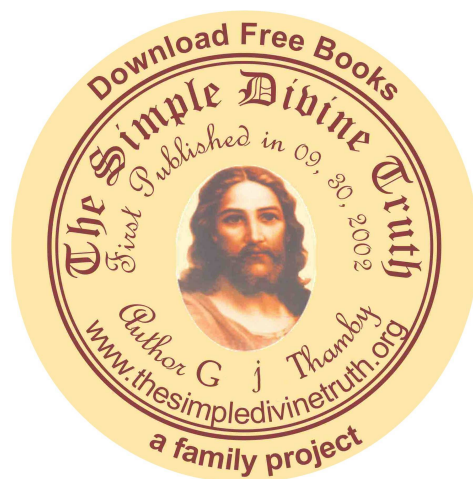


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Jesus is the only name and no other name is given
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Chapter 1

The Immortal Man

Personality belongs to soul

Instead of the word 'Man', Soul is also used in the Bible

Everybody knows that man has a beautiful body, which they often see through the mirror. He is aware that he has a brain or mind where he manufactures all good and evil thoughts. Every human being has a spirit. When the body is alive he retains the Spirit, and when the body is dead the Spirit leaves the body.

Every spirit has an image rather a spiritual body. God himself also have a spiritual body, because man is created in His image. Let us refer the Bible for evidences.

Genesis 1: 26 God said, "Let us make human kind in our image, According to our likeness"

Next-Body Mind & Spirit

Man Consists

Body

- 1) Brain
- 2) Body parts
- 3) Sex

Mind

- 1) Conscious Mind
- 2) Sub Conscious Mind
- 3) Unconscious Mind
- 4) Intellect
- 5) Will (Desire)
- 6) Emotion

Spirit

- 1) Conscience**
{Helps to identify righteousness}
- 2) Inner Mind**
{Inner mind is the sensing part of Spirit
This part provides three kinds of intuitions
 - a) Visions**
 - b) Messages**
 - c) Ability to prophesy**
- 3) Adoration**
This part of mind helps
 - a) Worship in spirit**
 - b) Communion or fellowship with God**

Body + soul = Flesh; Body + soul (Mind)= Life

There are three main divisions of a human body.

- 1) Human body made of flesh & bones
- 2) Mind (not visible but you can experience)
- 3) Spirit (not visible and can't experience easily)

God created the first man from the dust and gave him life to the body and a very small part of His spirit. Then God created a suitable companion for him, from the man itself, so that they shall be alike, and helpful to each other. She was also given the same spirit and made even. Man's life and spirit are two different things.

Genesis 1: 28. God said to the first man and first woman “Be fruitful and multiply”

They should bear the fruit of the Holy Spirit and then they should multiply; if they do not bear the fruit of the Spirit, then they can have only wicked children.

Hereby God parted His authority of further multiplication of human being (or further creation of man) to the first man and the first woman. At the same time He retained the distribution of spirit with God Himself. This holds the true control of population with God. So long God releases His spirit, the parents will have children, whenever God does not release His spirit, the parents will not have any children. Now you may ask why children are born in illicit relationship. The Bible has the answer to that question. When God puts man on trial on the Day of Judgment, He is going to make use of the illegitimate, by making him as witness and proof against the illegitimate relationship of the parents.

Wisdom 4: 6 For children born of unlawful unions are witness of evil against their parents when God examines them.

God created man first, then woman was created from man, subsequently men and women are born from woman. The creator has decided that the seed will go from man and it should grow in the woman to produce an offspring.

The reason for this kind of arrangement is, man and woman should depend on each other and they should not claim superiority over one another.

God established 1) the man, 2) woman and 3) God's inseparability when an offspring is born.....

If any human being tries to create an off spring without God, they will fail when God does not release His spirit, even in the process of cloning. So far we don't know the adverse effect, from the spiritual side, when cloning is done, God does release the spirit that is why the offspring is alive, otherwise it cannot be alive.

Movies and Realities

In ghost stories and movies, they bring the dead man back to life. This is impossible. You will never get a chance to see a dead man back in life, except in the miracles done through faith. Usually evil spirit can function when that spirit possesses someone else who is alive. Once the human body goes out of function, the original spirit will leave; no other spirit can make use of the dead body. When a person is paralyzed or in a coma, the original spirit remains with him.

The Bible explains the activity of a prophet. His spirit can travel to another location while his body is at home. There are two ways to perform these phenomena.

(1) Traveling in spirit is by training your mind; to travel with the help of an evil spirit, is part of witchcraft. Neither the church nor the Government allows witchcraft. This is totally illegal, and brings disaster to the one who does it.

The witches and the warlocks call this phenomena astral projection.

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1 Samuel 28: 8 Saul went to a medium at Endor and told the witch, "Consult a spirit for me the one whom I name to you"

1 Samuel 28:19 "The lord will give Israel along with you, and your sons to Philistines"
(This is the answer, the witch received for Saul. It happened exactly like that)

1 Chronicles 10: 13-14 Saul died for his unfaithfulness to the Lord, in that he did not keep the commandment of the lord, and also consulted a medium, seeking guidance, and did not seek guidance from the Lord. Therefore the Lord slew him, and turned the kingdom over to David a shepherd, who was the son of Jesse.

(2) Lean on God and if God desires then the God's spirit (Holy Spirit) will help you to travel in spirit. Theologians call this phenomenon as 'Bi location'

2 Kings 5: 25-26 Elisha asked Gahazi "Where have you been" He answered, "Your servant has not gone anywhere at all" Elisha said "Did I not go with you in spirit when someone left his chariot to meet you?"

You must understand that what Elisa did was not sorcerer, but a prophet. He was sent by the Holy Spirit to witness Gahazi's wickedness, so that Gahazi may be cursed and inherit Naaman's leprosy, for receiving the gift from Naaman for curing him. This warns us to be watchful not to accept reward from people when you render spiritual services.

There are Three Kinds of Spirits

- 1) Demonic Spirits (Extremely evil or cruel)
- 2) Diabolic Spirits (typical devil)
- 3) Human Spirits (Like everyone have)

<http://patrickmadrid.blogspot.com/2010/09/discerning-diabolical-spirit.html>

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You may ask what happened to Jesus' body when He died and resurrected. After fulfilling all the prophecies, when His body was resurrected, it was glorified, probably the elements may have or may not have gone back to earth, and then He was resurrected. If God could create material things from nothing or from spiritual body - He could do vice-versa. Since God has not revealed much about it we could not speculate. Jesus is God, for Him everything is possible. As it is we have enough knowledge about spirits and witchcraft, and not to use them, but we have to protect us from getting involved in it.

Do you want to be immortal?

What the Bible is teaching is how to stay immortal spiritually and not bodily. From ancient time, people all over the world have tried several things, animal and human sacrifices, drinking human blood, witchcraft and all kinds of magic to become immortal. Truly speaking, none achieved their goal. We hear only wild, ghost stories. People misinterpret their spiritual knowledge. Their interpretation is according to their wants and tastes and wild imaginations; no one is really interested in confronting the truth. The spiritual leaders are bit hesitant to tell the facts, because they are afraid to face the people. They fear that if they tell the real truth that could displease the public, and they may turn away from the path, they are following now.

All spiritual organizations have some traditional practices of worshipping. People think, if they do those rituals their entire problem can be resolved. You must go to your church, obey God's commandments and do personal prayer. You cannot teach the truth, the way some one wants. You have to start from the word of God and accept the way it is. Start with, what is truth according to the word of God. Since you have come to the third part of the book, you have some idea, what this book is all about. If you try to stay without God and try to build a tower of Babylon, though you are free to do it, it is going to fall apart very soon.

John 14: 6 Jesus said, "I am The Truth"

Jesus made it clear to us that He is the only truth and we have every reason to believe what Jesus said. He did everything for the spiritual benefit of others and not for any material benefit for Him. We don't see anybody else equivalent to him. In this modern world, we see all organizations flooded with money, and corruption is the major part of it. You cannot serve God and money at the same time.

John 17: 17 Jesus said, "The word of God is Truth"

John 1: 1 In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God.

God is spirit, He is all over the universe and he is invisible. When He intends to show Himself at His discretion to some one, then only He can be seen. He can perform a creation from nothing, when He speaks a Word. Humans can neither create nor destroy anything. All we can do is change the element from one form to another.

If you take some firewood, and burn it, the fact is that it is not destroyed, as it burns, it generates heat. After producing the heat, the wood turns in to ash. If you throw those ashes in to the water it never gets destroyed but dissolves in the water, it remains and continues to be there. The more you act upon it, it is never destroyed, but changes from one form to another, and this process is a never-ending one. The Spirit God could create every material and visible things in the universe from nothing. He could, appear in to some material form including that of a man, and this is a greatest truth. Jesus' disciple John says, Jesus is the word of God who incarnated himself in to a human being, from his original spirit form. Thus Jesus took the form of a man. Truth is God, and God is truth. It is also said that Jesus is the word of God. This proves that "The Word of God" itself is God. What God has spoken is the Truth and this truth is leading you to immortality of your spirit, but how?

Every living thing has been created with a life span. They have a fragile and decaying body. If you change this human body-constitution, and make it out of gold or stainless steel or something of that sort - after doing all kinds of research, man will settle to the original God created body because it has the senses and reasoning power. When you have decided to retain the present type of human body, you have to confront another truth called aging. Due to age human cells become weak, and become incapable of performing the present functions, at a later age. Digestion, eyesight, hearing, body strength, glamour and strength of muscles and texture of skin and everything are fading away. This could not be altered because these elements and its qualities do not stand forever. At the end of life, everything will become weak; to meet the physical death.

When your spirit is separated from the fragile and decaying body your 'life' is separated from the body or vice versa. The body is no more alive and functional and it is in decomposition stage. Once the body is dead, the mind or the brain that creates the thought is also dead. After this phenomenon, the only thing that survives is his spirit. Your trouble is, you don't recognize this spiritual body that is almost equal to God. Since you cannot see your own spirit, it is difficult to believe its existence itself.

1 John 3:2 You have a life after death, which is everlasting, when you become equal to God.

Your spirit is a small part of God or God given, which has come from God. Your spirit is almost equal to God, because that has come from God. You recognize and care only the decaying body that has been made from the elements of this planet, which could last only for a short period of time. Since the decaying body has come from the earth, it can and it is fit to exist on this planet only and it cannot exist anywhere away from this earth planet.

Without much thinking you can understand that your mind is within your human body, which is made of never lasting substances. The moment you recognize this truth, and willing to prepare to care for an everlasting body, which we call 'Spirit' you, can proceed to the next phase of this subject. Otherwise stop here and proceed with dreams of castles in the air and end wherever that takes you. If you are pursuing the truth, then consider the everlasting body, which is called spirit, and its everlasting life. In our present stage we are incapable of seeing our own spirit. Since this spirit does not belong to this planet, it does not require anything of this planet for its survival.

This spirit is a part of God and He Himself has created it. The moment God spoke "Let a human be born" it could happen. Every human spirit come straight from God, and takes its shape in a mother's womb, when a male and female takes part in the reproductive process.

If God does not send his spirit to intervene, no reproduction can take place. A child is born in a mother when God + a man and + a woman take part. When one of the participant is absent nothing takes place, rather no child will be born.

Once this spirit is possessed in an earthly body it continues in the womb, and later on the earth with that body until dead. This child is supposed to accomplish what the creator has designated him to achieve. After that his spirit is separated from the earthly body and is expected to go back to where it came from. This is the life cycle of a man. Many superstitious and mythological stories have crept in between and have generated a great deal of confusion, and producing more movies and wild ghost-stories.

- 1) No dead man can be reborn - (No reincarnation is possible)
- 2) Each human and evil spirit is identifiable.
- 3) Spirits themselves can recognize each other.
- 4) Once the spirit is separated naturally or otherwise, it cannot go back to its own old earthly body. Separation is once for all. There is no way of getting back to the old body

because it has already started disintegrating which is in God's control. The stories of this nature are good for making movies and there is no reality.

5) Once the spirit is separated from the earthly body, it goes back to the creator. This spirit does not dissolve in God. It remains as an independent spiritual being.

Ecclesiastes 12: 7 The dust returns to earth and the spirit returns to God who gave it.

6) An evil spirit can possess another living person and create all kinds of trouble. This is the basic for all kinds of vampire and ghost stories.

7) Spirit does not require any earthly food or drink, since it does not have an earthly body.

8) When a man was on the earth, depending on the performances on the earth by the physical body, the spirit will have either rest or punishments according to the sins he has committed. (Sins are the violations of God's commandments)

9) When the spirit comes from God for the birth of a new baby, it is Holy and divine.

10) The moment a woman is conceived, or the moment the spirit for a new baby has touched the mother, it has become unholy; because the mother is unholy. In this planet, "No one is holy."

11) The spirit returning to heaven will have responsibilities in heaven, worshipping God, or any other task given by God, which is not known to man much.

12) All spirits cannot return to heaven, only the one who obeyed God's commandments, while he was on the earth are qualified to enter heaven, according to God's decision.

13) The returning spirits are not treated equally in heaven that depends on how far he was obedient to God while he was on the earth.

14) Evil spirits are stationed above the stars, which is otherwise called second heaven.

15) The spirits that re-enters in heaven will have no worries and no shortages of anything. Unlike the earthly body it has only a spiritual body, which does not require any earthly products like water or food, and will not have any sinful desire of the flesh. The spirits will be worshipping God as priests and rejoicing in heaven.

***Exodus 19 5-6 "If you obey me and keep my agreement,
you will be my kingdom priests and a holy nation"***

God promises priesthood in his heavenly kingdom,
For every one who obeys Him

16) A righteous man's spirit remains immortal, and lives forever in his precious spiritual body, without the earthly decaying body. Now you know 'The simple Divine Truth' of being immortal or everlasting life of your own spirit.

So far nothing seems to be impossible, and then what is the trouble? Refer Para No.8 shown above; depending on the performance on the earth, by its original body of man, the spirit will have either everlasting life or destruction, (according to the sins one has committed, during his stay on the earth) These unholy spirits, which are originally meant to re-enter heaven, will be destroyed forever because of the sins he has committed.

The Bible is describing what you should do and what you should not do, so that your spirit may qualify to re-enter the Kingdom of God, which is in 'Heaven.'

The Bible speaks very specifically that man belongs to heaven. He is created on the earth, to perform God's will. When you obey fully to God's commandments, the life on the earth becomes very peaceful though you may have many difficulties, and the best performers get the best reward in heaven. The first and the foremost things are one should believe and accept the fact, that there is an everlasting life otherwise you cannot have any part in it. Secondly if you ever believe such a thing, you must sincerely work for it. Since we are on the earth, we become incapable of resisting the unholy things, and thereby every God given law is broken in one way or the other. For the past several thousands of years man is an inhabitant of the earth, generations after generations. Man's assumption is man belongs to earth and meant to live on earth and it ends there. So long he is alive on the earth, he should enjoy maximum of the world.

He makes rules, and changes his promises and commitments conveniently, to suit his desires and wishes, which is totally against the God's commandments. Man does not recognize that, everything he does has a direct impact on his earthly life as well as the life after that. The basic of spiritual life is to elevate the mind above materialism. Wealth happened to be the 'sign of above average' of everything. Rich people have a good place in the society even if he is not intelligent and not educated he can buy education and anything he wants. People recognize one another, on the basis of wealth status. People are after transient pleasures for the highest price, instead of the eternal life.

There are people who hate beggars and needy people, but will shell out money on wine and women. Remember your wealth is the ransom for your eternal life. If you are not willing to depart with your wealth; or you if you give the primary place for the wealth in your life then your eternity is lost.

Mathew 6: 33 Jesus said, "Strive first, the kingdom of God and His righteousness and the rest will be added to it"

When Jesus began preaching, the important thing he has taught is to seek His Kingdom in Heaven first, and then the rest of the things will follow. The other things are what are needed for our best survival, which includes Holy Spirit and all worldly things, food shelter and clothing. Two things are involved in this.

1) Your wants - Wants are your desires, may not be your absolute necessity, because some of these may not be acceptable to God.

2) Your needs - these are acceptable things to God. The basic need is your survival, which He has already promised. God will decide "The rest" what should be given to you. If you don't let God to decide 'The rest'; you are going against God's will; that means you are of your own, which is very much unacceptable to God.

Romans 14: 17 The Kingdom of God is not food and drink, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Jesus further explained, that the kingdom of God' is not on this earth, but in heaven

Mathew 4: 4 Jesus said "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from God's mouth."

Jesus is the word of God. "The word is God." Without the "Word of God," how can anyone stay alive?

Obviously people may be thinking and praying for good food, rather than praying for the Word of Life. God has already promised for your life, drink and cloth and bread are for the physical body.

Mathew 6: 25 Jesus said, "Do not worry about your life, what you drink, eat, and wear. Look at the birds of the air; your heavenly father feeds them. Are you not more value than them"?

God takes good care of all living things including birds and animals. They do not sow and reap even then they are also fed. A man should not worry because man is more precious to God, than those birds and animals.

What ever is said in the Bible is not meant for any particular sect, but for the entire mankind. This book is not inviting to any religion or to any denomination but trying to tell you to believe in God and to be a good human being, and good citizen of the land you belong to so that you may attain eternal life. Choose any church of your interest and participate.

Next-Lift up your arms and pray

Chapter 02

Lift up Your Arms and Pray

Psalm 63: 4 I adore Thee as long as I live; I will lift up my arms and call on your name.

Psalm 77: 2 In the days of trouble I seek the Lord; in the night my hand is stretched out without wearying.

Psalm 141: 2 Let my prayer be counted as incense before you, and lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice

2 Maccabees 3: 20 Holding up their hands to heaven, they all made supplication.

Lamentations 3: 41 Let us lift up our hearts as well as our hands to God in Heaven.

Ezra 9: 5 At the evening sacrifice I got up from my fasting, with my garments and my mantle torn, and fell on my knees, spread out my hands to the Lord my God.

2 Chronicles 6: 12 Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord, in the presence of the whole assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands.

*2 Chronicles 7: 1-2 When Solomon has ended his prayer, fire came down from heaven and consumed the offering and sacrifices. The glory of the Lord was filled everywhere in the temple, so **the priests could not enter the temple.***

1 Timothy 2: 8 In every place the men should pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or argument.

Paul wrote the above in his letter to Timothy. Four things are involved in this.

1) Paul does not exempt any place to lift up your hand and pray

2) Keep your holy hands high. If you have to keep your hands high, before God it should be without sin, otherwise you will shudder before God. This fear will prevent you from holding your hands high.

3) When you pray, if you are angry to anyone, you must level with him.

4) You should pray without any argument. Two facts are involved in this.

4: a) You should not have any dispute over this practice, which was common to Jews. But Isaiah's Prophecy frightened them.

4: b) You should not bring Isaiah's prophecy and make an issue. (Isaiah 1: 15)

*Isaiah 1: 15 The Lord said, "When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my face from you; even though you make many prayers, **I will not listen; your hands are full of blood**"*

Job 38:15 The Lord said, "Light is withheld from the wicked and their uplifted arm is broken"

Revelation 2: 2-3 The Lord says, "I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance. I know that you cannot tolerate evildoers; you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them to be false" "I also know that you are enduring and bearing up for the sake of my name and that you have not grown weary"

Revelation 2: 4 The Lord said, "I have this against you that you have abandoned the love you had at first"

Revelation 2:5 The Lord said, "Remember then from what you have fallen; repent and do the works you did at first. If not I will come to you and remove your lamp stand from its place, unless you repent"

Christians had another explanation regarding stretching out arms and praying, it is similar to Jesus' crucifixion. When one stretches his hands out in his misery and pray he is transferring all his burdens to His wounds. If you turn the pages of the Bible back, you can see in the Old Testament on innumerable occasions, people are praying with their hands stretched out and raised up.

It is obvious, if you ask why Paul said, "Men should lift up hands", and not women?

The fact is Jewish women had only a low profile in the society. She is under the full control of her father until she is married, and after that at the disposal of her husband. It was a male dominating society. The women were forbidden from learning law. They could watch the synagogue, but could not speak. Women were not allowed to read the Holy book. The status of women in Greek society was further low when compared to Jews. Women priestesses were in thousands in Greek temples, and they were sacred prostitutes. Temple of Aphrodite in Corinth and Temple of Diana in Ephesus were good examples for that.

Greek women were crazy for expensive dresses, expensive ornaments, braided hair and loose life.

Jewish women's responsibilities were confined to households. They had to use the veil so that their glamour should not be seen by others and be tempted. Though they were an unavoidable part of the society, they were rather suppressed and used by men. Jews kept a strong reign over women.

The Christian philosophy is totally against materialism and luxury. The fact is both men and women have restricted life in Christianity. But because of Jews restriction on women, and Greek women's extravaganza, Paul restricted the freedom of women in Christian Churches also. This restriction was probably unavoidable at that time. In these modern days some churches are insisting these, at the same time many others do not.

Centuries have passed and now people have knowledge and education; if they continue to do things without any self-control they know exactly where they are going to land, socially and spiritually. The essence of the code of conduct for women is the most important thing.

You are wearing the dress and the dress should not wear you and wear you out. Paul made his view, more explicit through the following passage. The western culture is shocking, which we see through the news media. Now the Indians have become worse than the western society. Once Indian women have shown utmost devotion in their responsibilities, today they think it is a foolery, because men are exploiting them.

1 Timothy 2: 9-15 Women should dress themselves modestly and decently in suitable clothing, not with hair braided, or with gold, pearls, or expensive clothes, but with good works, as is proper for woman who profess reverence for God. Let a woman learn in silence with full submission, permit no woman to teach or to have authority over a man; she is to keep silent. For Adam was formed first then eve; and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became transgressor. Yet she will be saved through child bearing, provided they continue in faith and love and holiness, with modesty.

Colossians 3: 5 Put to death, what ever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which is idolatry?

If you look at Indian Churches they have a mixed Jewish, Western and Indian culture. What the Church does and say is the law. Different Churches have different practices based on their own law and have created a never-ending fight between churches. Since lifting up arms and praying was in practice since B.C and also in A.D. This is not something new to Christians. In whichever way you pray it must give you a satisfaction and it must be acceptable to God. God gives importance to the sincerity in your prayer and how far you have met His statutes.

