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“IF IT WERE NOT SO...”

by
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A most wonderful thing happens when we walk with Jesus Christ.

Bill Gaither expressed it by writing “The longer I serve Him, the sweeter He grows.” J. Vernon McGee sounded the same note when he said, “Please, let no one else write me to prove that the Bible is true, or that Christ is the Son of God. I have met Him and I love Him.” The hymnwriter said, “Still nearer every day I find my heart is closer drawn.” Each of these expresses the common experience of every Christian, how fellowship with Christ grows better with each day that passes.

This has been true about each one of the writers of the New Testament, and on one special occasion, it called for a very choice remark from our Lord Jesus Christ as He spoke with His disciples just days before His crucifixion. He said to them, “**Let not your heart be troubled: you believe in God, believe also in Me.**”

**WE WALK BY FAITH,
BUT VERY SOON OUR
FAITH WILL GIVE WAY
TO SIGHT.**

In my Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you” (John 14:1-2). In reading this familiar passage, I have long noticed that tender expression, “*if it were not so, I would have told you.*” Why these words? Why did Christ say such a thing to His disciples?

The answer can be instructive. Remember that the disciples had walked with Jesus Christ now for nearly three years. They had, as Browning said, “... learned His great language, caught His clear accents, made Him their pattern to live and to die.” They had spent thousands of memorable hours with the Son of God. They heard His preaching, saw His miracles, observed His reactions to every occasion of life. They knew how He had resisted temptation, listened with detachment to praise, and ignored the threats to pain and ruin which had come from unbelieving and sometimes hysterical opponents.

In all of this, they asked the question, “Who is this Man, this Being who has come to live in our midst?” Finally, they came, except Judas, to the unshakable conclusion that this man is the Son of the Living and True God. The details of their faith were to be clarified later, but the foundation was formed in those moments of association with Him. They were sure that God was visiting man and that they, wonder of wonders, were

the first to know of that heavenly intervention.

As a consequence, their hearts were drawn up and out of themselves. Their faith was formed to the extent that they could not leave Him, rather saying, “**To whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.**”

But within them was also the disquieting question, “Will all of this come to an end?” “Is this but a temporary association that one day will cease?” “Will the dark hour come when we will be without Him?”

This is why Jesus spoke to them and said, “**Let not your heart be troubled: you believe in God, believe also in Me.**” He then, knowing of their confidence that he was the Son of God, knew also that their hearts were being drawn to Him. They were beginning to believe that Jesus Christ was immortality in flesh, eternity in a human body, that forever they could and would be His. So, in effect, Christ says, “Your attitude is correct, your anticipations are not groundless! I did not come to you to leave you, but to be with you always. Your sense that these days are a prelude to heaven is precisely correct. Don’t stop! Continue to let your hearts be filled with bright anticipation, with a glorious sense of the future. You

are not deceived. You are not mistaken. But you are pursuing the truth. If it were not so, I would have told you!"

It is encouraging to remember that the exact subjects about which Jesus Christ encouraged His disciples to be filled with faith and anticipation were promises concerning the future. The disciples, believing that He was God, knew that surely He must have come from a beautiful place to be with them. God does not live in a tar paper shack somewhere, but must surely have a splendid home in the sky. Christ indicated that that conclusion was correct: ***"In My Father's house are many mansions."***

This must be kept in mind today. There is a better place than this squalid earth, and there is a home that is better than the wretched hovels in the city of man. Heaven is a wonderful place, wonderful by an infinite degree above the best that earth can offer. It has ivory palaces, streets of gold, and mansions more magnificent than in Paris, London, or even Rome. "You can count on it!" is the reminder that Christ gives to us.

Quickly then comes the promise of Christ, ***"I go to prepare a place for you."*** How encouraging it is to us to even contemplate the special preparation that Christ is even now making for us. He has been preparing that place for you and for me for nearly two thousand years. Surely then, we can exercise a sanctified imagination in contemplating the truth that ***"Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the***

things which God has prepared for them that love Him." In this, we are surely invited to think of the most splendid of earth's circumstances and multiply them by infinity. Only then can we begin to contemplate the marvels of heaven.

