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## “THE PROPER VISION”

Anyone who has driven a car or flown an airplane knows that there is a basic rule which must always be followed. That indisputable rule is possible to state very simply. It is this: **“Look where you are going.”** All other objects of our attention may be interesting, but they are never to become the preoccupation of the person driving the vehicle. However beguiling may be the scenery and however interesting the ambiance of the trip, the driver, if the trip is to be successful, must watch where he is going. Not to keep this rule in mind could well produce some very unfulfilling results.

As is the case in steering a vehicle, so also it is in life. This is why life is frequently compared to a trip, a voyage, a traversement toward a destination. This being the case, the advice is, therefore, most relevant about life, “Look where you are going.” This simple adage is unheeded by many people, which heedlessness causes many well-known, adverse consequences.

Where then shall we look if we would be properly informed about the progress of life? The answer of many in our time is, **“We shall look back.”**

Now, this answer is rarely called by its right name, “regressive

thinking,” but rather it is touted as “proper appreciation of heritage.” Much time, therefore, is spent by churches, denominations, organizations of many kinds and, of course, individuals, in looking back. Much of this is done in the name of “remembering our heritage,” “re-examining our roots,” “remembering the faith of our fathers,” and even “learning the lessons of history.” Some of these descriptions may even sound sublime. The memories undoubtedly create for many a wonderful, languid nostalgia. Therefore, to this day there are great numbers of people who walk through cemeteries, examining old gravestones so that pieces of the past may make their lives complete today.

Much of this is done despite the instructions, yes, the prohibitions of the Bible. The Apostle Paul said, *“Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth to those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus” (Phil. 3:13,14)*. Yes, the past should not unduly influence the future. Hope is better than heritage by a thousand times! Try as we will, the past cannot be changed. Conversely, with very little effort the presumed future can be dramatically altered.

The ancient landmarks must be regarded but not worshiped. They are to be respected only to the extent that they are helpful in establishing a course for the future.

Another answer to the

direction of our vision is given by many who say, **“We must look about us.”** Yes, the passing scene through which we are moving is a fascinating thing indeed. This is especially true in our present, amazing world. In these very days and weeks, a tidal wave of things, concepts, events, transpirings has come upon us with attendant, spectacular fascinations. What’s more, interesting events are multiplied by millions via international radio and television and the internet. So much is this the case that the people of our world, especially the untutored young, are wide-eyed with wonder. Looking about them they are seemingly breathless with human anticipation.

To be fair, we must say that an awareness of our passing world is not entirely wrong. Christ spoke to His disciples saying, *“Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest” (John 4:35)*. So, we are enjoined by our Lord to be aware of our circumstances. Let us quickly mention, however, that that awareness is not for the purpose of being amazed, but for the purpose of discerning spiritual opportunity. The important thing about our world is not that it has fast airplanes, cellular phones and the like, but that it is white unto harvest.

This being the case, it still remains to be said that expertise on earthly things is not commended in Scripture. People who mind earthly things can become *“enemies of the cross of Christ” (Phil. 3:18)*. This

because the cross of Christ cancels the validity, the worth of most human things.

Peter had an occasion in his life when he concentrated overlong on his circumstances rather than the Lord who stood above the circumstances. The Scripture says, *“But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me”* (Matt. 14:30). What Christian has not found himself in similar circumstances?

Proper attention to our environment is commendable. Undue concentration is to miss the purpose of life.

**“No, we must look ahead,”** say others. This is certainly a far wiser object of our concentration because, of course, we are moving “ahead” in life. So Paul helps us by telling that he is *“reaching forth to those things which are before.”* Again and again we need to be reminded that we are moving out of the past which we cannot change into a future which we can profoundly influence. The purposeful individual, filled with conviction and led by the Spirit of God, can greatly outdistance in success and accomplishment others who are drifting and dreaming. Planning the future and anticipating the blessing of God in that future is a valid and a most necessary course of action.