Lifting up arms and praying should not be brought up as an issue in any of your places you worship. You should go by what your church say when you are in that Church. For any reason you should not make any arguments and disputes in a place of worship. You don't have to correct anyone; they already know what is right and what is wrong. Staying away from disputes is very important for the believers to observe.

If someone is doing something in an incorrect way, he is answerable to God and we should not worry. If you are not spiritually blind, then you will not fall in that pit and no one else can make you to fall.

If the mass worship is not up to your expectation, you can pray in your own home according to your convictions, in your personal prayers. One can grow spiritually, through his personal prayer only. A person who does not have the personal prayer will not be able to have an effective mass prayer.

In your difficult times you have prayed a lot, and the Lord has answered them. Now everything goes well with you, and if you don't continue the way you used to pray, that is going to make the Lord very angry.

Here the Lord questions your sincerity?

You don't have much choice but to obey the Lord!

Next-Rainbow

Chapter 03

Rainbow

There are several meanings for the word 'Bow'. The only one we intend to take is an archer's bow first. A strip of wood or any other flexible material held bent by a strong chord by tying both ends of the bow with that chord. A rainbow seen in the sky constitutes only the curved portion of the bow in seven basic colors, out of which only three are prominent. Seven indicates the seven days in a week, over which the trinity God, the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit, made a covenant.

1) A bow is an archer's symbol of pride and a mighty weapon against his enemy. The Lord of Host is the greatest warrior. The Lord has set up the multi-colored divine bow, in the sky without an arrow of destruction. Nothing can be accomplished with a bow, without an arrow. So it turned out to be another wonder in creation of the Lord, and a symbol of His covenant of mercy, averting another catastrophe. The archer's bow is a sign of war and revenge. But God has changed the war and revenge-sign to a sign of covenant, because he felt sorry over the destruction that has been caused by the great flood during Noah's time. When the rainbow appears in the clouds, it reminds that there is someone above, who loves mankind.

1) Genesis 9: 13-16 The Lord said, "I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant that I make between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between you and me and every living creature of all flesh and waters shall never become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth"

In the above verse "*waters shall never become a flood to destroy all flesh*" is the important part, which is beyond normal thinking. The key word is "All" meaning God will not destroy all flesh in one flood. He can create several floods and destroy a good number of people at a time. Always remember an interpretation of prophecies by any man is always incomplete.

When you hear a prophecy, you get a message that leaves with several unanswered questions. If you look at the above verse, you may think that there will be no more floods on the earth. That is not the case; there has been innumerable flood that takes place all over the world year after year. Fast flood has taken more lives, than any other natural disasters.

Prophecies are subjected to change under certain conditions.

- 1) Repentance
- 2) Constant prayer

There are several other factors that are not yet revealed, until such time we will be ignorant about it. Why disasters take place? The answer is simple, because of man's intolerable wickedness and sins.

Genesis 6: 5-7 The Lord saw that the wickedness of human kind was great in the earth, and that every indication of the thoughts of their hearts was only evil continually. And the Lord was sorry that he made human kind on the earth, and it grieved Him to His heart. So the Lord said, "I will blot out from the earth, the human beings I have created people together with animals and creeping things and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them"

When you take the history of every nation; kingdoms and even families are wiped out from the face of the earth. From Abraham to Jesus it was the 52nd, generation. From King Solomon, the kingdom went to his servant Jeroboam. When the generations came down from King Solomon to Joseph; Joseph was a carpenter. Jesus was born to a carpenter Joseph (step father). What happened to King David's family after Jesus Christ? Jesus had many others, as cousins, descended from David family, what happened to them? The Lord's anger has put several families to an end, for the sins committed by different generations of those families. The male descendent inherits the tribal name. That is how Jesus became the son of David; Joseph was not Jesus' biological father, but the Holy Spirit. Even Jesus' family doesn't exist? There is not anyone to our knowledge belonging to David's Family now. This is God's righteousness. The Lord has shown, absolutely no nepotism and partiality to David's Family. Today's politicians and rulers should learn God's righteousness and follow, so that the country can prosper.

What happened to Alexander the Great, from a kingdom it outgrew to an Empire within a short period of time? God did not let him, even to rule. He was the greatest conqueror ever lived. Everything he has done has gone to waste. We see many overnight rich people; by another night they go bankrupt. Just think about them for a change. Man's wickedness is so high and it contaminated the entire earth and even the sky is polluted far beyond the stars. So the Lord ordered for a cleaning up operation, and that was the great flood. It wiped out the entire mankind and everything man had except Noah and his family and the rest got in the Ark. There was no such great flood before and there will not be another of that kind thereafter. The rainbow is the symbol of God's promise. You may enjoy the colors of the rainbow, as they appear in the sky, which reminds you that there is God, who always cares for you. But beware of His righteousness. Natural disasters are all sent by God and they are not nature's mischief. God sets the law of the nature.

Floods, Earth quakes, Lighting and thunders, Tsunami, Lands disappearing in to the sea, Famine, Failure of crops, Drought, incurable diseases, epidemics Etc are God send. His Law has been set so that these things will happen in appropriate time. If you repent and cry out to Him, He will show mercy to you.

Jonah 4:2 Prophet Jonah said "I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing"

Jonah 4: 11 The Lord said, "Should I not be concerned about Nineveh that great city, in which there are more than hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right-hand from the left, and also many animals"

Why natural disasters take place? The answer is simple, because of mans intolerable Wickedness and sins. It is not your science and technology, wealth and military strength and superiority that saves you but the mercy of God.

Next- Seek

Chapter 4

Seek You Will Find

Mathew 7: 7 Jesus said "Seek you will find"

This does not mean that you will find everything you seek. Very often this is used as a proverb with the right sense in the wrong occasions. The right sense and right meaning is, if you seek The Kingdom of God you will find it.

Mathew 6: 33 Jesus said, "Seek His kingdom and righteousness first"

Romans 14: 17 The Kingdom of God is not food and drink, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Jesus is quite specific about what you must seek first. You must give priority to God's righteousness, peace and joy in Holy Spirit. God is more concerned about your eternal and everlasting life. If your aim is to receive material benefit alone, God is not going to favor you. God promises your right to survival. People usually get fed up of praying because their prayers are not immediately answered. There are many other conditions to answer your prayers according to scripture as described in The Simple Divine Truth Book 1 - "Prayers not answered"

Psalms 63:1 Oh' God, You are my God; I seek you, my soul thirsts for you.

Isaiah 26: 9 My soul earns for you in the night, my spirit within me earnestly seeks you.

Hebrew 11:6 Without faith it is impossible to please God, for who ever approach Him, must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him.

The Bible tells you to have faith in God first, and then the reward will follow. Nobody get their reward before they complete their work. Your prayers will be answered provided you obey Him. You must pray even when everything goes well with you, so that He may answer, in your difficult times. We should not set rules and conditions to God for the favors from God rather we should accept and obey what God tells us to do. Jesus said not only to seek God but His righteousness also. If we cannot understand God's righteousness our life will be miserable. We should do and speak what is acceptable to God that is what the Bible is explaining. We live in our own way, and do not even bother to learn what is said in the Bible. Mass worshipping is part of our socio-spiritual life, and we should not restrict our spiritual life with a church visit alone. Somehow it is our trend to end our spiritual formalities with a Sunday visit to the Church or by attending many social events crated in the Church.

You can grow spiritually only through personal prayers. Study the Bible and practice what is said in it. People often say, it is difficult to obey God's commandments. The truth is you have no will to do it, and you never bother to know what is said in the Bible. You don't have the will? You are persuaded and controlled by the forces of the devil. The devil wants to make you to do everything unholy so that you will be devil's child, without your knowledge you fall for it.

You must recognize and resist the devil and defeat him, and the Bible gives you the knowledge for it. With the present practice of worshipping, our spiritual growth is annulled. People do not realize what is happening to them. Annulled =Invalid

Preachers can only tell these things, and you must realize the seriousness of it. Our physical body needs certain amount of food with required vitamins. If it is less, your body cannot function and if it is excess, that creates sickness. If no food is given to the spiritual body, it cannot grow. There is no situation of excess spiritual food, because you are incapable of reaching the perfect holiness. Perfect holiness is what God expects from everyone. The growth and depth of the spiritual body depends on your personal prayers and the holiness you keep. As you study the Bible it will provide you the knowledge what you should think, what you should speak, and what you should do and what you should not do, what you should not speak and what you should not think.

Everybody have electrical appliances in their home and a user's book that contain the instructions how to use them. If you misuse the appliances, that get spoiled often beyond repair. If you touch wrong place you could get electrical shock, which could even kill you. When you misuse your physical body you are destroying the spiritual and physical body. The damage you do to your own body is visible to you, but not the damage going to happen to your spiritual body; that will not be seen now– the end is spiritual destruction.

To begin with, you must have faith in God. You must have some idea about Gods righteousness. A child who learns the alphabet will take a long time to understand the literature, and he could grow only slowly and steadily. If he drops out of his studies in between saying that he cannot understand, his carrier is doomed.

Spiritual growth also needs study and nourishment, which can be achieved only through your constant studying of the Bible and practicing what is said in it.

You must have a strong will to obey the Commandments and nothing should change your determination, then only you can reach the goal.

Several decades ago Abraham Lincoln's life history was included in some of the school syllabus. At that time I did not think there was anything interesting in it.

But later when I thought about Abraham Lincoln's strong will to achieve his aim. His determination was beyond my imagination. **He was born in one of the poorest family.** He had no one responsible to put him in a school. At last he learned writing, with a piece of charcoal on rail track sleeper, as I understand.

Sleeper is the wooden piece put beneath, across the rail tracks. From there he started learning, and became a lawyer and finally the president of U.S.A. When Abraham Lincoln has put that much effort to reach the zenith of materialism, how many people have put that much effort to reach the heights of spiritualism? Those who neglected materialism have become saints. If Abraham Lincoln ever happened to become a saint, he would not have been admired much more.

The greatest obstruction to one's spiritual growth is materialism. When you seek God and His righteousness you are in the right path to eternity. You are a warrior and archer of the battlefield of life. Any target you aim will be brought down and anything you don't aim doesn't come down. If the target in your life is only in worldly pleasures; it will end

in erosion and corrosion of your body and spirit. Your aim is not the center of the target, which is the Kingdom of God but the materialism. Your mind is set in wealth, tobacco, drugs, lust and all the other vices. Oh' that list is too long. In short you are off-center and you will never reach eternity.



If you cannot change the center of your life you are a slave to your vices, and such people are said to be in bondage. What a shame! You are taking orders from your slaves and performing what they say. Why not you give orders to your slaves and make them do what you say, for a change?

Why not you order your vices to stay out of your premises? Don't you have the guts and the will to do it? The series of concentric circles around the bulls-eye of your target is your vices and unholy things you do. Your life does not exclude the spiritual side and eternity, which is for you to achieve with your holy performance on this planet. A man is said to be honest when he does not steal even when he is tempted in the midst of conveniences. Your success in life is, when you do not violate God's law, when you are tempted in the midst of opportunities. Even when you don't find any answer to your own millions of questions, you must obey God's commandments. God has not revealed everything to man because man cannot take it. Just forget about your million questions, be like a child and obey what God says.

It is better to believe that there is God. Assuming that there is no God and if you play all the dirty games, you end up in hell. Once you reach hell and realize that your disobedience to God's commandments, were the biggest foolery you have done, you have no escape. Those who have faith in eternity and scripture I would beg you to straighten your life, because I feel sorry for the each soul being lost. The man who writes this never met you, and he doesn't know who you are. He took lot of trouble and spends everything from his hard earned resources to get this message to you.

Man is morally responsible to hand over the truth he has learned, to his fellow creatures. This is better than giving alms to the needy, because alms, meet only physical need and not spiritual need.

You struggle so much with a lot of unrest, pain, and burden, "To add The Rest of the world" – everything other than the kingdom of God.

Your target must be Jesus first and let him have the priority, and then you will find peace and everlasting happiness. You don't have to struggle anymore; Jesus will add "The Rest" just needed for you. If you don't come to Jesus' way, you will be brought in like he did it to Paul if He intends to do so; or he may let you go to perish like Pharaoh of Egypt.

Please read Acts: 9: 1-19.

Don't invite such terrible occasions.

Before God's power straighten you, better yield to God

Next-Shut The Door and Pray

Chapter 05

Shut The Door and Pray

Mathew 6: 6 Jesus said, "When ever you pray go in to your room and shut the door and pray to your father who is in secret, and your father who sees in secret will reward you"

1) Similar to many other verses this is also a metaphoric expression. The simple and straight literal meaning is, to close the doors of your personal room and pray. To some extend it is good to be in a solitary place to communicate with God. This will help you to avoid all distractions and concentrate in your prayer. This is an important factor while you pray. This type of prayer is for your personal fellowship with God. Usually it is called as "Personal prayer" Without a personal prayer one cannot grow spiritually.

Jesus is our way; He has shown the example by doing everything by Himself. All we have to do is follow Him and nobody else. After day's hectic work of preaching He used to go to the top of the mountains to pray. It was not because there was no place in the planes. Jesus wanted people to follow his way and make personal prayer alone. When one goes to the top of the mountains he leaves everything worldly, behind him, rather he ignores it.

If you look at Indian Sage's history you will find them, going into the forest, or mountains or caves for a hard penance. They always dressed in some saffron colored unattractive cheap cloth. They wanted to stay unattractive so that no one should approach him and try to tempt him and destroy his divinity; even then some of them have failed to achieve their goal to reach its zenith.

2) Apart from these surroundings, you have an uncontrollable mind, which has several doors opened to several types of distractions. You might think that you can conquer everything with your strong will power. When the temptation comes you will fall right in to it. You will be tempted to do everything against God's will so that you may loose the divinity you are attaining. This happened with great sages and happens with everyone.

For any reason you should not have any superstitious beliefs. Do not go to any warlocks and witches to get things done. Don't take any revenge on others. Sexual desire, addiction to drugs, alcohol, or any bad habits, greediness of wealth and position are all doors for the evils to come in to your heart. These are the real doors, Jesus is telling you to shut and then to pray to your God in secret.

Macbeth: -- William Shakespeare, a 15th century playwright also known as a poet has written the story of General Macbeth. Macbeth wanted to make the three witches' prophecy to come true. Macbeth was a very loyal general and great warrior of King Duncan. The witches prophesied that on someday Macbeth would become a King.

Macbeth and Lady Macbeth did not want to wait for the natural opportunity to come to be a king, but they anticipated. He could not find any other way other than to eliminate King Duncan and take his place. Circumstances came in Macbeth's favor. When King Duncan made a visit to his palace, in honor of Macbeth's war victory Macbeth murdered

him while he was asleep. Lady Macbeth instigated Macbeth and finally he killed King Duncan. Out of guilty conscience and fear Lady Macbeth committed suicide. Finally Macduff killed Macbeth in a fierce battle and Macduff became the king.

The story is quite frightening because it continued with a series of killings to cover up Macbeth's guilt. Though the story is historically true Shakespeare made his dramatic touch to the original story from "Chronicles of Raphael Holinshed"

Macbeth was an honorable man, he began to feel sorry for killing his own king who honored and loved Macbeth very much. Macbeth ruled Scotland over ten years before he was killed in the battle.

Macbeth said, **"It would take an ocean to wash away the blood in my hands"**

Eventually, Lady Macbeth also said, **"Will these hands never be clean? Who would have thought that the old man (King Duncan) had so much blood in him?"**

Shakespeare tried to expose the magnitude of Macbeth's guilt of their treachery. People do many things in haste but later they realize and grieve a lot over the irreparable disaster and sadness they have brought in.

I would say even if they bath in the waters of the seven seas, the sins couldn't be washed away. Only Jesus' precious blood could cleanse them.

Ecclesiastes 10: 8. The snake will bite whoever breaks through the wall.

You are supposed to stay within your divine boundary. Your properties have territory so as the animals live in the forest also keep their boundaries. . They fight with strangers and invaders who cross in to their territory.

When you have a divine life, you also have a divine fence around you. If you break that fence and go beyond, your protection will be lost and you could easily be destroyed by the devil.

The strength of your wall depends on your obedience of God's commandments. Don't break through the wall and go beyond your territory so that the snake can bite you. (Snake is Satan)

Chapter 6

Samson

In Zorah there was a man whose name was Manoah. Once an angel appeared and gave some instructions to his wife.

Judges 13: 3-5 “You shall bear a son; be careful not to drink wine or strong drink or to eat anything unclean. No razor is to come on his head, for the boy shall be a Nazirite to God from birth. It is he who shall begin to deliver Israel from the hand of the Philistines”

Judges 13: 24 The woman bore a son, and named him Samson. The boy grew and the Lord blessed him.

A Nazirite is supposed to lead a holy life, besides the other conditions such as, not shaving, not cutting hair, and not using grapes and wine. But Samson failed to keep several of the conditions from the beginning itself. He married a gentile woman, at last Philistines burned her to death.

Judges 16: 4 Later he fell in love with a Prostitute in the valley of Sorek.

Samson broke God’s commandment again. The Philistines influenced Delilah the prostitute, with whom Samson had the illicit relationship and offered her 1100 pieces of silver to help them to destroy Samson.

After several attempts Delilah managed to know the secret of Samson’s strength and betrayed him to the Philistines. Delilah let Samson to sleep in her lap after getting him drunk heavily, at that time she shaved off seven locks of his hair.

The fact is – Samson’s strength was not in his hair but he lived as a Nazirite, as God commanded him. When his hair was cut off his vow was broken and the power of the Holy Spirit left him.

Then Delilah told the Philistines that they could overcome him, and Samson was made Philistine's prisoner.

Though Samson did many wicked things even then the Holy Spirit did protect him at the time of his need. By cutting his hair off, no matter who did it, Samson broke his total commitment to God, by ruining the Nazirite status.

Samson violated several of God’s commandments; the only thing he was left with was his long hair. By cutting this hair also off, the last string of his vow was broken. At that time The Holy Spirit abandoned him, and he was spiritually dead. When the Holy Spirit left Samson he lost his strength, so the Philistines could overpower him.

The fall of the mighty Samson

Samson was Israelite’s ruler, protector, and liberator and a terminator of Philistines. He ruled Israelites for 20 years. The creation of Samson was one of a kind. For God, each

one of us is unique and special, but the point is how far we live up to God's standards. Samson violated several of God's commandments. Samson's story is a true one and not fiction. His life is clearly recorded in the history and in the Bible, which occurred in the 11th Century. His strength was so great, which led him to many unwanted combats and unjustifiable killings. He behaved like an outlaw and not as a righteous ruler or a Judge.

Samson's Violations

- 1) Adultery
- 2) Illicit relation with gentile women
- 3) Failed to keep the marriage commitments
- 4) He was addict to strong liquor
- 5) Too proud of his strength
- 6) Unjustifiable killings
- 7) He was an irresponsible ruler
- 8) Lived like an outlaw and not as a judge
- 9) Did not keep up the religious commitment, such as keeping Nazirite status.
- 10) He was in contact with corpses and made himself unholy
- 11) He failed to maintain peace
- 12) He did only unsuitable things for a Judge

Finally Samson fell for the evil things he has done. The Philistines caught him and they blinded him, so that even if he gains his strength, he should not be able to do anything against the Philistines. He was humiliated and was put in prison and made him to work in his blindness. The time went by and his hair grew, he gained back his power. The Lord was making him strong once again for his final assault. He was a wayward child once, but he began to repent. Samson's tears moved his heavenly Father and the Lord granted Samson's death wish. On one of the Philistine's festival day, they brought Samson to entertain them. More than 3000 men and women were on the roof of the house as spectators, and several thousands on the ground floor, watching Samson being humiliated. He made his last cry to the Lord for His help to relieve Samson from the shame he has brought to his creator first and to his Israelites, and to himself by sacrificing his own life. The Lord answered Samson, and he became aware of his strength once again.

Samson located the center pillars of the house, and he pushed them to either side, making the whole building to collapse. He killed them all and he also died along with them. He took the lives of several thousands in return of his own life.

Samson brought shame and blemishes to Israelites, even then he is considered as a hero like Hercules of Greek Mythology. In our everyday life also we see many live like Samson in the society and politics. Just study their life and their end; is it worth?

A life that outgrows like a mushroom and disappears on the next day is not worth at all. Twenty years of Samson's victorious life ended in misery and shame.

If Samson ever stayed in God's path his life would have been different, but he made a bad choice and destroyed his own honor. Today's Christians live more or less like Samson. Even after having all the innumerable retreats and prayers conducted by all the denominations in competition, the outcome is very poor.

People gather in the name of Christ, some laugh, some cry and for others it is a social gathering. The peddlers and merchants sell some books, cassettes, all kinds of compact discs and goodies. The people will say the sermon was fantastic and the music was great. By the time they reach home they won't remember a thing they heard from the Bible.

In these modern days there are few things, which we can learn from the west and European countries, not their loose life. When those people come to any retreat, or Church

(1) They will come on time.

(2) They all will have a Bible in their hand, and they are not ashamed to bring it; but Indian traditional Christians won't.

(3) They will have a book and pen to write down the references of the sermon. When these people go home they will refer the Bible and study them and memorize it. Our Indian people will come to the Church, like a soldier marching with both hands free. As they march out of the Church they will have nothing either in their hands or in their brain.

Often I have asked several people what the sermon was, some would say they don't remember and others will say, that they didn't pay any attention. The truth is they were busy in gossiping. Certainly there are only very few who really pay attention to the sermon. If you ask any preacher or priest, they will tell you the percentage of the people, coming for real worshipping is less than 5%? Natural disasters are real close, and too quick, you won't get time to escape and to confess or repent.

But Samson was really busy with his business as described above, and got the hell out of this world and ended his life.

Where are you going to end?

Wisdom 13: 7-9 For being conversant in God's works men search Him diligently, and believe their sight: because the things are beautiful that are seen. Howbeit neither are they to be pardoned? For if they were able to know so much that they could aim at the world; how did they not sooner find out the Lord thereof?

