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WHAT THE DEVIL DOESN'T WANT YOU TO KNOW

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FIGHT THE DEVIL BY UNDERSTANDING THE WORD OF GOD!

Did you know that as a Christian, you are a creature of bright eternal destiny? And did you also know that as such, you have a malicious, conniving foe who wishes with all his lecherous heart to rob you of the full benefits—the grand implications—of that wonderful promise of God?

Incredibly, there are many saints who waft their way through life oblivious to their amazing future and the unparalleled capability that they possess even now as children of the living God! It is certainly not a secret that God has a grand design for your life. And it should be of no surprise to anyone that, as those who are precious in the sight of the Lord, we would come under fire from God's

*What have I done today
that makes me a credit to
Christ and a serious
threat to the Devil?*

great enemy, the Devil.

The Word of God says: *"When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained; What is man, that You are mindful of him? and the son of man, that You visit him? For You have made him a little lower than the angels, and have crowned him with glory and honor. You made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet"* (Ps. 8:3-6).

Yes, we can say without pride or arrogance, based upon the authority of Holy Scripture, that man is really something quite unique and spectacular in all the creation of God. How special must man be that God would give him authority over everything else that He has created? The sun, the moon, the stars – the vast wideness of all creation throughout all eternity – all that God has ever made has been placed under the feet of humble mankind! To understand what that really means will paint an exalted picture of how God truly feels about us.

But Satan, our deadly adversary, doesn't want us to know that we are creatures of such marvelous promise and destiny. And so he has set about to cloud our minds and to occupy our lives with spurious activities so completely that we miss out on the full expanse of the legacy that is rightfully ours. "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" is one of the most successful and interesting television shows on the air. Since its debut, we have on occasion enjoyed the suspense and the challenge of its questions. And as viewers, we experience a sort of vicarious thrill, pulling excitement from the TV screen as though we ourselves might benefit from winning the prize.

Yet as Christians, we have the promise of God that we will inherit far more than mere silver or gold. And to us, that promise will one day be a stunning reality – not just a quick thrill from the television. Well, the Devil is working diligently to keep us from learning of our marvelous destiny. And

so this preacher is here to contest Satan in that effort. Do you know *What the Devil Doesn't Want You to Know?* He doesn't want you to know that the things you do in this life will greatly affect the rewards you obtain in the next. He doesn't want you to know that you can invest your life now with the promise of an abundant entrance into the next. The broad, sunlit uplands of heaven's shores belong to you and the treasures that you send ahead will await you when you get to heaven.

Our investment in things eternal was commissioned by none other than Jesus Christ Himself: *"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature"* (Mark 16:15). So how is it that so much of the Church is content to look inward rather than outward, to build up treasures in this life rather than send the gold and silver of precious souls won to Christ on to the next? It is because the Devil has been somewhat successful in his attempt to keep the truth from us and to occupy us with the lesser things of life.

We have devoted ourselves to building shining human edifices with glistening steeples and beautiful stained glass, rather than focusing on the *"good things to come. . . a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands"* (Hebrews 9:11).

In my opinion, much of the Church today has opted to fill its life with lesser things rather than the greater treasures of time and eternity. There are perhaps a dozen other things that the Devil doesn't want you to know, and I believe the magnificence of your eternal reward will be greatly enhanced if you learn for yourself what those things are.

There's another thing that the Devil doesn't want you to know and that is how much you and I have accomplished together for the Kingdom of God. There are souls all around the world that have come to salvation through faith in Jesus Christ because we have worked together to spread the Gospel of the Grace of God. People have been set free from the bondage of sin and become heirs to all that God has for His children, because friends like you cared enough to support our outreach for Christ.

We cannot contain all those things in this newsletter, so we suggest that you write for your copy of the booklet **"What the Devil Doesn't Want You to Know"** and obtain a copy for yourself. In these amazing days of opportunity, we would do well to confound the works of Satan by arming ourselves with the truth that will set us, and those with whom we come in contact, free!

