance to the life of those first-century believers. Instead it is a society driven by self-concern, with an insatiable appetite for greater comfort, wealth, prestige, and pleasure, but with the least possible effort or accountability. The apostle Paul, in the first century, predicted that this behavior would fill the church in the last days of this present age:

"But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power."⁵ (2 Timothy 3:1-5)

Paul even quoted the prophet Isaiah as saying that "unless the Lord of Hosts had preserved a seed, we would have become like Sodom, and we would have been made like Gomorrah."⁶ He could not have imagined how prophetic and true these words would prove to be as we enter the third millennium. The prophet Isaiah had described the nation of Israel in his day as being *like Sodom and Gomorrah*.⁷ What did he mean? According to the prophet Ezekiel,⁸ the guilt of Sodom was the proud flaunting of a life of abundant food and careless ease in callous disregard of the poor and needy. Their self-indulgence extended into their sexual practices, which

were abominable to their Creator. Their judgment fit their crimes: that society of consumption was consumed by fire.⁹

As was Sodom and Gomorrah in those days, so goes Western civilization today. Christianity as its predominant religion steadily accommodates the relentless surge of consumption and moral decadence, even as she accommodates the religious diversity of the age. Over the next several decades, through accommodation and compromise, she will evolve into a one-world religion with great social, economic, and political strength. Ultimately she will fit her description in the book of Revelation, and receive her just judgment:

"Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great!... the merchants of the earth have become rich by the wealth of her sensuality... To the degree that she glorified herself and lived sensuously, to the same degree give her torment and mourning... in one day her plagues will come, pestilence and mourning and famine, and she will be burned up with fire; for the Lord God who judges her is strong. And the kings of the earth, who committed acts of immorality and lived sensuously with her, will weep and lament over her when they see the smoke of her burning, standing at a distance because of the fear of her torment, saying, 'Woe, woe, the great city, Babylon, the strong

city! For in one hour your judgment has come.' And the merchants of the earth weep and mourn over her, because no one buys their cargoes any more."

(Revelation 18:2-11)

So it is that the whole world is becoming as Sodom and Gomorrah, just as the apostle Paul described. But he also spoke of a *preserved seed*, using a word that means "the grain or kernel that contains within itself the germ of the future plant." Even as the world is being carried

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along by a spirit of consumption that is destroying the very earth that sustains its life, a new social order is springing forth from that *preserved seed*. It is the same simple, common life of love and unity that existed almost 2000 years ago,¹⁰ because it resulted from the *same message* - the Gospel of the Kingdom¹¹ that calls men and women to be saved from this perverse generation that is rushing pell-mell to its own destruction, and to be a part of a new life that bears witness to the love of God.

Christians and heathens alike are being carried along in the torrent of self-indulgence and consumption that is destroying the earth. Whatever part you play in "saving the earth", whatever environmental causes you support, whatever emotions you feel when you think about the plight of the earth, the truth is that you cannot escape being a part of the problem as long as you identify with, make your living in, and participate in this society of consumption.

But you can be part of the solution. Incredible as it may seem, the solution is the radical life of love and unity that is growing into a spiritual nation of Twelve Tribes in twelve different regions on the earth. It is the life that Yahshua the Messiah, the Son of God, came to establish. When this living demonstration of the love of our Creator is fully formed, it will usher in the end of this age of greed and war, the return of Messiah, and the beginning of a thousand-year age of peace when love will rule the earth. ☉

¹Luke 14:33 ²Acts 2:44-47; 4:32-37

³1 Timothy 6:6-8 ⁴Philippians 2:4;

Colossians 3:13; 1 John 3:14-18 ⁵That is, the power to produce the same simple, pure life of self-sacrificing love that existed in the beginning. ⁶Romans 9:19 ⁷Isaiah

1:9-31 ⁸Ezekiel 16:49-50 ⁹Genesis 19:1-28

¹⁰Acts 2:44-47; 4:32-37 ¹¹Matthew 24:14



W e are members of a new society. It is a different kind of society — one in which no one is despised or unimportant, no one lonely or unwanted. The strong are not exalted and the weak are not exploited. There are no rich or poor. Love lives here.

We are learning a new way of relating to other human beings — without fear, without hostility, without suspicion. We are becoming like little children. We live in an atmosphere of trust. Love rules here.

This is a society of an entirely different order. It is a *new social order*. The peace that reigns in our midst is not due to laws and law enforcement. We do not do things out of obligation, but because we want to. In this life of love, no one has a right to be cold to his neighbor. Malice, put-downs, and paybacks are foreign to our way of life. Love restrains us from striving to get ahead of each other, from taking advantage of one another, from turning our backs on one another when times get hard.