It is thrilling, then, to see that Christ quickly makes to us a promise, ***"If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself."*** While saying these words, Christ looked into the glistening eyes of His disciples, whose hearts surely leaped within them. We cannot doubt also that the heart of the Lord Himself was bright with anticipation of that moment in which He would be reunited with His disciples and those who would believe after them.

The promise that Jesus made to His disciples, is, of course, the same promise that He makes to you and to me. This separation from the Lord that we sense in this world is not forever. Yes, we walk by faith, but very soon our faith will give way to sight. Yes, there are just a few more days to be filled with praise, and then comes that moment when we go to be with Him. In that glad paradise, we will exchange our cross for a starry crown. There, we will lay our burdens down and will be with Christ forever.

Does your heart swell with anticipation of that glad reunion? Do you feel again the thrill at just contemplating being with Jesus Christ? Do not chide yourself for this anticipation. If it were not so, Christ would have told you. Do you look forward to the day when you will move beyond tears, beyond sorrow, beyond crying and be where the former things will

have passed away? Be not embarrassed at this faith, for if it were not so, Christ would have told you.

Across the Church of our time is a rising tide of anticipation for the return of Christ. Along with this, there is a growing disillusionment with the things of time, a new sense of the futility of laboring in this world for a corruptible crown. Yes, the Church is beginning to look up for its coming redemption.

There are, of course, still some scoffers and naysayers who stand in pulpits and remind Christians about the unwisdom of being so heavenly minded that they are of no earthly good. Be sure that these voices are not the voice of Jesus Christ. Be sure that the remaining sentiment to mind earthly things comes not from the working of the Holy Spirit in our midst. The efficient managers of religious things still warn us against becoming sentimental over going to heaven, being with Christ, and enjoying the marriage supper of the Lamb, but alas, they are wrong and sadly unromantic. This world at its best is our light affliction which is but for a moment and it works for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.

We have our Lord's Word for it. Surely He would say again to the Church of our time, ***"If it were not so, I would have told you."***

"Watch for a special presentation of Dave's 'Splendor of Eternity' on 'The King Is Coming Telecast.' Sunday May 30, TBN 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time, INSP 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time."

THE TIDE OF OUR TIMES

THE WORLD IS FULL OF PEOPLE who turn a deaf ear to the story of the Lord. They would rather believe in some lesser god...or no God at all.

Take, for example, the amazing popularity of the faith-stealing book, **The DaVinci Code**. It was # 1 on the best selling list for several weeks, and continues to hold a spot in 'the top ten.' It stands in stark contrast to the faith-affirming movie, **The Passion of the Christ**.

Where the Mel Gibson movie portrays the love and sacrifice of a suffering Son of God, this heretical book openly denies His Deity and impugns his personal integrity. Where **The Passion of the Christ** affirms the Bible as divinely inspired *ultimate truth*, the DaVinci Code condemns the Bible as the product of a manmade conspiracy to **hide the truth!**

Just look at some of its heinous assertions!

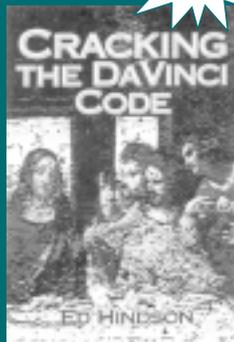
- Jesus *wasn't* God.
- Mary Magdalene *was* divine.
- Jesus and Mary Magdalene *were married* and had children.
- The Bible *isn't* the Word of God.
- The Church has *conspired* to hide the truth.

CRACKING THE DAVINCI CODE
by Ed Hindson



This dangerous, humanistic diatribe, thinly veiled as a novel, is among the most seductive and destructive restatements of bygone heresies in modern time.

Find out for yourself why we need to stand up for our faith and be prepared to answer these bold and obvious lies of the Devil.



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“CHINA FACES a serious shortage of women in the coming decades, threatening family and social stability.[...]

Demographic experts warn that the shortage of women in China will pose serious problems for the country if the trend is not halted.[...]

Since ultra-sound screening of embryos was introduced to China about a decade ago, more females have been aborted.

“Many parents just abort their baby once they find out they are expecting a girl,” a retired official from a women’s organization who wished to remain anonymous said in an interview.

“Rural people still have a strong concept that they need to have a boy, since they can only have one child.”

By Yan Tai

United Press International

“THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the Southern Baptist Convention voted [...] to withdraw from the Baptist World Alliance, saying it has become too liberal and advocates ‘aberrant and dangerous theologies.’

