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Introduction

It is with utmost care that I wrote this book for a brother. But as I came to understand, more people have been blinded and confounded as to the truth of this matter than any other lies. I am referring to evolution. I have been blinded for four years or even more all the while believing blindly as if truth.

Later, I was confronted to not only give it up but overcome it with joy and faith that stands sure of what I truly believe in. One time while studying during my undergraduate, I met a brother whose was struggling with the same struggle that I have before. He asked me about how I can study Biology and at the same time have faith in God. I saw myself at this brother's struggle as he was educated during his high school with all of Darwin's ideas and even now in his first year in college. His struggle was valid, and he felt very much agitated why things behave as they seem to be.

Upon understanding that this struggle is not unique and many may have been unable to ascertain their faith in Christ because of it, I felt led to write this book. The Lord surely is the greatest scientist I have known. His imprints and glory can be seen in all His creations. I love to share my insights on these and how things are working behind evolution. Few Filipino Christians have tried to write books and none have tried to do it with this topic (at least in the Philippines).

I just do not understand why most Pastors in the United States could write and not many Filipino Pastor's would dare to pick the pens left behind by young revolutionary warriors such as Rizal, Del Pilar, Lopez-Jaena and the likes of Emilio Jacinto of the 19th century generation. These are young and genuine breed of Filipinos whose opinions raged against the Spanish regime then occupying the Philippines. They battled against the tide of Spanish oppression as well as the enslavement of the Filipinos from ignorance to spiritual mockery. Now again is the time when most of the Filipinos have gained the political freedom these heroes have fought and envisioned to see the next generation to rise up and bring the national consciousness to a higher level. This is the next generation, the cry of spiritual freedom that can only free us from the corruption that has taken roots because of filthy lucre. There are simple ways to fight imported and corrupted education. Since most Filipinos agree that they need God, then to follow God is simply to take heed of what is in His Word and do it! We cannot import all ideas stemming from the world. In these days when the prophetic proclamation of Daniel is happening before our eyes, we need to select transformative principles and ideas. Not all the ideas coming from the others must be obeyed and followed but we should filter them out. Our standard is the Bible; I stand on this fearlessly as the backbone of all my presentations and principles. The truths here I have presented are my expansion of what is in the Bible as well as observations.

May you then be encouraged and step up in faith and go courageously to fight against this stronghold in many ways you can. You will know the truth and the truth will set you free!

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Chapter 1

An Education gone awry

God is not dumb. He created the mind to be able to grasp things and appreciate the beauty of its surroundings. When God created man, He formed him just like Himself. He gave man the capacity to decide, to seek God, to understand Him and to understand the things around him. Mind is the first access to the human soul and spirit. The Lord understanding this, commanded Joshua and all the leaders that would follow to read and to study the Bible (Joshua 1:8). He also commanded the whole of Israel through Moses the man of God to instruct their children with them (Deut 6:6-9).

So what is true education anyway? And is there education in Heaven? Is there Science in Heaven? I say unashamedly, yes there is! The Lord declared that when He will reign forever and ever, He will make all things new and remove the old (1 Peter 3:13). That would then be the perfect world where all the foreshadowing things will be removed and the perfect model set (Heb 10:1). Since the Lord is the foremost scientist and teacher, He will not be a boring one. He will be all that we have ever imagined Him to be, a dynamic, bold and graceful scientist and teacher that He is! There will be demonstrations, experimentations will continue as we will try to grow more and more like Him.

The Children will grow in all learning and understand Science the way God designed it to be. Science was not created to merely represent and model the physical phenomena occurring in the world, but because the Creator of Science was both a physical and spiritual being, we then know that there are hidden phenomena where both the physical and the spiritual comes together and the explanation for the physical phenomena gives only a snapshot of the actual reality. The writer of the book of Hebrews referred to this when he wrote, “by faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of the things which are visible” (Heb. 11.3). At present, there are elements that are so limited in explanation that we will understand them later in more detail than now. That would be when He will expound on these things. Currently, the world system dictates Science to be explained only in the physical dimension but not the spiritual one. They set aside the spiritual dimension and make this the basis of rejecting the claims of Creation Science. This is left they claim for religion. These limitations will be removed later and not perfectly until He comes to judge both the living and the dead.

God will then have to re-educate most of us through His renewal program of the earth. “For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth and the former things will not be remembered or come to mind” (Isa. 65:17).

We will all be growing up into His knowledge and wisdom. Do you think there will be no more work for you? With Jesus, working will not be exhausting but all that we would be doing will be a joy to behold and to do. Whether we will be studying the behavior of whales and fishes as well as rocky shores and barnacles, it will not be a chore! Jesus would be there. His presence will be such uplifting that we will actually love what we are doing. Do you think the Creator made the physical world by merely mincing on it and

without thinking on them? Wrong! All that He made from the biggest dinosaurs to the least microorganisms, He declared good to behold (Gen. 1:25)! Most Christian scientists such as microbiologists as well as other Science enthusiasts forget to appreciate and see this aspect of God. They are unable to directly link what they observe with what God has actually done. By doing so, they have missed a lot of what the Lord may want to communicate with them.

In that thousand year reign of Jesus Christ, we will be seeing Him overseeing large schools for the children and the young...He will set the standards of the curriculum and He will set what is to be studied and taught. He will be a Chancellor as well as Adviser to universities. Now what I am telling you seems a utopia but let your eyes be open and think of the coming thousand year earthly reign of Jesus Christ. He will rule the earth and implement sweeping revolutionary changes that would stop the illiteracy and false education of humans.

God's design for education is enlightenment. I read about the French enlightenment but it was more rather of darkness than any shining light that they claim it to be. Voltaire, who was one of the foremost philosophers of that time thought God was the problem. He said he would destroy the whole Bible, but Voltaire died as well as his philosophies with him. The Bible is still read nowadays affirming that the works of man will never prevail against the works of God.

The human heart and mind craves for knowledge and spirituality. The more important of the two is spiritual knowledge and the Lord ensured this by telling the Israelites, "to repeat to their children's ears" what He commanded and told them "to do" (Deut. 6.6-9). Through repetitions either by telling stories or reading them to the youngsters, the truth of God would be more founded in their children's minds and hearts. I have seen this to be true and those who are well verse of the fundamentals can easily tackle the greater more complex ones (Bible lessons and problems of life). Most people who have something to hope for live longer than those who do not have. Experiments with mice placed in utter darkness and those in traps with holes to see the light confirm this. The mice living in traps with holes to see the light survived longer compared to those kept in utter darkness. The NAZI prisoners who survived the concentration camps told us the same things. One of them was Victor Frankl who wrote, "everything can be taken from a man but one thing: the last of the human freedoms - to choose one's attitude in any given set of circumstances, to choose one's own way.." and that there can be no greater role for hope than in desperate life and death situations. His life was riddled with hopelessness in the German concentration camps but he chose to believe that there is hope and though he never explicitly said about God, hope comes from nowhere but God. Would you expect the devil to give you hope? No way!

The Lord prepared the Israelites for governance by giving His laws and instructions. The Israelites then could not say or doubt what the Lord is instructing them to do since their experience was also supernatural and they have seen it as well as it was written. They are always being followed by the Lord's covering of fire or clouds. Such confirmations of what was being taught to them could easily make them grounded in faith

in God...but even these physical manifestations did not guarantee that people would truly believe in God!

To us today, education seems to be boring and outright nothing. You go with the rut of instructions from one level of boredom to another. Yet education was designed to give us enlightenment. Going back to Adam, he was made a perfect man living in a perfect place. We are not perfect and neither do we live in a perfect environment. But as for Adam, when the Lord breathed life in his nostrils, he was made alive:

And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul (Gen. 2.7).

Adam's brain capacity being a sinless man was staggering! He named every living thing--from the behemoth dinosaurs, leopards, fishes and even insects—every living creature he was able to name them! All the world's most popular and trained taxonomists combined together could not even do that in one day. How can just one man give name to all the living creatures in one day (see Gen. 2.19-20)! It can only be because of the large capacity of understanding and supernatural knowledge he was endowed with.

The first teacher

Adam's teacher was no other than the Lord. No wonder this guy can name thousands to millions of animal in just one day. The Bible says, "And the Lord God commanded the man" (Gen. 2.16).

The word commanded might as well mean instructed or educated. So the first teacher on the planet was the Lord Himself and the very first student was no other than Adam. The Lord Jesus would say again later, "Let your light so shine that they glorify your father in Heaven" (Mat 16). That means we spread forth what we have learned and apply it to the glory of the Lord!

Now that we understand that the origin of education was part of God's instructions to us, we therefore know that the founder was the Lord and the basis was no other than His word. Education for Adam is not merely a boring chalk and blackboard routine but a daily walk in the garden with the Lord. It was a one to one study. There would have been none more able to do this than the Lord Himself.

The word instruction means education and to instruct means to give a set of principles or a set of ideas of what should be done. In this way, when the Lord first gave instructions to Adam, the Lord was telling, "It is I who will instruct you". And yes this is the truth. He says again in Isaiah, "And I will bring the blind by a way they knew not; I will lead them in paths they have not known; I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. I will do these things to them, and not forsake them" (Isa 42:16). All the saints of the Lord got their instructions from Him, starting with Adam, Abel, Moses, and David and many others. All of these people we can find in the Bible to have "inquired of the Lord". In the life of David, this phrase was often repeated many times and his failure to do so always leads to devastating blows. Joshua and his army was said to have

committed one grave mistake during their campaign to remove the inhabitants of Canaan...they made a covenant with the Gibeonites without asking the Lord about it. "And the men took their victuals, and asked not the command at the mouth of the Lord" (Josh 9.14) By doing so at their own accord, they were tricked.

This was the case of what happened to education. Satan tricked man in the garden to obey his voice rather than the voice of God. He first questioned God's authority in the lives of Adam and Eve by asking... "did God say so?" Satan questioned God's authority and Eve bought the lie. If these two people were the perfect creation of God and they fell, how much more we are who have come later from these two pillars of the human race? Accumulated sin and decay have totally and irreversibly taken its toll to our thinking; our thinking is reflected today in the general behavior of our society. It is a society that needs reformation, a society filled with conflict and rebellion to God's authority.

Education is a most powerful tool to set the mind of the people. It can bring life, enlightenment and surely it can bless many people. When one man grasps the power of this, they can set aflame and change the way the world is. One such man was Jan Amos Comenius, a humble Moravian bishop who set the modern education stage to where it is today. His thesis was that, by shining the light of God to an ignorant world, all the evils of society will fled from the light! Without this man's work on education, it is impossible to have imagined a freer world. As powerful as education can be, it can also bring much destruction, heresy and confusion when the basis becomes deception. Therefore this tool was used by satan to trick man by questioning God's authority. He did by inserting the theory of evolution as a widely accepted deception into the scientific and education circle of today. Evolution in reality still argues and asks, "hath God really said this?"

By starting to question the basis of true education which is no other than a solid foundation in the Word of God, we have removed half of the power of the light beam. When the light beam works only half of its energy requirement, you won't expect it to function correctly. This is the reason why we should not expect people with PhDs as well as those we say to be educated from elite schools to be the panacea for the society. They are a victim as well as we are of the deceptions of the devil. We can only expect true guidance from the One above. True education therefore means transformation from within in accordance to God's instruction. Our goal in education is not to produce merely brainy people, but people with the right heart and the right mind. The right mind comes when the right heart has been set. By removing God in the Sciences, we have lost true connection of what is right and what is wrong thereby espousing evil in the society that only spins again and again. If you remove the fear of God, you cannot expect a stable and good society to sprout even in 1000 years. Sin is a stumbling block to any society or nation. Without God, there will be no light to shine. No true education to mold the minds of the young generation; therefore we should not expect a righteous society when we have removed the Lord in the portals of our educational curriculums.