Everyone knows what the old social order is like. Each person is responsible for his own life and the lives of his family, if he has one. Once people have food, clothing, and shelter, they may try to be kind to their fellow human beings. But there is a limit and there are barriers — racial, religious, economic. No matter how many laws are passed, the walls between people still remain.

Even within the same family there are barriers. One brother has his set of friends, the other has a different set, the sister has still another, and they can't even sit down and have a meal together. Most social barriers are like weeds. They have deep roots. No matter what you do to cut them off at the surface, they keep springing back up.

A Radical Solution

The new society we live in is not this way. We have been given a radical solution that enables us to love. The chains of fear and guilt that hold mankind in bondage have been broken for us.

Who can love when the barrier of guilt rises up? It is the painful weight, the sudden memory that comes when you are with someone you have hurt, or someone who has hurt you. Who can give when

A NEW SOCIAL ORDER





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they are afraid of losing their possessions, their time, even their own life?

Our Master Yahshua, the Messiah, has washed away our guilt with His own innocent blood. He has given us the power to forgive others the way that He forgave us. We have received His Spirit, the same Spirit that raised Him from the dead, so we can dare to suffer loss in loving others. Fear and guilt no longer have any power over those who trust in Him.

The new social order we are talking about is not *ideal*. It is *real*. Ideal societies are the territory of dreamers and intellectuals. No human being has ever thought up an ideal society that actually works in reality.

Even Sir Thomas More who made up the word *utopia* realized this limitation. The word *utopia* means "no place." There is no location on earth where you can observe an ideal society at work. Man-made societies are based on laws, and laws can only limit evil, not create virtue.

So it is not because of rules, regulations, or even religious principles that we in this new social order live together

and share our property and possessions. Bible verses do not have the power to cause people to love and respect each other. The Bible by itself can't even make people agree on what it says. The thousands of Christian denominations are ample proof of this.

The old adage, "Birds of a feather flock together," aptly describes every social institution of the world, including Christianity. Unless forced to do otherwise, people naturally gravitate toward others who have basically the same self-interest. So you have the white church, the black church, the rich church, the poor church, the conservative church, the liberal church. There is a denomination for every inclination.

The saying holds true even for communal living, both religious and

otherwise. Whatever "intentional community" a person joins depends on his intentions. Some rally around a social cause, others a political agenda, and still others a doctrine or philosophy. But the deeply-rooted barriers of guilt and fear spring up even there. Ultimately self-preservation outweighs all other considerations and even birds of the same feather find it difficult to nest together for very long.

Yet, despite these overwhelming obstacles, the prophet Ezekiel, 2500 years ago, recorded a vision of something new and different. In his vision God Himself took a tender shoot and planted it so that it would grow up to become a mighty tree itself:

Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. (Ezekiel 17:23)

This prophecy might seem obscure and unimportant if our Master Yahshua had not echoed its words some 500 years later:

What is the kingdom of God like?... It is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in the garden; it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches. (Luke 13:18-19)

This new kingdom is a social order ruled by the God of love. He is the "someone" who planted that tree. It is His doing. It is not because of man's ideals or man's laws that we are able to live this life of love, but because of His Spirit.

All the prophets since ancient times have spoken of this new social order in which all things are restored — the relationship between humanity and God, between men and women, between parents and children, between one race and another. Daniel, also writing around 2600 years ago, saw that this new social order would be established *without human hands* and bring to an end the *old* order:

In the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall this kingdom be left to another people. It shall crush all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever. (Daniel 2:44)

Restoration

Daniel did not envision a political revolution. What he foresaw was the rule of love over the hearts of men. It is, however, a revolution — against apathy, indifference, and self-centeredness. It is not an "ethnic cleansing," but a thorough cleansing of the moral corruption in our own hearts. For to make this new order a reality, the members of this new kingdom must become like their King: self-controlled, patient, generous, loyal, always available to meet the needs of others.



means to follow Messiah with total abandonment, to love as He loved. And love that is complete empties itself, voluntarily embracing poverty, for it cannot keep for itself what another needs. The result is that each one does for all what he would do for himself. No one gathers his own future, no one's heart grows cold over his own economic survival. But this equality is not compulsory. No one is violated or forced, but rather led and drawn by the warmth of love.

Some will not be able to

see the difference between what we are describing here and a dozen utopian ideals and philosophies. Some will feel that it is too good to be true. But those who are ready to do the will of their Creator will know whether this is actually God's

kingdom we are talking about or just something we made up.