But, we must also remember that the human future is not the ultimate thing. Plan as we will, we are still subject to the principle that says, *“Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth”* (Prov. 27:1). Despite all of our prognostications and our best computer scenarios, we cannot know what finally the future will bring. Our faith does not cancel the uncertainties of the future, but

promises that Christ will be with us in all of them. So, the human future should be regarded, but it should never be given the sense of finality which is ascribed to it by so many. In contemplating the future, we must never place the sign, “The end” anywhere along the way. Yes, we are to look ahead, but only looking ahead is not the ultimate thing.

What then is the ultimate outlook? It is - and ah, **this is important - to look up.**

Yes, looking up should be our main and constant outlook. By so doing, we will find ourselves informed and greatly inspired by contemplating a destination which is available only to the Christian. To the Christian, the Bible says, *“If you then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sits on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For you are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall you also appear with Him in glory”* (Col. 3:1-4). Yes, we are instructed, we are commanded to raise our vision above anything that can be viewed on a horizontal level. We are enjoined to perform the deliberate act of setting our affections, forcing ourselves to contemplate things above. Indeed, we are to seek those things which are above. Looking onward and upward, this is the proper object of Christian contemplation. The reason for this is simple - **that’s where we are going!**

We can never be delivered from the anxieties of time by merely looking back, around us, or simply ahead. The ultimate purpose of life cannot be discovered on the horizontal plane. In the last analysis, there is no final fulfillment available within the historical process. Everything that we can see with our human eyes is a part of the tapestry of earth. That tapestry, those hangings which are the

ephemeral backdrop of the human drama, must be torn down and cast away. Speaking about the things of earth and about our eternal Lord, the Scripture says, *“They shall perish; but You remain; and they all shall grow old as does a garment; And as a vesture shall You fold them up, and they shall be changed: but You are the same, and Your years shall not fail”* (Heb. 1:11,12). That should certainly settle it. Everything that can be seen with the eyes--the earth and even the visible heavens--will perish. The purpose then for which to live is not the acquisition of earthly pieces that perish, but to live for an eternity that is becoming increasingly near.

Speaking about the signs of the dissolution of the things of time, Christ advised us, *“And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draws near”* (Luke 21:28). So we have divine instructions, we are to look up.

We Christians will do this! Whatever advice we have from the touters of the things of time, we will look up beyond the trinkets and tinfoil of earth. We will see this world as only relatively important and not to be compared with the realities of eternity. Yes, we’ve long since learned that the things that are not seen are eternal.

Let us, therefore, worry no longer about the disappointments of time. This because - so soon is time gone. Our answer, therefore, to the question, “What will you do in the event that trouble will increase (which it is) and that earth finally will be destroyed (which it will be)?” Our answer is always and ever the expression of our glorious hope-- **we will look up!**

# THE TIDE OF OUR TIMES

**“IS ECONOMIC TERRORISM NEXT?** Islam was founded around A.D. 700 and from the very beginning Muslims used a gold coin called a Gold Dinar as their form of money that remained the official Islamic currency until the collapse of the Ottoman Empire in 1924. [...] On Nov. 7, 2001 the Islamic Dinar was officially re-launched by the Islamic Mint in West Malaysia and is now available to the public. Islamic leaders are pushing for 1.5 BILLION Muslims to drop the U.S. Dollar and adopt the Gold Dinar as their primary currency!” [www.SpecialGuests.com](http://www.SpecialGuests.com)

**“MILLIONS OF BELIEVERS** will be praying for Christians on November 14, the International Day of Prayer for the persecuted church.” Christian leaders are asking prayer “for Christian brothers and sisters around the world who are suffering because of their faith in Jesus Christ.” National Religious Broadcasters

**“FAITH IN THE WHITE HOUSE”** has reached “an estimated 60 million households” and will continue to air in November.

The “[...] 52-minute news documentary examines the extraordinary faith and prayer life of President George W. Bush. [...]