Chapter 2

The power of education

No one may have thought among us that education alone can bring great power to transform the society we are living in. Most of us cling to it because we simply need it and it is a requirement. But realize this that if the Lord came to teach us on earth and preach the WORD to common village folks as well as to the cultured arrogant people before, then we know that education is a most powerful tool we cannot ignore and allow to deteriorate. It is a weapon that none of us have realized its power yet.

One of those groups of motley people Jesus taught before includes a group of ignorant fishermen. Yet, after leaving the earth, having just taught them for about three years, these common village folks were transformed to confident leaders and apostles! These apostles were said to have “through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped *the* mouths of lions” (Heb. 11:33) and “turned the world upside down” (Acts 17:6). How did Jesus do such a feat in so short a time? It can be said that it is because of the Holy Spirit but more so because He taught them! We find the Lord teaching them always and bringing His disciples with Him where ever He goes.

We understand that education is used today in our country to position people to government and private posts. In this nation, we value education. This is a right thing to do. But we have not always produced the best fruit that we should have with our teachings. I suppose that all those apostles were no elementary or high school graduates yet Jesus was able to transform them for so short a time. The secret lies in righteousness.

We encounter the Lord teaching in John 14:6 “Jesus said to him, I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no one comes to the Father but by Me”. The apostles were able to zero in on to that. Though they do not have the money, the buildings, or the apparels, or the priestly education of their times, they knew they have the best teacher the world will ever see. I could have gladly exchanged my all just to study under His instruction. He taught them the real way, the real truth, and the real life. I wonder why philosophers dig so much about the question of life when the answer is not a statement or observation but a Person. I suppose they have all looked in strange places rather than upwards to the Light above. The simple thing is if we will know the truth, we will know Him and we can search for the truth by starting in His word with an open heart. Voltaire refused to do so and he died an atheist and now a forgotten guy, but Jesus’ teachings have survived the past 2000 years and He still has the largest following. His words still ring in the pulpit and His word is still being read. The Bible declares that the heart of man is where the seeds of God are sown. It sprouts and grows depending on the level of acceptance of the person of the truth. To those who are very open, they will get more and learn more.

And He was saying to them, “If any man has ears to hear, let him hear. And He said to them, Take heed what you hear. With that measure which you measure, it shall be measured to you. And to you who hear, more shall be given. For he who has, more shall be given to him; and he who has not, from him shall be taken even that which he has.” (Mk 4:23-25).

These verses suggest that teachings from spoken and written words have the power to directly influence man's heart and mind. Spoken words by teachers have the power to shake things in the lives of the students whether the teacher is aware of this or not. If the teacher is evil, only evil will be sown and grown in the heart of the student. Since the Lord was the greatest teacher, He was able to calm the fears of His disciples so that later they stood grounded by faith and "subdued kingdoms". By Kingdom, we just do not refer to castles and territories, but also the strongholds on ones' life or family or city. It is noteworthy that Martin Luther, a German monk would be given a revelation of God's Word. He was just an obscure monk living in an obscure place and in an obscure country. But without this humble man, there will be no democracy today; there will be no freedom of religion. By opening the Word and preaching the Word to the common masses in his own common language, many people bowed to the Lord and were freed from religious deception implemented by the Roman church during those days. Just a single word or sentence from the Lord, "that faith justifies man for his salvation", changed the whole outlook of the world and determined the destiny of the many nations ever since.

Evolution

Evolution is an outright lie. It is not a new thing; it is a masked religion that hides itself up in the recesses of Science pretending to be fact. It is the same old concept of questioning the authority of God, "Hath God said?" Yet even this, the Lord was able to uproot in His disciples, so that they submitted wholly to His authority and even to man. We have therefore the same confidence that this old lie by an old deceiver can be broken in the lives of millions.

The spirit of religion masks and hides itself and this evolution is part of its plan to blind people from seeing the Son of God. From the beginning, satan's lie was that God isn't God that He claims to be and that he is. To do that, he crafted a plan to destroy Adam and Eve right in the garden! As devious as he was before, today, he did that with education as well as culture. God founded the garden of Knowledge and that is part of education. Yet as before, satan crept in slowly before firing his scud missile. He hid himself like the deceitful serpent that he was and masterfully injected evolution into the mainstream of Science.

This is why the Lord has always included in the Ten Commandments that He alone should be worshipped and no one must make idols to worship it. Even before in His foresight, He knew that satan would creep in just as in the parable Jesus had spoken where a farmer went to sow seeds in the field, and in the night tares were sown by the devil.

"Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field:
But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way." (Matt. 13.24-25KJV).

The field of science is a vast field where God has actually planted many seeds, and these seeds including the bad seeds have sprouted in the field of science. This is why we know science to be both a tool that can be used for good or for evil. The NAZIs during the World War II made use of Jewish prisoners as test animals for conducting human experiments in an unparalleled violence. They treated them as animals since they are not of the Arian race, and therefore are inferior even sub-human. Even the idea of having a pure breed through eugenics were also tested by the NAZIs by mating only pure Germans and the seed of the union would be taken care of by the government to be used as pure bred seeds of the Arian race; that Hitler used so much as a reason to extinguish the Jews. Even the Americans used a defoliant called agent orange that destroyed thousands of hectares of Vietnamese mangroves during the Vietnam War. At the same time as we have seen how science can be destructive, we are also enjoying unequalled convenience in our lives through the discoveries of science from vaccines, pharmaceutical drugs, organic and artificial fertilizers to cell phones & to laptops and many more.

Evolution however is different whether you look at it directly or indirectly. It is an idol that seeks to confuse the people of God and bring them to bondage and unbelief. It behooves us to ask questions that are not easy to answer not unless you will truly seek. Some examples are, “is this really true? How sure are we that this is the real Word of God?” Let us backtrack a little bit. The good reason why the Lord allowed the tares to actually grow until the harvest time in the end is because he doesn’t want to disturb the growing good seeds which can become unstable by removing the tares up when uprooting them. Another is that by allowing the tares to grow, the true seeds will actually become stronger as they develop resistance and competition with the tares. In the natural this is not easy. It means that the Lord equally tries to guide everyone but only those who would pause and try to hear Him would actually yield to Him. The others can be taken and overgrown by the tares planted by the devil. In the end, we have no excuse as we will all be going where our lives have been set-up. Those who veered away from righteousness will fall to eternal damnation and those who followed God to the end of their lives to eternal bliss (Joh 3.16, Matt 13.41-43). Those who won’t seek will not find and no justification will be accepted in the end because all were given years of life to find what truth is and what is not. Pastor Ed Lapiz of the Day by Day Christian ministries tells us to “simplify things”. One way to do this is to find what the first real priority of life is. Then to follow this up by reading others who found the pathway to enlightenment. I have no better recommendation than to find it in the Bible and look to Jesus for help.

Thus the Lord declared to us before, “I am the Lord; that is my name! I will not give my glory to anyone else. I will not share my praise to mere idols” (Isaiah 42.8 NLT).

But take heart for the Lord shall do a most wonderful thing, just as He shattered the idols of before old, evolution, like satan has fallen already. We may not see it clearly, but God has declared He alone remains Supreme! Not even this stronghold of evolution will be able to stand when the sword of God is unsheathed.

As educators then, we have a most wonderful opportunity to teach creation, to pattern education in God's word. That can be done. We can create courses that are patterned after God's Word because He is able to give wisdom when we seek Him.

In Heaven this is what they do. As God declared in His word, "nothing evil or lie will be allowed in heaven" (Rev. 21.27), then surely the account of creation is part of what is being taught in heaven. The perspective of courses would all be based on the Word of God. That does not mean we will all have to create a theology course. That would not work either but rather we incorporate the perspective of God in what we are doing from Science to even other courses. This may not come fully but it would be great to have it.

God is worshipped and He instructs even little children in Heaven! Seeing that this is what is happening there, and knowing that God has commanded us to teach our children about God and His ways, we must be faithful to do this. I have heard many Christians who consider singing songs and waving hands as worship to God, but studying, they seldom have even considered it to be an act of worship! But the truth is, when you study God and His ways by studying His creation and having your understanding opened, you are also beholding God and worshipping His majesty! In my vocabulary, worship means to exalt God. And I can exalt God not only by singing but even by what I do and how I behave.

To glorify God, education is one of the best field we can do that, and we can do it the best we can. Satan has twisted the meaning of education by teaching that this is a neutral ground and no area to preach Jesus Christ. The German philosopher Alfred Sohn Rethel wrote that the thinking of the people will be reflected in the kind of society they will have. The outcome can be seen today in any society---materialism abounds, divorces and immorality is at an all time high, misunderstanding from within people groups and even without are overwhelmingly high. Instruction is part of our heritage from the table of the Lord; we must take back this area and shine the light of God once again. To be in the neutral ground is to be in the most vulnerable position.

Chapter 3

Evolution is a pollution of the mind, a source of confusion!

"For nothing is secret that shall not be revealed; nor secret which shall not be known and come to be revealed" (Luk 8:17)

When one passes by a garbage or land fill site, the stench of the area cannot be covered. Even when one also passes by a polluted river or port, one can smell the stench arising from the black water. There are many lakes and rivers today which are polluted and dying. Restoration ecology and environmental conservation were all birthed to counter these trends in nature due to man's impact on the environment. Today the mind of man is not pretty much different from these polluted areas. Sin has darkened the mind of man in such a way that many could not distinguish what is right from what is wrong. It has become pretty much a society filled with relativism. Sin in the end will not care whether

you know or not, but sin filled societies existed even before our days. The prophet Jonah was sent to preach the gospel of repentance even in the days of Nineveh's imperial power in the Middle east before. He preached with reluctance but only after the encounter with the big fish that swallowed him up. What amazes me is that when he preached, all of Nineveh bowed before God! In contrast Noah preached for 100 years that his neighbors should repent but not one was even converted. Probably no other prophet was as successful as Jonah in converting a whole nation towards God in one day of preaching and in a record of one sentence, "Yet forty days and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" (Jon 3.4). Yet even after his success, he still wanted a full revenge against the Ninevites who during those days are known for violence from impaling in poles bodies of their conquered enemies to butchering pregnant women. The Ninevites simply do not deserve any mercy in Jonah's mind. Yet God gave mercy even to the most violent nation of that period.

Sin has reached the ears of God for this generation and He will no more turn a deaf ear. Sin darkens the mind, gives a faulty heart conviction and blurs the vision towards issues of eternity in one's life. Man's heart was designed to be indwelt by the Word of God richly (Col. 3.16). But we have turned a blind eye to this truth. By doing so, we have worsened our own condition. Adam's blessed stage cannot be compared to, his natural mind can comprehend all things so clearly and so vast that he was able to name thousands and thousands of animals in one day! Think about that feat, even now with our computers, it is hard to think and memorize all the names of animals that we have. What we have now is actually only a fraction of the capacity that Adam had. The reason for this is the effect of decay that has been increasing since Adam's fall. Our inventions such as robots and computers have kept this at bay.

Consider what the Lord spoke to Adam for his disobedience, "Because you listened to your wife and ate the fruit I told you not to eat, I have placed a curse on the ground. All your life, you will struggle to scratch a living from it" (Gen. 3.17).

All the struggles that we have had to contend now arose from this curse, but thanks be to God for what Adam had lost, the Last Adam, Jesus Christ had regained through the cross! Today we still struggle to make a living, to find a job and start our jobs right but with Jesus Christ the labor becomes easier. Paul had even this to say, that if we don't work, we should not eat. Because sin was sown by man, sin has to be reaped by man also. We therefore have the innate capacity to do both good and evil because of the fall of man eating the fruit of the tree of good and evil. This sin nature is what Jesus took away with the cross. This so called old man in us was nailed to the cross by Jesus Christ (Eph. 4.22; Col. 2.14).