The recommendation will be presented in June to delegates at the convention’s annual meeting in Indianapolis.”

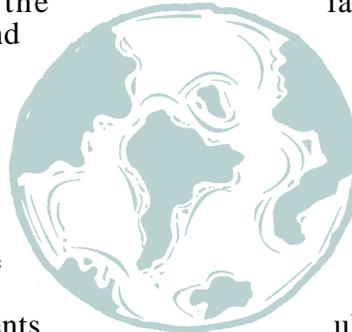
The Wichita Eagle

“URBAN OUTFITTERS, under the pressure of more than one-quarter million emails from OneMillionMoms.com and OneMillionDads.com, has announced they will no longer carry the ‘Jesus Dress Up’ [...] magnet set depicting Jesus on the cross. A variety of clothes for ‘Jesus Dress Up’ include a Satan mask and tights, ballerina, and dogcatcher outfit. Jesus, wearing

only briefs, allows users to ‘clothe’ Christ in a variety of secular outfits. Other articles of clothing are a ‘beanie’ cap, a snorkel, bunny slippers, a tuxedo, and a Dr. Seuss hat. [...]

Said American Family Association chairman Don Wildmon, ‘Marketing a product insulting to the Christian faith is not a wise business choice.’”

AFA Press Release



“NO COUNTY IN AMERICA has a greater church population today than ten years ago. Every year 3,750

churches close their doors for the last time. During the last ten years, the combined communicant membership of all Protestant denominations has declined 9.5% (4,498,242), while the national population has increased 11.4% (24,153,000).”

Dr. Robert Logan, Church Growth Consultant

“DELEGATES ATTENDING the Vatican and United Nations (UN) inspired annual interfaith congress, ‘The Future of God,’ held [...] in Fatima, heard how the Shrine is to be developed into a centre where all the religions of the world will gather to pay homage to their various gods.

[...] One of the principle speakers, [...] was insistent that the religions of the world must unite. ‘The religion of the future will be a general converging of religions in a universal Christ that will satisfy all,’ he said.

[...] An official statement put out by the Congress called for a non-proselytising approach by all religions. ‘What is needed is that each religion be true to its faith integrally and treat each religion on the same footing of equality with no inferior or superiority complexes.’”

The Portugal News

NATURE



*At whose behest is sunshine led
to warm my upturned face?
My eyes are closed in evening sleep,
by what forbearing grace?
The massive oceans mighty tide
with breakers in its care
The snow that mantles mountain steep
the gorge--why is it there?*

*The days, the years in cadence sure
course through the mist called time.
Why am I sure a towering will
guides with a hand sublime?
Why do I surely also know
that all perceive the same,
That everyone in all the earth
knows of a heavenly frame?*

*For in the heart of all mankind
a knowledge firmly lives.
A voice that says "Believe, believe,"
a mind that knowledge gives
A soul like ours that waits for us
beyond the evening shade,
Who in the meantime shows Himself
through all that He has made.*

*How do I know His tender love
upon me is outpoured?
He in His Word presents Himself
as living, loving Lord,
Who in creation shows His power
and on the cross His love,
So we can step through nature's veil
with Him to dwell above.*

*Weep then for those who know Him not,
who by their choice are blind,
When caring nature's open door
they cannot, will not find.
Rejoice with those who in a rose
their great Creator see,
Who finding Him who made the rose
are blest eternally.*

—Dave Breese

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



“Jesus is coming Very Soon - I feel it in my bones. May God really bless your ministries. Ed is doing a great job. Isn't God good? Yes.”
– Miami, FL

“We are grateful to Christian Destiny for drawing us close to God through radio and television programs, and all the literature, books, and tapes we have from the ministry. If it were not for God, our outcome would surely have been different.” – Kansas City, MO

“I just wanted to thank you for the great job you are doing in sending these timely messages presented by Dr. Dave Breese. It has been a great help to me in the ministry. Please continue to publish this great and needed information from the pen of those who knew brother Breese.” – Denver, CO

“A love gift for a giant man of God. I am glad to be alive for him. His ability to write poetry overwhelms me. Carol, God bless you for the way you have carried on!” – Rapid City, SD