“Nobody spends more time on his knees than George W. Bush. Prayer meetings take place day and night. It’s not uncommon to see White House functionaries hurrying down corridors carrying Bibles,” confirms the host, Janet Parshall.

Carol Wilde, Grizzly Adams Productions, Inc.

**“WE ARE SUCCEEDING IN IRAQ,’ ALLAWI TELLS U.S.**

**CONGRESS.** ‘My friends, today we are better off. You are better off. And the world is better off without Saddam Hussein. [...] We Iraqis know that Americans have made, and continue to make, enormous sacrifices to liberate Iraq, to assure Iraq’s freedom.[...] I have come here to thank you, and to promise you that your sacrifices are not in vain.’” Excerpts from the speech by Iraqi Prime Minister Iyad Allawi, AFP

**“THE UNITED STATES IS EXPERIENCING A RISE IN HOME SCHOOLING** as evident from the 1.1 million students home schooled last year[...]-a 29% growth since 1999.

[...] Parents who were surveyed offered two main reasons for deciding to home school their children: 31% cited concerns about the environment of regular schools; and 30% wanted the flexibility to teach religious and moral lessons. In addition, parents’ dissatisfaction with academic instruction surveyed in at 16%.[...]

‘Home schooling is just getting started.[...] We’ve gotten through the barriers of questioning the academic ability of home schools, now that we have a sizable number of graduates who are not socially isolated or awkward--they’re good, high-quality citizens.’”

[www.cbsnews.com](http://www.cbsnews.com)

**“MORE NONSENSE FROM THE E.U.--**Israel is very disgusted over the recent E.U. report that found no evidence that any aid they have given

to the Palestinian Authority has been used to finance terrorism. However, there are reams of documents that show Yassir Arafat and the P.A. have given millions of dollars to the Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigade to carry out terrorist attacks against Israeli citizens. E.U. aid to the P.A. this year has totaled \$307 million dollars.”

David Hocking, Israel Watch



**“ISRAELI ROBOTIC HELICOPTERS--**Israel has

announced the development of the first fully automated robotic helicopter, designed and produced by the Israeli firm of Steadicopter Ltd. It is primarily designed for surveillance. The price will be about 125 million dollars per helicopter.” David Hocking, Israel Watch

**“WHY CHRISTIANS SHOULD PRAY FOR ISRAEL.**

1. Because we are commanded to pray for Israel (Psalm 122:6).
2. Because God’s love for the Jewish people is everlasting (Jeremiah 31:3).
3. Because Satan seeks to destroy Israel (Revelation 12:17).
4. Because the Jewish people need to hear the truth of God’s word concerning salvation (Romans 10:14).
5. Because observance of rabbinic traditions cannot bring about righteousness (Mark 7:8-9).
6. Because of the biblical priority of Jewish evangelism (Romans 1:16).
7. Because God’s purpose is that Jews and Gentiles be made one in Messiah (Ephesians 2:14-18).
8. Because the Church has failed to realize her responsibility to the Jewish people (Romans 11:30).
9. Because God has planned for the national salvation of Israel (Romans 11:12).
10. Because future blessing will come to the nations through Israel’s restoration (Romans 11:12).
11. Because Jesus will judge the nations according to their treatment of his chosen people (Matthew 25:40).
12. Because God’s blessing is upon those who bless Israel (Genesis 12:3).”

The Rev. J. S. Sathyanesan,  
The Jewish Evangelistic Association

# AN EARNEST CALL

*Dear World, it is my duty  
To say to you this day  
That all your goals are hopeless,  
That all your dreams are fey.  
I know how hard you've labored,  
How long stood by the last.  
Still soon will come the moment  
When dreams and hope are past.*

*You see, all of your efforts  
Are spent "beneath the sun."  
The days of wine and roses  
Are sweet, but soon are done.  
They are but fond indulgence  
Which vanishes with time,  
Which dissipates the energies  
And trashes the sublime.*