In the beginning

God has placed two trees in the garden to enable Adam and Eve to fully choose whom they would serve. They were instructed before not to eat of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

“And out of the ground Jehovah God caused to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food. The tree of life also was in the middle of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil

And Jehovah God commanded the man, saying, You may freely eat of every tree in the garden,

but you shall not eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. For in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die” Gen 2:9, 16-17

But when the serpent came, both did not resist. Eve bought satan’s lie first and then influenced Adam’s decision and in doing so, both fell to sin and the human race was doomed. Even so, in His great love, He would curse the ground and still promised deliverance that would be fulfilled by Jesus Himself. The cursing of the ground would teach Adam what is the difference between serving the Maker and the creature. Think of it, the Lord punished Adam, but at the same time He did not left them destitute in darkness forever but He promised a deliverance. Would not that touch yourself if you were in Adam’s place? Some One would redeem your sin and mistake! That is exactly what Jesus did for us when He became the sacrificial Lamb for our redemption from sin and death. A man brought sin upon us so another man would need to pay back and redeem us for the sin we have.

“For since death is through man, the resurrection of the dead also is through a Man. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all will be made alive.”

1Cor 15:21-22

“There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

But the Law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.” Rom 8:1-2

In His death, in His crucifixion, the bible says, He triumphed!

“And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and has taken it out of the way, nailing it to the cross.

Having stripped rulers and authorities, He made a show of them publicly, triumphing over them in it.” Col 2:13-15

Thus, because of sin, it was like a Pandora’s Box that released or justified satan to oppress people and imprison them with sin. Sin is a contrasting character to that of a Holy God, this is therefore the domain of the evil one and when one agrees to sin, one have agreed unequivocally to the devil’s lie and bondage. By doing so, one is a slave of satan. The apostle John wrote,

“Everyone who abides in Him does not sin. Everyone who sins has not seen Him nor known Him.

Little children, let no one deceive you. He who does righteousness is righteous, even as that One is righteous.

He who practices sin is of the Devil, for the Devil sins from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was revealed, that He might undo the works of the Devil.”

1Jo 3:6-8

Moreover, the Apostle Paul wrote that in the last days, “grievous times will be at hand” (2Ti 3:1).

“For men will be self-lovers, money-lovers, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, unyielding, false accusers, without self-control, savage, despisers of good, traitors, reckless, puffed up, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness, but denying the power of it; even turn away from these (2Ti 3:2 -5)

This has already happened in our watch. Seducing spirits are already at work, and one these is no other than the cloak of religion. This spirit of religion seeks to imprison people in a form of worship and life that is full of rut. It does not bring life at all but a bondage of “do nots and do so.” Religiosity is idolatry and idolatry simply means hatred of God. Christianity is not a form religion but rather a way of life. When Jesus came on earth, He did not come and preached, about religion, He preached and demonstrated the Kingdom of God with signs and wonders. He said “I am the way, the truth and the life” (Jn 14.6)

Creeping Idolatry

As I have written above, idolatry is the most hated sin. It comes in many forms and the first direct command of God is the first direct counter to this sin. In the ten commandments, God directed the first two to address this tendency of man specifically to worship the created rather than the Creator.

“You shall have no other gods before Me.

You shall not make to yourselves any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in the heavens above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

You shall not bow yourself down to them, nor serve them. For I Jehovah your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the sons to the third and fourth generation of those that hate me,

and showing mercy to thousands of those that love Me and keep My commandments”

(Exo 20:3 -6)

Even the apostle Paul emphasized this observed tendency of man that has rarely changed even from Moses to Paul and from Adam to our generation.

“For the unseen things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being realized by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, for them to be without excuse.

Because, knowing God, they did not glorify Him as God, neither were thankful. But they became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

Professing to be wise, they became fools

and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man, and birds, and four-footed animals, and creeping things.

Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their own bodies between themselves.

For they changed the truth of God into a lie, and they worshiped and served the created thing more than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

For this cause, God gave them up to dishonorable affections. For even their women changed the natural use into that which is against nature” (Rom 1:20 -26).

We can condemn the early generations from the Baal worshipping inhabitants of the fertile crescent to the Zeus worshipping Greeks to the Romans who worshipped Jupiter. Yet our generation has the most subtle of all this idolatry. We do not see the graven images that we worship compared to these centuries old civilizations, but the apostle Paul emphasized that worshipping anything other than the Creator is a form of idolatry (Rom. 1.25). When we exchange our affection and priorities to our carnal desires and irrelevant priorities, we have then exchanged God to perishable things whose existence is even improbable in the next life. This doesn't mean we do not invest for our future but when we gave up everything in order to follow things that do not have relevance before the Lord, then we are chasing just the non-essentials of life. There is a great tendency for me to get unbalanced in my priorities, so what I do is to usually spend the day by spending time with the Lord through meditating His word. This way, I can start my day with His presence and this makes my day more productive compared to when I just start it by doing my work first and then at the end of the day, I find myself crawling to my bedside. I do not recommend this as a pattern for all, but finding the right priorities of your life is a necessity for your survival and connection to the Lord.

The apostle John wrote at the end of his first epistle: “Little children, guard yourselves from idols. Amen” (1Jo 5:21). Why would the Lord tell this thing when He knows that in the future such as our days, there would be no idols anymore? Again, our definition becomes faulty when we limit the meaning of idolatry to graven images, pictures and busts. The reality of idolatry encompasses much more than the graven images. Rather, they symbolize what actually happens behind. This can be illustrated at one time when my wife prod me that I do not spend as much time with her as I do with my work. She complained that I do not love her as much as I do with my work. That statement has caught me unaware but it was true. I was spending more time with my work and less time

with her. Work is secondary to people. It is much more less a priority compared to our families.

Striking the balance here is quite sensitive and not easy but we can simplify it as I should do spend more time with my wife except during emergency circumstances of a need in the job I am holding now. In the same way as this, the less we spend time with God should awaken us where we are spiritually. We then know that the place or the things that are taking our time more than we really invest in our relationship with God is a sure idol that needs to be broken! Again, this doesn't mean we should make our time spent with God with that of our job; the point here is to spend time with the Lord and hear His directives today. It should be a morning by morning hearing as He is our daily Bread for the sustenance of our being. This we cannot expect to happen with others who do not know the Lord but we should expect it of ourselves. The prophet Isaiah wrote concerning the Israelites who fell into idolatry after just a few years in the land of Canaan:

“Listen to me, O house of Jacob, and all the remnant of the house of Israel, who are borne by Me from the belly, who are lifted from the womb; even to old age I am He; and to gray hairs I will bear you. I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you.
To whom will you compare Me, and make Me equal, and compare Me, that we may be alike?

They pour gold out of the bag, and weigh silver out of the measuring rod, and hire a goldsmith; and he makes it a god; they fall down, yea, they bow down.
They carry it on the shoulder, they carry it and set it in its place, and it stands; it shall not move from its place. Yes, one shall cry to it, yet it cannot answer, nor save him out of his trouble.

Remember this, and be a man; return it on your heart, O sinners.
Remember former things from forever; for I am God, and no other is God, even none like Me,” (Isa 46:3 -9).

Making idols is easy these days with just all the automatic machines, we can cut and carve wood easily but this does not mean that we worship it. Nowadays what afflicts most of us is the heart condition. If you would survey all countries from the developed to the most undeveloped countries, the most prevalent diseases are heart diseases. This mirrors in the spirit what is the reality of our conditions today. We suffer from ill-affections. We do not know how to distinguish what is right and true from what is false and what is evil. Idolatry was the greatly warned sin that Israel can fall through when they were just about to enter the Land of Canaan and the Lord gave Moses a stern warning that we need even today.

“And Jehovah said to Moses, Behold, you shall sleep with your fathers. And this people shall rise up and go lusting after the gods of the strangers of the land into which they are going, into their midst. And they will forsake Me and break My covenant which I made with them.

Then My anger shall be kindled against them in that day, and I will forsake them. And I will hide My face from them, and they shall be devoured, and many evils and troubles

shall befall them, so that they will say in that day, Have not these evils come on us because our God is not among us? And I will surely hide My face in that day for all the evils which they have done, for they shall turn to other gods” (Deu 31:16 -18).

The Israelites then fell just when there was no visible and dynamic leader that was leading them anymore.

“And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of Jehovah, died, being a hundred and ten years old.

And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in Timnath-heres, in mount Ephraim, on the north side of the hill Gaash.

And also all that generation was gathered to their fathers. And there arose another generation after them who did not know Jehovah, nor even the works which He had done for Israel.

And the sons of Israel did evil in the sight of Jehovah, and served Baals.

And they forsook Jehovah, the God of their fathers, who brought them out of the land of Egypt. And they followed other gods of the gods of the people who were around them, and bowed themselves to them, and provoked Jehovah to anger.

And they forsook Jehovah and served Baal and Ashtaroth” (Jdg 2:8 -13).

If you would count the years that followed from Moses to Joshua and then to the last of the leaders of the generation who captured the Promised land, it is not even more than 100 years. The book of Judges records the cycle of defeat and victory of the Israelites over their surrounding enemies. The Lord always tried to chasten them with the surrounding pagan nations. This should be a stern warning for us that Idolatry is not an easy enemy but can creep so easily & so subtle than we need always to guard ourselves from this enemy. As foolish as the Israelites were before (having grown complacent and cold to the Lord) the Sciences and the Education which were discovered by Christians such as Jan Amos Comenius, Freidrich Froebel and even John Calvin to shed God’s light to a gravely ill-world was used to sow seeds of idolatry. In a very subtle manner, Christian scientists became easily outnumbered in a space of less than 50 years in the profession just by the publication of Darwin’s masterpiece of deceit “Origin of the species”.

Origin of Education

Education in the easiest definition means transfer of knowledge. This has been happening from the time the Lord taught Adam, the first man in the garden (see Gen. 2 & 3). This was then transferred by man himself to educating his own family and children. The ancient civilizations such as China, as well as Greece do this formally with courts and Kings being tutored by eminent scholars and philosophers. Ancient Egypt whose engineering feat cannot be matched by any in the ancient civilizations has a fairly advanced civil engineering and mathematics as well as medicine. All of these advances have been accumulated gain of knowledge but that each wave of advances could only be possible by contacts with other people who have been sources of innovative ideas.

The origin of metallurgy for example is being traced to the Hittites who used iron implements, Chariots with that of Egypt as well as paper. But all of these advances have always been related to religious vocation of man. The Egyptian priests are also teachers in the court of the Kings. Religion therefore has been greatly etched in the heart of man as essential to his existence and civilization. This again can be traced back to Adam, where when God has fashioned man, He has also placed that supernatural desire within us to worship something. Man therefore when not introduced to God will try to find an expression for this to express his worship. In many societies until today which have not known Christ, still do worship many gods of colorful array and varied shapes of carvings. All of these attest to the heart of man having been distinctly carved by God Himself to either seek Him or a substitute of Him. All people who have not known Christ found another god. The animists of the Philippines such as formerly in the Cordillera mountainous regions of Benguet, Kalinga, Apayao and Abra worship gods they do not know and they dance in colorful apparel with loud chants, the most famous of their gods is called Kabunian. In the case of Ancient Canaan, they call their god Baal or Ashtarot, the Ancient Egyptians call their god Sun God Ra.

Jan Amos Comenius

During the Medieval times, education was developed from Abbeys and Monasteries. Most of the advances were led by Christian abbeys and church teachers for example, Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274), a Dominican theologian, taught at the University of Paris and made Realism acceptable to Christianity. Basing his Realist philosophy on education, concrete and visual, Aquinas believed humans possess a physical body and a spiritual soul. Aquinas portrayed the teacher's vocation as then combining faith, love, and learning. The next wave of advances were also added by other Christians such as Jan Amos Comenius who was a humble Moravian bishop. He lived in the period when the religious freedom is not a word to be spoken about. He lived in the days when one word against the Roman church authorities can literally put your families to danger. Yet in spite of this, he was able to write more than 150 books with 50 uncompleted and most of his books deal with the subject of education.