(Diligently = Steady application and effort)

**Seek the Lord who created everything
in the universe and not his creations.**

Chapter 7

The Bible

The Bible is as much holy as the Tablets given to Moses.

1 Chronicles 13: 9 When they came to the threshing floor of Chidon, Uzaz put out his hand to hold the Ark, for the oxen shook it. The anger of the Lord has kindled against Uzaz; God struck him down because he put out his hand to the Ark and he died there before God.

If Uzaz did not hold the Ark, it was certain, that the Ark would have fallen down. Because he did not give proper respect to the Ark, he was struck down. Today's Bible contains more than what it had in the Tablet. In this century how many people really take the Bible with due respect and fear? Most of the Christians avoid touching and reading the Bible, may be because their respect for the Bible is too much!!!

Though the content of the Bible were written over 1500 hundred-years period of time, now it is seen as one book. 'Different books and letters' written by several people including Jesus' disciples were compiled to one book, which is known as today's Bible. Many books and letters of same category are not included in the present Bible due to disputes among the theologians. Catholic editions, protestant editions, Ecumenical, not revised, revised, old English, modern English editions, are all available now, for your use, pick any kind you like and study it. Regardless what edition it is the most important things are not disputed. There is only one Christ and only one way to attain eternal life.

God has given some commandments, and from time to time He has sent many prophets to correct the people. The whole Bible is the elaboration of the God's commandments. Early editions were hand written in scrolls. The people who were writing these scripture were called SCRIBES. Though we are very familiar with the word scribes, through references in the Bible, we never knew who scribes were. They had a high place in the society. The first compiled form of Bible took shape in the fourth century AD in parchments, made of animal skins. Use of paper came in 9th century and by 12th Century it became very popular. Until 15th Century only hand written copies were available, after that paper printing came in to existence.

The original manuscripts of Old and New Testaments were in Hebrew and Aramaic, and the New Testaments in Hebrew. By 21st.Century, there may not be many languages left for the translation of the Bible.

John Wickliffe

John Wickliffe was born in England in 1320. He was a highly educated Priest who argued, that the Bible is the only authentic book of Christianity and not any other rules. He was a radical reformist and fought against the use of wealth, corruption and abuses. He translated Latin Bible in to English. John Wickliffe became sick by that time and breathed his last in 1384, so the fundamentalists did not get a chance to kill him, before that he died in his sleep in December 31, 1384, at the age of 56. After his death, his enemies removed his statues and icons from his church in honor of his doctrines and

teachings. After 31 years of his death, his remains were taken out from his grave and burned in to ashes and was thrown in to the river. His name remains and will continue to remain till the end of the world.

The First English Version by William Tyndale

William Tyndale made the first English translation form the Hebrew and Greek version of the Bible. Fundamentalists opposed him very strongly. He was charged with, "Deliberately perverting the meaning of scripture"

Tyndale was born in Wales and educated in Oxford University and was teaching in England. He was persecuted a lot and in October 6, 1536 he was publicly burned at stake in the town of Vilvorde in Netherlands. After William Tyndale there were many other translations. Finally King James Version superseded all the others. King James Version translators considered more authentic above all other translations.

They included the one translated form Latin. Among all William Tyndale's translations, contained felicitous phrases and expressions. William was executed because the fundamentalists feared that he could be a great threat and danger to the traditional Churches.

After all what is mans ultimate right and wrong?

The Church of England revised The K J Version and published it in 1882 – 1885

An American standard version was published in 1901
A revised edition in 1946

Finally a combined Old and New Testament was
Published in 1951

Malayalam Language Bible
(Used in Kerala-State of India)
Kottayam C. M. S. Press publication 1841 – 1842
Herman Gundert's translation 1859
Bible Society of India's Version 1910
Catholic Bible Society Version 1981
(Published by Pastoral Orientation Center)

Bible reached almost every Indian home of Kerala very lately? Divine Retreat Center of Chalakkudy, Kerala-State, took initiative and has put lot of effort, so that The Bible could reach every home. Innumerable Bibles were distributed to the poor, free of cost. Several people, on a personal basis has bought and distributed among the poor. Even after getting the Bible, many do not bother to read the Bible. The Bible has become a part of home decoration?

Depending on the house owner's wealth, the size of the Bible will also will be large, with expensive leather binding and so on. These decoration Bibles are seldom used, they are afraid that due to constant use they may become soiled!!!

Biblical knowledge of the majority of the Christians is poor. Those who know it well; their knowledge is used for disputes and more divisions. Mere reading will not help

anyone. The reading of Bible is better than the half-hearted prayer, but studying and implementing what is said the Bible is the most important thing. Christians and Christian countries have totally failed to live up to the Biblical standards, but they speak of their Church rules. It doesn't bother me what church rules you go by -- do you obey God's commandments? My intention is to make this point; rest is for you to obey or not.

Many Christians have told me; it is impossible to live by the scripture. Not even the smallest thing is possible for them. It is impractical they say.

Whatever way they live is right and what ever they do is more than enough.

Reading the Bible itself is more than praying because it contains word of God.

Since we have to deal with the spiritual and non-spiritual matters everyday, I figured it is necessary for you to know something about the publication of the Bible itself at least for the sake of your general and spiritual knowledge.

Mathew 8:26

Jesus arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm.

Jesus has given you the freedom and you are misusing it; you are wandering and roaring like a rough sea destroying everything on the shore. Sooner or later he is going to rebuke you. You better calm down yourselves before you are forced to do it. Turn to Jesus at least for the rest of your life.

Chapter 8

Old and New Cloth

Mathew 9: 16 Jesus said, "No one sews a piece of un-shrunk cloth on an old cloak, for the patch pulls away from the cloak, and a worse tear is made"

Mathew 9: 17 "No new wine put into old wineskins; otherwise, the skin burst, and the wine is spilled, and the skins are destroyed; but new wine is put into fresh wineskins, and so both are preserved"

Both metaphoric expressions mean the same thing. The old cloth and old wine skin can be described as following.

Ephesians 2: 1-3 You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you lived once, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the sky, the Spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of the flesh and senses and we were by nature children of wrath like every one else.

Qualities of old clothe (Desire of flesh)

Galatians 5: 16-21 Do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. The works of the flesh are fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, and carousing. Those who do these things will not inherit the Kingdom of God.

Factions = Self Interest; Strife = Dispute; Enmity = Hatred Carousing = Heavy drinking; Dissensions = disunion, division; Licentious = Immoral sexual relation; Envy = Bitterness; Fornication=Adultery; Sorcery = Witchcraft; Gratify = delight, to please by compliance

Ephesians 4: 22-24 Put away your former way of life, your old self, corrupt and deluded by it's lusts and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to clothe yourselves with the new self, created according to the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

Qualities of New Cloth (Fruit of The Spirit)

Galatians 5: 22-26 The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by spirit, let us also be guided by the spirit. Let us not become conceited, (one's notion of oneself) competing against one another.

Galatians 6: 8-10 If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the spirit you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow

wearry in doing what is right, for we will reap at a harvest time, if we do not give up. So then whenever we have no opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

Mathew 3: 7-8 Baptist John said, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance"

You may have washed all your sins away and cleansed yourself, could you stay clean all the time until your death after the baptism? You may have born again, but do you continue to stay as a new person, do you continue to retain the Holy Spirit you have received? The true answer is NO. The moment you do any of the "works of the flesh" the Holy Spirit leaves you. In every moment you commit a sin you are falling back into the darkness; rather you are becoming spiritually dead

Psalms 51: 10-11 O' God; put a right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence; and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

David knew exactly, what was happening regarding anointment of Holy Spirit, for the same reason he was praying, so that the Lord will renew his lost Holy Spirit and continue to dwell in David. When you follow God's statutes sincerely you can bear the fruits of the Spirit, if not you will be fleshly. To a great extent Christians fail to accomplish a spiritual level they are supposed to for the following reasons.

- 1) Ignorance and negligence of spiritual life.
- 2) Lack of faith.
- 3) Do not study the Bible.
- 4) Not serious about eternal life.
- 5) Inadequate and wrong understanding of eternal life.
- 6) Superstitious beliefs and their practices
- 7) Achievement is considered due to of one's intellectual capacity and not God's grace.
- 8) Failures are considered as a resultant of honesty and righteousness or fate
- 9) People think that if they do not play intellectual games their, life will be a failure.
- 10) Doing something right is more than enough.
- 11) Praying at home is more than enough.
- 12) Don't believe in mass worship & don't consider it 'a must'
- 12) Don't believe in Holy Communion of the traditional churches
- 13) Evading tax, and giving bribe is part of social life and the giver does not commit any wrong doing, only the taker.
- 14) Achieving the aim is important, and not the means.
- 15) No self discipline in spiritual and non-spiritual matters.
- 16) No family prayers and personal prayers.
- 17) Ignores God's righteousness
- 18) Do anything according to man's will and justify them

All these kinds of attitude degenerates the quality of a true Christian.

The best way to know is self-analysis. Look at yourself and see what kind of a person are you?

You can belong either to Christ or anti-Christ. To tell the truth, people have a kind of mixed qualities of Spirit and flesh. Such people have lost their eternal home.

This is what Jesus said in Mathew 9: 16-17.

You have only one way to go - “Jesus’- way”

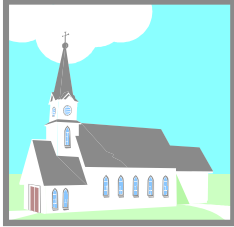
Jesus is the **Way**,
Jesus is the **Truth**,
Jesus is the **Life**,
Jesus is the **Light** and
Jesus is the **Door**.

Only through Him you can reach the Kingdom of God. If you go around and tell the people that ‘You are saved, or born again’ that does not help you in any way. If you have the anointment of the Holy Spirit, your presence, behavior, talk, attitude, your works and your deed will prove, without your self-proclamation. You will not even tell that because of your humbleness. If you bear one quality of the Spirit, it is of no use. If you do one work of the flesh you have lost the Kingdom of God. If you are wearing old cloth attached with new, you have lost the Kingdom of God.

*1 Peter 1: 15 God who called you is holy, Be holy yourselves in all your conduct; for it is written,
"You shall be Holy for I am Holy"*

Chapter 09

Where is God's Temple?



1 Corinthians 3: 16 Don't you know that you are God's Temple; God's spirit dwells in you? For God's Temple is Holy and you are the temple.

How does the man become God's temple?

God created human Temple first. The very design of man itself is in the form the first temple, which was built in Jerusalem. God dictated the details of Jerusalem temple, as a symbolic representation of man. Most of the Christians don't know it.

Man's dual personality

- (a) *Romans 7: 25 With my mind I am a slave to the law of God*
(b) *With my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin*

There are two kinds of believers.

1) Spiritual People. Those who obey God's commandments, ignoring the worldly assets are the spiritual people. Such people may be one in five thousand, among Christians.

2) Non-spiritual people (Fleshly People) Those who live by the desires of the flesh, are non-spiritual people. Regardless who they are those people are concerned for wealth and other worldly matters and pleasures.

Hebrew 9: 1-15

Jerusalem Temple

*1) Earthly Sanctuary
Animal Sacrifice is done*

2) Holy Place

3) Holy of Hollies

*Ark of Covenant overlaid with
Gold; Golden Urn with Manna,*

Human temple

*1) Human body
Human Body is like according to God's statutes
earthly Sanctuary. This part must obey God's
commandments. For our disobedience and sins
Christ's body was crucified*

2) Mind (Heart)

*3) Adoration part of Mind. Golden alter of incense,
(Innermost mind)*

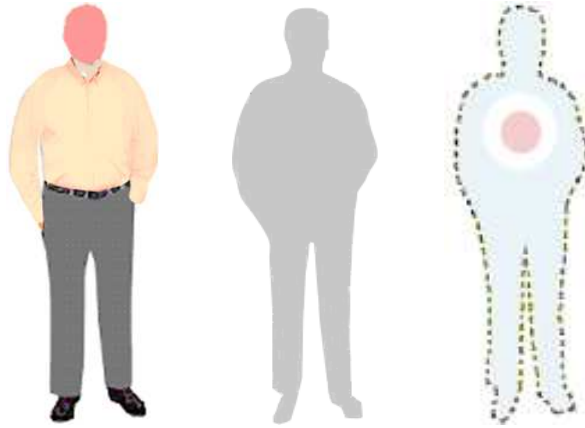
*1) Conscience 2) Inner mind 3) Adoration,
Adoration part of mind does fellowship with God*

When the three parts of the Jerusalem temple makes the whole temple, "Three divisions of man, makes a God's human temple."

Romans 8: 15-16 When we cry, Abba, Father, it is that Holy Spirit bearing witness, with our spirit that we are children of God.

John 4: 23-24. Jesus said, "The true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth. God is Spirit and those who worship Him must worship in Spirit and truth."

Human Temple



Body

Mind

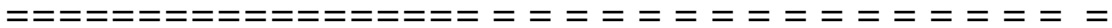
Spirit

Holy

Most Holy

Holies of Holy

↑ Comparison between
Human Temple & Jerusalem Temple



Jerusalem Temple

Holy Place Most Holy place Holy of Holies



John 3: 3. Jesus said, "Truly I say to you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above."

<<<< Body, Mind, Spirit

Body Consists: --

- 1) Five Senses (Sight, Hearing, Taste, Smell, Sensation) and body parts
- 2) Brain 3) Sex

Mind Consists: -- 1) Conscious Mind 2) Sub conscious Mind

- 3) Unconscious Mind 4) Will (desire) 5) Emotion
- 6) Intellect

Spirit Consists: --

- 1) Adoration (Worshipping or Communion with God)
- 2) Conscience (ability to know right and wrong)
- 3) Inner Mind or Human Spirit has: --

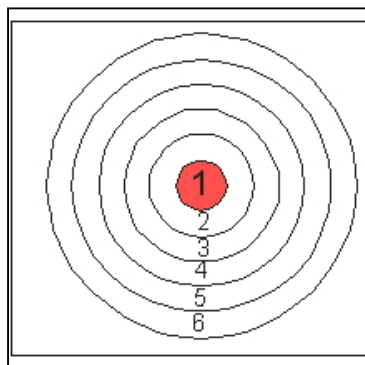
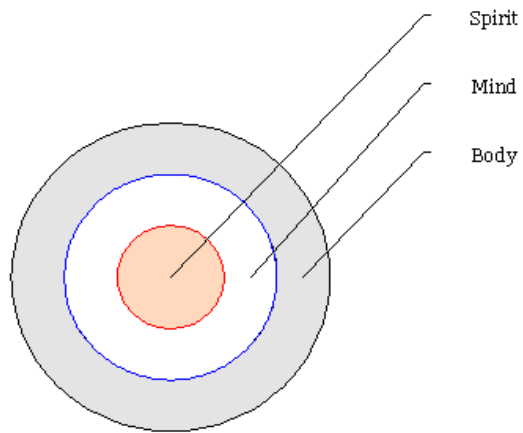
-- three functions

- a) Sensing of spirit**
- b) Doing miracles**
- c) Intuitions and Visions (these are three kinds) :---**

Kinds of Visions

- 1) Images and signs
- 2) Visions in writings
- 3) Intuitions in messages
- 4) Prophecy future

Human Spirit becomes mighty powerful only when he has the presence of God's Spirit. At that time man does miracles and wonders for the glory of God and not for the glory of man. If the man takes God's glory, God will destroy him.



- 1) Man's Spirit (Innermost mind)
- 2) Conscience
- 3) Unconscious mind
- 4) Subconscious mind
- 5) Conscious mind (Will, Desire, Emotions, Intellect)
- 6) Body (Sex, Brain, and Five Senses)

Holy Spirit does fellowship with Human-Spirit; under favorable conditions- that is when man becomes holy. You can see this takes place at the innermost mind: for which it has to go through the different regions of your

body and mind. Look at the previous page to see the astounding capabilities and functions of the human spirit, through his mind. This happens when the human spirit comes close to the Holy Spirit with its (Holy Spirit's) power. This may not be easy to understand.

Romans 10: 9 If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. One who believes in Him with the heart and is so justified. And one confess with the mouth is saved.

It takes only few minutes for a man to be reborn, but it will take the whole life to stay as a reborn being. The believers are ignoring this fact will meet with their spiritual death and

not eternity. One becomes spiritually dead because he does not bear the fruit of the Holy Spirit.

Why one should be reborn?

The moment Adam tasted the forbidden fruit he has sinned against God, and he became spiritually dead. From that time onwards all are born spiritually dead. Since God wanted to save man from this spiritual eternal death, He decided that man's flesh must be crucified. Instead of sending each man to the cross, Jesus carried all the burdens of man's sins and sacrificed Himself, so that man can be reborn and receive Holy Spirit. Jesus has shown the example of being born as a man, though it was not needed for Him.

Rebirth and Eternity

1) Confess Jesus is Lord. Romans 10:9. If you confess with your lips Jesus is the Lord, you will be saved.

2) Believe in your heart that He was crucified for your sins.

3) Our flesh is crucified with Him.

Romans 6: 6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

4) Believe that you are baptized in to his death

5) Be baptized

Romans 6: 3 Paul said, "Did you know that all of us who have been baptized in to Jesus Christ were baptized in to His death.

6) Believe you are buried with Christ.

Romans 6:4 (First part of the verse) we are buried with Him by baptism in to His death.

7) You will be justified.

Romans 10: 9 If you believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, you will be justified.

8) You will be raised from the dead.

Romans 6: 4 (Last part of the Verse) just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in the newness of life.

9) You have to overcome the world like Jesus did. (John 16: 33)

10) Must confess and repent your sins

Luke 24: 47 The Lord said, "Repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in His name to all nations"

Hebrew 3: 1 Jesus is the apostle and High priest of our confession

11) Bear the fruits of the Holy Spirit without failure, until death.

Galatians 5: 22--26 The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, Faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control; against such there is no law. Those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. Let us have no self-conceit, no provoking of one another.

12) Must avoid the works of Flesh (Shown below)

Galatians 5: 19 Fornication, impurity, licentiousness idolatry, sorcerer, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these are the works of the flesh.

You should never let your mind to rule your spirit. Your mind must be directed by your spirit, which is guided by Holy Spirit. When you are in constant fellowship with God, you become the God's temple, because He dwells in you all the time, your spirit will be worshipping the Lord who is the Holy Spirit. If you don't reach that level you are wasting your words in prayer. **A true born again is the one who is exactly like Christ, anyone less than that has a long way to go, to reach the God's expected level** you are wasting your words and doing exercise with the tongue and wasting time without any reward from High Above.

Romans 6: 11. You must consider yourselves dead to sin, and alive to Jesus Christ

Running Old age homes, Schools & colleges, Hospitals, orphanages, humanitarian establishments, constructing churches, and parsonages, any other construction works, Etc will never help you to revive your dead spirit. God has set certain conditions to be met by man; to bring the dead spirit back to life is described in this Chapter. **When you sow material things, you will reap only material benefits.** Anywhere you try to gain personal reputation, regardless it is for your personal benefits, or some institution, or charity organization; you are dying spiritually. Here you have shifted the priority from Jesus to other worldly matters. Money is needed, but that is an obstruction for salvation. Whatever material things are required, will follow according to your need and not desire, when you seek the Kingdom of God. God has promised this to us and said have faith in His word.

Christians must give top priority for Jesus and Spiritual matters. The other things are part of social system, and it has no importance, when compared to spiritual matters

Luke 15: 21 The prodigal son told his father, "I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.

The prodigal son has made the greatest confession to his father and the father forgave him.

Luke 15: 24 The father said, "This son of mine was dead and is alive again, he was lost and is found. And they began to celebrate"

Like anybody else you also know this story very well. This prodigal son was never been physically dead, and then why his father says, he was dead?

The father is nobody else but the Heavenly Father itself. He says that His son was spiritually dead; after his confession and repentance he is born again with a new spirit. See how much the heaven is rejoicing when a lost one comes back. Regardless in which denomination of Christian you might be, you need to come back in the Lord's way. When you have a dead spirit, your rituals and all other paraphernalia are just waste. If you meet the conditions that have been set by The Lord, you will be saved, otherwise you will perish with Lucifer and his army.

*John 2: 19 Jesus said,
"Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up"*

John 2: 21 Jesus was speaking of the temple of His body

Now you know exactly where the temple is, and what kind of a temple Jesus was talking about. When Jesus was crucified, His temple was destroyed. In three days He was resurrected and has rebuilt His temple.

When Jesus' body is a temple our body is also a temple of God.
Paul reminds this in the following verses~~~

1 Corinthians 3: 16 Do you not know that you are God's temple and the God's Spirit dwells in you? God's temple is Holy and you are the God's temple.

Chapter 10

Parallel Kingdom

When you make spiritual study, it is necessary to know Satan's function, because he is running a parallel kingdom to God's Kingdom. It is very difficult to know which is righteous in certain instances.

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| 1) God | 1) Lucifer (Satan) |
| 2) God's Kingdom | 2) Satanic Kingdom |
| 3) God's Angels | 3) Angels thrown out of Heaven |
| 4) Gospel | 4) Evilness and witchcrafts |
| 5) Eternity | 5) Hades (Hell) |
| 6) Holy Spirit and Man's good Spirit | 6) Evil Spirits only |
| 7) Man's Spirit must control his flesh | 7) Man's flesh controls his Spirit |
| 8) Mass Prayer in the name of Jesus | 8) Black mass in the name of Satan
Spirit Channeling Vampirism |
| 9) Priest conducts prayers & Mass | 9) Satanic Priests conducts black mass, |
| 10) Eternal Life | 10) Eternal death |
| 11) Obey God's Commandments | 11) Disobey God's Commandments |
| 12) Believe in Jesus and resurrection | 12) Believe in Satan |
| 13) Wear cross as symbol of faith | Wear cross to show Satan's Victory over
Jesus' death & no resurrection |
| 14) Any one can be believer in Christ | 14) Satan worshipper can pretend to be
a believer, preacher or pastor |
| 15) God's people are His children
& Spiritual | 15) Satan's people are his
children and evil |
| 16) Born again | 16) They are not born again |

Choose the Kingdom you like

Chapter 11

Body, Mind and Spirit

MAN

Body

- 1) Brain
- 2) Body Parts
- 3) Sex

Mind

- 1) Conscious Mind
- 2) Subconscious Mind
- 3) Unconscious Mind

Spirit

- 1) Conscience
- 2) Inner Mind
- 3) Adoration
- 4) Intellect
- 5) Will (Desire)
- 6) Emotion

Genesis 2:7 God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed in to the nostrils and the man became a living being. {(1) Body (2) Spirit (3) mind}

Body is the outer shell of the mind, and the **mind** is the outer shell of the **Spirit**.