*Try as you will, you cannot,  
You will not change the fate  
Of all who build on swamp land,  
Who sorrow, but too late.  
You may as well just party  
And oil your fears away.  
Tomorrow will betray you  
As false has been today.*

*You're found already guilty,  
Because you don't believe  
That Jesus is the Savior.  
You simply can't conceive  
How desperate your peril,  
How soon the fire will fall,  
How fierce will be the judgment  
On sinners one and all.*

*Your sons yet talk of glory.  
They say, "All will be well."  
Your daughters grow seductive.  
Do they not know of hell?  
Do you not know the outcome  
Of this disease called sin,  
Since even now you're playing  
The game you cannot win?*

*But yet God still invites you  
From this vain world to come  
From darkness to the Savior,  
To leave Byzantium,  
To reach by faith to Jesus  
And life eternal know,  
No more to be bewildered  
While walking here below.*

*In His name I invite you  
(And weep for your sad plight)  
To come while yet the Spirit  
Holds back the shades of night.  
You still can be converted,  
Step through the door of grace,  
For soon Christ comes from heaven  
To judge you face to face.*

**by Dave Breese**

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

“Enclosed is a small gift for God’s work. I look forward to your newsletter and also what the Bible teaches, and answers to many questions posed to our staff. May the Lord continue to bless your ministry to bring Christ to the nations.”

– Aruba, Dutch Caribbean

“I can never express my gratitude to the Lord for Dave, you, and the earthly enjoyment Christian Destiny brings to my life. One day soon Jesus will come for us. We’ll be with Him and our loved ones. Let’s keep on looking up and listening for the trumpet.” – Shawnee Mission, KS

“I want to thank the Lord and thank you for sending me the King James Bible Commentary. I started reading it the day it arrived. My pastor came to visit one weekend when I was down sick, and I showed him it, and he was also well pleased. I love the newsletter we receive and the note you sent me. God bless you all as Mr. Breese’s work goes on.” – Clarksburg, WV

“I, for one, really miss Dave and I know you all do. What a great, great fellow. I first met Dave at our conference in Billings, Montana evangelical churches. Our two children and wife had conversation with that big, big man as the kids still remind me. To this day, some 25 years, our family has very good memories of Dave’s special accent and knowledge in teaching God’s words. I try not to miss your fabulous program Sunday. Need I say more as I read **Destiny Newsletter** that comes promptly to my mail box, thus building my faith, spirit and knowledge through each day. God bless each of you folks in your duties.” – Columbus, MT

“I listened to David for many years and I always found peace and joy in his sermons. Thank you for sending the monthly letters, they help one stay closer to my Lord.” – Belt, MT

“Keep up the good work.” – Porterville, CA

“God bless the work you are continuing to do. I enjoy the questions and answers. Forgive an old lady. I’m waiting to go home to heaven. Someday soon we will see Him face to face. Praise Him.” – Pasadena, CA

“The last **Destiny Newsletter** was superb. The poem was another masterpiece. I miss my #1 inspirational guy. God bless you as you continue this great work, Phil. 1:6. I’m so glad Dave is still with me in the form of his masterful biblical exposition. Until that day God calls us home also.” – Ionia, MI



## WORTH QUOTING

“The real difference between men is energy. A strong will, a settled purpose, and invincible determination can accomplish almost anything; and in this lies the distinction between great men and little men.”

-- Fuller

“Countries are well cultivated, not as they are fertile, but as they are free.”

-- Montesquieu

“It never occurs to fools that merit and good fortune are closely united.”

-- Goethe

“The true danger is when liberty is nibbled away, for expedience, and by parts.”

-- Burke

“Every violation of truth is a stab at the health of human society.”

-- Emerson

“Every moment of resistance to temptation is a victory.”

-- Faber

***But especially,***

*“For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich” (II Cor. 8:9).*

# YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED



**Q. What church should I attend?**

**A.** Attend a church that preaches the Bible and holds forth the Gospel of the grace of God as the only way of salvation. Also, meet some of the people for Christian fellowship as an important part of church life. Remember that assembling ourselves together produces Christian fellowship.