He became the spokesman of the need for equal education to women when the time for equal rights between men and women are being questioned. He wrote *Orbis Pictus* in 1638, the first textbook with pictures thinking that the children should have a joyful education reflecting heaven's atmosphere. The impact of the book later led to audio-visual techniques in the classroom. After Sweden saw his work, they asked him to organize and manage their schools which even today his influence to the Swedish educational system can be felt. Later in his later years, he even proposed establishing colleges with laboratories with the main task of discovering and extending knowledge in all fields. In fact he wrote a book about this in 1640 but was published only until 1960.

Freidrich Froebel

The work of Jan Amos Comenius was carried on by Freidrich Froebel who is best known as the founder of the concept of Kindergarten. From 1808 to 1810 he attended the

training institute run by John Pestalozzi at Yverdon. Froebel left the institution accepting the basic principles of Pestalozzi's theory: permissive school atmosphere, emphasis on nature, and the object lesson. However, he saw it unfit to merely feed the mind and neglect to feed the spirit of man. He was a strong believer that a man is a tripartite being whose soul and spirit should be fed. Taking Pestalozzi's principles, he added the spiritual dimension. He felt that something was missing in Pestalozzi's theory: the "spiritual mechanism" that, according to Froebel, was the foundation of early learning. "Pestalozzi takes man existing only in appearance on earth," he said, "but I take man in his eternal being, in his eternal existence." Froebel's philosophy of education rested on four tenets: free self expression, creativity, social participation, and motor expression. Froebel began to focus on the needs of children just prior to entering school. He envisioned a place attended by 4-6 year olds where children would be nurtured and protected from outside influences—like plants in a garden. Froebel decided to call his school kindergarten, which in German means "A child's garden." Another innovation from Froebel was the creation of the first formal college for teachers to train them for his schools.

The impact of the works of Froebel and Comenius cannot be discounted with their emphasis on learning to discover what the Creator has for us in the creation of his hands. Both advocated education that would benefit not just the mind of man but would also include the salvation of his soul. These advances however were carried to another level by other philosophers. The philosophy of separating God from learning and putting only the mind as the highest level of man blurred and hindered true advancement of knowledge. By removing God from the school system, many more discoveries that could have only originated by his inspiration continue to become elusive. The field of discoveries for these has not even been touched! No matter how many Nobel prize winning scientist have been awarded more awaits the Christians who would be willing to get in touch with the greatest Scientist of all time. The dilution of emphasis on God came by way through the philosophies of man being given emphasis rather than the Word of God. In the 1000 year reign of Christ Jesus, we will spend a great deal of time unlearning many of these things that are currently in place. The system of man will not be tolerated anymore. We cannot expect true peace to come when we do not teach our Children the peace that comes from God (Phil.4-7). Our sin of forgetting God and not acknowledging his work in this area have caused many of the faulty production of curricula that we have which does not benefit the society as a whole. Such curriculum which we have today devoid of God brings us face to face with the growing evil which we see today. What we sow, that is what we reap. We cannot expect a purely humanistic curriculum to bring out an inner change and transformation in man. That alone cannot change the society no matter how many times we emphasize it.

True education and the evils of society

The foundation of education was laid by Christians and this alone shed a great light against ignorance and superstition which have clouded the mind of man ever since. The printing press which was invented by Johann Guttenberg has facilitated the spread of

knowledge everywhere. This was to fulfill the prophecy given to Daniel that in the last days, “knowledge shall increase”. This is what Jesus was telling us when He said: “you shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free” (Jo 8.32). Education is nothing less than discovering what is there already. It is in short KNOWING THE TRUTH. When we know the truth both as a person and His doings, we have a big bonus while alive on earth today. The emphasis from Biblical truths to a more humanistic emphasis happened as a result of empty philosophers gaining grounds in education. As mentioned by Paul,

“But the Spirit expressly says that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and teachings of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, being seared in their own conscience” (1Ti 4:1 -2).

Demonic teachings that are being mentioned here do not only refer to cultic teachings that have abounded and twisted the meaning of truth. This also refers more generally to the teachings we can see emphasized today. Darwin’s theory of evolution which have been praised by man and put into pedestal for the past 200 years is one example of a demonic teaching. This however is not only implanted by satan but it could have been resisted and taken down by its head and cut-off. During the deliberations in the 1860’s when Darwin published the “Origin of the species”, the most popular explanation before this period was that God created all things and that Noah’s flood played a pivotal role for the development of the species as we see them today through what George Cuvier put forth as theory of Catastrophism and Palley’s explanation of the origin of species through “natural theology”. Both Palley and Cuvier were Christians who took pains to explain the natural world through what the Bible says. They believe that if the Bible is true, then so we can find firm the evidence laid forth in nature.

These explanations were however supplanted by the “the origin of the species” explanation of Darwin as evidences from the natural world became more and more related to what is only natural to the mind. This was prophetic of the name of a scientist before which is entitled as “Naturalist” or one who studies nature. During the Victorian era when Darwin’s ideas were not as popular as today, the most accepted explanations were Cuvier’s and Palley’s divine creation. This changed however as a result of the abandonment of most of these naturalists of the guiding book of their lives—the Bible. England became more and more secular as a result of these changes. No English science publication could have influenced and speed up the secularization of the world better than did Darwin’s work which later on was carried by the Americans. From the late 19th century onwards, the bulk of science was directed towards proving the existence of evolution. No Christian scientists stood against this enormous wall, and most of them lost their voices. This vacuum was all that satan needed to fill the world with his filth of evolution teaching that man is merely a physical being with no distinct origin except a cup of molecules that formed together by itself and the concept of eternal future became clouded for most. Paul wrote:

“If anyone teaches otherwise, and does not consent to wholesome words (those of our Lord Jesus Christ), and to the doctrine according to godliness, he is proud, knowing nothing. He is sick concerning doubts and arguments, from which comes envy, strife, evil speakings, evil suspicions,

meddling, of men whose minds have been corrupted and deprived of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness. Withdraw from such. But godliness with contentment is great gain” (1Ti 6:3 -6).

In essence Darwin’s work espoused many evils and it implies no eternal future for man. It implies no moral obligation of whatsoever. The most probable reason of why immediately Darwin’s idea became so popular was because for most of Victorian era, the orthodoxy and Christianity became so lifeless and boring for most scientists who were genuinely curious and seeking a natural explanation for the things in nature. The Bible did not explicitly explained these things, but only in so broad and so general that it made sense they should find what is it.

Curiosity and the genuineness of inquiry is an ingredient that God has placed in all of us. The difference for most of the naturalists who arise during this period was that in the field, more and more of non-Christian scientists worked on these areas. Although I should say that at both Universities of Cambridge and Edinburgh who produced a lot of the naturalists who chartered the course of Science during this time, those who were holding chairs of these voyages were also theologians ().

Paul wrote that we should not be deceived by any means (2Th 2:3). And that,

“For though walking about in flesh, we do not war according to flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not fleshly, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds, pulling down imaginations and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought into the obedience of Christ (2Co 10:3 - 5)

On these grounds, true education consists of observation with the natural world as well as explanations of the natural using the Bible as a measuring rod for all that we postulate. If we want a society that is bathed with truth and light, then the word of God which is the Light needs to be re-read and rediscovered in its application to modern education. Once more the creation movement is on the move poised to gain grounds as in the 100 years we have gained evidences of incompatibility of Darwin’s theory with many of the observed phenomena. I will elsewhere describe more of this in the coming chapters.

Further readings can be found on the following websites:

<http://www.creationscience.com/onlinebook/index.html>

<http://www.answersingenesis.org/>

<http://www.icr.org/>

Chapter 4 Humanism—the worship of man

“There is a way which seems right to a man, but the end of it is the ways of death” (Pro 14:12).

Humanism in the briefest definition is no other than bowing to man. It is the worship of man cloaked in various ways. Religion played a pivotal role to man’s development. This includes the false religions that we see today as well as those that existed yesterday. The difference these religions have from Christianity is that distinctly these were originating from man’s view point and not from God’s point of view. Humanism today evolved and had become more subtle and more difficult to distinguish compared to a carved stone or a carved wood. Humanism today has been greatly incorporated to every fibre of society from Darwinism in colleges and schools to Nazism, Eugenics, as well as empty intellectualism. I define empty intellectualism as any pursuit that in the end does not glorify the Lord but brings death and corruption. These include philosophies that are simply used to reason against the Truth Himself. These are what Paul the apostle called, “every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God”, and that we need to capture it and bring it into “the obedience of Christ” (2 Cor 10.5) . Thus the Christian has been tasked himself by God to actually overcome these things. These we do not only by speaking or what we call as apology but we need to demonstrate them just as Jesus Christ demonstrated His supernatural origin by miracles, signs and wonders, we demonstrate these facts of God in nature through laboratory and field experiments and discoveries. What is lacking today among Christians is the funding and the organization to unify together to form institutes of higher learning which both have publications and training for Christian scientists.

The weakness of the Christian scientists in the past century had been to simply venerate and tell about God without due diligence to conduct researches in nature (some did but the majority did not). The widespread effort to overcome evolution was quite in fact weak simply because the evolutionists made concrete showings of evidences against Creationism that appeals more to the senses of the common man. When the Christians stopped paying attention to the fact that they need to present common evidence in nature and explain the phenomena in both the laboratory and the field, they lost more ground until Christianity was forced to its heels in mere Churches and so called pulpit ministries. From the beginning, God’s mandate to man was to subdue the earth.

“And God created man in His image; in the image of God He created him. He created them male and female.
And God blessed them. And God said to them, Be fruitful, and multiply and fill the earth, and subdue it. And have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the fowl of the heavens, and all animals that move upon the earth” (Gen 1:27 -28).

In order for us to subdue the earth, we need to contain and explore all the fields and fill it with the knowledge of God. The prophet Habakkuk wrote: the “Knowledge of God shall fill the earth”. This means literally that it will incorporate everything not just the pulpit every Sunday but rather it will bring all the knowledge areas which today we have divided into a vast array of divisions and arrogantly labeled them as it has nothing to do

with God. Many in that day will get shocked for what the Lord will do including Christians who were not discerning or inquiring from the Lord.

“For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of Jehovah, as the waters cover the sea” (Hab 2:14).

As the Lord spoke through this prophet, in the future everything that has been contrary to God will be discounted and burned. It will not stand the Lord’s test fire, and this does not mean that while it is not happening yet, we would just sit and wait. This is a passive Christianity that is not proactive and cooperative with the word of God. This tendency of passivity by Christians is in part what gave rise to most of the evil philosophies that have today. When we are not advancing in all the forefronts that God called us to be, from education to a just government ruling, we are found retreating. Satan is in fact only using the tools that God have already placed for us to use and advance His cause. Only during the times that the Christians have lowered their guard have these evils been promulgated. It is not a happy ending for me to see and observe that Europe which was once the origin of reformation can be seen as a laggard today in Christianity. In Germany there are even more erotic shops than any Christian bookstores can be found today. If Martin Luther would be alive today such stores won’t be found in his motherland.

A decade of shakings

“For so says Jehovah of Hosts: Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land.

And I will shake all the nations; and the desire of all nations shall come; and I will fill this house with glory, says Jehovah of Hosts.

The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine, says Jehovah of Hosts.

The glory of this latter house shall be greater than that of the former, says Jehovah of Hosts. And in this place I will give peace, says Jehovah of Hosts” (Hag 2:6-9).

The coming years will see quite a different scene compared previously but those who are prepared will not need to worry of what is coming because the Bible clearly outlines the next stages. Correctly as what the prophet Haggai has written above, today we are feeling these changes of shaking by God. This shaking is occurring not just in the middle east, such as Lebanon, Iraq, Egypt and Afghanistan but even in Europe. God is currently shaking all things whose foundation is not firmly founded in Him. This shaking will not stop until His last worldwide revival (Hab 2:14) will come and take His children back home.

“For we say this to you by the Word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord shall not go before those who are asleep.