“Thank you so very much for all of the books you sent. I have shared the books and we are studying the prophecy. You see here in prison we are in a unique position away from the world. We have a lot of time to focus on Jesus. Sometimes I feel lucky God loved me this much to sit me aside to give me the chance to learn about him”
– Pekin, IL

“Dave Breese has been an important man for years in my life. I will read what he writes. Enclosed is a check to help your work. I appreciate **Destiny Newsletter** and accompanying literature.”
– Elgin, IL

“Thank you for the work you are doing. May Jesus Christ be praised.” – Wichita, KS

“Thank you so very much for the booklets. I enjoy them so much. Also the newsletters and all the good teaching.”
– Cottonwood, CA

During the 15 years that Dave served as speaker on *The King Is Coming* telecast and President of *World Prophetic Ministry*, he provided answers to hundreds of biblical questions...answers that were printed in a publication called *The Bible Says*. This insert will be **included in the Destiny Bulletin which is sent to our supporters**. We thought you might enjoy Dave's answers to frequently asked questions, along with the answers of Dr. Ed Hindson and others.



WORTH QUOTING

“I have never known the time when I have felt for a moment free from a sense of unworthiness, or free from a consciousness of imperfection and of a sinful nature, but since I have come to understand that I am accepted of God on the ground of Christ's righteousness and not my own, and, therefore, my standing is in Him and His righteousness and not my own, I have ceased even to question the fact of my present salvation.”
– George C. Stebbins

“Great men are they who see that spiritual is stronger than any material force; that thoughts rule the world.” – Ralph Waldo Emerson

“The great use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it.”
– William James

“What men need today in this time of trouble is not a way out so much as a way of high and manly living within.” – Wilmont Lewis

“He who is not liberal with what he has, does but deceive himself when he thinks he would be liberal if he had more.” – W. S. Tulmer

But especially,
“**Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passes away, and the lust thereof: but he that does the will of God abides forever**”
(1 John 2:15-17).

YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED



Q. Things seem to be very confused and dangerous in today's world. I am afraid of what might happen. What shall I do?

A. We can be sure then that God is in perfect control of everything. We assume that what He allows, He does for the purpose of maturing us so that we will be good stewards of the kingdom in heaven which may be soon to come. Don't be discouraged. Be ready. The Word of God says, "*The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord, as the rivers of water: He turns it wherever He will*" (Prov. 21:1).

Q. I am not rich like other people seem to be. Can I make it through in this life?

A. God makes you a wonderful promise in His Word and wants us to be discerning about money. In His Word, the Lord says, "*A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favor rather than silver and gold*" (Prov. 22:1). If we will seek to please the Lord about money and everything else, we can be sure that He will help, provide, and bless our lives no matter what may be our economic status.

Q. I do some drinking and it doesn't seem to hurt. Is this okay?

A. You're playing with fire. Alcohol can be the ruin of your life and we would advise against it. The Scripture says, "*Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise*" (Prov. 20:1).

Q. I am discouraged when I see the easy and rich lives of so many people whom I know to be evil. Is this the way God wants it?

A. Be sure that God knows about your situation and wants you to patiently trust Him no matter what

may be your outward circumstances. In the Scripture, God says, "*For the arms of the wicked shall be broken: but the Lord upholds the righteous. The Lord knows the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be for ever. . . . But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the Lord shall be as the fat of lambs: they shall consume; into smoke shall they consume away*" (Ps. 37:17,18,20).

Q. Is it true that the Bible teaches the fall and rise of the house of Israel. How shall I understand this?

A. Yes indeed, the Bible teaches that the house of Israel is fallen and desolate. Jesus said, "*Behold, your house is left unto you desolate*" (Matt. 23:38). Christ continued saying, "*For I say unto you, You shall not see Me hereafter, till you shall say, BLESSED IS HE THAT COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD*" (Matt. 23:39). "*I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy. Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fulness?"* (Romans 11:11-12). When God brings to pass the fulness of the Gentiles, that will be a marvelous day in both Gentile and Jewish history. That era could come to pass soon.

Q. Why does the Bible say that the Gospel is "to the Jew first"? Some teach that based on this verse, Jewish evangelism is to be given first priority. Is that what this phrase means?

A. One of the verses in which this statement occurs reads as follows: "*For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believes; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek*" (Romans 1:16).