**Q. Should a Christian have a will?**

**A.** If a Christian has some money, even a smaller amount, a will can be very helpful. Without a will, the government can make critical decisions for you. With a will, you have some control even after you are gone from this world. A Christian attorney can be very helpful in this regard.

**Q. How much attention should I give to prophecy in the Bible?**

**A.** The Bible says, *“We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto you do well that you take heed, as to a light that shines in a dark place” (II Peter 1:19).* So, a study of prophecy promises to be inspiring and educational in our lives. Yes, some have gone off the deep end, but this is foolish. It is better to learn from the Scriptures than from some notions that are of merely human invention.

**Q. Has the prophecy of Isaiah 17:1 been fulfilled already, or is it to be fulfilled in the future?**

**A.** *“The burden of Damascus. Behold, Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap” (Is. 17:1).* This prophecy has a near and a far fulfillment. This is true of many prophecies in the Bible, as with the Old Testament prophecies concerning the coming of Jesus Christ. He came as a baby, and will come again as King. This is called the “law of double fulfillment.” The prophecy of Isaiah 17:1 was fulfilled in the past, as described in this passage: *“for the king of Assyria went up against Damascus, and took it, and carried the people of it captive to Kir, and slew Rezin” (II Kings 16:9).* Over time, Damascus was rebuilt. However, it will once again be destroyed, when the armies of the earth gather together for the Battle of Armageddon. Damascus will somehow be involved in it, and will suffer its ultimate destruction. Isaiah 17:12-14 alludes to this coming fulfillment of the prophecy.

**Q. Whom should I marry?**

**A.** That decision is very critical in your life. I had a Sunday School teacher who used to say, “The person that you marry will be the greatest blessing in your life this side of heaven or the greatest curse this side of hell.” Don’t get carried away by a wave of libido, but think deeply and earnestly pray for the leading of God in your decision.

Remember, if you marry a child of the Devil, you are going to have some trouble from your father-in-law.

**Q. I am not sure that I am saved. How then can I be sure?**

**A.** The surety of salvation comes because you understand the basis of salvation. What is that? It is faith in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ and absolute confidence that He is the Son of God. The assurance of salvation does not come because of feeling or even accomplishment. It comes from confidence in the finished work of Christ when He died on the cross for you and for me. Salvation is not to be a member of something unless that something is the body of Christ. Remember, you are saved by grace and, therefore, human works are not the basis of salvation. Salvation is by faith alone in Christ alone.

**HAVE I DONE ENOUGH TO BE SAVED?**

by Dave Breese



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# THINKING TOGETHER

## THE DOWNWARD SLIPPAGE

**ALL WHO KEEP AN EYE ON THE DEVELOPMENTS** of our time are aware of a well-known, regressive situation in institutional Christianity. That regrettable, fading condition of the Ecclesiastical establishment of our time could well be called, “the downward slippage.” We now know that this condition, with the exceptions of some powerful pulpits, has become endemic in the religious establishments of our time. It is as if the leaders of the large denominations and the conductors of formerly significant Christian enterprises had never read the advice that says, *“Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip”* (Heb. 2:1). They have experienced the downward slippage almost to the point of extinction. Why is this the case? Why the slippage? We suggest that it can be traced to a sequence of conditions which can be enumerated. Among them are the following:

**1) Inattention to the Word of God.** There is a marvelous and uncomplicated activity that will continue to refresh the soul, enlighten the mind and keep us close to Christ. What is that? It is the daily reading of the Word of God. It is attention to Holy Scripture and an advanced commitment to read and do what it clearly says. When one stops reading the Bible the result is predictable. It is spiritual deterioration.

**2) A lowered view of Scripture.** One of the clear distinctions of Protestant Christianity has been the assertion that “the Bible is our only rule for faith and practice.” How sad now to notice that human ideas, secular philosophies and “new religious concepts” have been raised to the level of Scripture while the Bible has been lowered from its previously high position. When other voices beside the Word of God become authoritative, the institution that so believes is beginning to drift away.