A word about freedom. There are those who believe that Christian liberty is tantamount to Christian license. And so they contend that those who celebrate their Christian freedom will use it as an excuse to run out and live like the Devil. Nothing could be further from the truth! When a believer considers the holiness of God, and contrasts it with the impurity of his own life, he is filled with gratitude and humility. The sacrifice of Christ becomes increasingly precious to him. And so he undertakes with mounting fervor to live a life that will be pleasing to the Lord and exemplary in all of its aspects.

But that doesn't mean that God created us to be mindless automatons, following the rules of some spiritual guru who wants to control us. It is our opinion that living such a sub-Christian life, locked up in the chains of human religious bondage, relinquishes to Satan by default what he couldn't win by confrontation. God has created us to be creatures of great initiative and bright eternal destiny. To "be all that we can be" so to speak, we must learn to accept the liberty that is ours through Christ, and then to live triumphant lives of holiness and adventure in the great battle for souls. I pray that will be the case in each one of our lives!

THE TIDE OF OUR TIMES

“RADICAL SECULARISTS ARE ANXIOUS to eradicate God from every facet of public life, regardless of whether or not constitutional implications are involved. They now contend that Mr. Ashcroft has a responsibility not to offend employees of different faiths. Let me get this straight: John Ashcroft and other Christians are not even allowed to express their faith in private meetings on public property for fear of offending people who are not there?...

Christians and Christianity are under systematic assault by our culture and those who advocate passivity in the face of such attacks are doing nothing to defend the cause they purport to serve. We cannot ignore the problem in the name of collegiality and expect it to go away. Tolerance is a two-way street.

By refusing to stand up for our rights as Christians, we are inviting further abuse. If our forefathers had adopted that approach this nation would never have been established.” David Limbaugh with *The Washington Times*

THIS PRESENT EVIL WORLD (Gal. 1:4) is a very good description of our time. The historic optimists, believing in natural human improvement and denying the existence of evil in the world, will have to review their doctrines. “*Evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse*” (II Tim. 3:13) says the Word of God and this characteristic of the last days will continue to stalk the streets as crime, murder, fear and other unsettling features of these prophetic hours. The only antidote is the Gospel.

GOD USES CERTAIN THINGS TO SUPPRESS THE RISE OF EVIL. He uses the Church, the

salt of the earth. He uses civil authority which bears not the sword in vain. He uses individual conscience and character. If these fail, He uses the oppressive limitations of economic, nutritional and technical shortages to circumscribe the capability and influence of sinful and otherwise uncontrollable elements. To take these controls away with gratuitous financial and technical help, apart from the change of heart toward God, is to bring the ruin of a social structure, the destruction of humanity. The Beast will be on the loose, the destroyer is now abroad in the land. The Bible says “*The way of transgressors is hard*” and it is made hard by divine mandate.

“CHINA IS GOING TO BECOME a major player in the world and there is nothing the United States can do to prevent it.” As much was said by Lee Kuan Yew, the founding father of Singapore and Asia’s senior statesman in an interview with the *Washington Times*. Mr. Lee, a close friend of the United States for the past 40 years explained why China has now become the second most powerful nation on earth. He says “there is nothing” Japan, Korea, Taiwan and Hong Kong have done “that China cannot do better in the years to come. You cannot stop [the Chinese].” He further explained that a “Silicon Valley” has emerged in the burgeoning cities of Shanghai and Shenzhen with evidently unbelievable potential. “Take your Ivy League and West Coast Universities and multiply by five

and then imagine that concentrated in two cities.”

IS CHINA A MILITARY THREAT to the United States?

Concerning this possibility, Lee claims that the “Chinese generals who have talked to U.S. Congressmen about the ‘inevitability of war’ with the United States sooner or later” were only “reflecting their own military ‘mindset,’ not Chinese policy.” Lee also says that although he believes that China is not looking for a conflict, it is his conviction that they would go to war if Taiwan were to opt for a unilateral declaration of independence. If China is not looking for a conflict, one would be hard-pressed to explain some of their actions of late.

ARE WE HEADING TOWARDS THE LAST WAR?