It is an historical fact that the Old Testament is a Jewish book, largely authored by Jewish writers; and that the Jewish prophets preached

the Gospel to the Jewish nation. Thus, the Jews had the first opportunity to hear this glorious message of redemption. However, God is no respecter of persons (Acts 10:34-35) and wants all men to be saved (2 Peter 3:9), so Gentiles are also to be included in the outreach of the Gospel message. "*To the Jew first*" thus means that it is a matter of chronology, not priority as some would interpret it.

Q. I heard a minister preach on Hebrews 10:24-27, and he said that missing church was tantamount to the "unpardonable sin." Is this true?

A. The passage in question is talking about two different subjects. The first two verses are speaking about church attendance: "*And let us consider one another to provoke to love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is, but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as you see the day approaching*" (Hebrews 10:24-25).

God knows that we are edified by meeting regularly with other believers, and encourages us to do so. When we fail to do what God asks of us, that is "sin," but it is by no means the unpardonable sin.

"*For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remains no more sacrifice for sins, But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries*" (Hebrews 10:26-27).

Here the writer is "changing gears," and moving to a different subject. Those who have heard the Gospel ("*received the knowledge of the truth*"), and continue to "*sin willfully*" (by rejecting the Gospel) have no other way of being saved.

Continued, repeated rejection of the wooing of the Holy Spirit to bring one to Christ is the unpardonable sin. Thus, this sin cannot be committed by one who is already a Christian. But unbelievers are cautioned to heed the Holy Spirit, before such a time that God allows them to continue unchecked in their unbelief.

THINKING TOGETHER

CAN WE REACH THE WORLD IN OUR LIFETIME?

Jesus told His disciples to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to all nations (Matthew 28:19-20). The early Christians risked their lives to take the “Good News” of the Gospel to their generation. Within 50 years they had penetrated the Roman Empire with the message of salvation.

But that was only the beginning. Over the centuries, Christianity spread across Europe, Africa and parts of Asia. In time, Christianity spread from England to Russia. It seemed that the world was ripe for the Gospel as the Middle Ages dawned.

However, there were incredible obstacles to overcome; the rise of militant Islam, the ultimate failure of the Crusades and the spiritual decadence of the church itself. By the 16th Century, Martin Luther and others were calling for a total reformation of the church. When the pope refused, the Protestant movement was born in the heart of Europe with a focus of clarifying the theology of the church.

The Missionary Movement

The modern missionary movement is a little more than 200 years old. Missiologists speculate that there are now more than three million churches in the world. They also estimate that it could take ten million total churches to complete the Great Commission. The 21st Century could be the time when closure to the mandate given by Jesus 20 centuries ago is realized. The question is: What’s the plan and how do we implement it?

In 1792, when William Carey, known as the father of the modern missionary movement, went to India, the Protestant Reformation was entirely confined to the then northwestern edge of Europe. At this time, the expansion of Catholicism far outstripped Protestant missions.

Since then, there have been four distinctive waves of Protestant missions sweeping into new fields previously not touched by the Gospel.

FIRST WAVE - Denominational Missions to the Continental Coastlands (1792-1865)

This period is bracketed by Carey and the formation of the Baptist Missionary Society and by Hudson Taylor founding the China Inland Mission. This was the period of predominantly denominational missions involving long sea voyages and lengthy land journeys to distant places. David Livingstone’s trek across Africa is the most famous example in this period. It is hard to comprehend how difficult communications and provisions of supplies were during this time. It was common for a missionary to wait an entire year for a reply to a letter sent to Europe. During this era, Protestant missions were established and churches planted in the coastal areas of the continents of the world.

SECOND WAVE - Interdenominational Missions to the Continental Heartlands (1865-1910)

The emphasis of this era was “preach the Gospel to every creature.” There was little emphasis on discipleship and church planting. The geographical penetration took the missionaries to the heartland of the continents. Another factor of this era was the recruitment of ordinary people to serve as missionaries. It was during this period that African Inland Mission, Sudan Interior Mission and China Inland Mission were founded. There were between 8,000 and 9,000 missionaries in the world at the end of this wave.