The new social order is not perfect. We who were raised under the old order are faulty in our love. The desires of the self tug at us, and we are continually in need of forgiveness. But our Master Yahshua gave His life to pay for our failures so that we could forgive one another and press on towards the goal — that this new order would one day fill the whole earth.

To gain this life costs you everything, but as our Master said:

Those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it. (Luke 9:24)

All who really believe that He died as a payment for their sins will no longer live for themselves but for Him — giving all their possessions, time, and energy to see His people flourish and His justice prevail.

If you are looking for a nice community where you can do your own thing, you would certainly be wasting your time to come here. But if you desire to live a life of self-sacrificing love, to experience the deep soul satisfaction of doing what you were created for, we invite you to be a part of this new order. ☉



A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars; and she was with child; and she cried out, being in labor and in pain to give birth.

(Revelation 12:1)

The Second Eve

A worldwide gestapo, an international police state may keep man from inadvertently destroying himself.

But no government, no matter how powerful, can force people from different backgrounds and races to love one another.

Only the love our Master Yahshua poured out from His heart can bring that about.

To understand the plight of Mother Earth we have to go back to the Garden, to the beginning, to the first mother, Eve. She is the "mother of all the living." She lived in the time when the earth was a paradise, a garden of delight that contained everything needed to sustain life and to cause the human race to flourish. She had her beginning from the side of her husband, from his rib, which encompassed his heart. She was created to walk alongside of him, to be one with him, bonded in a marriage based on trust.

Her loving Creator warned her and her husband about a particular tree in the garden. He did this because He wanted them to trust Him. He wanted them to live their lives on the basis of trust in their Creator. But Eve was deceived by a very crafty spirit who enchanted her with his beauty in the form of a serpent. Doubting her Creator, she believed that He was keeping her from her potential as a human being, that she was being deprived of something she needed to be fulfilled.



This mistrust of her Creator was deadly. Through it a curse entered into the ground of the earth and sin into the human race. Since that time insecurity, fear, and self-centeredness have dominated humanity. All of mankind is enslaved to a life of constantly being anxious for food, clothing, and shelter. This is intended to remind man of his need to trust his Creator. It is the most fundamental understanding a person can receive in this life. Because of the lack of trust in the Creator, death has entered into the world and is the one boundary established by the Creator that man cannot go past. Every man and woman is going to die and there is no way for them to escape it.

So there was a great need for a **second Adam** and a **second Eve**, who could overcome death through trusting their Creator. The only thing stronger than death is love. This **second Adam** was the man Yahshua, who was born 2000 years ago in order to bring the love of the Creator to the entire fallen human race. Through the love he would demonstrate, all mankind could be restored to a life of trusting their Creator and be brought back into unity with Him. Through Him basic human relationships could be restored and the result would be that the earth itself could be restored.

This man Yahshua gave up his life because of his love for the **second Eve** — those who would receive his love and become his people, his nation, his bride. When he was suffering on the cross, a soldier approached him and pierced his side with a spear. From his heart came blood mixed with water. From his side, his heart, came blood and water to cleanse the whole human race of their sin. This is the love that overcame death.

Those who followed him after his resurrection were transformed into his likeness and loved one another the way he loved them. Their love for their Creator and for one another caused them to live together in unity and in communities where they shared all things in common. A whole new social order began to emerge where basic human relationships began to be restored. This restoration was the beginning of the answer to the world's problems.

Unfortunately, this pure seed of life that was in this **second Eve** was slowly modified. In a spiritual sense, it was genetically modified and thus became something very different from what Yahshua passed on to her to give her life. A corrupt seed came into the wonderful communities of the

second Eve, the First-Century Church and took over. This manipulated seed had the potential to corrupt every other seed, like what happened in the beginning in the Garden.

Thus, the **second Eve** was deceived by a genetically modified gospel that took her away from her simple devotion

Christianity developed from a genetically-modified seed. Her fruit is not like the original fruit. Therefore, her way of living and relating to the world does not contain the answers to the world's problems.

to the **second Adam**, Yahshua. The outcome — Christianity — a woman to be sure, who to one third of the world's population looks very good. But the fruit is from altered seed and is not the same as what our Master Yahshua intended. The fruit is not the same and therefore the way of living and relating to the world does not contain the answers to the world's problems. It does not have the right seed in it to restore the earth and all the people in it. Therefore, this other woman (Christianity) is deceiving the whole world with her modified fruit — promising to have the answer to the world's problems but destroying the voice of conscience in man.