A new book by David Allen Lewis with Jim Fletcher entitled **The Last War** offers a timely and provocative look into the issues surrounding the increasing violence and bloodshed in Israel and the Middle East. This 240-page paperback book includes interviews with such people as Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, David Bar-Illian, and Yehuda Levy and helps shed light on questions concerning the Arabs, the Jews and the “Palestinians.” (Are they Arabs or the descendants of the Philistines of Bible Times?) **This book is available from our ministry for a contribution of \$15 or more. Send for your copy today or call 1-800-777-8806.**



DEVIATION



*A bias on the lines of life
 Seems always to be there,
 Slightly warping everything
 The thickness of a hair.
 It even turns the ship of state
 By just a few degrees.
 Anon the vessel founders low
 In poorly charted seas.*

*Just so, in every deviant thought
 The warp of truth is found.
 To subtly ease the well-steered helm
 To finally run aground
 The open seas must be achieved
 Ere sails can be unfurled.
 Then charted, tested truth will give
 The vessel to the world.*

*Full many a man and many a cause
 Embarked with noble goals.
 But inattention to the helm
 Wrought wreckage on the shoals.
 Beware therefore the warp of life
 That bends us from the plan.
 With chart and compass stay the course.
 At stake? The soul of man.*

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"Each Sunday evening we look forward to *The King Is Coming* program. It is through your ministry that my husband became a Christian. Pray that God will be with him as he faces the future with terminal cancer and that his new-found faith will never waiver."

– Sunnyvale, CA

"I have been a listener for years to your 30-minute program and appreciate your ideas. Being a Sunday School teacher for 50 years, I am pleased to learn of newly organized information about Biblical events. Thank you for your spiritual service. God bless you."

– Junction City, KS

"I have never met Dave Breese, but his writings, books and pamphlets mean so much to me. **The Assurance of Salvation** by Dave Breese is the best I have ever seen on the subject of how to have this assurance. The books are so very helpful to me." – Kansas City, MO

"I talk to my dad about dispensationalism. People actually ask me questions. So if I don't know the answer and I can't ask my dad, where do I go for help? – a Dave Breese tape or video or booklet. Thank you for standing for the truth and presenting a clear, precise, Biblical view of Christianity that we can understand." – Salt Lake City, UT

"Pastor Dave's '*How Shall I Measure the Morning*' in the May **Newsletter** was such a blessing. I enjoy that wonderful poetry each month as much as if it were 'hot off the press!' I love Pastor Dave's messages, particularly those in the Old Testament; he seems to have a very special way of dealing with the Old Testament." – Billings, MT

"This morning I was divinely led to Radio AM 1240 and your crystal clear teaching of Zechariah's fifth vision– (never heard you before) in the fourth chapter. Please include me on your mailing list and, may I also have a copy of all the Zechariah messages? By His Spirit, Our Father has led me to you–He is sooo good! I am a widow, 85 years of age and loved your every word." – Yucaipa, CA



WORTH QUOTING

"Many men owe the grandeur of their lives to their tremendous difficulties."–Spurgeon

"Get over the idea that only children should spend their time in study. Be a student so long as you still have something to learn, and this will mean all your life."

–Henry L. Doherty

"There are one-story intellects, two story intellects, and three-story intellects with skylights. All fact-collectors who have no aim beyond the facts, are one-story men. Two-story men compare, reason, generalize, using the labors of fact-collectors as well as their own. Three-story men idealize, imagine, predict; their best illumination comes from above through the skylights."

–Oliver Wendell Holmes

"From a little spark may burst a mighty flame."–Dante

"Man must realize his own unimportance before he can appreciate his importance."

–R. M. Baumgardy

"A man can do what he ought to do; and when he says he cannot, it is because he will not."–Froude

"Mere words are cheap and plenty enough, but ideas that rouse and set multitudes thinking come as gold from the mines."

–A. Owen Penny

But especially,

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (II Tim. 2:15).

YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED



Q: "I know the Scriptures teach that Jesus was sinless, but could he have sinned if he had chosen to do so?"

A: "Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin" (Hebrews 4:14-15). Jesus was tempted, but he did not sin. Could He have sinned? I find it difficult to believe that Jesus would understand the problem of our sin if He could not have sinned. Yes, I believe He could have sinned.