- 1) In a Born Again Man “his spirit”, communicates with Holy Spirit; for those who are not born again, the Spirit is inactive.
- 2) Man’s Will, Brain & Emotion, deals with non-spiritual and Fleshly things.
- 3) Mind is in between Flesh and Spirit, at the same time the mind connects the flesh and the spirit. Conscience will help the mind to determine to go by either spiritually or worldly {rather non-spiritually or fleshly}

If the mind is not submissive to the spirit then the spirit cannot rule the mind.

This is the freedom of will God has given to man when the man was created in God’s image. With this freedom man will be either righteous or not righteous, either Good or Evil.

Man receives Holy Spirit at different levels, in different measure. Inner mind helps you to identify and to see (sense) the presence of God.

John 4: 10 Jesus spoke to a Samaritan woman, who came to fetch the water from the well “If you knew the gift of God, and ‘who’ it is asking you for water you would have asked Him (for water), and have given you, Living Water”

Jeremiah 2: 13 The Lord said “Be horrified, O heavens at this be shocked, be utterly desolate people have committed two evils; (1) they have forsaken Me, the fountain of the living waters for 2) They have dug out, cisterns for themselves, cracked cistern that can hold no water”

Here, the water from the well, fountain and cistern are the basic subject, which indicate limited quantity of Holy Spirit. Though man is born with the breath of life, when he

comes in to faith, (when he is born again) the presence of the Holy-Spirit in him is low and it should be nourished.

John 7: 38 Jesus said, “Out of the believers heart shall flow rivers of Living Water”

In a little more advanced level, the water is flowing from a river. This happens when a man is baptized. After the baptism one becomes a part of Christ. Refer Chapter 45 of this book “BAPTISM” It comes from a limited source of well and river. The abundant rain that comes from High-above, feeds the well and the river.

Rain of Spirit

Acts 2: 17 The Lord said, “In the last days I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh”

Joel 2: 29 The Lord said, “I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh”

Titus 3: 5-6 According to the God’s mercy; through water of rebirth and renewal by Holy Spirit, The Spirit He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ the Savior.

Anointment means to smear with oil, or to ordain to a religious position. After having become a part of Christ, a man is anointed with the Holy Spirit by God Himself. He does not depend on the well or river, but the rain itself. When the Holy Spirit is poured on to Him, the power of the Holy Spirit will be heavy on him and you can see the result of the presence of God in everything he does. It is God’s grace, to anoint people to perform what God wants to do through him for God’s own glory.

The presence of Holy Spirit continues in one, provided he remains righteous and follows the commandments of God. Because of the extreme love for righteousness and hatred towards wickedness, the heavenly father has anointed Jesus. If a man claims that he has anointment of Holy Spirit; that man’s performance in worldly matters and spiritual-matters will prove the presence of Holy Spirit in Him. In these days we can see many who claim to have such Holy Spirit’s anointment; do they really bear such gifts and fruit of the Holy Spirit? When they don’t have such anointment of Holy Spirit, what they say is their imagination.

Psalms 45:7 You (Jesus) love righteousness, and hate wickedness: therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your companions.

Fruits of the Holy Spirit are: *Galatians 5: 22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.*

Gifts of the Holy Spirit are: (Elaborated) *1 Corinthians 12: 4-7 Same Holy Spirit Provides varieties of gifts to man 1) Varieties of services 2) Varieties of activities 3) utterance of wisdom 4) Knowledge 5) Faith 6) healing 7) performing of miracles 8) prophecy 9) ability to distinguish good and evil spirit 10) various kinds of tongues 11) interpretation of tongues Etc. One and the same Holy Spirit, who allots to each one individually, just as the spirit chooses, activates all these. Each is given the manifestation of the Holy Spirit for the common Good.*

Gifts of love: *1 Corinthians 13: 1-7 Refer the Bible*

One should bear all the fruits of the Holy Spirit; may or may not have gifts of holy spirit, but gift of love is a must, which you must achieve. Nothing will be impossible for those who have the anointment of Holy Spirit. They will heal the sick, and do miracles. Righteousness is the bearing of the fruit of the Holy Spirit and lack of all desires of flesh as stated.

*John 15: 15 Jesus said, "I am the Vine and you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because **apart from me you can do nothing**.*

Works of Flesh are: *Galatians 5:16- Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are; adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envy, murders, drunkenness, reveling, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in the past, that they who do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.*

The Mind plans and desires sins; the body executes it, against the will of one's own Spirit and against the Holy Spirit.

Everything depends on your mind. If your mind is submissive to your Spirit, then you become a godly man; then the desire of your flesh will die and you will become a Saint.

Everything is upon you to become a SAINT or a SINNER, depending how you control your mind.

Chapter 12

Marriage

The relationship between a husband and wife is similar to the one, between Christ and the Church. Both are a symbol of “True and Divine Love” and not love of lust. It is a covenant, and a commitment, with a reciprocal obligation of love; and not a contract or a license for adultery. Man’s wife is fellow-heir of grace of life and has equal spiritual rights.

1 Peter 3: 7 You husbands, in the same way show consideration with your wives in your life together bestowing honor to the woman as the weaker sex, since you are joint heirs of the grace of life, in order that your prayers may not be hindered.

(Consideration = Pay attention to due rights and feelings)

1 Peter 3: 9-12 Do not repay evil for evil, or abuse for abuse; but on the contrary, repay with blessing. It is for this you were called – so that you might inherit a blessing. For those who desire life and desire to see good days, let them keep their tongues from evil and lips from speaking deceit; let them turn away from evil and do good; let them seek peace and pursue it. The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer.

Ephesians 5:22-24 Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the savior of the body. Therefore as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.

Ephesians 5:25-33 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loves his wife loves himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourishes and cherishes it, even as the Lord the church: For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church. Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.

(Reverence=Regard with feeling of respect.

There should be no bitterness among the family members to one another. The prayer of such quarreling people will never be heard. One should sympathize with the other and face problems, rather than blaming one another. The best way is to have an open discussion for a good understanding. Refresh your life by spending enough time with the family, for a healthy relationship with each other.

Corinthians 13: 1 If I don’t have love, I am only a noisy bell or a crashing cymbal.

Proverb 21: 21 Whoever tries to live right and loyal finds life, success, and honor.

Each one should have his or her own partner and no second person. They must live right and loyal and honest with each other.

Must have true love, not the kind of love based on beauty, wealth, personality, job or any other fleshly character.

1 Corinthians 7: 2-5 Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband. Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife to the husband. The wife has no power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband has no power of his own body, but the wife. Defraud you not one the other, except, with consent for a time, that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency. Incontinency=defecation

Why one should get married

Genesis 2: 18 The Lord said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is right for them"

The Lord decided that man should have a suitable companion, with whom he must be honest, loving and caring. This is God's will.

Mathew 19: 4-6 Jesus answered and said unto them, "Have you not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh, wherefore they are no more two, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together let not man separate"

1 Peter 3: 8 All of you have unity of spirit, sympathy and love for one another, a tender heart and a humble mind.

Whom to Marry

Tobit 4: 12 "Beware my son, of every kind of fornication. First of all marry a woman from among the descendants of your ancestors; do not marry a foreign woman who is not your father's tribe.

- 1) The Bible tells you to marry your own tribe.
(The reason for the downfall of King Solomon and Samson were their alliance with other tribal women)
- 2) It is better to have the same level of education
- 3) Same culture is preferable
- 4) More or less financial level
- 5) Same social Background
- 6) Employed person' job status gap must be minimum or almost equal
- 7) Minimum age difference
- 8) Good conduct
- 9) Must have good faith and fear of the Lord
- (10) A good cooperation of groom and bride's family and their blessings are also important.

Man is social being and his world does not end within these two people who are getting married. As the days go by you will realize the importance of both families cooperation. When you try to reach the maximum similarities of both families, you have to bear some dissimilarities, may be in spiritual matters.

Ungodly outlook in marriage

- 1) Anything that comes, as a blessing must be welcomed, and not otherwise demanding.
- 2) It should not be based on wealth alone.
- 3) For a visa, or a foreign job.
- 4) Because the counterpart holds an attractive and high salaried Job
- 5) Just because of beauty alone
- 6) Because of lust
- 7) To take a revenge
- 8) For a treachery or deception
- 9) To use marriage as a shield for a loose life

Some get married to have married status, at the same time they are very dishonest with their partners. For such people married life will be a total failure.

- 10) For any money making business or to have any sort of worldly advantages

The only aim in marriage should be ---

*Tobit 8: 7-8 On the first day of Tobias marriage, he said to his wife Sarah, **“Let us pray”** and he prayed, **“Now I am taking this woman of mine, not because of lust, but with sincerity, grant that she and I may find mercy and that we may grow old together”***

God has created everything for His glory, and everything you do must be for His glory; otherwise the outcome would be disastrous.

I knew a certain man who had a very loose life. Once he told me that he got married and eventually he had two kids also. He deceived several girls and was on his spree. Once it so happened, the woman was in her home and the husband happened to visit her on a late night when he was least expected by her.

As he called his wife by name to open the door, he found two men running out of her house. He went to the court and filed a suit for a divorce. After a long court battle they got divorced. The man himself told me every detail of the story. A cheating husband had a cheating wife. There are many people of this kind; they think they are very smart.

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Spiritual interdependency

1 Corinthians 7: 14 The unbelieving husband is made holy through his wife, and the unbelieving wife is made holy through her husband, otherwise your children would be unclean.

How his or her counterpart makes one holy? Not by pressure, but through constant prayers. This is a great responsibility usually people do not practice. In their difficult times in family life, or when they have difficulty to get along with the partner, cry to God who will show you mercy, and resolve your problems. When you go out of God's way everything will be turned upside down.

Marriage based on horoscope

The Bible forbids the use of horoscope, auspicious day, 'artificial omen' creation by showing oil lamps even in broad day-light or any kind of such pagan rituals.

In fact Christians have many such corrupt practices, which are leading them to Hades. This is in violation of first and second commandment. These are the most heavily punished sins. You are calling upon a God who has created everything in the universe. You are looking for stars and birth time to see your future. You are running after the creations and worshipping them.

I do not wish to describe the corrupt practices of—today's Christians. They do all kinds of evil worshipping. Though they are supposed to be above all those superstitious beliefs; they have become slave to them. These kinds of things will only aggravate their misery in life. Any sexual relationship outside a marriage is adultery according to the 7th Commandment, "You shall not commit adultery" Any one who does adultery will never enter the Eternal Home. Anyone who desires to get married should realize the responsibility and the commitment one is undertaking. Marriage is not a license for adultery, if you are on the right track, it remains divine otherwise it is deadly.

Hebrew 13: 4 Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have.

Maybe you are poor but you have to be content with what you have. God wants to keep you within certain level; you have to know God's will, before you run desperately to fulfill your vicious ambitions of accumulating more and more wealth. You must make the best use of what you have, and continue to worship God. Even if you don't have any appreciable mass of wealth, you have a precious spirit in you, don't destroy its eternity.

When you live by God's commandments you are elevating yourself spiritually; eventually you are becoming a legal heir of the Kingdom of God.

Mathew 5: 27-29 Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said, you shall not commit adultery, But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has committed adultery with her in his heart."

Mathew 5: 31-32 Jesus said, "Who ever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate"

*~~ of divorce, but I say to you anyone who divorce His wife, except the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery and **who ever marries a divorced woman commits adultery***"

1 Corinthians 6: 9–10 Fornicators, idolaters, male prostitutes, sodomites, adulterers, thieves, greedy, drunkards, revilers, robbers-- none of these will inherit the Kingdom of God.

Romans 12:2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of the God what is good, acceptable and perfect.

Ephesians 5: 21 Be subject to one another, out of reverence for Christ.

{This is to have a deep regard and affectionate relationship with one another on the basis of true love Jesus has shown to us}

Titus 2: 4-5 Women must love their husbands and children, to be self controlled, chaste, good managers of the household, kind being submissive to their husbands, so that the word of God may not be discredited.

Titus 2:6-8 Men be self-controlled. Show yourself in all respects a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, gravity, and sound speech that cannot be censured; then any opponent will be put to shame, having nothing evil to say of you.

Most of the marriages are not between two people of same caliber and taste, probably between dissimilar people to some extent. The Creator has a great idea behind this principle. The one who is humble and tolerant with the other is really successful in his life. Though we might feel in the beginning, it is easy to get along with another, in due course of time we find, that it is almost impossible to continue. Though we had a good start eventually we become very stiff and stubborn, which makes our sail very rough.

If we stick with the word of God, there can be no disputes and difference of opinion between husband and wife. Even if any disruptions happen it will melt like an ice and diffuse the tensed situation. **The failure of married life begins from the moment you think that you have married the wrong person.** The prime reason is you are not much aware that God has determined the right person for you in the beginning, before He created the world itself.

The master plan of creation was already drawn and finalized, before God started the creation itself. If you happened to feel that you have married a wrong person in your view, God has predetermined that particular person is the right one for you. **When you create an ill feeling with your partner, you are revolting against God's will;** from that time onwards everything will go wrong and your life becomes a total failure. At any cost maintain the harmony with your partner, for Christ's sake, let the Lord solve your problems.

Genesis 2: 18 The Lord said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper right for him"

If you read the scripture carefully as it is said above, you will understand, those partners are created for each other. If you cannot get along with your partner, it is not the mistake

of your partner, but your own mistake. Rather than expecting your partner to change, make changes in yourself so that you can accommodate and get along with your partner smoothly. For any reason if you think that your partner have a bad habit, that part is for you to correct through your prayers only and not through arguments and quarrels. Your prayer will be answered provided you meet all the conditions set by God. (Refer The Simple Divine Truth Book 1 – Prayers not answered) Neither you can swim against the flow of the current, nor you can go against the will of God.

If you feel that your suffering is too much, then the reasons are not only yours but also the sins of your ancestors. Then you have to pray for a period of time until you are relieved from those troubles; may be for several months may be for several years. No matter how worse your condition is, the only way out is your prayers and not your rituals and donations. You have to straighten yourself first and not others; then others will become good to you. Some denominations don't agree, regarding the prayers rendered for the dead. If you don't feel comfortable about this go by your convictions and what your church say.

If you can accept a disaster or unpleasant happenings the way it comes, without revolting against God, without cursing your fate or destiny, everything will smoothen out. When you do not become what you want to become, then you will use all unjustifiable means to achieve your goal. This makes the matters worse, because you tried to resolve everything in your incapability without letting God to resolve it. Know your limits and run your life accordingly so that you will never go bankrupt.

Mrs. J F Kennedy was known worldwide for her craze in fashion and dress. When her husband died she could not afford her luxurious life so she had to go after a rich old man Onasis. Though the marriage was legal her motive was unholy. Because of her alliance with Onasis for wealth destroyed not only their life but also Onasis' daughter's life too. Finally she died of cancer and ended her life. What did she achieve?

Galatians 5: 22-23 The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control; against such there is no Law.

Galatians 5: 19-21 The works of the flesh are, fornication, idolatry, sorcery, impurity, licentiousness, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, and carousing.

Mark 7: 21-23 It is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come; fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these things come from within and they defile a person.

1 Timothy 2: 9-10 Paul says "Women should dress themselves modestly and decently in suitable clothing not with their hair braided, or with gold, pearls or expensive clothes, but with good works as is proper for women who profess reverence for God"

Here Paul has a reason to be strict with women.

(1) Among Jews, women had a low place in the society. Their responsibilities were limited to household and in bringing up children.

(2) The loose life of Egyptian women and their craze for expensive dress and ornaments.

(3) Their sex drive and adultery was far beyond tolerance. None of these things are suitable for the people looking for Heavenly kingdom.

Paul wanted to restrict all that. How women could expose themselves indecently? Such an act is called 'Exhibitionism' which is considered to be a mental disorder. Besides such action they tempt others to commit sins, for every one who exposes indecently is answerable to God. When the modern people are educated and know their limitations they should live by what is right according to scripture. The moment you give importance to anything above God's commandments, and go beyond the limitations, you have died spiritually, and you are as good as the prodigal son.

What is the true place of a woman?

Proverb 12: 4 A good wife is the crown of her husband

The place of the crown is on the top of the man's head. The crown never places itself, but the man places it on his head. If the crown is not an appreciable one, a better one will take its place. You cannot change the crown according to your will, but in compliance with the scripture only, you can change the person in you. If the scripture doesn't permit you, it should not be done.

What God has joined together, man should not separate.

Hebrew 12: 29. Our God is a Consuming Fire

Always remember the above verse. God is love, forgiving, and patiently waiting for your comeback, just like He waited for the prodigal son. If you do not follow the commandments, your life will not be peaceful, but will be in pieces. By 2005 the style of conducting marriage has changed completely.

Some of the marriages conducted in Cinematic Style, creates nightmare for the average and below average people.

- 1) In India in 70's marriages were in an affordable and in reasonable style, after that the flooding of ornaments, makeup, and extremely expensive dress came in to vogue.
- 2) Then came inviting maximum number of priests, bishops, high officials, politicians, and even film stars.
- 3) Fabulous meals
- 4) Marriages in aircrafts
- 5) Underwater marriages
- 6) Marriages while skydiving
- 7) Marriages in ships
- 8) Cinematic stage settings
- 9) Marriages in dazzling lights and neon lamps

The Right time for Marriage

Psalms 127: 3-5 Children are indeed heritage from the Lord; the fruit of the womb a reward, like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of ones youth. Happy is the man who has the quiver full of them. He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

Psalms 128: 3-4 Your children will be like olive shoots around your table. Thus, a man who fears the Lord shall be blessed.

I hope this doesn't need any explanations, the scripture instructs early marriage and not late marriage.

It also tells us the type of children born to such couples who get married early and also who fears the Lord.

Any marriage between the divorced people—(except a divorce made on the basis of scripture)—even if the Law of the land and Law of the Church permit it – is against the scripture.

Many Churches closes their eyes and let the things happen the way people want to do. They fail deliberately to point out what is right according to scripture. At the same time they will dare to excommunicate anyone who goes for a retreat in another denomination.

Mathew 5: 32 Jesus said, "Anyone who divorce his wife except on the ground of un-chastity causes her to commit adultery and who ever marries a divorced woman commits adultery"

People are going crazy to do things so that the attention of the news media can be drawn in to get publicized. With all the glamour brought in, if the marriage does not last or peaceful, what is the benefit? It is better to get married in USA and get buried in INDIA.

You can see the show of wealth and its influence in the society when marriages take place. Most of the marriages in western countries are in simple form or register marriages; a number of them stay together even without a marriage. Funeral is an expensive thing over there. Now people live on fast money, Money made through short cuts and within no time. People do not realize that they don't have much time on the earth, you will never know when God is going to recall the spirit you have, and before that if you don't make it up you will loose your eternity. Money comes with the knowledge of God. He keeps a close watch by what means you earn and how wisely and justifiably you earn & spend it.

You amass wealth through all corrupt practices and bribe and spend it for wine and women. You evade taxes and bribe the tax officials to get away with it. The creator has counted every hair on your head so as every offence you are doing.

With that accuracy you are going to answer for everything you have done, on the Day of Judgment. You can do what is absolutely necessary. Even your body may not stay healthy and function properly when your food is imbalanced. God expect you to be humble and simple and true. Don't be offended of these things written here, but think of yourself and see how far you have been useful to others by demonstrating the qualities and the gifts of the Holy Spirit you have.

Everything you do must be Holy; this is what God expects you to do. The more you celebrate and make things dramatic, you become more 'Unholy'. I have witnessed several marriages drowned in alcohol, as the years went by I have also seen the miseries they have gone through. Indirectly destroying another life is a very serious sin. Those who are providing liquor to another person is the worst thing you are doing before God.

Not only that they are not praying at that time but also engaging in sinful act of destroying another man's eternity. Marriage is a divine ceremony and not a ceremony of extravaganza and sin. **Once a Parish Priest told me marriage is a good business for the parents and it is a divine ceremony for the priest.** He must be the product of his parent's business I hope. Later on this priest diverted 600'000/= Indian rupees for personal purpose. The parish people caught him and asked him to pay the money back. He could pay back only 400'000/= Indian Rupees. The rest he did not pay. Later on he was transferred to a remote place.

It may please be noted, that regarding marriage the author has quoted relevant portions of the scripture, the reader is expected to understand the overall meaning, and the aim of writing. God has given detailed description of His Laws and that remains forever until everything is accomplished. Obeying them is your responsibility without any choice, though you may do what you like. You get the reward for everything you do, without any error. The true divine ceremony of unity of man and woman had nothing to do with the man made rituals. Life is not a bed of roses, but a pendulum between sorrow and happiness. Don't make a married life a bitter one but a better one. Your Success in married life depends on your commitment to God as well as your commitment to your partner.

Genesis 1: 28 God blessed Adam and Eve and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it"

First of all bear the fruit of the Holy Spirit then multiply, if you multiply without bearing the fruits of the Holy Spirit, you can have only wicked children.

Mathew 19: 11 Jesus said, "Not everyone can accept this teaching but only those to whom it is given, let anyone accept who can"

Chapter 13

Crucifixion

Crucifixion could have been avoided?

1 Corinthians 2: 8 None of the rulers of this age understood this, if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory.

If the rulers recognized who Jesus was, the Crucifixion would have been avoided, and the whole scheme of salvation would have been averted. There are many revealed reasons for the Christ's Crucifixion, to say anything beyond that will be improper, so let us depend on the Bible for the explanations. Reasons for crucifixion are explained below.