However, the Creator has preserved a pure seed for these last days when everything has been lost. Every remnant of the life of the first church is either gone, modified, or manipulated. What is known as "the church", Christianity, has no resemblance to the **second Eve** that our Master Yahshua died for.

Creation is desperate for that preserved seed to spring forth out of the ground to begin to restore the life of the **second Eve**. She is the only woman who is going to go back to the Garden. This restoration can only come about at one time in history, and we are living in that time. All of Creation has waited for this moment in time when there would be a voice speaking on earth to people who are no longer able to hear their conscience or the voice of Creation.

There are those on the earth who know that globalization is not going to fix the world's problems. Cognitive people can

sense that man's problems are going to get worse the more people try to homogenize the world into one global community. There are those who see that the ecumenical movement of Christianity to unite the world's religions offers no real answers either. They see this false religious unity as something the politicians of the world use to increase their power.

Truly, there is no hope for people to come together in a life of love and unity that demonstrates justice and is free from the world's problems apart from the saving power of the water and blood that gushed out of our Master

Yahshua's side. This love from his heart breaks down the barriers that have divided people since the beginning of time. The preserved seed will prove to the world that people can truly come together to demonstrate a life that will carry over into the next age.

The closest anyone will get to the Garden in this age is when the **second Eve**, the woman in Revelation 12:1, flees to the wilderness. She is the pregnant woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, who has a crown of twelve stars on her head, and who can find no place of safety on this earth. At that time Mother Earth will protect her because she has demonstrated a life that restores Creation and is a witness against a collapsing social order that is failing, heading for destruction. The earth will help this woman because she has been a friend to the earth; she will have cared about her Mother.

At this desperate hour, when the awful fruit of globalization has come fully to bear on Creation, then the Creator will pour out his wrath on all those who have destroyed the earth and will rescue all the righteous ones who were the Earth Savers. Our Master, Yahshua, who is the **second Adam**, will return to claim his bride, the **second Eve**, from the wilderness and he will claim the earth as her rightful ruler. This will usher in the new age of peace where he will rescue the earth, and along with the **second Eve**, begin to restore all things. This is what Creation is groaning for, what she longs to see revealed. Can you hear what she is saying? 🌱



Rare Earth

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Even the earth's rotation has played a role. Planets like Mercury, locked into presenting one side to the sun, have an unchanging freezing cold half and a boiling hot half on the same planet. Any one of these features would make our earth and solar system uncommon; together, they make it unique.

In spite of everything going for it, life on planet Earth, according to the fossil record, has faced extinction no less than 15 times in the last five hundred million years. Five of these "mass extinction events" have eliminated more than half of all the species then inhabiting our planet. One of the most spectacular, 65 million years ago, ended the reign of the dinosaurs on planet Earth. A comet or asteroid only 6 to 10 kilometers in diameter struck the earth in Central America, darkening the skies for months with the dust of the explosion, the billowing black smoke of forest fires ignited worldwide, and a prodigious fall of acid rain. One just twice that size might well have sterilized the entire planet. The moon bears mute witness to the power of even larger impacts.

Much of the universe is actually inhospitable to life ever arising. Besides such spectacular events as stars going supernova, many regions of the universe are either too energy-rich or too metal-poor to ever support advanced life. And then there are events of a magnitude that men have never before dreamed, like mergers of two neutron stars, which cause the most powerful explosions in the universe and release enough energy to sterilize an entire galaxy!

Yes, we are alone. The universe is inhospitable for man now. It is waiting, groaning under the futility of so many stars, shining on so many lifeless planets, all of them alike subject to the same death and decay that faces men and women today, on *this planet*.¹ But there is a secret more vast and more significant than the death of neutron stars: *man was never meant to die*. Man was always meant to fill this planet with peace and life and take that to the stars. The many wars of science fiction are quite accurate - if man could go to the stars in the future he would just bring the war, the pollution, and his moral degradation there. But planet Earth is under a quarantine until the deep-seated problems within men and women are dealt with. It is not just a quarantine of distance; it is deeper than that - it is a quarantine of uniqueness. There are no other earth-like planets where we can live. But the day will come when the uninhabitable universe will be transformed and made inhabitable.³ It is beyond our highest imagination.