Q: I'm anxious about the future, what shall I do?

A: You are speaking about a common problem of our time about which we need to think. A person who is not a Christian has great cause for anxiety as he or she should be desperately afraid of the future. The Scripture says that "God is angry with the wicked every day" (Psalm 7:11). The proper attitude for a sinner is anxiety and this will continue until he or she believes the Gospel and comes to Christ.

One who is a Christian, however, is told, "Be anxious for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ

Jesus" (Phil. 4:6,7). For the Christian then, the solution to anxiety is earnest prayer that is followed by thanksgiving for divine deliverance. This, to the committed Christian, will produce "the peace of God" and this is wonderful beyond description. It is a mistake to try to solve any problem without God. It is the beginning of wisdom to trust God and look for His guidance into a solution for you.

Q: How can I live above the level of fear and desperation?

A: This should certainly be the goal of every Christian. Notice that once the Bible gives us the cure for anxiety it gives us the key to sustained confidence and peace of mind: "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things" (Phil. 4:8). We tend to become like the object of our contemplation, which is the reason we are commanded to practice higher thinking. Too many believers live small lives because they have not learned to think like Christians. Yes, it is possible to be saved but to come short of Christian thinking. This is why the Scripture tells us, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 2:5).

Q: I have committed my life to Christ, can I now expect to go to heaven?

A: Sure, you can go to heaven, but not because you have "made a commitment to Christ."

It is inexact, misleading preaching that says, come and make your commitment and you will be saved.

The fact is that we are not saved by our commitment to Christ, but by His death on the cross for us. The precise way in which we are saved is that we are saved by faith in His blood. In salvation we receive a free gift of eternal life.

Now, to the saved, an invitation is extended for a commitment. Paul says, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service" (Rom. 12:1). The people who were invited to present their bodies were already brethren. We need millions of committed Christians in today's world, but first we must trust in Christ and the finished work of the cross in order to be born again. The Gospel is not what we can do for God, but what Christ has done for us by His death, His burial and resurrection.

Q: What then should I aspire to accomplish for Christ?

A: Notice that the words describing the commands of Christ to us are active ones. He says, "Go," "Do," "Preach." I would therefore strongly suggest an active initiative in working for Christ. Do not wait necessarily for some golden moment in the future, but the opportunity is now. The very problems of our world are now creating an ever-growing thirst for those with an answer from the Bible. As a believer, you possess that answer and you are called upon to bring that answer in the midst of these days of great opportunity.

THINKING TOGETHER

BREATHLESS WITH ANTICIPATION

We live in a time of fast-moving, swirling events which are coming upon our world with the kind of intensity and rapidity that takes one's breath away. Most of the people of America check the morning news on television with an attitude of "What has taken place during the night that will further destabilize this world of ours?" They are usually not disappointed, because more notable events are occurring in a day than once took place in weeks or months in the slow-moving history of our world. Indeed, history itself seems to be moving faster, which movement, of course, brings us ever closer to the consummation of all things. Because the world senses this, apprehension is certainly the characteristic attitude of the secular mind in our time.

Apprehension, however, should never be the attitude of the believing Christian. For us, life in our time is turning into the great adventure. The heart of the Christian should be filled with delight in that God has called us, privileged us to live in this very provocative generation. We are advised, therefore, in the world to be filled with faith, to be anxious for nothing, to walk with the confidence that only the presence of Christ can bring. By contrast to the troubled spirits of our present age, the Christian should be a towering figure of foundational stability and great purpose. These characteristics will be especially noted and

jealously respected by an envious world which has forgotten the Lord who is, alone, the author of stability and serenity. Rather than give way to apprehension, the Christian must have a heart filled with anticipation. Indeed, he should be breathless with anticipation in times like these.