1) For the forgiveness of our sin

Romans 5: 12-14 Just as sin came in to this world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned - sin was indeed in the world before the law. Yet death exercised domain from Adam to Moses even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

2) To bear our infirmities

Isaiah 53: 4 He has borne our grieves and sorrows. (He=Jesus)

Romans 5: 18 Just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. Just as one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. Just as sin exercised dominion in death, grace might also exercise dominion through justification leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ.

3) To resurrect man after death.

Romans 6: 3-11 All of us who have been baptized in to Christ were baptized in to His death therefore we have been buried with him by baptism in to death, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. If we have been united with Him in a death like His, we will certainly be united with Him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. Whoever has died is freed from sin. If we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. The death He died, He died to sin, once for all; but the life He lives, He lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Jesus Christ.

4) To Heal the sick

Isaiah 53: 4-5 He carried our diseases and He was bruised to heal us.

5) To carry the mankind's iniquity

Isaiah 53: 6 Like sheep we all have gone astray and the Lord has laid the iniquity of all of us on Him

6) To make intercession for us

Isaiah 53: 12 He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

7) To make us rich

2 Corinthians 8: 9 The generosity of Jesus Christ was, though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, so that by His poverty you might become rich.

8) To Pay the Price for the hunger naked thirst and poverty

a) He was caught after His supper on one evening and breathed His last on the next day evening; He ate nothing during the persecution time and remained hungry.

b) Except His waist He was kept naked, the soldiers have taken away His robes.

Adam and Eve realized that they were naked, when they ate the forbidden fruit.

c) He cried out of thirst

d) After His death, somebody gave the cloth to wrap His body, and somebody else gave a tomb to bury Him. Since He was utterly poor somebody had to give Him all these.

9) To give glory to those who have faith in Him.

Hebrew 2: 10 It was fitting to God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

10) To make a New Covenant of Peace and to make a dwelling place among men.

Ephesians 1: 5 God destined us for adoption through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasures of His will.

Ezekiel 37: 26-27 The Lord said, "I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; and I will bless them and multiply them and will set my sanctuary among them forevermore. My dwelling place shall be with them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people."

11) To exalt Jesus and to bend every knee before Him in Heaven and on earth and underneath.

Philippians 2: 9-11 Therefore God also highly exalted Jesus and gave Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend in heaven and on the earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess, Jesus is Lord.

(12) To sanctify the mankind

Hebrew 10: 10. By the Crucifixion we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

The Incarnation of Jesus as man was to make a one-time sacrifice and to set an example for others to follow Him. Besides it was necessary for God to have a human body for His direct interference with man and earth in a visible way to man. God has given the domain to man over the earth when man was created and Jesus proved it.

So Jesus came down to earth with the human body, having the authority of heaven and earth for a direct interference. Jesus said every man could do more than what He has done provided man has faith and obey His commandments.

Genesis 1: 26. God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have the dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creep upon the earth"

Due to the enormity in cruelty involved in crucifixion even the Romans abandoned Crucifixion in AD 337

Luke 15: 24. When the prodigal son returned the Father said, "This son of mine was dead, and is alive; he was lost and is found"

Here death means the spiritual death. While the prodigal son was said to be dead, he was physically alive. Now we have to go back to Adam who started the sin first, on the earth.

Genesis 3: 13 Eve said that the serpent deceived her and she ate the fruit.

Eve spoke the truth that the serpent influenced her. The glamour of the fruit and the benefit of eating the fruit overpowered her conscience, and she disobeyed God. She did not repent but feared that God might punish her, so she hid herself, for which she was punished.

Genesis 3:12. Adam told God, "The woman whom you gave me to be with me, gave me the fruit from the tree and I ate"

Adam said if God did not give him a woman he would not have eaten the fruit and disobeyed God. He also did not feel sorry for what he has done; rather put the blame on Eve. Adam never said, he was deceived, which reveals that Adam ate the fruit with the full knowledge of, that he was breaking God's commandment.

Adam did not give an honest answer, he disobeyed God knowingly probably because he loved Eve so much, and he did not want to displease her. His love for her was immeasurable and must have been greater than the love for God, so he ate the fruit without hesitation. Hereby Adam became the sole responsible person for the sin. When Adam disobeyed God, the fellowship Adam's Spirit had with God's Spirit was lost.

Genesis 3: 3 God said, "You shall not eat the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor you should touch it, or you shall die"

As you know Adam did not die physically, but only spiritually by losing the fellowship with God. Man's body, mind and spirit are in somewhat balanced form.

When the spirit rules the mind and body (which is flesh); he becomes a spiritual man. If the flesh rules the spirit, the spirit becomes inactive, and then the man lives in darkness. He is described as a spiritually dead person. What really happens is man's spirit's fellowship with God is lost, and his spirit cannot worship the Lord. Any prayers conducted will be an exercise of tongue without benefit.

When you analyze further you will understand it was not Adam's spirit that committed the sin, but it was his flesh constituted by his Mind and Body.

Ezekiel 18: 4 It is only the person who sins that shall die.

Here the man is described as a person; the personality of man consist the body and the mind, which is called flesh. Since flesh commits sin, flesh must be punished, if not the spirit also must be punished on the Day of Judgment.

Romans 6: 23 Wages of sin is death; free gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ

John 3: 6 That which is born of flesh is flesh

Man is born from flesh, so he is flesh' because he is born from the will of the flesh and by the desire of man. State of flesh cannot be upgraded or justified, no matter what you do, because it is from the earth. Since it has to be condemned, for which he must be crucified.

James 2: 10 Who ever keep the whole law but fails in one point has become liable for the whole.

Romans 3: 20 No human being will be justified in God's sight by deeds prescribed by the law, because through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

Romans 8: 3. God has done what the law weakened by the flesh, could not do by sending His own son in the likeness of sinful flesh to deal with sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Romans 7: 25 With my flesh I serve the law of sin.

1 Peter 3: 18 Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God Jesus was put to death in flesh, but made alive in Spirit, in which also He went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison.

Spirits in prison are the captives of Satan. To preach the gospel to the dead; Jesus had to descend to Hades.

According to the Law, God has already made, only a spirit could go to the world of spirits. Since after crucifixion, when Jesus body was separated and when that was glorified He attained a Spiritual body, with which He could go to the world of Spirits. At this point you have no other way to sanctify your flesh but to crucify your flesh, to save your spirit. Instead of sending each and every person for crucifixion, Jesus carried the sins of the whole world, as a lamb of sacrifice, and underwent the crucifixion. Though Jesus was in flesh, He is the only one without sins as Lamb of God.

He carried all sins of man, of the past, present and the future until the end of the world. The word that became flesh has been crucified for your sins. You must believe that you have been crucified with Him, died, buried, and resurrected with Him, and you must proclaim this fact with your lips. Baptism is the proclamation of this truth, and it is not you who are alive now but the Christ in you. You must bear the fruit of the Spirit and not the works of the flesh. After Jesus' Crucifixion our path to eternity is wide open, all you have to do is carry your cross and Jesus' yoke and follow Jesus. If Jesus were not crucified our salvation would not have been possible.

Chapter 14

The Sacred Heart

John 19: 34 When the soldiers came to Jesus, they saw that Jesus was already dead, so they did not break His legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced His side with his spear and at once blood and water came out.

Mathew 26: 27-28 Jesus took a cup, and after giving thanks He gave it to them saying, *“Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of their sins”*

The blood had to flow out because, what Jesus said during the last supper had to be fulfilled; literally the blood did flow. When the crown of thorn was thrust upon Him, and when the soldiers lashed Him, blood did seep out, but did not flow out abundantly. According to the scripture this must be fulfilled. With His precious blood the sins of the mankind is forgiven. The soldier’s cruelty never stopped even after His death, which is another truth.

John 19: 36 These things occurred so that the scripture had to be fulfilled

(1) “None of His bones shall be broken”

Numbers 9: 12 They shall leave none of it until morning, nor break a bone of it; according to all the statute for the Passover they shall keep.

(2) “They will look on the one they have pierced”

Zechariah 12: 10. *“They look on Him they have pierced”*

(1) *Jesus heart was split. John 19: 34.*

(2) *The curtain of the temple was torn in to two. Mathew 27:51*

(3) *The earth shook and the rocks split Mathew 27: 51*

(4) *The tombs were also split opened Mathew 27: 51*

The temple curtain split, rocks split, and the tombs split open. They all symbolically represent the same thing - The curtain that is the membranous sac called pericardium and Jesus’ heart was split open.

Jesus human body (is the *Tabernacle* of human temple)

Beyond the Tabernacle is the *Holy place* -- which is the Heart.

Inside the heart is the - innermost mind, which is the *Holy of all hollies*.

When the soldier’s spear passed through the body (*The Tabernacle*), then the heart (*The Holy place*) and then reaches the innermost part of heart (*The holy of all hollies*)

John 19: 34 When one of the soldiers pierced with his spear and at once blood and water came out

What is important is, when the soldier has pierced Jesus' heart, the blood and water came out to fulfill the prophecy. The water has to come out, because, the blood of the heart mingled with the water like fluid of the pericardium which surrounds the heart. The viscosity of the blood is greater than water, so the water will flow out first then the blood.

Since the soldier's spear pierced the pericardium, blood and water came gushing out. Pericardium = the membranous that surrounds the heart. It contains a fluid, which looks like water; this is what came out of the heart as water.

Water and blood shows two great sacraments. Water is also eternal life.

1. a) *Water baptism. Mathew 28: 19 **Make disciples of all nations and baptize them***"

1. b) *John 4: 14 The water I give will become spring of **water gushing up to eternal life***"

2) *Blood is shed for the forgiveness of sins. Mathew 26: 28*

*"Let the water and the blood,
From thy riven side which flowed
Be of sin the double cure,
Save from wrath and make me pure."*

The curtain of the Jerusalem temple was split open, so that every man can communicate directly with God for the forgiveness of man's sins when he repents without a priest.

Hebrew 10: 19-23 Since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that is through the flesh. Therefore let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our heart sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering for He who promised is faithful.

Signs and wonders are beyond man's understanding, if you try to analyze with your brain you can only get confused and get lost. Take it the way it is explained in the scripture. When you have questions unanswered, stop right there, and stay in the faith you have, otherwise your faith also will be lost. You can never believe and have faith after finding all the answers for your questions.

You live in this land; is that after knowing the entire constitution of the country? Even if you know some of the rules, could you find reasons why it was made like that? You don't revolt against it but you obey them because you know its violation will put you in a prison.

Far as scripture is concerned, we are given only what we can understand and digest. You have to know only what is just required for your salvation. That is why the Lord said that it is easy for the children to go to heaven. After all we are children of God in all respect, let us stay in that way like children until our time is over in this planet and go back to "Our Father". At last the '**One**' who came in to this world with full of love was split open, and He left with a 'Broken Sacred Heart' for the salvation of the man.

"The zeal of the memory of 'Jesus on the wooden cross in your heart is mightier than the Golden cross with precious diamonds you have in your necklace"

Chapter 15

Resurrection

Jesus Himself prophesied that He would die and remain in the heart of the earth like Jonah was in the belly of the fish, and will rise after three days from His day of death.

Mathew 12: 40 Jesus said, "Just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the sea monster, so for three days and three nights the son of man will be in the heart of the earth"

Mathew 20: 18-19 Jesus said, "The son of man will be handed over to the priests and scribes, and they will condemn Him to death. Then they hand Him over to the gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified; and on the third day He will be raised."

John 19: 34-45 When the soldiers came to Jesus they saw that Jesus was already dead so they did not break His legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced His side with his spear and at once blood and water came out. He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe that his testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.

Burial of Jesus

Reference: Mark 15: 42-47, Luke 23: 50-56, John 19: 38-42.

When one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' heart, the blood and water like serum flowed out of the wound – This was testified.

Mathew 27: 57-61 When it was evening, there came a rich man from 'Aramathea' named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered to be given to him. Joseph took the body wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite to the tomb.

The verses *Mathew 27: 62-66* Explain that the tomb was sealed and heavily guarded. If dead Jesus had to come out of it, only God could do it, and nobody else. The stone that sealed the tomb weighed one and one half tons. That would need several people to open, and that secret could not have been hidden. Jesus death and burial was confirmed and testified by innumerable people and it is in the History.

Mathew 28: 1-10. After Sabbath as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. Suddenly there was a great earthquake; an angel from heaven came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him guards shook and became like dead men. The angel said to the woman 'do not be afraid' I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; He has been raised, from the dead and indeed He is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see Him. This is my message for you. So they left the tomb quickly and with fear and great joy, and ran to His disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said greetings! They came to Him took hold of His feet, and worshipped Him. Then Jesus said to them do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.

The clothes that wrapped Jesus' body was left behind so as his headdress was found folded. Peter and John testify that they saw these clothes. One who has risen from the dead does not need these clothes any more; it remains with a dead body. There is no doubt that Jesus is God, otherwise He could not have come out of the tomb with a glorified body and appear before the people and His disciples. If anybody has the doubt that Jesus is not God, it cannot prevail though they have the right not to accept it. Even after two thousand years, there is nothing against His resurrection that has been brought to light. Everything took place according to the prophecies. The disciples' devotion in their faith and their continuous suffering till their end in the name of Christ, and the effort they have taken to spread the gospel proves that they were convinced fully that Jesus is Lord; He died for everybody's sins as a sacrifice, buried and resurrected. The disciples also did miracles like Jesus did, and miracles continues to happen today and will happen till the end of the world. If this process continue to happen how can any one say that Jesus is not God unless he is prejudiced to this faith for worldly reasons. There are many people who feel comfortable when they believe there is no God.

Luke 24: 36-43 While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among to them. And said to them "Peace be with you" They were startled and terrified, and why do doubts arise in your hearts. Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have. When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, He said to them "Do you have anything to eat"? They gave Him a piece of broiled fish, and He took it and ate it in their presence.

Luke 24: 44-47 Then Jesus said to them "These are the words I spoke to you while I was still with you that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, the prophets, the Psalms must be fulfilled. He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them "Thus it is written, that messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem"

Luke 24: 48 Jesus said to His disciples, "You are witness of these things"

Luke 24: 49-53 And see I am sending upon you what my father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from high above. Then He led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up His hands He blessed them. While He was blessing them He withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. And they worshipped Him and returned to Jerusalem with great Joy; and they were continually in the temple praising God.

Within six weeks after His death and resurrection; more than five hundred people have testified that they have witnessed, touched, seen and heard Jesus. Everything is humanly not impossible to fabricate the whole theme to such precision and in compliance to the prophecies. This is just truth, and not hallucination or myth. If there is no resurrection, the purpose of crucifixion is incomplete and waste. Jesus is crucified for the forgiveness of man's sins, so that man can have eternal life after man's death. Eternal life becomes possible only when Christ is raised after death. Like Jesus has ascended to heaven we also should follow Him some day and let us live with that hope of salvation.

Every part of Christ's life and fulfillment of His mission is closely knitted together, unless otherwise it becomes incomplete and does not serve its purpose.

Our Resurrection

1 Corinthians 15: 13-19 If there is no resurrection of the dead then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be even misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that He raised Christ- whom He did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ perished. **If for this life only we hoped in Christ, we people must pitied.**

1 Corinthians 15: 20-28 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death comes through a human being, the resurrection of the dead also through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when He hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he had destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For He must reign until he has put all things in subjection under His feet” But when it says, **“All things are put in subjection”** it is plain that this does not include the one who put all things in subjection under Him. When all things are subjected to Him then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who put all things in subjection under Him, so that God may be all in all.

Corinthians 15: 35-49 But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With kind of a body they would come? Fool!! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seeds its own body. Not all flesh is alike, but there is one flesh for human beings, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. There are both heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of heavenly is one thing, and that of the earthly is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; indeed, star differs from star in glory. So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is so in perishable? What is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, “The first man, Adam, became a living being”; the last Adam became a life giving spirit. It is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth and the second man is from heaven. As was the man of the dust, so are those who are of the dust; and is the man of Heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne in the image of man of dust, we will also bear the image of man of heaven.

1 Corinthians 15: 50-55 What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable body must put on imperishability and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled. “Death has been swallowed up in victory.” “Where O’ death, is your victory? Where O’ death is your sting?”

Even after giving this much proof, if you cannot believe that Jesus is God, died and raised after death, nothing in the world can make you believe. Nobody can provide you faith that has to come from within yourself. It is through faith, and not through intelligence, you seek God. The scripture does not provide answers for the millions of questions you may have, not because there are no answers, but God does not provide them, because you cannot understand them. If you read “The Faith” from this book you will understand more about faith. After finding all the answers to your questions you will never be able to believe in God because you are setting a condition to God, God doesn’t work according to your conditions. Remember, you are playing with the fire. About the Crucifixion and resurrection either you believe or don’t believe is your choice. What the world is remembering is little different from the scripture.

Mathew 12: 40 Jesus said, “Just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the sea monster, so for three days and three nights the Son of man will be in the heart of the earth”

These three days and three nights constitutes 72 hours gap – between the time of Jesus’ death and resurrection, and this gap is not maintained between Good Friday evening to Saturday Mid-night, it is likely more or less than 36 hours.

Christ died in one evening and He has resurrected on the third day evening. I don’t understand how the Christians consider Friday evening for Crucifixion and Saturday midnight for resurrection. This constitutes only thirty six Hours. Three nights and three days make seventy two hours according to Jesus Christ.

Jesus prophesied his resurrection in comparison with Jonah. The word of God never changed but was only fulfilled. Bible can never be wrong but the people altered the Truth.

The other facts are Jesus never rose on a Sunday but on the seventh day Saturday evening exactly when the Sabbath ends. If He rose on a Saturday, then He was crucified on a Wednesday and not Friday. These mixing up of days may be due to some superstitious beliefs of the people who have set all these up. This information is exposed for information and not for disputes and quarrels.

How you are going to spend your Easter-Day

Buy all kinds of meat, fish, and several kinds of cakes, colored eggs, lot of other kinds of foods, and wine and hard liquor and consume them? Whether you have this much or not, this is how a Christmas and Easter feast is imagined by non-Christians. You can see several of the Christians are engaged in these kinds of activities and let their women and children go to church.

Have good food and eat what is just required to keep your good health. If you are on a diet, eat what is permitted. I often see most of the people eat a lot what is restricted to them, when they are to eat at any place other than their home. I knew of a heart patient who smoked heavily. He used to insist me not to tell his wife about his smoking. He feared his wife more than he feared God? A senior citizen who had severe cigarette-cough and heart trouble was doing like this. These people, who do not have any control over them, cannot control their own children.

I knew another man who got fired from several jobs, for getting drunk and sleeping on the job. Once he gave a white washed answer to me. He said, he drinks only at home, and not anywhere else. Then I asked him what kind of example he is showing to his children, more than twenty years old? He said, he drinks late in the night, when his children are asleep, so that his children will not see!!!

**You Christians are supposed to spend,
all Christian religious days as HOLY-DAYS
and not as HOLI-DAYS.**

Even after coming from the church you must have a family prayer and a personal prayer, thanking God for all the blessings you have received. Once I happened to go for a new-year dry party. During the middle of the night I found, one important person was missing for few minutes. As I enquired, I found, that person was engaged in prayer. That really surprised me, and I was very much disturbed because I could not be in prayer at that time. We will never know who are all the people really engaged in sincere prayers.

Regardless of the place and time you are present; rejoice, be happy but don't go un-Holy. This is what God likes most, and He will bless you abundantly.

Chapter 16

Is Jesus God

Of all Christian religious days Christmas is celebrated with all the pomp and show. This is a season to spend lavishly and to go broke. There is very little sanctity and making merrier and commercialism is seen. You may ask why we should not celebrate, but the point is you should know how to celebrate.

Before the beginning of creation of everything, God had His master plan from the beginning to the end, how it should be. God knew that Adam could go wrong, the people on the earth will become wicked, and how they should be dealt with. Christ was to be incarnated as a human being and had to undergo the crucifixion and resurrection for the salvation of man. He had to go through this phenomenon because of the rules God had made in the beginning. God never used His supreme power and might to override his own rules; He subjected himself to His own rules. As a result Christ was already crucified in principle in the beginning, but only has to be manifested two thousand years ago. You may find hundreds of prophecies and reasons for Jesus' birth and proofs that Jesus is God. If a man doesn't seek he will not find God. Usually one blind Christian can ask another blind for reasons and explanations, which he will not be able to answer. Ultimately the questioner and the questioned also fall in to the same ditch and live in darkness.

Some of the Prophecies of Jesus Birth

About no one else so many prophecies, regarding the birth, personal descriptions, life, death and resurrection have ever been given, in the history of mankind. This is more than enough to understand that Jesus is God. From the time Adam and Eve went wrong God revealed His intentions of sending Jesus to the earth.

Genesis 3: 15 The Lord cursed the serpent for deceiving Adam and Eve and said, "I will put enmity between you and the woman and between your and her offspring, He will strike your head"

That woman was Mary and that offspring was Jesus, the one who was struck was Satan who deceived Adam and Eve. This was prophesied in several tens of thousands of years before Christ's birth.

1 King 11: 36 God spoke through Aheja, "Yet to Solomon's son I will give one tribe, so that my son David may always have a lamp before me in Jerusalem, the city where I have Chosen to put my name"

Jesus was called as Son of David, because Jesus' father Joseph was from David family. As you know the tribal name comes down through the father according to Jewish custom and tradition. God loved David so much; and meant to keep an everlasting lamp from David family, which was Jesus.

(9th BC Prophecy)

Psalms 110:1 David saw and heard the heavenly Father saying to Jesus, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies your foot stool"

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It is the same Jesus who was born to Joseph of David family, after several generations.