That is the hope that we have — a hope for the world that we found in Messiah Yahshua. His forgiveness of our sins makes possible a life of peace and friendship, not only between men and women, but between humanity and their precious cradle of life - the earth. The only true contribution you can make to solve the earth's problems is to surrender the life you now live (whose wealth is causing all of the problems - including war) to the One who can save both you and the planet. He will one day return to destroy those who are destroying the Earth.⁴ You can be on His side today and in the ages to come, when human life will fill the universe in unending generations, forever and ever.²

¹Romans 8:19-23 ²Ephesians 3:21 ³Hebrews 1:10-12 ⁴Revelation 11:18

Two thousand years ago God created a *new* man, a *second* Adam. The pure seed of God was placed in the womb of a young Hebrew virgin named Miriam. The angel revealed to Yoceph, Miriam's husband, that his name was to be "Yahshua" (which means, "Yahweh's salvation" or "powerful to save"), for he would "save his people from their sins." Our Master was born and grew up as any other child — facing the trials and temptations that come to all of us. But he had parents who loved him and understood who he was and that he was created for a great purpose. They were diligent to train him and prepare him to fulfill his purpose.

Our Master Yahshua received his training well and kept himself pure. He only wanted to do the will of his Father. As he grew he began to understand more and more about who he was and what was before him. He was taught from the law of Moses and the proverbs of Solomon and the words of the great prophets. He prayed fervently about these things, from the heart of a true son who wanted to embrace his purpose. As he grew, he gained deeper revelation about God's great purpose and his part in it. He came to understand that he was the Messiah — the One sent by God to rule over his people. He also came to realize that he would be greatly tested and would have to overcome where the first Adam had not. The future of God's purpose and all creation depended upon the choices that he would make in His life.

At thirty years of age, our Master Yahshua began to travel throughout the dry, parched land of Israel revealing the glory of his Father to all those who were humble enough to receive him. He spoke the truth about his Father and exposed the false teachings of the religious leaders who claimed to know God, yet oppressed the people. He demonstrated the compassion and kindness of his Father as he healed blind and crippled people and those with serious diseases. He was not afraid to draw near to those who were rotting away from leprosy and heal them. He was not too proud to associate with prostitutes and the unjust tax-gatherers and offer them the hope of forgiveness and a new life. He even raised people from the dead.

Those who recognized the glory of God in our Sovereign Yahshua loved him and followed him. Those who didn't recognize his Father's glory hated him. His pure life and penetrating words totally exposed the inner strife of those who were seeking their *own* glory. They said he was an evil man, a cult leader. But our Master knew who he was and continued to give himself to the work his Father had given him to do.

He was the perfect example of how a man was created to be. He was also the exact representation of his Father. He was able to overcome where the first Adam had not, because he was obedient to everything he heard from his Father. He did not listen to the evil one. There was nothing in him to separate himself from his Father and seek his own independent life. He overcame every enemy of man's soul: pride, worthlessness, greed, vanity, jealousy, fear, shame, and self-pity. In his last hours he told his followers that the ruler of the world (Satan) was coming for him, but "He has *nothing* in me."

There was just one enemy left to conquer and that was *death*. He knew that test was coming. He was betrayed by one of his closest friends and sold into the hands of the religious leaders who were intent on silencing him... for good! They falsely accused him of violating their laws and demanded that he be executed. Even when the governor of the territory proclaimed him to be innocent, the religious leaders stirred up the crowds to demand that he be crucified.

He faced his accusers and executioners with remarkable dignity and peace. They mocked him, calling him "the King of the Jews." They shoved a crown of thorns on his head, driving the long spikes into his scalp and face. They whipped him and beat him all over. They disgraced him by yanking his beard completely out of his face. Then they dropped a large wooden stake on his bloody back and pushed him along the road toward the place where they would

bring his life to a horrifying end. At this point the kindest man who ever walked the earth was beaten beyond recognition, yet he never uttered one complaint or threat against those who were torturing him.

When they reached the place of his execution, our Master Yahshua willingly laid down on his torture stake. The Roman soldiers drove long spikes through his hands and feet and lifted him up on this tree and set it in place. He surveyed the scene as much as he could through his swollen face and the searing pain in his body that screamed for his full attention. He saw the two criminals

that were being crucified alongside of him. They were full of fear and screaming curses. He saw the people who watched from a distance. He saw his mother and a few of his followers nearby, most of his other friends were hiding in fear for their own lives. Several of the religious leaders stood before him, taunting him, saying, "If you are the Messiah, come down from there, then we'll believe in you." At that moment there was nothing in his heart but compassion. He said, "Father, please forgive them, they don't know what they are doing!" He knew that he was innocent and that he was dying in the place of all those who were separated from his Father by their own guilt. He had peace. Even in his hideous circumstances, the glory of his Father was still shining forth from him. A Roman centurion who stood by and watched his crucifixion said, "Surely this man was the Son of God."