Anticipation means "to look forward with delight." What then does the Christian anticipate? In our time especially, he looks forward to great opportunity. To the Church of our time, Christ has already said, "*Behold, I have set before you an open door, and no man can shut it*" (Rev. 3:8). Quite obviously, that open door, that opportunity is coming upon us as never before. More and more, the world is saying, "Who can I trust? What can I believe in?" From the world of academia, or politics, or business, or education, no answer appears to be forthcoming to these pressing questions. The answer, of course, can only come from the Word of the living God. That Word, articulated from the lips of the witnessing Christian, can do so much in a time like this. The purpose of the believer in our time, as in all time, is to hold forth the Word of Life. By so doing, the Bible teaches that he will even be instrumental in influencing the course of a crooked and perverse nation among whom he shines as a light in the world. As the world moves into the gloaming of the

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afternoon of its history, the shining light of a Christian's testimony will be more apparent, more illuminating than ever. Above every other emotion in life, the Christian should anticipate opportunity.

He should also anticipate challenging problems. This is true because the world of our time is not a simple place in which to live. Its population is increasing at the rate of 10,000 people per hour. Its mental health is daily disturbed by new awesome considerations. Its very crust is troubled upon occasion with ever-increasing earthquakes. Its leaders meet in pathetic summit conferences to make empty, dangerous promises to one another. Its financiers wonder what they will be worth by noon tomorrow. Its industrialists count their gold coins and newly submit to the lie that these pieces of metal will not, one day, melt and run away.

How shall the Church conduct its ministry in a world like this? The answer is not simple. This means that the Christian leaders of our time must be more thoughtful, yes, more intellectual, more theologically oriented, more doctrinally sound, more perceptive, more prescient, more analytical and more earnest than ever. The pathetic promises of the phenomenalists, the empty charade of the exhibitionists,

the hopeless delusions of the liberationist will no longer suffice as credentials for Christian leadership. The unctuous, torchy song and the vain repetitions of the pulpit will not be adequate to ministry in these days to our perplexed society.

The cheap promise of easy miracle, the religious get-rich-quick schemes, the occult practices of religious television personalities, the simplistic slogans presented by many – these will no longer suffice as the Christian message for our time. They never have.

Rather, the challenging problems inherent in the world and which are now facing the Church can only be met by the careful teaching and preaching of the Word of God. The revival we need today is not one of hypocritical emotion or crocodile tears, it is the revival of sound doctrine. It is the Word which lives and abides forever. The advent of perplexing difficulties should not distress us. Rather, they should press us to levels of prayer and perception which will then lead to greater accomplishments than ever.

Breathless with anticipation – that's what the Christian should be. His anticipation, however, is not for this world alone. It is also anticipation for the glory which is to come. Speaking about this world and the next, the Bible says, *"Our light affliction, which is but for a moment, works for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory"* (II Cor. 4:17). This world, at its best, at

its brightest, at its most fulfilling, is but a passing scene. One day, we will slip away from this human scene and one day, the whole world itself will be consumed and done away with. It is but the stage, the backdrop for the adventure of living this life within it. Then, we are translated to the glory of heaven. Then, and only then, will we see the final fulfillment, the ultimate perfection for which our hearts long. Then we will be with Christ and then we will fully understand why it is that God led us through the problems and perplexities of this life.

But remember, then we will also have the opportunity of hearing what may be the greatest words that we shall know in all of eternity. These are the words of Christ in which He speaks of His

servants who have represented Him well in this world, saying, *"Well done, good and faithful servant...enter thou into the joy of thy lord."* What a day that will be! It is that anticipation that must become the surging motivation of the lives that we live today and every day for Christ.

Yes, indeed, the motivation of our lives must not be money, fame, aggrandizement, fulfillment in the narrow scenes of time. For the Christian, there is something infinitely better! It is heaven, it is eternity. The Apostle Paul committed everything that he had to Christ, *"against that day"* (II Tim. 1:12). That day, the day when eternity supercedes forever the scenes of time – that day may soon be upon us. May we all be ready.

FINALLY



Dear Special Friend of Christian Destiny,

Along with Carol, we together wish to say a most heartfelt thanks to you for your prayers, your love and your support of the ministry of Christian Destiny.

This could be the year when Christ returns for His Church. May we all be ready. In the time that remains, let us labor for our blessed Lord. Thank you for the privilege of being "laborers together" with you and the Lord.

Faithfully yours,

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