For the Lord Himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ shall rise first.

Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air. And so we shall ever be with the Lord” (1Th 4:15) .

The decade of shakings which is already in our midst will not stop but the Lord will channel to use it for the Christians to spread His word in all things and in all ways. Mark wrote: "Preach the gospel to all creatures" (Mk 16.15). The gospel mark is telling us includes the gospel of salvation but this is not all of it, more so it refers to His Kingdom gospel which simply means incorporation of the whole broad spectrum of life. Our lives today are much fragmented, one part is in work, another one in class, another one in sports and in all things there is no common thread. The gospel of the Kingdom is supposed to be the common thread that defines the life of man today.

What then is the gospel of the kingdom? In simple words, this is living for and representing the King of kings for who He is to this world. Paul's summary of this is found probably in his most theological book, Romans.

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which* is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. (Rom 12:1-2KJV).

Luke who was a doctor gave another account that tells us what is a Kingdom living:

"And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will show you to whom he is like: He is like a man which built a house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock. But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built a house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great." (Luk 6:46-49KJV).

The Lord Jesus gave the best example of what is a Kingdom living in the life of Mary and Martha. The two sisters contrast what is a busy life from what is a fruitful and productive one in God's perspective.

"And as they went, it happened that He entered into a certain village. And a certain woman named Martha received Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she came to Him and said, Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me. And Jesus answered and said to her, Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things. But one thing is needful, and Mary has chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her"(Luk 10:38 -42).

Here we see how the Lord responded to Mary's interest and how also He responded to Martha's statements. Mary had more authority with the Lord simply because she spent more with Him than with other daily encumbrance that can better be delayed. One needs

not to be always working for Him but rather to work with Him and to stay close with Him. Major discoveries in the Sciences need not be boringly done alone but we can do it with God together. In the case of Adam, when he worked with the Lord in naming and classifying all the animals known to man, it was not even an effort but rather a joy to do so. When our minds are renewed and can fully grasp His wonders, we will clearly understand the mechanisms that shaped the world and the truths that we should believe. Life then is easier and we have a paradigm to define things on. Then we can simplify life and not get confused as Charles Templeton did. This guy was formerly a famous preacher with thousands coming at his crusades but died an agnostic. He became an agnostic when he cannot find the explanation for the observe origin of species as well as he could not reconcile what he see as evidences being put forward by different scientists. He unquestioningly believed all the things that the scientists reported in journals during his days. This is a dangerous position for those who are not biologists. But when one inquires honestly and asks the Lord to reveal what is true from what is false, then He will answer.

Like Charles Templeton, I am a firm believer of the word of God but I doubted His word when I cannot reconcile what I am being taught in the school. But by His grace, I found that I can question these things and not accept all the things as there are some truths mixed together in a haystack with other false theories and concepts. What I did is then to gather for and against evolution and then to see them in the light of the Bible. I found that by doing so, it made my life easier and simpler. I rejected what is a conjecture of man and gave an emphasis on what is the truth of God. I then followed closely the explanations of Creation scientists and what they are teaching whether these are in line with the truth. And as this was so, I learned to dig deeper from His word and then correlate these things with what is being developed in Science. I have not regretted for having done this and until now, I am growing in the Knowledge of God.

The core philosophy of the Bible

“Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, sinners; and purify your hearts, double-minded ones” (Jam 4:8).

I think that the apostle James here had summed up what the central philosophy of the Bible is for us all. It is no other than a daily drawing near to the Lord. When the Lord made man, His central desire was no other than to have someone with. The Lord is not lonely but He chose to make man out of love for fellowship. For a triune God loneliness is out of the bin rather He chose us to be with Him out of overflowing Joy. For the Lord (I write this as a personal opinion), it was not just friendship but rather two people doing things together hand in hand. God’s desire is that we worship Him as we fellowship with Him doing our jobs or works. By this way we are walking in the Spirit which is nothing less than having our minds set up on High.

“If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is sitting at the right hand of God.

Be mindful of things above, not on things on the earth.

For you died, and your life has been hidden with Christ in God” (Col 3:1 -3).

In other words, without the Lord, we cannot do anything really that matters with the touch of eternity. Those who were world changers have their hearts etched with eternity so that their works cannot be bound by time but by eternity. This is the reason why the gospel did not become old fashioned when the Victorian era lapsed, as well as when the Reformation in Europe died down. Rather because the Lord is Eternal Spirit and He is alive, so will His work show to the world that He is still alive and looks intently to the affairs of man whether we know of it or not.

“God is a spirit, and they who worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth” (Joh 4:24).

This is the core philosophy of the Bible, to worship God in the Highest according to His clearly laid out plan with etches of creativity and variation.

Humanism and false knowledge

Humanism therefore is a false knowledge and a false pathway pretending to be true and factual. It brings us to realize that both the philosophies of man and the theory of evolution are humanism. In the legendary epic poem Beowulf, he had to kill a dragon. This dragon, I bet is satan (Rev.12.9) with two wings representing evolution and philosophy. It spread high and covered the mind of the people so that the reality of Christ and the power of Him who made us became blurry among people. Surely this dragon incited fear to mock a multitude of people. It is noteworthy that Beowulf was an old English legend. And that the strongest arguments against creationism originated from the English themselves. This gives us a prophetic perspective into the future that just as Beowulf killed the dragon, many heroes like Beowulf shall arise in England who would slay and put to end the theory of evolution and the empty philosophies that also originated in London.

“And there was war in Heaven. Michael and his angels warring against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels warred, but did not prevail. Nor was place found for them in Heaven any more. And the great dragon was cast out, the old serpent called Devil, and Satan, who deceives the whole world. He was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him” (Rev 12:7 -9).

The worship of creation

Humanism in essence is the worship of creation. It worships an idol, a thing that was created. It bows down before it. This includes man at the center but the spirit behind it is no other than the spirit of religion that blinded the people of Israel during the days of Elijah. This mighty prophet of God brought an outpouring of revival in his nation by turning the idolatry of his people towards God. He killed all the pretentious prophets of Baal in a demonstration of who is a true God to be worshiped and who is a false one.

“And it happened when Ahab saw Elijah, Ahab said to him, Are you he that troubles Israel?

And he answered, I have not troubled Israel, but you and your father's house have, in that you have forsaken the commandments of Jehovah, and you have followed the Baals. And now send and gather to me all Israel to mount Carmel, and four hundred and fifty of the prophets of Baal, and four hundred of the prophets of Asherah, who eat at Jezebel's table.

And Ahab sent to all the sons of Israel, and gathered the prophets together to mount Carmel.

And Elijah came to all the people and said, How long are you limping over two opinions? If Jehovah is God, follow Him. But if Baal is God, then follow him. And the people did not answer him a word.

And Elijah said to the people, I, I alone, remain a prophet of Jehovah. But Baal's prophets are four hundred and fifty men.

And let them give us two bulls, and let them choose one bull for themselves, and cut it in pieces and lay it on wood. But place no fire. And I will dress the other bull and lay it on wood, and place no fire.

And you call on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of Jehovah. And it shall be, the god that answers by fire, He is God. And all the people answered and said, The word is good.

And Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, Choose one bull for yourselves, and prepare first, for you are many. And call on the name of your god, but place no fire.

And they took the bull which was given them, and they dressed, and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, O Baal, hear us. But there was no voice, nor any who answered. And they leaped on the altar which was made.

And it happened at noon Elijah mocked them and said, Cry with a great voice, for he is a god. Either he is meditating, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey; perhaps he is asleep and must be awakened!

And they cried with a loud voice and cut themselves with knives and spears until the blood gushed out on them, as is their way.

And it happened when midday was past, and when they prophesied until the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, there was neither voice, nor any to answer, nor anyone who paid attention.

And Elijah said to all the people, Come near to me. And all the people came near him.

And he repaired the broken down altar of Jehovah.

And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the Word of Jehovah came, saying, Israel shall be your name.

And with stones he built an altar in the name of Jehovah. And he made a trench around the altar big enough to contain two measures of seed.

And he arranged the wood, and cut the bull in pieces, and placed it on the wood, and said,

Fill four water jars with water and pour on the burnt sacrifice and on the wood.

And he said, Do it the second time. And they did it the second time. And he said, Do it the third time. And they did it the third time.

And the water ran all around the altar. And he filled the trench also with water.

And it happened at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, Elijah the prophet came near and said, Jehovah, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known

this day that You are God in Israel, and that I am Your servant, and that I have done all these things at Your Word.

Hear me, O Jehovah, hear me, that this people may know that You are Jehovah God, and that You have turned their heart back again.

And the fire of Jehovah fell and burned up the burnt sacrifice and the wood, and the stones and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.

And when all the people saw, they fell on their faces. And they said, Jehovah, He is the God! Jehovah, He is the God!

And Elijah said to them, Take the prophets of Baal. Do not let one of them escape. And they took them. And Elijah brought them down to the torrent Kishon and killed them there (1Ki 18:17 -40).

What Elijah did was a power of demonstrating the reality of the Lord. It is in this power encounter when the people saw that it was the finger of God which ignited the watered sacrifice of Elijah, and they saw that no matter how many times the priests of Baal call on their gods, and wound themselves with a knife, only an empty response echoed back. In such occasions the undeniable reality of God came face to face with this people. The 450 prophets of Baal were killed in one day and set the stage for the return of the peoples' affection to the Lord. These Baalists called on Baal for fire, they lacerated their hands and wrists with knives but to no avail.

“And it happened at noon Elijah mocked them and said, Cry with a great voice, for he is a god. Either he is meditating, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey; perhaps he is asleep and must be awakened!

And they cried with a loud voice and cut themselves with knives and spears until the blood gushed out on them, as is their way” (Ki 18:27 -28).

At this instance, the prophet then called the people to build an altar out of 12 select stones representing the 12 tribes of Israel. He then made them to dig a channel around this altar and filled it with water including pouring water also over the cut 12 pieces of bullocks as sacrifice of Israel to the Lord. After this, he prayed for fire and in no time did the Lord immediately sent a fire that devoured the sacrifice as well as ignited a flame around the sacrifice running around through the water in the channel. The people only then pronounced the judgment,

“And when all the people saw, they fell on their faces. And they said, Jehovah, He is the God! Jehovah, He is the God! (1Kings 18.39)

This supernatural confrontation between the quintessential prophet and the repugnant prophets of Baal opened the eyes of the People. Today these occur through the Lord using His servants to demonstrate His healing and miracles before the eyes of the people. This happens in the natural and more openly but in the Academic circles, we need people who would also demonstrate the truthfulness of the account of Creation before the world. It does not matter how few we are for truth is not justified with number but eternity justifies it. Deception has blinded many in the academic field for believing that evolution is a demonstrated fact when it is not.

This demonstration in the laboratory and in the field is what exactly we need to convince the world of the reality of the account of Genesis and the observed phenomena in nature. Gathered evidences from the field and from the laboratories should account for the evidences for Creation. Deception is the point why people would not respond to the gospel preached to them. But higher than this, we do not look merely for a response but that we would be faithful to demonstrate and to tell the truth. The foundation of the anti-Christ is no other than craftiness and this is related to deception. People will believe his deception simply because the people justified their beliefs in accordance to man's view but not to God. Evolution has set the stage for this battleground.

The spirit behind evolution

“whose coming is according to the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,
and with all deceit of unrighteousness in those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, so that they might be saved.
And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie, so that all those who do not believe the truth, but delight in unrighteousness, might be condemned” (2Th 2:9 -12).