Leviticus 26: 9-11 The Lord said "I will maintain my covenant with you; you shall have to clear out the old to make way for new. I will place my dwelling in your midst"

{Jesus established a new covenant during His Last Supper}

Isaiah 1: 11 The Lord said, "What to me a multitude of sacrifices? I have had enough of burned offerings, of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bull or lambs or of goats"

In the seventh century BC prophet Isaiah revealed the above. God has revealed, He dislikes animal sacrifices; this was an indication that this sacrifices are coming to an end after Jesus' Crucifixion

Isaiah 9: 6-7 For a child has been born, a Son given to us; authority rest upon His shoulders; and He is named wonderful counselor, mighty God, everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

A child is going to be born; He is the mighty God everlasting Father and Prince of Peace. All these are explained in this book "Jesus Christ and His Authorities"

Isaiah 11: 1 A shoot has come out of Jesse, (Jesse is David's father) and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The Spirit of the Lord shall rest on Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of the council and might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord.

Isaiah 28: 16-18 See, I am laying in ZION a foundation stone, a testers stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: "One who trust will not panic" and I will make Justice the line the righteousness the plummet; hail will sweep away the refuge of life, the waters will overwhelm the shelters. Then your covenant with death will be annulled, and your agreement with Sheol will not stand; when the over whelming scourge passes through will be beaten down by it. (Sheol=Hell)

Isaiah 42: 1-9 "Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; "I have put my Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to a nation. He will not cry or lift up His voice or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed He will not break, and dimly burning wick; he will not quench; He will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or crushed until He has established Justice in the earth and coastland wait for His teachings". Thus says God, The Lord, who created heaven and stretch them out who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit too those who walk in it. "I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give it to no other, nor my praise to idols. See the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them" Isaiah 42: 1-9 ends here.

Isaiah 53: 2-12 For He shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form or majesty; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; He was despised, and we esteemed Him not. Surely He has borne our grief, and carried our

sorrows: yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions; He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; All we have turned every one to His own way; and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth: He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He opens not his mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? For He was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was He stricken. And He made his grave with the wicked and with the rich in his death; because He had done no violence, neither was any deceit in His mouth. Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him; He hath put Him to grief: when thou shalt make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand. He shall see of the travail of His soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for He shall bear their iniquities. Therefore will I divide Him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because He hath poured out His soul unto death: and He was numbered with the transgressors; and He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Reason for Jesus birth as Human

Genesis 1:26 And God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the fowl of the air and over the cattle and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth"

After creating man, God gave all the authority over the earth to man. Everything has been regulated and a working pattern has been set. So, God does not have to interfere frequently for every silly matter on the earth.

Everything depended on man's obedience to God. We mistook all these calamities, disasters, adverse situation we suffer, are our fate. None of the fortune tellers and horoscope tellers has ever told that your suffering is due to your own sins and your ancestors'; rather your disobedience to God. They only say some remedies, by some rituals, worshipping, giving alms Etc. As a result man has learned, they can do any wicked things and perform some rituals and get away with it. God won't let you go like that; HE HAS SET THE RULES IN HIS OWN WAY and made it known to us to obey.

1) Since after the handing over the authority of the earth to man, it became necessary for God to have a human body. To be on the earth visibly, rather than operating from heaven invisibly He came down as a man. This part of God's incarnation is difficult for man to understand.

2) Everything was made through Jesus, and all the authority of Heaven, Earth and Hades has been given to Him. Refer this book "Christ and His Authority"

John 1: 3 All things came in to being through Him, (Jesus) and without Him (Jesus) not one thing came into being.

3) Through Jesus, The Heavenly father revealed Himself to the humans.

Jesus proved, God is kind, loving and He is not interested to punish but to save. He is compassionate and willing to help the sick and the needy. He invited people to choose His path, at their own free will, and not under compulsion. Even after sending several prophets, man never improved. Those who have seen Jesus have seen the Father. If you do not obey God His punishments concerned your disobedience will take effect.

4) Jesus proved His Godly power and authority by doing miracles. He proved God is capable of doing great wonders, by bringing the dead back to life, healing the sick, giving sight to blind, making lame to walk, and he also proved his presence and existence to convince man that God really care for the people and He is always active. Jesus also said you should ask Him, He is willing to give you. A man can have a better relationship with God if he can see, feel and touch, so Jesus came to disclose himself.

5) He proved the magnitude of God's love for man, by making Him a sacrificial lamb to wash man's sins away.

6) Jesus has shown himself as an example and said to follow Him

7) Sin came in to the world through one man Adam, and had to be removed by one man Jesus Christ.

8) As it was prophesied, He came to establish a new covenant, a covenant of His own blood.

9) Jesus said, *"Faith, hope, and love abide, out of these three the greatest is love."*

10) Jesus said, it is for the sake of your love for God, you obey the Law.

Prophecy of Jesus, Just before His Birth

Mathew 1: 20-23 An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins" All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophets. "Look the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel which means God is with us"

Prophecies That Became True

1) Birth of Christ

Luke 2: 6-7 While Joseph and Mary were in Bethlehem, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her first born son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

2) Shepherds and the Angels

Luke 2: 8-14 In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see I am bringing you good news of great Joy for all the people; to you is born this day in the city of David a savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a

manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of heavenly host, praising God and saying,

*“Glory to God in the highest Heaven,
And on earth peace among those whom He favors”*

3) The Shepherd witness

Luke 2: 16 So the shepherd went in haste and found Mary and Joseph and the child lying in the manger.

4) Simeon took the child Jesus and praised God

Luke 2: 28-32 Simeon who was guided by the Holy-Spirit took the child in his arms and praised God saying,

*“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
According to your word;
For my eyes have seen your salvation,
Which you have prepared in the presence of all people,
A light for revelation to the gentiles
And for glory to your people Israel”*

{God has promised Simeon that his life will not end until he sees Messiah, (Jesus) and it happened, as it was promised to him}

5) Baptism of Jesus

Luke 3: 21 When Jesus had been baptized and praying, the heavens opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice from heaven came, “You are my son, the beloved; with you I am well pleased”

Proclamation of Baptist John

Mathew 3: 2-3 John proclaimed in the wilderness of Judea “Repent the Kingdom of Heaven has come near, This is the one of whom prophet Isaiah spoke, when he said The voice of one crying out in the wilderness; Prepare the way of the Lord, make his path straight

Shortly after this event Jesus began His ministry after gathering His disciples. Then he began to heal the sick and lame, blind and deaf, lepers and paralytic, casting out demons and bringing dead back to life, and rebuked the storm and the sea.

After three years of His ministry, His mission on the earth was complete. He elaborated, the God given commandments and told the people not to be pretenders and hypocrites, but to be true and sincere in every thing. You may obey the commandments just for namesake but that is worthless.

Mark 12: 30 *“You must obey the commandments out of your love to God, “With all your heart, with all your mind, with all your soul and with all your strength”*
Jesus led Himself as an example for us to follow.

After the completion of His teachings He handed over all the responsibilities to His disciples and told them to follow His footsteps, which they did literally without any material benefits. Jesus proved himself to be a good shepherd, a shepherd who laid His life for His own sheep. He became a sacrifice for the forgiveness of man's sins through His crucifixion. He died on the cross and buried and resurrected on the third day, appeared before more than five hundred people and finally he went back to Heaven, from where He came. Everything happened according to it was prophesied. Refer this Book "Resurrection"

John 1: 1-14 (Abridged) In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through Him. Who believed in His name became the children of God. And the word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth, we have beheld his story, glory as of the only son from the Father. (This is disciple John's Testimony)

It is historically evident that Christ was born, lived and performed supernatural things and finally crucified. What is said in the Bible is not fiction and myth but to every letter, it is true. These sequences of prophecies and miracles are more than enough to prove Jesus is God. With all these evidences if you cannot believe in Jesus as God then you have a choice to believe any other Gods; or to be an atheist.

A famous Indian writer Pavan Varma said,
In an interview with BBC TV on 12th June 2005 (Indian Telecast)
There are 3330 Three thousand (three hundred and thirty million) (333 Crores) of
Hindu Gods in India,
You may choose what you like

God's existence have been proclaimed and demonstrated beyond comparison through by marked observance of established form of ceremony, which is a universal and heavenly Truth.

Chapter 17

The kingdoms

1 Samuel 8: 1-3 Samuel became old and he made his sons, Joel, and Abijah Judges over Israel. Yet his sons did not choose God's path, they turn aside after gain; they took bribe and perverted Justice.

The Israelites were discontented with Samuel's children so they asked Samuel to anoint a king for them. Samuel grieved and cried unto the Lord regarding the demand of Israelites because they never had a king until then. Samuel feared something terrible would happen to them for asking for a human king ignoring God who was their King until then.

1 Samuel 8: 7 The Lord said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them"

1 Samuel 8: 9 The Lord said, "You shall solemnly warn them and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them"

1 Samuel 8: 11-18 Samuel told the people what the Lord said and described to them how a king will rule them. "The king will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; and he will appoint for himself commanders of fifties, and some to plough his ground and reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and his equipment of his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. He will take the one tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the Lord will not answer you on that day"

The people rejected Samuel's prophecy and demanded more strongly for a king. There was a handsome young man named Saul, son of Benjamin.

1 Samuel 9: 17 When Samuel saw Saul the Lord told him, "Here is the man of whom I spoke to you he shall rule over my people"

1 Samuel 10: 1 Samuel took a vial of oil and poured it on Saul's head, and kissed him; and said, "The Lord has anointed you ruler over His people Israel"

Saul was the first King of Israel. The Lord removed him when he disobeyed God.

1 Samuel 13: 13-14 Samuel said to Saul, "You have done foolishly; you have not kept the commandment of the Lord. The Lord would have established your kingdom over Israel forever, now your kingdom will not continue; the Lord has sought out a man after his own heart; and the Lord has appointed him to be ruler over His people, because you have not kept, what the Lord commanded you"

1 Samuel 15: 34 The Lord was sorry that He made Saul, king of Israel.

After Saul, David the shepherd became the king. Though David went wrong Prophet Nathan corrected him. (Refer Bible '2 King Chapter 12') David repented and continued as king. Solomon succeeded him. Solomon continued in his throne until his dying day, because of God's steadfast love towards David. Because Solomon disobeyed God; after his death, his kingdom was torn into two.

(1) Ten Tribes formed Northern Kingdom called **Israel**

(2) Judah and Benjamin tribe formed the Southern Kingdom called **Judah**. David's family descended until Jesus, after that we don't know about the rest of David's (Judah) tribe. None of the Israel and Judah kings were good. More than five hundred years both of them had kings after that they were scattered.

Hosea 13: 9 The Lord said "O Israel I will destroy you, who can help you? Where is your king now, so that he may save you? Where in all your cities are your rulers, whom you said, give me a king and rulers"? I gave you a king in my anger, and I took him away in my wrath"

How precisely God has revealed to the people, the outcome of their future kings, but the people did not listen to God, so they got what they wanted some have ruled better and others were worse, but the people suffered, when the king did unholy things. Years passed by, what happened to Louis XVI of France; Got guillotined during the French revolution. Tsar of Russia and his entire family got killed in Bolshevik revolution, Henry VIII conducted series of executions, more than 125'000 of them during his reign between 1509-1547

<http://history.howstuffworks.com/historical-figures/10-henry-viii-executions.htm>

What is the condition of Buckingham Palace that turned out to be a notorious palace? How many kingdoms exist now?

You have heard of King Solomon, Alexander the great, and a mighty Samson (Samson was not a king but a Judge) has ended. No matter whatever kingdoms are left now their conditions are pathetic. Now we have dishonest politician's rule, just analyze their family; do they prosper? They all point to one thing, disobedience of God's commandments.

God does not care for your cast, color or creed but how far you obey Him and have faith in Him? His laws are for the entire mankind. All are His children, regardless they are good, bad, or wicked; whoever believe and obey Him will be saved. People wanted a king against the will of God and they paid a price for that and the people themselves have killed several of those kings.

If you analyze history and life of every individual, you will see and their destruction because of their disobedience to God. You have all the answers in the word of God.

Seek the will of the Lord so that you may prosper and do well. God destroyed the people who ask for kings and later He destroyed the kings also. Does the Israel have a king now, and will they ever have one in future?

Chapter 18

Healing

Physical sickness

1) Sirach 38: 9 The Lord Said, "My child when you are sick do not delay, but pray to the Lord, He will heal you"

James 5: 15 Prayer of faith will save the sick; and the Lord will raise them up.

First of all for healing you must have faith in God and you must believe that He is capable of healing your sickness even if it is incurable by doctors. Secondly you must pray for it. This is a requirement, though God knows that you are sick and need healing you must ask God to heal you.

If you feel that your prayers are not heard: Read 'The Simple Divine Truth Book 1' 'Prayers Not Heard', and analyze yourself, and see any area you need correction and wait for His time to manifest your healing.

Philippians 4: 6 Let your requests be made known to God, by prayer and supplication with thanks giving.

Healing is the part of Jesus Ministry; He preached and healed. First the word of God then comes healing.

Mathew 14: 14 When Jesus saw great multitude, He was moved with compassion so He healed the sick.

Jesus is a God of compassion and when He saw the multitude He was moved and meant to do what was needed. Where there is compassion something is done for it. Before Jesus' crucifixion priority was given to the chosen people.

Jesus was reluctant to heal the Syrophoenician woman's daughter by casting her demon out. But her faith astounded Jesus and He healed her child.

Mark 7: 27 Jesus said to her "Let the Children be fed first"

Healing is given first to the Jews then the gentiles. He heals because healing is part of the work of the Cross.

*Isaiah 53: 5 He was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the punishment that made us whole, **by his bruises we are healed.***

The Blood is for the soul; it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul. Redemption includes healing, and it reveals the Heavenly Father's Glory.

Mathew 15: 31 The crowd was amazed when they saw the mute speaking, the maimed whole, the lame walking, and the blind seeing. And they praised the God of Israel.

John 10: 38 Jesus said, "If you don't believe in me believe in the works"

If you cannot believe in Him, then believe in His works, so that you will know who He is. At least by seeing all the miracles and wonders you can confirm that He is the Son of God. He did the miracles so that after His crucifixion the world is going to acknowledge Him that He is the Messiah and He can heal you today and also tomorrow. In the beginning God has completed His works in principle; healing was also done to whomever it was needed. From time to time everything is manifested. The tragic part of our life is, we are not aware of it.

We do not know how to ask Him, and how to qualify ourselves to receive these free gifts from our Lord.

He has promised everything for us, but we keep crying to Him for healing and material benefits without obeying Him.

2) Sickness due to accepting the Holy bread and wine without discerning it.

1 Corinthians 11: 28-30 Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the bread and drink judgment against themselves, for this reason many of you are weak and ill, and some have died.

3) Mental sickness; Sometimes healing of physical sickness alone will not help a man. He should be healed internally rather mentally also. Mind creates all evil thoughts that makes a man very sick and remains undetected.

Mathew 11: 28 Jesus said, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying, heavy burdens, and I will give you rest"

Jesus is consolation and peace for those who are burdened of sin and sickness. You have to receive it from Him

4) Sickness due to mental disorder

5) Sickness due to demonic Possession

In all cases of sickness, it should be determined what kind of sickness it is. Wherever medical treatment is to be given it must be rendered. Far as clinical side is concerned doctors should attend to it.

The cause of sickness must be investigated through prayers. It could be due to the sins committed by the person concerned and it could be due to ancestral sins. If you don't believe in this ancestral sins forget it.

The concerned prayer group will be able to tell the real cause and how one should pray by giving special emphasis on wherever it is needed.

The person concerned must pray sincerely. A good confession will help you a lot. His or her nearest relatives and finally the priests /pastors should do their part. If the Holy-Bread is received without repentance and preparedness it causes the diseases, so you need a good confession. Depending the root cause of sickness proper prayer can be rendered. Please don't try any shortcuts by consulting any un-Holy people, which is forbidden in the scripture.

Once I happened to witness a prayer conducted for a man who was paralyzed from neck to feet. He could not talk, move and was totally unable to do anything. He was a hard workingman and fell sick. Due to prolonged illness he lost his job. The physician could not improve his condition. To save the physicians skin, he said, the patient need some exorcism. Even though they were Christians they sought the help of sorcerer, which became a trap for them.

The prayer group prayed very desperately, at last it was revealed through the scripture that they were involved in witchcraft. Until such time no one knew about what they have done. The man lost his memory, so he could not make any confession. His wife and children were not having that much faith to pray and heal him. Later I heard that man died after quite some time without having a confession.

What can happen to his soul? I remembered the importance of leveling ones own sins when it is committed. We would never know our end and in which way it is going to be. We must always be prepared for our last Journey. It could happen at any time any where without giving a chance to repent.

Heavens is nearby; don't think of the Judgment Day and assume you have plenty of time to straighten your life. Tomorrow is not yours.

Mathew 6: 33 Jesus said, "Seek first, His kingdom and His righteousness and the rest will be added to it"

Romans 14: 17 The Kingdom of God is not food and drink, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

God keeps His word and promises, but the point is that you are not obeying Him, when you don't obey Him, He cannot help you. If He does anything beyond His word that would be a breach of His word. So He keeps His word and His name above everything. Healing phenomena becomes simple and quick when you obey God first, and then if you pray in faith. God is waiting for you to choose His path first then He will listen to your prayers, why you delay?

Psalms 138: 2 The Lord Exalted His Name And His Word Above Everything

(He keeps His Word above everything, depend on Him)

Pray Psalms 91; Psalms 51: 1-12 and Psalms 123.

Chapter 19

Fear of the Lord

Proverbs 1: 7 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of Wisdom

A person who believes in God, who seek Him, and who obey Him is wise, because what he gains is eternal life, and a fool destroys it in exchange of worldly pleasures.

1 Corinthians 3: 19 For The wisdom of this world is folly with God.

Deuteronomy 5: 29 If they had such a mind as this, to fear me and to keep all my statutes always, so that it might go well with them and with their children forever.

Psalms 25: 14 The friendship of the Lord is for those who fear Him, and He makes His covenant known to Him.

Ecclesiasticus 12: 13 Fear of God, and keep His commandments; for that is the whole duty of every one.

Revelations 14: 6-7 Then I saw another angel in mid-Heaven, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on earth-to every nation and tribe and language and people in a loud voice, "Fear God and give Him Glory and worship Him who made Heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.

Psalms 96: 8 Worship the Lord in Holy splendor; tremble before Him all the earth.

Sirach 1: 30 Do not exalt yourself or you may fall and bring dishonor upon yourself. The Lord will reveal your secrets and overthrow you before the whole generation, because you did not come in the fear of the Lord, and your heart was full of deceit.

Over and over again God tells you to fear Him and to obey Him, because people are not serious of what is going to happen to them when they disobey Him. He is fully capable of destroying your life on the earth and destroying your spirit in the other world also. If you obey Him he will bless you generously. If you fear Him a bit you will never violate any of His commandments. You may get ready to reap what you sow by way of disobeying Him, and after that don't keep crying; he won't listen to you. Some people think, if their life comes to an end everything will be over. King David knew a lot about the human spirit. He says there is no place for his spirit to hide. Some people will tell you out of their worldly knowledge, not to commit suicide but face things boldly. The people who know about eternity will tell you not to commit suicide because your everlasting trouble will begin from the moment you commit suicide. That is a place where you can make no change but to suffer without any end.

Psalms 139: 7-9 Where can I go from your Spirit (Holy Spirit)? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven you are there, If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest of the sea, you are there.

Take all sufferings without grumbling and obey God's commandments. Face the end of your life, the way it comes and when it comes. Fear Him and obey Him.

Chapter 20

Sin?

John 3: 4 Sin is lawlessness

Sin means disobeying God or violating His authority and commandments. The scripture divides sins in to two main categories

1) Unforgivable sins

Mathew 12: 32 Jesus said, "Every sin and blasphemy against Holy Spirit will not be forgiven in this age or in the age to come"

It could be very difficult to draw a clear line between what is against Holy Spirit and what is not against Holy Spirit. If anyone speaks of the human side, against another is forgivable, but against the Holy Spirit, which is the supreme power, it will not be forgiven. We normally see several of the spiritual matters are being made fun of. Though we do not know much about the spiritual matters, still we will have a lot of remarks, which is disastrous.

2) Forgivable sins

Every sin is forgivable except the one described above which is the only unforgivable sin described in the scripture.

Through three ways you might commit sins.

- 1) Through your thoughts
- 2) Through your words
- 3) Through your deed or work

Sins are widely described through various chapters of The Simple Divine Truth Books.

Because of love of money, pleasure seeking, faithlessness to God, ungodliness, and unforgiving nature, they have formed a type of Christianity without the grace of God. There is going to be massive deception. It will bring difficult times for true Christians.

They have great knowledge of Christianity without the fundamentals. – Our submission to His Lordship, only can resolve our problems.

Love of self leads to all kinds of sins, Jesus tells to love your neighbor and your enemies. The basic of selfless love is -- it does no harm to another, through your thought, word, or deed. This fulfills all the commandments. Where there is true love (without expecting anything in return), no harm is done to another.

2 Corinthians 11: 3 The serpent deceived Eve by its craftiness; your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.

Once we know how the devils operate then we can resist them. And when we do not recognize him, we are staying in devils path. For this reason the knowledge of scripture is

very much required, so that we can defend ourselves. Once you have fallen in to the devils hands it is very difficult to get out. We fall in to his hands through worldly attractive things and bad habits. It is easy to get in to bad habits but almost impossible to come out of it. Almost all forbidden things in the scripture are described through The Simple Divine Truth Books.

Your careful study of the Bible is needed to memorize those things, and then you will have a better understanding. This book is meant to give you some primary information, so that you can have your advanced study with the Bible itself without anybody else help. You must practice what you have learned from the scripture, mere reading is a waste.

Your fellowship with your Churches, family prayers, and other special days observed are your routine responsibility. Because you happened to attend a marriage, baptism, or funeral, you cannot cut down your personal prayers or your regular church services. Though Christians are not to conduct marriages on Sundays – many churches do it. Wise guys will not attend the Sunday-service because they have come to the church for a marriage. This unethical practice can be widely seen among Christians.

Your failure to personal prayers will make the Lord very angry. The following verses explain it. Your personal prayer alone is your strength and nourishment of spiritual growth.