Our Master Yahshua knew separation from his Father for the first time as the weight of the sins of the whole world were cast upon him. His soul plummeted into the most unimaginably horrible place — DEATH. There he willingly received the full measure of what our sins deserved. After three days and three nights he was raised from the dead by his Father. Death could not hold this innocent man once our sins had been paid for. He conquered the final enemy... FOR US!

He then returned to his friends and confirmed that he was alive! He had accomplished what his Father sent him to do! Now he was sending them to proclaim the good news that God had given his Son as a sacrifice to pay for our sins. Those who receive faith to believe this in their heart will be cleansed of the guilt of their sins and receive the very Spirit of God that was in our Master. ☉



The Second Adam

Are you aware that a King is coming to destroy those who destroy the earth? When he comes, a new age will begin. He will not just appear unexpectedly though, except for those who didn't believe the harbingers who caused people to long for his coming.

Who are his harbingers? A harbinger is a forerunner who heralds the expected arrival of someone greater. He is an adequate representative of the one who is coming. The true harbingers of the King will be the nation of people gathered together because they have surrendered everything to the coming King.

Are you at peace with the coming King? Disobeying your conscience puts you at war with him. Each person must meet the terms of peace while the greater King is still a long way off. The terms of peace are total surrender. Surrender of all that you are and all that you have — all your possessions, time, goals, energies, and ambitions. That means: houses, farms, money, sports, hobbies, treasures, trophies, books, videos, cars, golf clubs, skis, bikes, boats, computers, cell phones, iPods, iPads, CDs, cameras, subscriptions, favorite toys, television, political causes, and lofty knowledge. You must also have a willing heart to be purified from your sin.

Why would you do that anyway? Because the King who is coming will judge sin. He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the good news of the King Yahshua. Sin is knowing the right thing to do and not doing it. Though our human minds may have amazing abilities to forget the ways we have hurt others and justify our guilt, our conscience doesn't forget. Every act will be revealed at the judgment, even those done in secret. The conscience even remembers the selfish motives that cause people to be unwilling to suffer for what is right and just.

Those who want to be saved, however, can come to know the wonderful qualities of the King. His mercy and kindness are revealed to those who face their guilt and repent of it. He has the spiritual life we long for. He is loving and kind. He is full of grace and wisdom. He brims over with life. He is encouraging. He knows how to see past faults and failures and see the real worth in people. Being around Him makes us learn how to be the same way. His Spirit permeates His

people who commit their life to Him. That is how we know Him. He makes us one with our brothers and sisters. He builds our character and helps us learn to endure hardship and suffering. He teaches us to always notice each other's needs. He doesn't seek His own glory and teaches His people to be the same way. There are no rich and poor in His kingdom because everyone shares. In His kingdom people are friends. If someone fails in one of these areas He inspires us to see past the failure and see the true desire in that person to do better.



However, no one can rightfully surrender to Him just because they like these benefits. Rather they must see their sin and commit their life to Yahshua the King, utterly forsaking their old life. This commitment brings restoration between them and God. The reason this can happen is because of the sacrifice the King Yahshua made for every person. He died in our place and suffered the punishment for each of our sins. After this was complete He was raised from the dead, becoming the mediator between God and man. The forgiveness and cleansing a person experiences when covered by this sacrifice is the only remedy for all the problems of mankind. All the other attempts to

be healed from our sin are futile. If someone has truly experienced this forgiveness, they live a new life, obedient to the King in gratitude for the forgiveness they received. They love Him and they love one another as He loved them.

Those who will not surrender now will not be trusted when the King comes, even if they try to surrender then. It will be too late. You know someone who hangs on until the end is only trying to save his neck. Those who are really sorry for their rebellion surrender while the King is a long way off. They respond to the harbingers. The rebellious who love the present world order, which is hostile to God, will be destroyed when the King comes. But those who surrender to the King Yahshua will be saved from their sin and rule with the King forever. Now is the time to be prepared.

"What king, going to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and take counsel whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends an embassy and asks for terms of peace." (Luke 14:31-32) ●

The Majestic Ones

*As for the saints who
are upon the earth, they
are the noble, glorious,
majestic, and excellent
ones in whom is all
My delight.
(Psalm 16:3)*

Who and where are these “saints” whom the Creator of all holds in such high esteem? Surely they are those who hold His name in high esteem, and who labor night and day to make His name excellent in all the earth! Presently, the name of God stands in need of being redeemed in all the earth, since it has been brought low by those who claimed to revere Him, yet behaved shamefully before all the watching world. At least 17 centuries of violence and corruption have stained the garments of those who claim to be God’s spokesmen on the earth.¹ They have been anything but majestic and excellent!