The coming of the anti-Christ should not surprise us. Rather, we should all see the connection to what is happening to a more and more secularized society and a society that do not anymore held the values that their forefathers has inspired to them. The same deceiving spirit that gripped the Israelites in the days of Elijah has also blinded the minds of many today. This ruins the lives of many believing a lie that there is no future and no eternal soul. It is this spirit that tries to work behind the façade of empty philosophy and evolution today essentially trying to remove as much as trace of the Lord in the school and the society. The more secularized the society becomes the more hunger for the supernatural the people will have. The Israelites became captivated with Baal simply because they have not known the true God but only they knew of what Jezebel taught them, that Baal is god. In the same way, as the school teachers would tell our children, about evolution, they are sowing discords into the mind of the children that would unsettle them for the rest of their lives. It is not a fairview because only the side of evolution is heard but not the scientific side of creationism which I suppose has more merits of truths than any “evolutionary theory” can produce. When the society questions the authority of God, “Hath God said?” We have set ourselves for an ultimate fall and the vacuum in our hearts for the supernatural will be filled by the devil.

This is what the prophet Hosea wrote to his people in his day which rings the same message to us today.

“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you from being priest to Me. Since you have forgotten the Law of your God, I will also forget your sons, even I.

As they were increased, so they sinned against Me. I will change their glory into shame. They eat up the sin of My people, and they set their heart on their iniquity. And it has become, Like people, like priest; and I will punish them for their ways, and reward them for their doings” (Hos 4:6 -9).

This stronghold works by preventing people to enter the Kingdom of God. It tries to do so by propagating lies and sowing seeds of deception that will ultimately usher this people to the anti-Christ. All who do not have love for the truth will be ushered to the anti-Christ.

“And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the breath of His mouth and shall destroy with the brightness of His coming, whose coming is according to the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceit of unrighteousness in those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, so that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie, so that all those who do not believe the truth, but delight in unrighteousness, might be condemned” (2Th 2:8 -12).

Chapter 5 Unmasking the stronghold of satan

“Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low, and the crooked shall be straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth. And all flesh shall see the salvation of God” (Luk 3:5-6).

I met a friend in college days who was telling me about his struggles with evolution and the Bible. He told me that he was quite confused as how can he firmly believe Jesus Christ when evolution is supposed to be true? This struggle is not only my friend’s struggle but even many thousands who have been exposed to the teachings of evolution but did not received any instruction concerning the scientific case for Creationism.

To work out with this brother’s dilemma, we have to go through what Paul was telling us as sin back to Genesis. We then have to go through some of the evidences of the scientific case of creation in nature. This brother continued in Christ even after I left the campus ministry in college.

Evolution and philosophy which seeks to replace the Knowledge of God are part of the false Sciences. Real education has as a guiding principle, the word of God as a backbone. The philosophies of man are as dark as the sewers of today. From Genesis, we know that sin entered the world through the fall of Adam. Both of Adam and Even sinned and because of that, the whole of creation was included in the curse.

“And when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, and that it was pleasing to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make wise, she took of its fruit, and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. And the eyes of both of them were opened. And they knew that they *were* naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made girdles for themselves” (Gen 3:6-7).

Paul wrote this, “For since death is through man, the resurrection of the dead also is through a Man. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all will be made alive (1Co 15:21-22). The record of Adam’s fall is not at all very clear for everyone because this is not completely taught even in Churches. The literal interpretation of Genesis is even being doubted by some pastors to their shame. But this is only because when the foundation is not secure in ones’ life, then the whole building can collapse, all the teachings you have been taught can easily become a source of confusion rather than security. When Paul preached to the pagan Corinthians who were worshippers of many gods and goddesses, he has to come back and preach to them the reason how come they have sinned. And for what cause then he is preaching this Jesus Christ to them. In the same way, we must do today and secure our foundations in Christ by coming back to Genesis and using this as the basic paradigm for us to interpret the world around us including the findings of recent Sciences. All the finding in the recent Sciences does not disprove the Bible but in the contrary, proves its truthfulness (see J. Sarfati-Refuting evolution; K.Ham-Why they won’t listen to us). In this chapter, I will explain more of the root cause of the deception from which man fell then explain & interpret accounts on prophet Noah’s stories and relate this to the present evidences in Science.

The curse and the root of deception

The fall of Adam reverberated throughout eternity even to the deep caverns of hell. By his fall, millions went to hell.

“for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God” (Rom 3:23)

“For since death is through man, the resurrection of the dead also is through a Man. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all will be made alive (1Co 15:21-22).

My first question to these passages above was that why would all have sinned because Adam sinned. Why would all men suffer after just one man sinned? Why would the innocent creation be cursed because he fell? Then the Lord revealed it in His word why.

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 heavens, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over all the creepers creeping on the earth.

And God created man in His image; in the image of God He created him. He created them male and female.

And God blessed them. And God said to them, Be fruitful, and multiply and fill the earth, and SUBDUE IT. And have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the fowl of the heavens, and all animals that move upon the earth.

And God said, Behold! I have given you every herb seeding seed which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree in which is *the* fruit of a tree seeding seed; to you it shall be for food (Gen 1:26-29).

Although Adam was not the one who plucked the fruit from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, the Lord held him responsible over all being in the next chain of command from the Lord. Both were given authorities to subdue the earth. The words conquer and sovereign come to mind when we think of what other word are related to subdue. These means then that as a result of their fall, everything in their domain became corrupted including all the “fish of the sea, the fowl of the heavens, the cattle, and all the earth, and over all the creepers creeping on the earth”. The words of the Lord is very clear when He gave His verdict,

And Jehovah God said to the serpent, Because you have done this you *are* cursed more than all cattle, and more than every animal of the field. You shall go upon your belly, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life.

And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He will bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.

To the woman He said, I will greatly increase your sorrow and your conception. In pain you shall bear sons, and your desire shall be toward your husband, and he shall rule over you.

And to Adam He said, Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree, of which I commanded you, saying, You shall not eat *of* it! **The ground is cursed for your sake.** In pain shall you eat of it all the days of your life.

It shall also bring forth thorns and thistles to you, and you shall eat the herb of the field. In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken. For dust you *are*, and to dust you shall return (Gen 3:14-19).

The cursing of the ground is the same as the cursing of the earth. The word ground here denotes that of the earth. So as a result of Adam’s disobedience to the Lord, even the animals and the plants and all creation under him were also cursed. This is the pain that he shall bear. Don’t you think it was easy for Adam to take all of it? He was the supervisor of all these animals from the Lions to the Giraffes and to the dinosaurs. Such tamed animals and gentle creatures suddenly being withheld from you would really break your heart. If today we feel relieved and joyful to have pet dogs and cats responding to us, how much more of Adam who was a perfect man and able to understand and communicate with the animals? Adam’s capacity of mind is perfect he was made in the image of God. If God can understand every animal and plants, then Adam can being in the perfect condition that God made him to be. But this has changed and sin has marred the image of the Creator in us all and even in the creation. Paul wrote that the creation is groaning to see the sons of God revealed for then they know that their redemption draws near.

Whereas death was not included in the creation of Adam and Eve, the Lord also said that “from now on, death & decay will work through your bodies. The statement, “For dust you *are*, and to dust you shall return” tell us of the grim consequence of not following the Lord’s orders. Adam and Eve in effect had chosen the Tree of death compared to the Tree of life which was just available to them. In the case of the tree of life, nobody

advertised it to them unlike satan did with the Tree of knowledge of Good and Evil. The Lord's statement from the very beginning was however clear to Adam, that everything in the garden can be eaten except the forbidden tree of death. Since the Lord's curse was a supernatural one, it would also be in effect until He Himself will remove it in the way that He wants it. This resulted to "for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Rom 3:23).

"For since death is through man, the resurrection of the dead also is through a Man. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all will be made alive (1Co 15:21-22).

What followed next after Adam's sin was the first witness of murder when there were just two brothers on earth (Gen.4.8). They cannot even agree on one matter, how to sacrifice well and bring joy to the Lord! This sin compounded even in the next 2000 years after Adam, so that the only solution that God has for then was to bring the famous flood of Noah. So terrible was the flood that all the dinosaurs and a large part of the original kinds of animals perished!

The Flood

The story of the flood is recorded in human cultures by different stories that relates to it. One of the most famous of these accounts is called the Gilgamesh by the Sumerians. In my culture where I come from (Kalinga ethnic tribes; see also Reyes, Kalinga folklores and legends), they also have an account of the flood that God has released on earth because of man's disobedience. If you would survey the cultural ethnic tribes in the Philippines you will find a similar account of flooding but you would expect it to have variation. This is consistent with the written word of God that tells,

"And Jehovah saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and every imagination of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually.
And Jehovah repented that He had made man on the earth, and He *was* angry to His heart.
And Jehovah said, I will destroy man whom I have created, from the face of the earth, both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air. For I repent that I have made them" (Gen 6:5-7).

This statement of the Lord that He repents of having created man, means that His patience reached an end and the decision to totally wipe them out was needed. This happened as a result of the wickedness of man in that era.

If we backtract a little bit, this was because, "And it happened, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and when daughters were born to them,
Gen 6:2 the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they *were* good. And they took wives for themselves from all whom they chose.
Gen 6:3 And Jehovah said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, in his erring; he is flesh. Yet his days shall be a hundred and twenty years.

Gen 6:4 There were giants in the earth in those days. And also after that, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men, and they bore to them, they were mighty men who *existed* of old, men of renown (**Gen 6:1 -4**).

The union of these fallen angels (sons of God) with the daughters of men produced offsprings of considerable stature—they are giants! They were both giants in wickedness and giants in stature. Moreover, satan knows that the prophecy “And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He will bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel (Gen 3:15)”, will come.

In order to remove any possibility of a pure blood line of human beings coming from Eve, he sought to infiltrate this by commanding his demons to mate with human beings. By doing this, the offsprings are both genetically corrupt and their hearts are bent towards wickedness which was the case of Noah’s generation. The Lord’s is patient but this time, even the acts of wickedness He saw made Him decide to totally remove mankind from the face of the earth. None were left except Noah’s family. As mentioned in verse 4 above, these are men of renown who were legends of their times. This is a supporting statement of the evidence of true existence of giants and “monsters” of that time which came down to us mostly as legends.

Below I have taken some illustrations from which it can possibly illustrate the look of mutated human beings with demons as fathers.



Fig. 1.0 from: <http://www.reformation.org/days-of-noah.html>

At first, before, I cannot reconcile the idea that only for wickedness the Lord will annihilate millions of people, but then when you come to this idea that satan is using this to thwart the Lord’s plan to redeem mankind, then this is a more wicked plan than I have ever thought about. If you are in the place of the creator and you have seen your masterpiece being marred by the image of the beast, will you put this up? Can you take this up? Or like the Lord you will do the same so that the Redeemer would come?

The Tower of Babel

After the flood, another watershed event occurred; this was the scattering of the human beings because of the debacle of the tower of Babel. With this debacle, the entire

population united by one language, tried to erect a heavenly monument to reach God. They thought they can actually reach God by their tower! Such foolish idea of trying to reach God by doing it on your own is pride of the greatest measure! Cain did it only to fail the commendation of Heaven; David tried it only to see Uzzah die because of touching the Ark of God (2Sam 6.8). By doing things without first inquiring of God, David actually placed the life of Uzzah to danger. Presumptions are sins which the Lord will not put up with men because He is Holy. Below are illustrations of the temples that have been erected by the people to try to reach God.

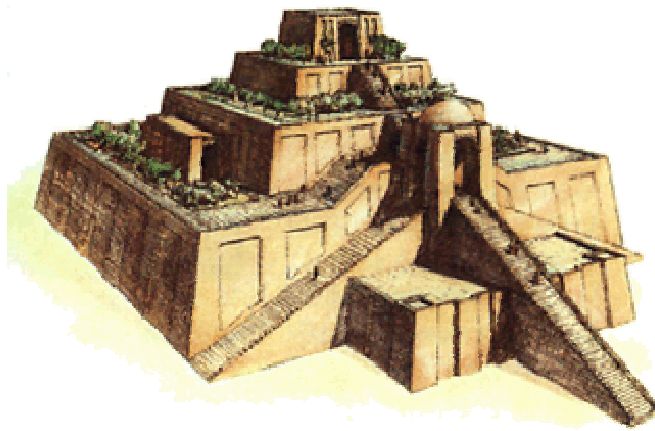


Fig. 2.0 White Temple and Ziggurat, Uruk (Warka), 3200 -3000 B.C.