**3) Perfunctory prayer.** The Bible says, *“Men ought always to pray, and not to faint”* (Luke 18:1). The Scripture promises us that the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. Serious daily prayer will therefore be the key to divine blessing and godly stimulus to the inner man. The neglect of prayer is dangerous irresponsibility.

**4) A light attitude toward sin.** Sin was once an offense to the holiness of God that needed to be cleansed by the blood of Christ and forgiven by God. Now sin is an uncooperative attitude for which someone else is responsible. The idea of sin is now a joke, but the Bible teaches that it is a world of iniquity.

**5) The denial of the need for redemption.** If sin is not sin but merely a “cultural lag,” then what need is there for redemption

through the work of Calvary? Redemption, therefore, has almost ceased to be a major point of Christian theology. In the liberal camp, the wicked need understanding, not redemption.

**6) The elevating of social Christianity.** When the spiritual element disappears from our Christian thinking, social Christianity, the social Gospel becomes very plausible. “We are to help people and not waste our time on abstractions such as true Christian theology.” Today the Church has virtually impoverished itself by doing social things while neglecting spiritual things.

**7) A new comity with the world.** The notion that “the whole word lies in wickedness” is now virtually forgotten. Christians are being trained to be friends with this world, in violation of the principle that they thereby become enemies of God.

**8) Invention of a new image of Christ.** The biblical teaching of Christ as the only Savior and finally, the Judge of the universe is rarely heard. Christ is a friend, a buddy, rather than “very God of very God.” The end of real Christianity will be in the denial of the essential deity of Christ.

**9) The call for religious modernity, for relevance.** Time was when the word relevance was totally unconnected with the preaching of the Gospel, and

modernity was as well. The Gospel was proclaimed no matter who listened or who thought what. Now Christianity must be modern, relevant and accomodational. Christianity is not fashioned, it is “delivered.”

**10) A resentment of those who truly believe.** Remaining Christians who insist on the Bible alone and salvation by faith alone are now smiled at. Those who insist that Christianity is the only true faith are accused of detachment from “the living, accomodational present.”

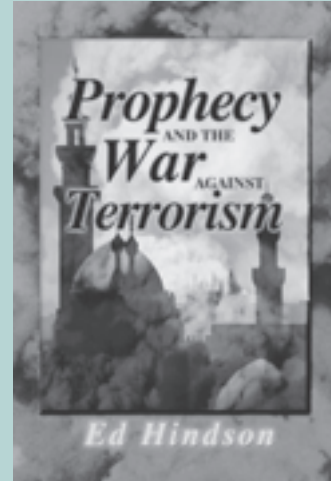
**11) An outright hostility to the Christian faith.** A Christian leader recently said, “with the way things are going, it soon may be illegal to be a Christian.” Anti-Christianity is rising in our present time. It is more than often espoused by the sons or the grandsons of yesterday’s Christian leaders.

**12) Persecution of believers.** Christ warned of this, saying, “*Blessed are you when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for My sake. Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you*” (Matt.5:11,12). Tom White of The Voice of The Martyrs tells how “Christians in many nations are mocked, endure cruel laughter and misunderstandings, lose their jobs, and are taken before courts of justice...” for their witness for Christ. Many thousands are even killed every year. Could this soon be happening in America?

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- Will Islamic extremists like Osama bin Laden play a role in the fulfillment of Bible Prophecy?
- Did Jesus say anything about the rise of Islam?
- What do we know about Muhammad and the moon-god Allah?
- How near could we be to the prophesied invasion of Israel?



In this explosive and timely series, discover why we now live under the threat of terrorist attacks. Observe biblical details of the rise of a great confederation of radical Islamic powers. Learn how the End-Time clash between these Islamic powers and Israel will leave only one remaining world superpower... that of the Antichrist. **Warning! It could be later than we think!**

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Carol Breese  
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