Revelation 2: 3-5 The Lord said, "I know that you are enduring patiently and bearing up for the sake of my name and that you have not grown weary. But I have this against you that you have abandoned the love you had at first. Remember then from what you have fallen; repent and do the works you did first. If not I will come to you and remove your lamp stand from its place unless you repent"

When you had difficult time you called upon Him and He heard your prayers, now in your prosperous and pleasant time you do not pray, as much as you used to. This makes God very angry. What keeps you in the righteous path is your devotion in Christ all the time.

If you give priority for Christ, the other unwanted things will subside. No devil can overpower you and you will not be able to commit sins.

Very often we see accidents and calamities; we call it as an event without apparent cause or as an unexpected event of disaster.

We humans are the only people who did not expect it – God did expect it.

This gives you a chance to change the course of your life and to repent over your past and present wickedness. If you don't change, then you can expect worst things thereafter. The only escape is seeking His kingdom and obeying His commandments.

Wisdom 13: 7-9 For being conversant in God's works men search Him diligently, and believe their sight: because the things are beautiful that are seen. Howbeit neither are they to be pardoned? For if they were able to know so much, that they could aim at the world; how did they not sooner find out the Lord thereof?

Chapter 21

The Persecution

When we say that Jesus was persecuted it means that He was harassed and tortured, afflicted, attacked, abused, mocked, spat, humiliated, whipped and stripped His clothes. Anything you know more than this, just name it, they have done to Him. You can never understand the magnitude of the pain He underwent, unless you go through it. The most ill-famed and ill-fated persecution is only one – that is what Jesus underwent, which changed the history and destiny of mankind. When we say the term ‘The Persecution’ that belongs to Jesus Christ, there is no other persecution, worse than what Jesus had. This is to fulfill the first prophecy of God in the beginning, when He cursed the serpent, which deceived Adam and Eve.

Genesis 3: 15 The Lord said, “I will put enmity between you and the woman and between your offspring and hers; He will strike your head.”

In mid eighth century BC Isaiah also prophesied the same. On innumerable occasions this prophecy was repeated. At last just two thousand years ago the prophecy was fulfilled, The Messiah was born, to go through the persecution and crucifixion to strike on the ‘Serpents’ head.

Mathew 26: 57 Those who arrested Jesus took Him to Caiphas the high-priest.

Mathew 26: 65-67 They accused Jesus of Blasphemy and said that He deserves death. Then they spat on His face and struck Him; and some slapped Him saying, “Prophecy to us you Messiah, who is it that struck you.”

John 19: 14 On the day of preparation for the Passover and it was about noon, Jesus was handed over for Crucifixion.

Passover is on the 14th Day of the ‘Abib’ month, which is on the first months of the year according to Jewish calendar. Jesus was sent to Pilate on the 12th. Though Pilate could not find any fault with Jesus; because of the increased demand of the people for Jesus’ Crucifixion He was handed over for Crucifixion on the 13th day the month of ‘Abib’.

Mathew 27: 27-31 Then the soldiers of the governor brought Him to the headquarters and stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him and after twisting some thorn in to a crown they put it on His head. They put a reed in His right-hand and knelt before Him saying, “Hail the King of Jews” They spat on Him and took the reed and stuck Him on His head. After mocking Him they stripped Him of the robe and put His own clothes on Him and then they led Him away to crucify Him.

After His Last-Supper, He had neither water nor any food until His death. After undergoing His trial through the night, He was to carry the heavy wooden cross on the next day. He was forced to carry the cross on His shoulder for His own Crucifixion.

In a fully exhausted and worn out condition He reached the final destiny on this planet He created. When He reached Golgotha they put their cross on the ground and Jesus was laid on the top of the cross after stripping Him of His clothes and drove long sharp nails through the palm and feet. Then they lifted the cross with Jesus nailed to it and dropped

in to the pit, giving Him another final shock therapy. There was an inscription on the top of the cross, "King of the Jews"

Mark 15: 22-24 He came to the place called Golgotha. They offered wine mixed with the Myrrh; but He did not take it and they crucified Him, and divided His clothes among them, casting lots to decide, what each should take.

He made wine and also gave us water of life; in return we gave Him bitter myrrh. Myrrh is the mixture of LABDANUM and OLEO'RESIN and a brown bitter aromatic gum obtained from the trees. The resonance of the echo of the melancholy strain of His death band is still heard from the valley of Golgotha, which proclaimed the cruelty of the Roman authorities and soldiers of the barbaric era.

Mark 15: 29-33 Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!" In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking Him among themselves and saying, "He saved others and cannot save himself. Let the Messiah the King of Israel come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified along with Him also taunted Him. When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.

Luke 23: 46 Then Jesus gave aloud cry and said, "Father in to your hands I commend my Spirits" and breathed His last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.

Crucifixion is the cruelest, exceedingly ugly, and morally offensive and shocking, barbaric, horrible, and torturous, slow death with an un-explainable pain. Sufferer's vein is laid back and the very muscles are exposed with beatings and whipping and stripping of the flesh apart. The body is left on the cross to the extremity of weather and in the heights of the unthinkable pain, until the slow death creeps in. Jesus self-substituted (substituted Himself) for anybody else on the cross as a Good shepherd to lay down His life for His sheep. By AD 337 Romans have put an end to the crucifixion when they realized magnitude of their cruelty. The rest is for you to meditate and to remember; what do we give Him in return for saving us at the cost of His life.

Isaiah 53: 4 Surely He has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted, but He was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the punishment that made us whole, and by His bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

We should remember every bit of His crucifixion scene all the times throughout our life. He underwent the above for our severe limitless sins. Only this remembrance can prevent you and me from committing further sins. He reminded us on His way to Calvary not to cry over his persecutions but to cry for our children and ourselves.

Luke 23: 28 Jesus said "Do not weep for me but weep for yourselves and your children"

By crying over His persecutions your sins are not forgiven; on a contrary if you cry over your sins that could be forgiven and you could attain eternity.

Next-Who is a Christian?

Chapter 22

Who is a Christian?

Rather than letting someone else analyze you, do it yourself and determine how good a Christian you are? You may often say that you are a born again, and a believer Etc. You may be from a very ancient Christian family or a member and important person of a traditional Church. Nothing is going to help you, when the question of salvation comes. They are less than the worst dress you are wearing.

From the name Christ several words have derived

- 1) Anyone who follows Christ is called a *Christian*.
- 2) The community of people or nation of Christians
- 3) A religion based on the life and teachings of Jesus Christ is called *Christianity*.
- 4) Confirmation of a name at Christening is called a *Christian name*.
- 5) The birthday of Christ is called *Christmas*.
- 6) An evergreen artificial tree decorated at Christmas time is called Christmas tree
- 7) The festival season from Christmas evening till January 6, (Epiphany) is called *Christmastide*. (Epiphany is the day when the wise men visited Jesus)
- 8) A graphic symbol of Christ is called *Christogram*
- 9) To name at baptism is called *Christen*.
- 10) A religion found by Mary Baker Eddy in 1886 is called *Christian Science*

It is good to know these just for the sake of your general knowledge. Some of them are very common and others are not.

We are mostly concerned with the first on the list called a Christian. Who is a true Christian? In this modern world the term Christian is just a brand name of a religion. If you ask any Christian this question, at the most he might say 'one who follows Christ is a Christian'. Christ is the true example to be followed, nothing more and nothing less. He is the only person ever born and executed His Father's will. When you say you are His follower, I must ask you, are you truly His follower? If you do not follow Jesus' teachings you are not a true follower. Social life and the government records need some identification, and this falls in to that ID category.

None is truly trying to be a good Christian they are just not bothered, because they consider wealth and position is most important thing.

How can you identify a man who really Follows Jesus Christ?

- I) His nature will be exactly like Jesus
- II) He must have the armor of God
- III) He must believe that Jesus Christ is God and salvation is only through Him.

Ephesians 6: 14-17 Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth and around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of

faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the sword of God.

III) He must bear all the fruits of the Spirit

Galatians 5: 22-23. The fruit of the Spirit is 1) love 2) joy 3) peace 4) patience 5) Kindness 6) generosity 7) faithfulness 8) gentleness 9) and self-control

These are the Godly qualities and it is necessary that you possess all these qualities. Just one or more than one of these qualities are not enough before God.

IV) He must not have any of the following desires of flesh.

Galatians 5: 19-21. The works of the flesh are 1) fornication 2) impurity 3) licentiousness 4) idolatry 5) sorcery 6) enmities 7) strife 8) jealousy 9) anger 10) quarrels 11) factions 12) dissensions 13) envy 14) drunkenness 15) carousing

These are the ungodly qualities and you must not possess even any one of them. Don't feel proud when you don't have one or more than one of them. If you have come up to this Spiritual level, then you are a true Christian. If you can attain this standard, your life in this world may not be very pleasant but the other world is safe. If not you are spiritually dead, though you are physically alive. This is well defined in the following verse.

Ephesians 5: 14-15 "Sleeper, Awake, Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you, Be careful how you live, be wise making the most of the time Because the days are evil"

Either you can be a true Christian or hold a brand name and be a duplicate Christian

Chapter 23

Psalms 91

1. I will tell Him who live in the shelter of the Most High and abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
2. I will say to the Lord, You are my refuge and my fortress and my God, in whom I trust
3. He will deliver me from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence
4. He will cover me with His pinions, and under His wings I will find refuge; His faithfulness is a shield and buckler
5. I will not fear the terror of the night, or arrow that flies by day
6. Or the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday.
7. A thousand may fall at my side, ten thousand at right hand. But it will not come near me.
8. I will only look with my eyes and see the punishment of the wicked
9. Because I have made my Lord my refuge the most high my dwelling place
10. No evil shall befall me no scourge come near my tent
11. He command His angels concerning me, to guard me in all my ways
12. On the angel's hands they will bear me up
13. I will tread on the lion and the adder,
The young lion and the serpent I will trample under foot
14. He will deliver those who love Him, He will protect those who know His name
15. When I call Him, He will answer me, He will be with me in my trouble
He will rescue me and honor me
16. With long life He will satisfy me and show me His salvation

Snare = trap; Fowler = Hunter; / Pestilence = Epidemic disease;
Pinions = Birds feather/wings

Psalms 91 is a good prayer. Several of the traditional churches have included this, in their prayers. As I read this carefully I found the very first sentence.

"I will tell Him who live in the shelter of the Most High and abide in the shadow of the Almighty"

Who is living in the shelter of the Almighty? Jesus Christ.

"When I call Him, He will answer me, He will be with me in my trouble He will rescue me and honor me with long life He will satisfy me and show me His salvation"

This is a prayer is with lot of confidence and faith.

Chapter 24

Jonah's Disobedience

Jonah's prophecy is stated once in the book of Kings 14: 25. Jonah proclaimed the redemption of Jeroboam II in BC 787-747.

Another prophecy is stated in the book of Jonah, written after the 5th century BC. Jesus Himself has made a reference about Jonah, written after the 5th century BC.

Jesus said about Jonah caught up in the belly of the fish. Whether these two incidents are of the same prophet or not, is not relevant to us. We are concerned only about the second incident, which is in Jesus' statement, proves that Jonah was in the belly of the fish, when he went not for scuba diving or fishing but when he was running away from God and traveling in a ship caught in the storm, which came to the brim of its wreck.

Mathew 12: 40 Jesus said, "For just Jonah was three days and three nights, in the belly of the sea monster, so for three days and three nights the Son of Man will be in the heart of the earth"

God gave Jonah an assignment; to go to Nineveh and to proclaim that the Lord intends to destroy the city because of their wickedness. Nineveh was also known as, "The city of blood shed" obviously Jonah feared to go to that destination. In a weak moment Jonah took this assignment lightly and set his to sail to Tar-shish. This ship, which was sailing from Joppa to Tar-shish was caught in the storm. The storm was very severe; the sailors threw all the cargo on board in to the sea to reduce the weight of the ship to prevent a wreck. Even then it did not give a better control over the ship, and it did not help in any way. Jonah was at the lowermost part of the ship in sound sleep knowing nothing about disastrous situation. The captain of the ship summoned him and told him to pray, so that they will not perish.

The ship contained gentiles worshipping different Gods. So the captain of the ship wanted each one on board to worship their God for mercy. By the time they cast lots to find the criminal, which fell on Jonah. He was questioned for the kind of crime he has done to bring such a great disaster.

Jonah replied that he worships the Lord who created the heaven and the earth and the sea, and he was fleeing from the presence of the Lord. This frightened the people more because they were gentiles and Jonah was talking about a mighty God, who was at rage with a disobedient prophet. Jonah told the sailors to pick him up and to throw in to the sea, so that the sea might calm down. Though they were very hesitant, since they had no other option, they threw Jonah in to the sea. Immediately the sea stopped raging and the storm became calm. The moment Jonah fell in to sea, a huge fish -- a symbol of hell swallowed Jonah and remained under the water for three days and three nights. Those three days and three nights must have been more than three years and a nightmare to Jonah. The whole body of Jonah was covered with the seaweeds and all that garbage the monster has swallowed.

There was no sunlight or any other form of light, but he remained in the pitch darkness of the belly of the fish. He could hardly breathe and move with the stinking smell inside the fish. He had no food or water for three nights and three days.

Virtually Jonah could not move in the coffin of the fish, facing his death. Jonah had too much time to repent and confess and to lament. His cry must have shaken up the heavens itself; at last the Lord answered him, after the completion of the 72 hours of horrifying time.

It must have taken several days of cleaning of his clothes and body to wash away the terrible stinking smell of the fish. In the history of the mankind no other prophet's deliberate disobedience to God has ever been recorded.

Jonah 2: 2-9

*"I called to the Lord out of my distress,
and you answered me,
Out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice,
You cast me in to the deep, in to the heart of the seas,
And the flood surrounded me,
all your waves and willows passed over me,
Then I said, I am driven away from your sight,
How shall I look again upon your Holy Temple?
The waters closed in over me, the deep surrounded me,
Weeds were wrapped around my head,
At the roots of the mountains, I went down to the land
whose bars closed upon me forever
Yet you brought up my life from the pit,
O lord my God. As my life was ebbing away,
I remembered the Lord
And my prayer came to you, into your holy temple,
Those who worship the vain idols, forsake their true loyalty,
But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you;
What I have owed I will pay.
Deliverance belongs to the Lord!"*

Jonah 2: 10 The Lord spoke to the fish, and the fish spewed Jonah out upon the dry land and he came back on the shore alive.

No such severe punishment ever has been given to any one else. Whether one is a prophet or a priest or a king it doesn't make any difference to the Lord, His laws takes its effect. After having learned a good lesson for disobedience Jonah came to Nineveh and proclaimed what he was told by God. The people of Nineveh repented and fasted for forty days. Finally the Lord spared the city from destroying it. You may think that there are no prophets now and we don't know exactly what is right and what is wrong! Everything is written in the Bible; even otherwise you know everything that is enough for God to put you to trial on the Day of Judgment, obey Him to every syllable stated in the Bible from now on. Is it not astounding to pray like this, in such a time, when Jonah was in the belly of the fish? If the Lord has not been gracious, Jonah would not have been alive after the submarine trip. Jonah's repentance and faith saved him from his death.

Jonah 4: 2-4 Jonah said, "I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing"

Chapter 25

Greatness of The Bible

Bible is the only book ever sold much more than any other, that too in, more than 2123 languages. By the year 2005 forty-four million copies are sold annually. And more number of books about the Bible is also sold. Everybody knows that the Bible is written by a number of people over a period of 1500 years Very expensive versions of the Bible are also available. It is worth thinking what makes the Bible so special to create that much of interest and attraction and that many sales of the book. Over a 100 million Bibles are given free every year.

- 1) It is unequally great and popular because it deals with the most sensitive and divine subjects of eternity about which man can never get any answer elsewhere.
- 2) It is so powerful so that it could change a man's life totally.
- 3) It could Change the destination of man.
- 4) The content is so valuable, more precious than gold.
- 5) It is more important than our usual bread.

Mathew 4: 4 Jesus said, "Man does not live by bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord"

When God says that the Word of God is more precious than bread, you can understand the importance of the Bible. Whatever God has meant to communicate with man is revealed in the Bible. It contains social, spiritual, economic and moral aspects of life; obviously it is more important than anything else. The word of God and the creations prove God's existence and presence. Though humans have written the whole book, they were inspired by God to write. The Bible cannot be set a side as a religious book belonging to one sect, though people have branded like that.

It is the manifestation of mankind by God. All are His children and His creations. (Manifestation=Expression) Mathew 4: 4 and Timothy 3: 16-17 tells us the source of the Bible and its purpose.

2 Timothy 3: 16-17. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

Luke 3: 1-4 In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, When Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and his brother ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis and Lysiania's ruler of Abelene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiphas, the word of God came to John, son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all regions around Jordan, proclaiming the baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah.

This passage declares the historical evidences of the events in the Bible. If you refer the history, there also you can see the evidences of Christ and His teachings and wonders He has performed. So the Bible is more than history and more than a book rather a library with historical facts, figures and truth.

If you have never studied it, then you have really missed everything in life. You must study it with care and without any prejudice. To see the good result implement what is said in it. I said to study the Bible, because just reading is not enough. The best way to get in to a Bible is either buy one or get hold of a free edition of any language, with proper sized fonts that suit you best.

It is better to start with New-Testament, fourth Gospel-John and continue till the Revelations, excluding Revelations. Once you are thorough with these portions, begin with other gospels and the Old-Testament, Genesis onwards.

When you read the first Chapter of Genesis and first chapter of John, it gives you a clear picture of God of Trinity and His creations. The relationship between Father God, Holy-Spirit and Jesus Christ. The creation of The entire universe and everything in it can be understood. The more you know about God; the more you will know the cause of human sufferings. According to the Indian Buddhist Philosophy- the cause of misery is due to the desire, which is very much true, but it does not end there. You have to pursue further to learn the ultimate TRUTH. Though my readings were quite wide and varieties of subjects- I could find most of the answers only in the Bible. To some extent I have explained those factors through several chapters of these books.

These books I have written and no other book can be the ultimate, and no one can write such a book about the Bible. The more you get deep in to the Bible, the more complex it becomes and your brain cannot hold it any more. So long you don't get lost with the scripture you can continue to study further. For several of the things no explanation is given, it is not because there are no answers but you cannot understand anything beyond what is stated in the Bible.

God doesn't want you to be a good scholar of the Bible, but to be a good man who obeys God's commandments. God's commandments are not burdensome, they help you to keep a good relationship with God and between fellow human beings; the end result is peace and harmony and happiness, joy and wisdom of everything.

If you don't follow the commandments then your life will be a mess just like when you violate traffic rules; you end up in disaster, damage, destruction and even loss of life.

Mathew 7: 24 and 26-27 Jesus said, "One who hears me and puts in to practice is like the wise man who built his house on the rock". "One who hears my word and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand, it could not withstand the wind and the flood and it fell, greatest was its fall"

I suggest you to read the Bible for your own convictions and conclusions. This is not an invitation to any religion or to any denomination, you could be anywhere, the way you are, with what ever name you have; at the same time you can have faith in God, which is far enough for your eternal life. It is not a wonder when The Bible is the top selling book in the whole world because it contains everything in the universe.

Chapter 26

Your Behavior

The scripture tells that every one must be humble and gentle, and it is very critical about disputes and quarrels among believers. Why there should be disputes among believers? Even when one cannot agree with another, he should rather be willing to suffer the loss for the sake of Christ. If this were truly observed, there would not have been any war between the Northern Ireland and Southern Ireland or any other wars.

Let us see some of the following verses from the Bible.

Ephesians 4: 31-32 Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

1 Corinthians 6: 7-11 To have lawsuits at all with one another is defeat for you. Why not rather suffer wrong? Why not rather be defrauded. But you yourselves wrong and defraud, and that even your own brethren. Do you know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? But you are washed, you are sanctified, you are justified, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in the spirit of our God.

Galatians 5: 15 If how ever, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed one another.

1 John 2: 4 Who ever say that they have come to know God, and does not obey Him, is a liar, and no truth exists in him.

Mathew 10: 38 Jesus said, "Who ever does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me."

Titus 3. 2 Speak evil of no one to avoid quarreling be gentle and to show perfect courtesy toward all men.

Timothy 4: 5 As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Philippians 3: 18-19 Many live as enemies of the cross of Christ, their end is destruction; their God is belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things.

If this is what the Bible say, why the Christians and Christian-countries do not behave in accordance with the scripture? Because they think that they are above

God! If people in designated places must show themselves as example, then, others also will easily follow their righteous path.

Leader's wickedness brings disaster to everyone in the country. Not only to the leaders, but the whole country pays the price. Man's mistake is, he follows his parents, teachers, associates and spiritual leaders. He fails totally to look at Jesus ways and does not follow Him.

Any followers of Jesus had can be of full of mistakes before God. They may continue to have mistakes. If a pastor or preacher or a priest made a mistake; you must not follow him. Jesus is the only perfect one for you to follow. How far you could follow Him is the only question for you to ask yourself. You must study the scripture and then you will know what you should and what you should not do.

Philippians 2: 15 You must be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, in which you shine like stars in the world.

Even if you don't shine like stars, please don't spread darkness. You don't have to unify, at least you can stop dividing further. Stay apart for the sake of peace, for the rest of your time. Why you speak of unity and freedom to fight between yourselves?

Luke 10: 5 Jesus said, "Whatever house you enter, first say peace to the house. If any one is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on the person"

Even peace of mind is only with whomever deserve it and not everyone.

Chapter 27

Judas Iscariot

Judas Iscariot was the son of Simon. His background and what he was doing before he became Jesus' disciple is not much known. He is a typical example of a disciple without calling and commitment. He chose a wrong path misusing the God given freedom he had. Jesus has given him every chance to straighten his life. Jews have a mentality that it does not matter much how worse he lives; Heaven is their birthright. They will commit sins and then they will do the sacrifice to wash the sins away. Traditional Christians also think the same way. If you study the scripture you will understand that things are not that easy. You must obey all the commandments first and then you must be willing to sacrifice several things in your life for the sake of others. Obedience and sacrifice go side by side. These are the two basic conditions God has set for our salvation. This covers everything described in the Bible.

Judas was the treasurer among the apostles, a position he liked most. To say precisely, he was a white-collar-thief. His behavior and attitude is exposed through his statements and his works, which he has done on several occasions.