(from: <http://www.crystalinks.com/sumerart.html>)



Fig. 3.0 This temple was erected at Warka or Uruk (Sumer), probably about 300 B.C. It stood on a brick terrace, formed by the construction of successive buildings on the site (the Ziggurat). (from: <http://www.crystalinks.com/sumerart.html>)

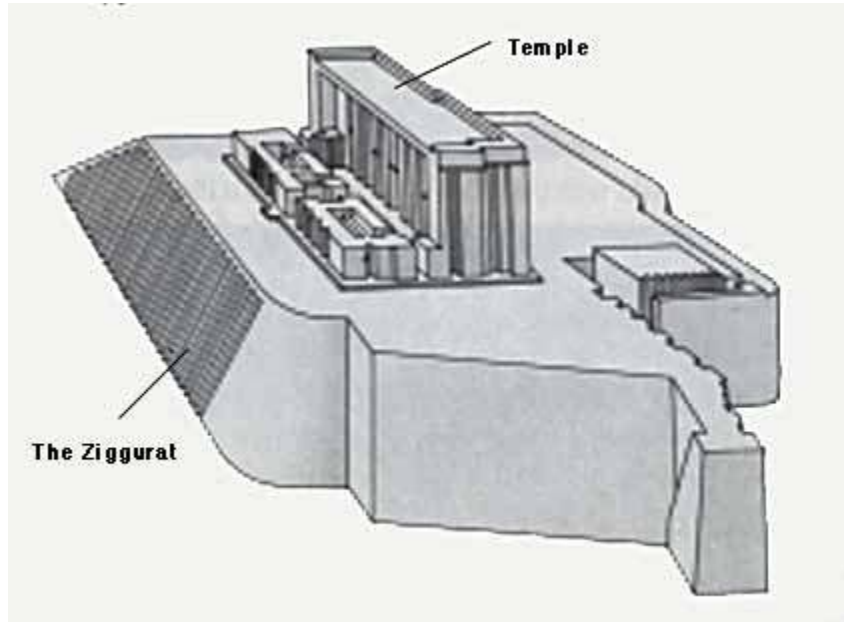


Fig 4.0 A cut away view of the Sumerian Temple (from: <http://www.crystalinks.com/sumerart.html>)

Trying to reach God by your own not only puts to danger your own life but even the others with you. When only a group of people tried to do so, they were all scattered all over the world (Gen 11.8). The Lord has to confound their languages to prevent this folly from further moving on. This is why the temples of the Aztecs and Mayas have similarities with the Ziggurat temples found in the Sumerian plains. The people who were scattered by the Lord moved through different places carrying with them the technology of the day that they have with.

So Jehovah scattered them abroad from that place upon the face of all the earth. And they quit building the city. Therefore the name of it is called Babel; because Jehovah confused the language of all the earth there. And from there Jehovah scattered them abroad on the face of all the earth (Gen 11:8 -9).

This scattering was also the source of the different races of mankind that came to be known on all the face of the earth. Before if the race of man was only one, during the scattering the language was first divided and then the race developed as a result of the environment where the people came to live with. The mechanism of how this came to be is genetics. My explanation to this is when one or more people found each other to be speaking the same language, they formed a community of their own and moved away from the others to avoid confusion. The development of races came to be as the environment where the people settled affected their bodies such as skin coloration. Those who lived in areas with high exposure to the sun would certainly give favorable survival

to those tanned and dark skinned people while those who moved to areas with cool and cold temperature exposure would favor fair skinned people. In the course of time, the other colors which do not fit in the environment will be selected out and the ones with higher survival will be selected in. Let us take for example those who move out to Africa. Those with fair skins would naturally be at war constantly with sun exposure because of burning; the more heavily tanned people would have a better survival in this environment and would have reproduced more tanned offspring than did the fair skinned ones who cannot withstand the hot sun. Later on the fair skinned people became a minority until finally they disappeared entirely and the tanned and darker skinned people became the predominant in the area.

The main cause of scattering was confusion. It is difficult to stay together with one another when you don't speak the same language. The barrier is so large that any misunderstanding can erupt anytime. This way, the Lord effectively removed the people from the plains of Shinar, or the modern day areas occupied by Iran and Iraq today. Again, their evil motives are clear from the very first, "And they said, Come, let us build us a city and a tower, and its top in the heavens. And LET US MAKE A NAME FOR OURSELVES, lest we be scattered upon the face of the whole earth (**Gen 11:4**).

This verses in the bible and history would prove to us that even before, the earth has only one language and one race. Today if one will study the different languages and genetics of the human population, one can find vestiges of the language to seem to have been only one and then it diversified. This can be the same with that of the human races. It is not a barrier then that we should think that all of human beings were descendants of Adam whether they are whites, blacks, browns or yellows. Regardless of colors, the Lord desires for all to come to know His Son.

The scattering of the population of man to the ends of the earth is for two reasons- one to prevent wickedness and shatter man's pride (Gen 11.6) and second is to fulfill God's mandate to fill the earth (Gen 1.28). Without the scattering of man, the population would have centered only in the plains of Shinar and no man would have tried to inhabit the other places such as the different islands of the Pacific, as well as the other continents. Also by confounding their language to many, any wickedness of man will be scaled down. The language of the generation of Noah was only one, and with millions speaking the same language, the spread of evil is easy for the whole population.

One sin the Lord cannot put up with for long. That is pride. He said,

Likewise, younger ones, be subject to older ones, and all being subject to one another.

Put on humility. For God resists proud ones, but He gives grace to the humble (**1Pe 5:5**).

But He gives more grace. Therefore He says, God resists the proud, but He gives grace to the humble (Jas 4:6) .

Isn't this a wonder to know that we all came from the Plains of Shinar with one language? Isn't this also the reason why many different tribes would use the same plant for medicinal purposes though they do not know each other? The origin of their knowledge of healing as well as architectural engineering came from their scattering point in the land of Shinar. So this is a direct contrast to the findings of Erich Von Daniken who cannot reconcile the idea of existence of sophisticated knowledge of civilizations ages before us. We cannot underestimate their capacities simply because they have the brain power and the labor of strong bodies. Adam's perfect genes were corrupted by the fall but the corruption works through time so that man's brain capacity decreases through the years. Thus, we are receiving much reduced brain capacity compared to the earlier generations because of the passage of years---from diseases to slowed brain capacity to spiritual blindness.

In the beginning

In Genesis, there is no mention of continents. There was just one big land mass of continent over the whole earth. It would be possible for a dinosaur like Tyrannosaurus rex to get to one area to another if all the continents were together as one before. This would also mean that fossils that would be found later would be the same or similar in areas where the plants or animals have similar vegetation and fauna before. Thus the whole earth during that time was as one big landmass with all teeming life.

Could you just imagine that wonder in the earth? Indeed that would be paradise! It is therefore my joy to share these truths to you as revealed by God in His word. The literal six days creation was not impossible as many people thought about for a God as big as our God! He said "let there be and there was". The power of God to create is not limp so that it would take thousands or millions of years to do so. As He said, take it. Have faith in His word. He is our Educator, our Instructor, our Maker and our Scientist. To Him, none can be compared.

"For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, dominions, or principalities, or power: all things was created by Him and for Him. And He is before all things and by Him all things consists"(Col. 1:16-17 KJV).

It says, even the invisible things, He has made. Doesn't that include the microalgae? The virus? The bacteria? And the demonic spirits at work to deceive mankind as well as angels? Moreover He said "by Him all things consists" meaning they are held together by the power of His word!

When I thought about these things, I could only say, "O Lord how wonderful you are who hath made all things well!". David, understanding these things wrote "Let every things that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord" (Psalm 150:6KJ). He who made the seasons, the heavens, the stars, the volcanoes, and the long gone dinosaurs – deserve all our praises!

Seasons, Clouds, Rains and Continents

Going back again to Genesis, the Lord who revealed that before the flood, there were no clouds yet to bring the rain but a subterranean spring brings the water up forming mists to water the surface of the earth (Gen. 2.6). Later on, He added the season, wet and dry, summer and winter as well as the rainbow. He also instituted that these will continue.

And Noah built an altar to Jehovah. And he took of every clean animal, and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.
And Jehovah smelled a sweet odor. And Jehovah said in His heart, I will never again curse the ground for man's sake, because the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth. And I will not again smite every living thing as I have done.
While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease (Gen 8:20-22).

The appearance of four seasons coincided only during the time that the earth was broken apart due to the Noahic flood which was a terrible judgment during the days of Noah. Before that, there was only a tropical to subtropical climate that pervaded the earth. There was no Antarctica continent and part landmasses in the Arctic. This however changed during the massive break up of the continents which says,

In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, in the seventeenth day of the month, in this day all the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the windows of the heavens were opened up (Gen 7:11).

The break up of the continents into several pieces would eventually create the present vegetation that we now see. Some of the original vegetation would have been crushed, buried and grounded with the cataclysmic event that happened in Noah's time. The effect would be the same also with animals that were buried and destroyed, including the giant animals such as the dinosaurs. Findings of fossils reveal the magnitude of the cataclysmic event that happened. Alfred Wegener, a German explorer and scientist noted that South America and Africa are two continents which have similar animals and vegetation as well as similar fossils. He was right, indeed these evidences including the findings of fossil trees in the Antarctica (see Stefi Weisburd, "A Forest Grows in Antarctica," Science News, Vol. 129, 8 March 1986, p. 148) shows that thousands of years ago, there was just one landmass that was broken apart due to man's wickedness. Although unbelieving scientists are still arguing by how and where the wood would have come from or the flourishing of the forests, all of these evidences shows that the Antarctic landmass was once teeming with wildlife and vegetation. This was also true with the Canadian Arctic where findings of tree stumps in the year round ice covered area would only tell us that the area was once in a tropical or sub-tropical latitude (see Charles Felix.1993.The mummified Forests of the Canadian Arctic. CRSQ: vol. 29).



Fig. 5.0 The breaking up of the fountains of the Great Deep (Gen. 7.11)

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The break up of the super continent

The bible tells that the, “waters prevailed exceedingly” (Gen. 7.19KJ) and that at the “same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven opened” (Gen 7.11KJ). These verses refer to how violent the judgment that the Lord handed down to mankind during that time. This was however only because for 100 years, the voice of Noah never failed to proclaim the coming of the flood for the people. When grace was offered and it was rejected by men, death was rather chosen by them and this was what death is! The exceedingly prevailing waters would have been so huge that it deluged the whole landmass covering all the thickly forested areas and wiping out all animals found outside the ark (except of course those which can swim and find refuge in the depths of the sea). As I ponder over this, such cataclysmic event would have sent terror to every animals living in the sea. Only the grace of God would have also spared all the others which were able to live after the breakup.

The Lord’s statement, “I will destroy them *with* the earth (Gen 6:13)”, tells us that the magnitude of destruction would include all things, from man to animals and to mountains. Indeed this was the case, Noah would find this out that the Lord had somewhat recreated the landscape again for man after the flood.

The violence of the destruction would have been equivalent to millions of hydrogen bombs exploding together tearing apart the one land mass into several pieces of continents. It would separate what we now know as Australia, Antarctica, North and South America and other thousands of small islands. This catastrophe would only be possible because God did it. This is also the reason why the macro fossil evidences can be seen more in big continental areas compared to island areas. The continents that now bear millions of fossils found would have surely contained the other animals left in the field when Noah's flood came. Only two pairs of animals were taken into the Ark except the clean animals in which seven pairs were taken in to insure their reproduction (Gen 7.2).

And you shall bring into the ark two of every *kind*, of every living thing of all flesh, to keep them alive with you. They shall be male and female. Two of every kind shall come to you to keep *them* alive; of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after its kind. (Gen 6:19-20).