However, the Psalms of David are prophecy, which must be fulfilled. King David looked into the future, seeing the great worth of man and the ultimate purpose for which he was created — to rule over all creation:

*What is man that You take
thought of him? And the son of
man, that You care for him? Yet
You have made him a little lower
than God, and you crown him
with glory and majesty! You have
made him to rule over the works
of Your hands; You have put all
things under his feet.*

(Psalm 8:4-6)

Ultimately, God’s name is no better than the ultimate attainment of His highest creature, His noble and most excellent creature — Man. All the rest of His creatures are creatures of instinct and cannot choose to honor Him. Thus they cannot bring the *highest* honor to His name, even though they and the mountains and all of creation do bring Him glory.² Yet as long as His highest creature, His highest creation, is not reflecting His glory, God can have no rest, day or night.³ Not until His *ultimate creature* is ruling the universe with love can His *ultimate purpose* be fulfilled.

¹ See *The Mystery of the Black Box*, <http://twelvetribe.com/publication/mystery-black-box>

² Psalm 19:1

³ 2 Corinthians 4:15, 17 NRSV; 1 Corinthians 2:9; 8:6; Ephesians 1:22-23; 4:10

filled, for He created all things for His highest creature to rule.

Psalm 8:6 says, “You have made man to have delegated authority, rulership, or dominion over the works of Your hands.” Man is the highest thought God has ever had. He could not make us any better if He tried, for we are made in His likeness, so that He could make His home in us and communicate His love through us. Can you imagine what that will be like?

Man was made only a little lower in glory than His Creator, yet because of sin, he fell short of that glory. Still, King David, writing as a prophet, said, “He has crowned him with glory and honor and majesty.”⁴ Can you imagine how our Creator longs to see His highest creation restored to how He created us to be? He desires it so much that He gave His precious son Yahshua⁵ as a ransom, in order to redeem us and save us!⁶

The Holy Ones

The revelation of *The Three Eternal Destinies of Man*⁷ rightly identifies the category of the *Holy* as these noble, majestic ones, the royal sons of Yahweh, who will reign with Him eternally.⁸ Yahshua, the Messiah, paid the price that makes them Holy. He bore their shame in order that they could bear His glory.⁹ He delivered them from their meaningless existence and set them apart for His own special purpose, which is what *holy* actually means — *set apart*. They have been called and chosen to reign over the men of the *nations* in the eternal age, as God’s eternal dwelling place — a corporate body to house His Spirit eternally.¹⁰ The Holy will be the *Redeemed Man*¹¹ ransomed by the blood of Yahweh’s first-born son, Yahshua.

The men and women of the nations (those who are *not* part of His holy nation) are expected to live by the instinctive knowledge of God which He put in every man’s con-

⁴ Psalm 8:5; Revelation 22:5; Daniel 7:18, 27 NRSV

⁵ *Yahshua* is the original Hebrew name of the one most translations of the scriptures call *Jesus*.

⁶ John 3:16, 17; Matthew 1:21

⁷ Revelation 22:11

⁸ Revelation 1:6; 5:9, 10

⁹ 2 Corinthians 5:21; John 17:22

¹⁰ Revelation 21:3; 5:9, 10; Daniel 7:27

¹¹ *Redeem*: compensate for the faults or bad aspects of something; gain or regain possession of something in exchange for payment.

science. The righteous people of the nations who obeyed their conscience will be the *Restored Man* in the eternal age¹² — restored to the original state of the first man and woman before the Fall.

The Holy = Redeemed Man The Nations of the Eternal Age = Restored Man

One Heart and One Way

The Holy are called to treat one another with dignity, having great appreciation for who He has made each one of them to be. They treat *all men* with dignity and respect, but especially they treat those of their own household with all dignity and honor. This is their response to the glory they see in each other, which demands love and respect. This is the nature of their life — having one heart and one way.¹³ This is how all men will know who belongs to Him — because they love Him with all of their heart, mind, soul, and strength, and they love one another as themselves.¹⁴ This can't happen while living only with one's own nuclear family, but only as it was in the beginning with the first-century church: *All those who believed lived together and share all things in common.*¹⁵

The Holy are a Royal Priesthood

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; for you once were not a people, but now you are the people of God; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.
(1 Peter 2:9-10)