THIRD WAVE - Evangelical Missions to the Countries of the World (1910-1966)

Two world wars and the dramatic decline of the student

by *Ed Hindson*
with
Roscoe Brewer

volunteer movement after 1920 brought severe decline to the development of global initiatives that marked the second wave. However, the number of evangelical missionaries increased after each World War in spite of hostile political climates. Subsequently, nearly every country in the world was either entered or targeted for entry. Church growth in the non-western world was only moderate. However, the real change came after World War II. Evangelist Billy Graham conducted several international conferences of world evangelization, the first being in 1966. These conferences brought the Great Commission to center stage in the Christian world.

FOURTH WAVE - Global Missions to the Peoples of the World (1966 to present)

Pioneer missionary C. T. Studd best described the global missions outreach: “To reach the remaining unevangelized people on earth in the shortest possible time.” The central focus of Protestant Evangelicalism has moved decisively away from the western world. The “people” emphasis has birthed Bible societies, translation ministries like Wycliffe Bible Translators, and specialist ministries like Radio HCJB in Ecuador, New Tribes Mission, Far East Broadcasting Company in the Philippines, plus many others. The largest missionary-sending agency in the world today is the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, which lists 5,600 missionaries operating in 1,473 “people groups.”

Focusing on People

It was the Lausanne Congress on World Evangelization in 1974 that made “people groups” become the emphasis of world missions.

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The theme of missions for the 21st Century will be to develop church planting movements among the unreached people groups of our world. Most missiologists estimate that there are approximately 10,000 of these groups remaining on the globe.

In 1978, Campus Crusade introduced the "Jesus Film" at a cost of \$6 million. Today, more than one billion people have seen it. A forum of agencies involved in Bible translation have set goals to provide the New Testament in every language spoken by more than 500,000 people. Of the more than 6,700 languages in the world today, less than 400 have the entire Bible in their language.

In the last decade of the 20th Century, Luis Bush called the attention of the church to a rectangular geographical box stretching from the West of Africa to Japan and between the tenth and fortieth parallels. Ninety-seven percent of the unreached people groups of our world live within the 10/40 Window.

Today, the majority of the countries in the 10/40 Window do not grant visas to traditional missionaries which forces the Western church to develop "missions programs" involving nationals for these nations. There are approximately 65,000 missionaries in the world today from the United States. At the same time, there are more than 200,000 world missionaries in developing countries. However, most of them lack training and equipping. The future of missions is going to involve the national workforce partnering with Western missionaries and ministries who serve them in birthing church planting movements.

Campus Crusade is now in the process of launching the "Global Pastors Network" to provide digital training via the Internet for the hundreds of thousands of untrained pastors worldwide.

The Final Challenge

Where do we go from here with what we now know? Today,

with the benefit of worldwide data, information and communication, we have a greater opportunity than ever.

Consider "the peoples of the world" in light of Matthew 24:14, "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness to all nations (peoples); and then shall the end come." While prophetic scholars view this task as being completed in the Tribulation Period (based on Revelation 7:9-14), it is a worthy goal for the Church Age as well. There are now 300 Protestant churches in the world for every unreached people group. The goal is attainable. It can be done.

The strategy is clear. The key elements are: (1) view the world

as unreached people groups, (2) the methodology to reach them is church planting, (3) the national work force coached by outsiders will accomplish the strategy, and (4) focus on the places in the world where the unreached people groups are located.

The true meaning of being strategic comes from two Greek words: *stratos* which means "in line" and *agein* which means "to lead." Together they carry the idea of aligning ourselves and our resources with what God is seeking to accomplish. Being involved with God in missions is no simple task. It is hard, soul-searching and life-changing work. We all have a role to play in fulfilling God's purpose in this strategic mission.

GRADUATION IS HERE!

Christians in every city, town and village in America must see themselves as being morally responsible to give every young person a hearing of the Gospel.

Each of us knows young people graduating from high school, college and special institutions across the land. What better gift could they possibly receive than a copy of the pocket-size booklet **LIFE AT ITS VERY BEST**, which is enclosed. Write or call for additional copies.

FINALLY



Dear Friend of Christian Destiny,

We have moved from winter to spring. The change of the seasons, the advent of springtime reminds me of new spiritual opportunity which God continues to send us. It is a wonderful truth that God always has greater things for His people.

I must express our gratitude to you again for your support and your prayers for Christian Destiny.

Most Sincerely,

Carol Breese
Christian Destiny, Inc.