Mathew 12: 3 Mary took the costly perfume made of pure nard and anointed on Jesus feet.

Mathew 12: 5 Judas said "Why this perfume not sold for three hundred 'Denarii' and the money given to the poor?"

What Judas had in his mind was, if Mary was interested to spend the money on Jesus that could have been given in cash to Judas so that the greedy Judas could have a hold on it. He was least interested in giving it to the poor.

The name Judas is more notorious than any other name in the history of mankind. Judas is more than a name but a proverb and expression for treachery, betrayal, dishonesty and greed. The magnitude of the shame he has brought on him made him for self-judgment and self imposed punishment. Jesus forgave the people who crucified Him when He was at the Cross. He also prayed to the heavenly father to forgive them. Judas' guilty conscience passed a death penalty on him and he fulfilled it.

Luke 23: 34 Jesus prayed, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."

While Jesus was coming from Gethsemane after His prayer Jesus went to meet His betrayer, and there came Judas!

Mathew 14: 45 Judas went up to Jesus and said "Rabbi" and kissed Him.

This was the predetermined signal to identify Jesus to the guards, to arrest Him.

Do you think, if Judas ever asked Jesus he would not have forgiven? According to the Jesus' teaching surely He would have forgiven Judas. When the wickedness of man becomes great, in one way or other, the repentance does not take place.

Judas grief and shame overpowered his senses and exerted pressure on him to punish himself to death. Probably Judas must have thought, if Jesus is betrayed and even killed He could come back to life, because He said, He is life and resurrection. Judas must have thought that and figured He will remain immortal and the money he received for showing Him to the High-Priest-Guards will also remain with him.

Judas calculations went wrong; Jesus yielded to the guards' arrest and faced the trial and death. When Judas was sure that Jesus would be crucified, he felt guilty of what he has done, and executed the self-determined punishment on him.

Mathew 27: 3-10 When Judas saw that Jesus was condemned, he grieved and brought the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elder. He said, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood" but they said, "What is that to us, see it yourself". Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver said, "It is not lawful to put them in the treasury, since they are blood money" After conferring together, they used them to buy the potters land, as a place to bury foreigners. For this reason that land has been called "The Field of Blood" to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, and they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, and hey gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me".

Acts 1: 18-20 Judas has acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. This became known to all the residents of Jerusalem; so that the field was called in their language "Hakeldama that is the field of blood" It is written in the book of Psalms. "Let his homestead become desolate, And let there be no one to live in it, and let another take his position of overseer"

Later Barabas and Mathias were proposed to Judas' place, and they cast lots for hem, and the lot fell on Mathias and he became the twelfth disciple.

In this modern world we can find too many of Judas-type people. They can be seen in different costumes in all the areas of our society. Some are serious offenders and others are not, but none better than the other. To adhere with the scripture and to act accordingly is not an easy thing, but not too tough, because what you have to loose is the unholy desires you have. You must have faith in God and strong will to obey His Commandments. You have to stay in Truth, which is the word of God. You should depend upon the will of the God rather than to depend upon your own desires. God provides what you need and not everything you want and desire. This is the area you go wrong, because you are not seeking God's will; rather you go by your own desires, and end up in never ending miseries.

Judas life teaches us the greatest practical example of our failure in life. We are out to make money by all means, but most of our ways are unjustifiable. You don't try to be content with little you have. Greed is deadly; it could lead you to all kinds of sins. You consider your life is a total failure when you cannot accomplish your wants and desires. You fail because you have set your mind on things not meant for you. Just like Adam and Eve went for the forbidden fruit. If you cannot fail in this materialistic world, how can you gain in the spiritual world? People might make fun of you and they may laugh at you when you have failed to make money and failed to become rich.

Your bank balance is not your success. Money cannot provide you eternal life. I have not seen a man who says, he is satisfied with what he has. Your criticsizers cannot provide or destroy your eternal life? Then why should you bother about what they say? They have mocked, jeered, spat and slapped Jesus and finally crucified Him. These people cannot do anything more than what those people have done to Jesus.

Stay in His path and in His light and in His peace, so that you don't have to commit any suicidal act. Who has the successful life, the richest one on the earth? Your discontent is the rebellion against the will of the creator. When you revolt against God you will never flourish but only perish spiritually, socially, physically and economically. Then what is left, Judas' rope to hang? Even if you don't hang, your eternal life could be destroyed. Several people have walked away from their earthly kingdoms, jobs and all the wealth they had, when they were convinced of their eternal life. They left all their worldly possessions behind when they found their wealth was a hindrance to eternity. These examples give you the proof that you must set your priority for eternity and not wealth. When you have centered your life in God your life will be successful and meaningful.

Hebrews 13: 5 "Keep your life free from the love of money, and be satisfied with what you have"

James 5: 1 & 5 Come now you rich people weep and fall for the miseries that are coming to you. You have lived on the earth in luxury and pleasure; you have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. You have condemned and murdered the righteous one who does not resist you.

If Judas has never been born, do you think Jesus would not have been crucified? Certainly Jesus would have been crucified. Judas only helped the guards to arrest Him when many people did not surround Jesus. The guards will find some other proper time and place to pick Him up. Judas fell in to the trap of his own greed for money, which led him to his suicide.

Today what people do not do for money?

The greed for wealth, wine, and women destroys man's morality, holiness,
earthly life and even eternity itself.

Chapter 28

Moses To Jesus

Most of the people have a notion; the law given through Moses, which is generally called as Moses' Law, have nothing to do with the New-Testament. People don't even bother to read the Old-Testament. Preachers, who study the whole Bible, don't say much about God's Commandments.

*Mathew 5: 27 Jesus said, "Do not think that I have come
To abolish the Law of the prophets, but to fulfill them*

Since Jesus himself has told this, I hope, no one will dare to dispute it. This means the New-Testament is the continuation of the Old-Testament. Different denominations have come up, just because of disputes only. Even though they could cooperate fully with each other that is not the way things are. Each one treats the other as untouchable, which is the most shameful thing as far as followers of Christ are concerned. When you read the following you will know it.

When you read the following never-ending demand you may feel humorous, but it is much more than that and a very serious matter.

I am a poor farmer; I had an ox and an ass, and a small field

When I went to plough my field Moses said you couldn't use
an ox and an ass together

When I thought of sowing some seed, Moses said no mixing of different seeds together
and sowing

When I went to reap, Moses said Do not reap to the border?

When I went to the field to pick up the sheaf that was left behind Moses said, you cannot
go for forgotten sheaf in the field

When I took the ox for treading Moses said you shall not muzzle the mouth of the ox that
treads out the corn. God does care for the oxen and its rights

When I threshed my corn, Moses said- give me the first and second offering

I got fed up with Moses and sold the field – Moses said give me the offering

I had no way for my living so I bought a sheep:

When I sheared the sheep – Moses took the first fleece

When the sheep delivered Moses said- give me the first-born

I got angry with Moses so I slaughtered the sheep

Moses said- give me the shoulder, cheeks and the stomach

I was very mad at Moses so I devoted – Moses took all of it.

Then I prayed and cried to the Lord

Jesus said, "For those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they will have will be taken away?"

Then Jesus said to me, "I love you my son,

I do not want anything from you, I want only you!!

I thought of surrendering to Him, then I realized that I am in a trap. Everything I have become His, including me. What a great wisdom God have.

Then I said **Psalms 139: 7 – 13**. Where shall I go from Your spirit? Or where shall I flee from Your presence? If I ascend up into heaven, You are there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; even there shall Your hand lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me. If I say, surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me. Yes, the darkness hides not from You; but the night shines as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to You, for You have possessed my reins.

So I asked the Lord, "Where can I flee from you My Lord?"

The Lord said.

**"You are mine and no one can take you away from me,
I am the only Mightiest God,
the Lord of host!!" Isaiah 43: 13**

Then I said to the Lord I surrender before thee
fully and for ever.

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Is there any difference between
the Old and New Testament?

Chapter 29

Deuterocanonical or Apocrypha

The word Apocrypha has derived from the Greek word Apokryphos' meaning hidden. This is widely used to refer the following eight Books of the old testament of the Bible. Only Catholics and Orthodox churches have added these to their Bible. They are: --

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| 1) Tobit | 2) Judith | 3) 1 Maccabees | 4) 2 Maccabees |
| 5) Wisdom | 6) Sirach | 7) Baruch | 8) Part of Ruth |

These books were originally written in Hebrews. Jews approved only Hebrew Canonic books. Several of the Greek and Aramaic translated books were rejected by them. The reason is the original Hebrew books could not be found and the Greek versions were rejected saying that they are not "Authentic" Catholic and Orthodox Churches accepted and added these so-called Apocrypha books to their Bible. I have read these books and found very much inspiring, and found nothing that disputed with the faith in God so I meant to use them in my books.

Each denomination and Church has their own favorite editions of Bible and they all insist in using their recommended versions. I know that some publishers belonging to a particular denomination has put out Bibles with and without Apocrypha. Their moneymaking business is on one side and their divisionism is on the other side.

The Bible clearly tells that "Your fight is not against the flesh and blood but against the power of darkness" Even then the Christian denominations hate and fight with each other in the name of same God. This is not part of Christian life. Christ was not fully happy over the performance of His own chosen disciples, but He loved them with all their mistakes.

He tolerated them with all their weakness, protected them, and made them to do His will. What is written in the Bible is for the betterment of man and not to find reasons to fight with each other, that is not Christianity. We believe in a God of Peace and love, not of unrest and despise.

God loves most, the people who are like innocent children and not great Scholars, intellectuals and disputers. If you have set out to create confusion and disbelief among people you may be making a grave mistake. You don't have to teach and force people regarding faith, but must make such information available to others just once; the rest is for God to act upon. It is not your fiery speech, great vocabulary, or your intellectual game that attracts people to you; but your humility, humbleness and straightforwardness. First of all you must deny yourself and you should be free from the desire of making money. God will give you what is needed you don't have to be greedy.

I have quoted from Apocrypha, where ever it was needed and where I could not find any other most suitable quoting without any pride, prejudice or hatred. My books are widely distributed without any barriers of religion and denominations.

It may be understood that the author makes His point of Truth, explicit and it may not be very much pleasing to every one. You cannot consider, the author is one sided; he is using all the available information to convey his analysis of the subject without distorting the fundamentals of faith and the TRUTH.

If I quote from eminent people, scholars, religious books of different castes, Shakespeare, Milton, Bernard Shaw, JF Kennedy, Abraham Lincoln, Mahabharata, Ramayana, and so forth, I am sure, you won't object. Hope you will be tolerant in this also. The author's quoting is not going to destroy your faith and belief, but will make you think better to distinguish right and wrong and you can have your own conclusions.

Several decades ago, people gave importance to what God said, so they printed out red-lettered Bible, in which everything God has spoken was shown in red letters. Besides red lettering I use materials from different sources to present my ideas through few words I have written. When a book is read the message is sent out from one source and received at another, the author has to make lot of effort to get his idea across, for which he has to use all reliable information he can get.

Regarding the basic in faith is; Jesus is God, Salvation is only through Him and for which you must believe Him and obey His commandments. You can read these from the Bible itself and you can do it yourself. The Simple Divine Truth books are to familiarize some of the subjects you may be interested. For more knowledge, you must refer the Bible itself. This book is not to offend you or anyone else and to create dispute. You are free to choose what interests you most. That will lead you, where you want to reach; the rest, which, you consider to be not important, may please be ignored.

Apocrypha was included in the original King James Version of 1611 and later it was not used in some versions. I meant to add this explanation in my books based on some queries I have received regarding the same subject. The readers wanted to know more about the different editions of the Bible itself. It may be understood that Bible publishers are not saints. I have noticed innumerable errors in modern versions of the Bibles. These Bibles are fed to the computers by technicians who have no knowledge of Bible.

Some of the common practices that have been observed while composing them in the past have not been followed.

I hope The Simple Divine Truth books will be good help to you.

And may God bless you abundantly for the interest you have taken to read these books and these additions of Apocrypha.

Your remarks are most welcome to improve my next edition.

Thank You,

The Author

Epilogue



What is most tragic about today's Christians are their spiritual standard is almost lost. They wear old clothes with new patches, having no quality of either the old or the new; they should give up the old one, and must live with the zeal for the Scripture. Jesus came with the strongest message to the people, to gain the Kingdom of God.

Mathew 3: 2 "Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Romans 14: 17 The Kingdom of God is not food and drink, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Mathew 6: 33 Jesus said, "Strive first, His kingdom and His righteousness, And the rest will be added to it"

If you don't seek the kingdom and righteousness of God, the rest will not be added by God.

Paul explains the shortcomings of Christians

Hebrew 2: 1-4 Therefore we ought to give more earnest attention to the things, which we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it. For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward; How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him; God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?

Hebrew 3: 7-19 Therefore as the Holy Spirit says, "Today if you hear His voice do not hardened your hearts as in the rebellion, as on the day of testing in the wilderness, where your ancestors put Me to the test, though they had seen My works, forty years, therefore I was provoked with that generation, and I said, "They always go astray in their hearts and they have not known my ways". As in my anger I swore they will not enter my rest" Take care, brothers and sisters, that none of you may have an evil, unbelieving heart that turns away from living God. But exhort one another everyday, as long as it is called, 'today' so that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. For we have become partners of Christ, if only we hold our first confidence firm to the end. As it is said "To day if you hear His voice do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion" Now who were they who heard and yet were rebellious? Was it not those who sinned, who left Egypt under the leadership of Moses. But with whom was He angry for forty years? Was it not for those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? And to whom did he swear that they would not enter His rest, if not to those who were disobedient? So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

Hebrew 5: 11-14 About this we have much to say that is hard to explain, since you have become dull in understanding. For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic elements of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food; for everyone who lives on milk being still an infant is unskilled in the word of righteousness. But solid food is for the mature for those whose faculties have been trained by the practice to distinguish good from evil.

Hebrew 6: 1-8 Therefore let us go on toward perfection, leaving behind the basic teaching about Christ, and not laying again the foundation: repentance from dead works, and say towards, instruction against baptism, laying on of hands, resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment. And we will do this, if God permit. For it is impossible to restore again to repentance to those who have once been enlightened. And have tested the heavenly gift, and have shared in the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the power of the age to come, and then fallen away since on their own, they are crucifying again the son of God and are holding Him up to contempt. Ground that drinks up the rain falling on it repeatedly and that produces a crop useful to those for whom it is cultivated, receives a blessing from God. But if it produces thorns and thistles it is worthless and on the verge of being cursed; its end is to be burned over.

Paul says to the people, they are remaining in infancy as far as spiritual growth is concerned. Even after two thousand years Christians continue to be infants and it is really a shame that the Christians cannot not grow spiritually.

Grave mistakes in So-Called Christian's faith

(1) Their hope in Christ is for material things of this world and gain of wealth.

As a result their condition becomes more pathetic than unbelievers. You must seek His Kingdom first, that is God's will, which He will not change. It will be easy for God to Change the earth and the sky rather than changing His word.

(2) Christians have all kinds of superstitious beliefs and rituals, which include Jewish, Indian, Greek and western. In this regard Indians have a mixed culture and practice.

(3) Several of them are involved in believing in Horoscope, Zodiac oriented beliefs, omens and auspicious times, witchcraft, numerology and so forth.

(4) Number of people are involved in witchcraft and black magic. Their aim may be opponent's destruction in family life, business, jobs, and even death.

(5) Superstitious beliefs are not only for laymen, but also clergies and church administrators. They justify all these beliefs are as part of nature' likewise the gravitational force of the planets. I tried to convince several people to live above these things but they could not accept it. Though Godly knowledge is at hand, they have no guts to follow God's commandments. Not only they practice themselves these unholy things but they persuade others to follow that system to avoid any unexpected dangers, and to know the future.

(6) Offering sacrifices to other gods: ---When everything fails, Christians will go for anything to achieve their goal.

Sacrifices to other gods are offered not only for others destruction, but also for ones own worldly gain. These people don't realize that they are breaking not only first and second commandments but also several other commandments. I remember of an important spiritual person saying once; Jesus Christ's birth was forecasted by astrology, because they saw a special star, which proclaimed the birth of a great King. So there is nothing wrong with astrology and astronomy, they are all based on stars and mathematics!

In early fifties, on one late in the evening, one clergy came to my house with a business tycoon's son. The clergy was murmuring with my father for some time, and at last the clergy sat in my house, and sent my father and the junior business tycoon somewhere. I could not resist my sleep to see stillness of the night, so I slept. Since I didn't know what happened, I went and asked my mother on the next morning to know what that was all about. She told me that the young man's father was seriously ill; the cause of sickness was not diagnosed.

A team of doctors has planned to operate the patient on the next day. They wanted to consult a Hindu Holy man (May be a warlock) about the patient's sickness and the outcome of the operation. Being a clergy he could not go to that place he was pointing. He sought my father's help and taught him the route to reach the destination. The sage said if they do not operate the patient, the sage could make him well with his magical powers.

Because a sage or a warlock said not to operate, they could not stop the operation. The operation took place as it was scheduled and the patient died after two weeks, exactly the way the sage said.

Once you experience these types of wonders, you will never leave that place. You got the proof that those people have powers, and things happened exactly the way it was foretold.

My question is who misled my father to the forbidden one? A clergy? He knew this sage and his powers since his house was not far from the sage's, but he overlooked the fact, that this is a forbidden thing for a Christian. The clergy's intention was good to save the sick man, who was on the brim of death, but he chose a wrong path. In a weak-moment his emotions overtook his spiritual ethics and he was tempted, and fell in to it, and my father followed the clergy. Even after, more than fifty years, of this incident I do not wish to blame them, because probably they never knew the seriousness of what they have done, at that time. My father never knew this sage before, but he continued to visit such people for his own protection, by taking their advice and consulting them.

Something I know about my father is, he never did any evil things, against any one, with these types of warlocks or anybody of that kind. Remember, consulting such people itself is great offence before God. Like Saul of the Bible, Saul did consult them and the Lord killed him. The price I had to pay for my ancestors' sins was too high. Though my father lived beyond eighty-six in excellent health and died peacefully, I was the victim to pay the price for what he has done.

I wish to say this much through my writings, to tell you not to go after any such things. In your difficult days close your eyes and pray to the Lord who can save you from all your troubles, and any method other than prayer is a serious offence before the Almighty.

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1 Chronicles 10: 13-14 Saul died for his unfaithfulness to the Lord, and did not seek guidance from the Lord. Therefore the Lord slew him, and turned the kingdom over to David, a shepherd who was the son of Jesse.

1 Kings 11th chapter describes the reasons of King Solomon's downfall. Solomon disobeyed Lord's commandment, by doing adultery and worshipping other gods and made The Lord very angry.

1 Kings 11: 11 The Lord told Solomon "Since you have not kept my statutes which I have commanded you, I will surely tear the kingdom from you and will give it to your servant".

Jeremiah 2:13. The Lord said "Be horrified, O' heavens at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, 'My people' have committed two evils :(1) They have forsaken 'Me' the fountain of the living water, (2) They have dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cistern that can hold no water."

This clearly tells how seriously Lord is taking, the breaking of his commandments.

Acts 4: 12 And there is salvation, in no one else, for there is no other name, but Jesus under the sky, given among men by which we must be saved.

Salvation is with Jesus only, why do you go after anyone else or anything else other than Jesus.

Ephesians 6: 10 Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the whole armor of the God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the evil.

Do not fear for tomorrow or anything else; do not depend on the powers of the nature, which has its working pattern set by the same God's rules. Put all your trust in God.

I would say, the Christians are still thriving on baby food, and conduct primitive worshipping. They are supposed to worship in spirit and truth, which they don't know. They must study the Bible and live up to every commandment explained in it. If they don't obey God's commandment their earthly life will be miserable, and do not have to think of an eternal life, you better think of what you are doing and where you are heading, everlasting life or eternal death?

Hebrews 12: 5. "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor loose courage when you are punished by Him"

Hebrew 12: 6 The lord disciplines him, whom He loves, and chastises every son whom He receives.

Include the following in your morning and evening prayers.

- (1) Psalms 91 For protection and (2) Psalms 123 for mercy of the Lord
- (3) Pray to the Lord to provide you with the armor of the Lord

Ephesians 6: 10 Put on the armor of the Lord, so that you may be able to stand against wiles of the evil.

These prayers will give you strong protection from all satanic attacks on you. Word of God itself is God.

There is a limit in intercessional prayer by any other person, beyond which the concerned person itself has to pray. There are many people who entrusts others to pray for them, they must be quite aware of the above fact.

You must remember, when Satan, tempted Jesus immediately after his forty days fasting. Jesus used the scripture to drive the Satan away. You must depend on the word of God, and not anybody else. As you read this book you will be encouraged to read the Bible more and more, finally you will reach a stage when you don't have to read any book written about Bible, rather you will read The Bible only. As you read the Bible sincerely, you will become a more knowledgeable person without any outside help. God will provide you with wisdom to those, who seek Him.

One of the famous Indian writers, Pavan Varma told, (BBC TV interviewer on 11th June 2005),

That there are 333 Crores of (3330- million) Gods in India
You are free to choose what you like.

Psalms 138: 2 The lord exalted his name and his word above everything.

This verse gives you a very clear message, that the Lord has placed his name and His word above everything in the universe and heaven. If this book helps you in anyway, it is not because of the ability of the author, rather it is the power of the Word of God who is the original Author.

If the Simple Truth books and the Bible do not help you, you don't seek God truly and sincerely it is not the author's mistake. The readers must realize that the author has written very little of his own, at the same time he is leading you through the Bible. If this does not help you it is your own mistake because you don't seek Him truly and sincerely. The author is merely parting hi knowledge free of cost for others benefit.

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Mathew 11: 28 Jesus said,
"Come to me,
all you that are weary and are carrying Heavy burdens,
And I will give you rest"

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Deuteronomy	Sirach	Acts
Joshua	Isaiah	Romans
Judges	Jeremiah	1 Corinthians
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2 Samuel	Ezekiel	Ephesians
1 Kings	Daniel	Philippians
2 Kings	Hosea	Colossians
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