The holy nation is a royal priesthood of twelve tribes who diligently serve God night and day.¹⁶ They no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and experienced the agony of death in their place.¹⁷ They will be fulfillment of what He called the children of Israel to be when He delivered them out of

Egypt,¹⁸ following in the footsteps of their father Abraham.¹⁹

For I have chosen him [Abraham], in order that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of Yahweh by doing righteousness and justice; in order that Yahweh may bring upon Abraham what He has spoken about him.
(Genesis 18:19)

The Holy have royal children in the process of being trained up in the way of Yahweh — to *do justice and righteousness*. These holy offspring are not wasting their lives with foolish and vain pursuits, nor are they conformed to the world, for they are the hope of the world.²⁰ Most people in our day would never understand that this is what it is going to take to fulfill the promises God made to Abraham²¹ — fathers turning their hearts to their children to raise them up in *the way they should go*.²² This is an essential aspect of the holy nation, for this is what sets them and their children apart for God's purpose and His will alone.

**Ultimately, God's name is no better
than the ultimate attainment of His
highest creature, His noble and most
excellent creature — Man.**

The Glorious Ones

The glory that You have given Me I have given them, so that they may be one, even as We are one. (John 17:22)

The Holy are the glorious ones, having inner worth that demands the respect of others. This fellowship of heart and life binds them together as one, bringing the highest honor to the One who gave them His glory. *Glory* is the heaviest weight by which God can be honored. God crowned man with the highest degree of glory and honor and dominion. *Honor* is excellence. *Dominion* is to be ruler over all, to reign, govern, and have authority over all of His creatures and creation. *Redeemed Man* (the Holy) is to rule and reign over *Restored Man* (the nations of the eternal

age).²³ This is how Yahweh Himself (in His Body) will be with the men of the nations, caring for them and wiping every tear from their eyes, bringing deep healing to their souls.

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God [which is the Bride, the Holy City] is with men [the men of the nations], and He will dwell with them. They will be His people, and God Himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." (Revelation 21:3-4)

The Body of God

The honor given to the Redeemed Man "in whom is all His delight" is even a greater honor than his original glory. The "saints" are the Holy in Revelation 22:11 — "let him be holy still." The Righteous have the glory restored to man that was his original glory and honor before the Fall — "let him be righteous still." *Still* means forever and ever, as man's character is set for eternity in one of three categories — the Holy, the Righteous, or the Unrighteous (unjust and filthy).

The saints are the *redeemed* — those purchased by the blood of the Lamb, even from the foundation of the universe.²⁴ God's original purpose was to have a *Redeemed Man* of splendor, honor, glory, magnificence, and beauty to be His own eternal dwelling place. The holy nation would be a corporate body fit for Him,²⁵ made ready without fault or blemish, wholly compatible, able to be together as one forever and ever, holy and worthy of Him.²⁶

King David prophesied, "You have made man to have rulership as kings with the highest glory and honor" — to be respected as God Himself dwelling in human flesh, in His eternal dwelling place.²⁷ Just as Yahshua was chosen before the foundations of the world,²⁸ so we were chosen to bear His glory,²⁹ in order that many could believe and put their hope in our Master Yahshua, the Messiah.³⁰ ●

²³ Revelation 1:6; 5:9-10; Revelation 21:24

²⁴ Revelation 13:8; Ephesians 1:4

²⁵ Ephesians 2:21-22; Revelation 21:3,9,12,24

²⁶ Revelation 3:4-5; 5:9,10; 19:7,8

²⁷ Hebrews 1:3; Revelation 21:3; Matthew 1:23

²⁸ Revelation 13:8

²⁹ Ephesians 1:4; 1 John 3:1-3; 1 Peter 1:18-23

³⁰ 1 Peter 1:21; John 17:21-23

¹² Revelation 21:24; 22:2

¹³ Jeremiah 32:39; Psalm 133; Acts 4:32

¹⁴ Matthew 22:37-40; John 13:35; 17:21-23

¹⁵ Acts 2:44; 4:32

¹⁶ Acts 26:7; James 1:1; Revelation 21:9,12

¹⁷ 2 Corinthians 5:15; Acts 2:24

¹⁸ Exodus 19:5-6; Deuteronomy 7:6; 14:2

¹⁹ Galatians 3:29

²⁰ 1 John 2:12-17; 1 Peter 4:4; Romans 8:18,19

²¹ Genesis 15:18

²² Malachi 4:5,6; Proverbs 22:6; Deuteronomy 6:4-7; 29:29

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