Chapter 6 “Removing the Veil”

A veil is designed to cover a real face. What you may think about a person using the veil may not be true when she removes it already. We started with education, where we understood that God had planned for us a true education that can transform us into productive citizens of heaven and earth. We also came to understand that God's judgment came as a result of satanic wickedness running rampantly throughout the days of Noah and that the paradigm of interpretation of Science today runs directly in contrast to that of what the Bible has to say. Now let us take a little closer view of the propaganda of satan through evolution.

Satan's real desire is to wreck havoc (Isa 14. 16) as much as he can and the maximum he can. He takes joy in the killing and suffering of human beings. The Lord simply told us that satan comes to “steal, kill and destroy” (Joh 10:10). He tries to steal God's glory of the creation of man by telling people that, “no, there is no God and all of you came from apes”. Such blasphemy is beyond the shadow of doubt the workings of satan. He feels he has done a revenge on God by marring the image of God in man by making it beast like through the sins he has caused us to commit. Evolution is a last ditch attempt of satan to secularize societies so that God's influence will be totally removed from schools as well as from the whole communities. With a secularized society, the outcome will be no other than the society in which Noah had lived. This was a prophecy that the Lord Jesus himself had uttered, that the days when He will come back again will be like the “days of Noah”. I have given a brief description of what was like in the days of Noah in the previous chapter. The Lord's description is graphic,

But as the days of Noah *were*, so shall be the coming of the Son of Man.
For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until *the* day Noah entered into the ark.
And they did not know until the flood came and took them all away. So also will be the coming of the Son of Man (Mat 24:37-39).

The people of Noah did not realized that the 100 years of grace that the Lord has given them was over and when the final call to come up the ramp of the ark was given, no one heeded the call. They were all so engrossed with their daily activities “eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage”. Such activities are by nature not evil but it has indeed become evil since they have forgotten the Lord. In today’s affluent societies, the tendency to forget God is greater than in societies which are buffeted with much poverty as defined today by means of how much money you possessed. But the Lord’s economy and priority runs directly opposite to that of man, He does not care whether we live in affluent or poor villages. Still the call is to be obedient to Him whether we are in abundance or in pain. Such call becomes very important especially in the last days of which we are living. When not heeded, as the Lord came like a thief among the Noachian people, so He will come again. We will not only forget time but with time we forget God.

Solomon who has loved more women, more treasures than we could ever earn or have had this to say in the older days of his life, “Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, while the evil days do not come, nor the years draw near, when you shall say, I have no pleasure in them (**Ecc 12:1**)”.

The evil days came upon the people of Noah, only because they have been so engrossed by their daily activities that they have forgotten the warnings of Noah, they were overtaken by the flood too late to be rescued or to repent. David prophetically tells us about such situations that when they happen we should be prepared.

For this let every godly one pray to You, in a time when You may be found; surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come near him (Psa 32:6).

The veil of evolution is no other than its being a sacred cow in today’s world. It is a sacred cow considered to be true and brazenly portrayed to be invincible of criticisms. Student’s minds are hardly stimulated to find an innovative replacement for such theories that stifle creativity. It is a theory in which every evidences being piled up to support its claims do not add up to its validity. The time for the veil to be removed is now. It is this veil which has blinded many to realize that this sacred cow is no truth at all! The way to do so and to realize is not to argue head-on with it but by shining God’s light on this issue of what is true and what is right. When we continue to shine God’s light on such issues, the veil of darkness will be pierced and removed.

No matter how many times we argue with evolutionists, we can win the argument but still lose the soul of the ones we came here for to save. We are here as the lights of the world. Our light will not be measured by how much we have argued our cases but by how powerful we have been shining and holding the light that we have been given in a consistent manner.

“You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden (Mat 5:14)”.

Education was implemented to increase and speed up the spread of the truth of the Word of God. It was the desire of Jan Amos Comenius to see every creature to be a joy to the Master. This is what many secularists have vowed not to take into account because these

are rebels whether they realized it or not. It is a rebellion without a sensible cause against what they perceive as a dictator. Even if God is a dictator, He is the most benevolent and generous of all dictators and kings combined together who have ever ruled the world! Essentially when someone discovers a truth with a magnitude of meaning and application we count it as revolutionary, but evolution is counted as revolutionary in the negative sense of the word. It has affected the perception of man in Science, Psychology as well as behavior of the society. What was considered as norms before becomes taboo for most as well as Christians today feel inhibited to admit they are Christians when asked about who they are. They do not even mind asking themselves about the importance of these foundational truths. In effect the society becomes more and more plain before our eyes, a society that is just like that of Noah's day. People continue to live and do their daily activities without regard of the Lord.

But what does Jesus have to say about such things?

Nor do men light a lamp and put it under the grain-measure, but on a lampstand. And it gives light to all who are in the house.
Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in Heaven (Mat 5:15-16).

We must continue to burn our light! The way to do this would include not only home schooling but the founding of schools that are geared with emphasis on Christian education. The foundation of the great schools of Yale, Harvard and Princeton were all because they were to be used in training the leaders of America from theologians to presidents. The molding of the minds of our children will be affected with the way they interact and trained. If we let the world to train them, then we cannot expect much of what they can be. There are exceptions to this such as children which are at the same time being guided by their parents of what they are learning. But such cases seem to be rare nowadays. Still we must find a solution to this in the next days ahead so that we can effectively answer such ways as how to mold effectively and train the next generation of leaders.

The Lord still expects of us to be salt and light of the earth. The way to be so is no other than to gather together and burn together a greater light. In the times ahead as the society continues to go secular, the distinction of where to go will be more defined. We must as the Lord says, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in Heaven" (Mat 5.16).

You are the salt of the earth, but if the salt loses its savor, with what shall it be salted? It is no longer good for anything, but to be thrown out and to be trodden underfoot by men (Mat 5:13).

Confusion espoused by evolution

Science is one part of education, it is the expression of studying God's creation and it is not an evil pursuit. For us today, most often times students are taught of this evolution as a factual thing that it really happened based on excavations or fossils. But the other

stories or views are not given so that a balanced treatment is not given. Such biases today in most public and private schools also support the secularization of societies. By secularization, I mean the purpose removal of the knowledge of God among people starting with the new or younger generation.

Satan tries to spread confusion through these teachings and kill the faith of young people. He does this most often times by simply incorporating evolution as the sole mechanism of explanation in biology of many observed phenomena which in reality does not really support such claims. But such plans of satan will be thwarted. Just as in the days of Daniel, they stood (Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego) to not be afraid and confront such lies of satan, the Lord will also be raising up Daniels, Shadrachs, Meshachs and Abednegos who will not tolerate such lies but will stand together fearlessly. They will only have one fear and that is the Lord. They will be young men and women who will have been purged by their sufferings and refined by their trials. Vessels who are fit for the wisdom of God to be poured in them.

One of the things that I would advise a fellow student would be to not believe every single thing that his professor would have to say especially evolution. It is always safer to be curious and find the truth behind what is being taught. This was the code of conduct of the Bereans whom Paul has lauded for they tried to see if Paul's teaching was Biblical or not. They simply did not receive every single thing that Paul had to say even though he was an apostle of renown. This principle had guided me in my studies by not believing every single thing that my professors have to tell me. I would have to find it myself. But there are also instances when the Lord would help us easily by enabling us to discern the truth. Science is factual at best, and this therefore is part of the truth. The gray areas of Science are mostly because of the wrong paradigm used to interpret the evidences found. You may have the best evidence from the field but by using a wrong paradigm your interpretation can become flawed. This was what mostly happened to archeological diggings using the paradigm of evolution as a theory to prove rather than to disprove. In the end, Science is not neutral; it will only be the revealed truth. I would rather err having died using the tested Bible as my measuring rod to test all things rather than to use man's mere ideas.

Many people buy in to evolution, believing everything written for it. A friend of mine who is working as a teacher grieved that E.O Wilson died (famous evolutionary biologist from Harvard University) thinking he was a great man but what would the Bible say for this?

But God said to him, Fool! This night your soul shall be required of you, then whose shall be those things which you have prepared?

So is he who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God (Luk 12:20-21)

Laying true treasures here on earth will be another coming topic which I will be discussing later, but for this time, let me briefly explain. The greatness of man is measured here by the value of his production and contribution. In heaven the weighing scale is a little bit different from that. We are measured by how much God has invested in

us and how much we have been using of that investment of the Lord in us. So the more we have, the more accountable we will be to the Lord when we will face Him (see Matt 25.19). This does not mean that we should cringe on such responsibilities that we have been entrusted with but rather we should do our best to simply do it. True righteousness is doing things for the right reasons and the right motives. This again does not mean that at all times we only move when we have the right motive. Oftentimes our motives are not right. What we can do here is to pray that as we do the things we are doing, the Lord will cleanse our motives and make it right. We cannot change ourselves overnight. Nor can we change things overnight. It will always have the lag of time so we should try to be realistic and at the same time ask the Lord's help.

The motive of Evolution

Evolution seeks to turn us away from believing of the existence of the Lord. And it makes us doubt to believe whether the Bible is true after all. But whether you are a believer or not, you can never deny the existence of your conscience. This conscience is one also of the many natural witnesses that there is God. Before becoming a Christian, every time I commit a sin or do wrong to another person, I feel my conscience striking me out. An example of this happened during my high school where in the examination, I was gearing for the highest score, and I have some blanks to fill even after 30minutes of thinking what are they. So a neighbor of mine came to submit her paper and then sat at the next chair beside me. Since the teacher was not looking after us and many are going to the podium to submit their papers, I asked her answers. She did not give me anything but asked me to give my answers first. I was thinking like maybe if I do it first then she will also give it afterwards. After giving her some of my answers, she stood up and went forward to submit her paper. I was left grudging against her.

Such cases of grudging can leave us hurt and feeling bad. It can be painful for many and takes time to heal. But when you wanted to strike back at the person, like in my case to spread a rumor against her, I just felt that this was not good. This is one of the things that Paul was referring to when he wrote "they know everything that can be known about God, because God has shown it all to them", the primary way He shows this is through the conscience of man. Doing things whether right or wrong is governed by this law within us. Since we have eaten of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, we have the tendency to do so and the Lord convicts us whether Christians or non-Christians of our acts. When we deny this like what the psychoanalyst Sigmund Freud did, Paul tells us God "will let their useless minds rule over them. That's why they do all sorts of indecent things". The conscience of man is a reality. It exists much as the tract of a train exists. When you remove the tract of a train, it will not move. It will only swirl. In the same way, by denying the conscience of man, man will not be able to mature distinguishing what is right from what is wrong. Since the conscience can be taught, people who have given up themselves to sin will have their conscience seared and do not know the difference between right and wrong. Paul writes, "Since these people refused even to think about God, he let their useless minds rule over them. That's why they do all sorts of indecent things". Moreover the prophet Jonah wondered why God has not rained His judgment immediately to Nineveh when He sent him to do warn them. Again, the justice of God differs from that of man. These Ninevites the Lord Himself said, "You are

concerned about a vine that you did not plant or take care of, a vine that grew up in one night and died the next. In that city of Nineveh there are more than a hundred twenty thousand people who cannot tell right from wrong, and many cattle are also there. Don't you think I should be concerned about that big city" (Jon 4:10-11)?

For the wrath of God is revealed from Heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because the thing which may be known of God is clearly revealed within them, for God revealed *it* to them.

For the unseen things of Him from *the* creation of *the* world *are* clearly seen, being realized by the things that are made, *even* His eternal power and Godhead, for them to be without excuse.

Because, knowing God, they did not glorify Him as God, neither were thankful. But *they* became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

Professing to be wise, they became fools and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man, and birds, and four-footed animals, and creeping things.

Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of *their* hearts, to dishonor their own bodies between themselves.

For they changed the truth of God into a lie, and they worshiped and served the created thing more than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

For this cause, God gave them up to dishonorable affections. For even their women changed the natural use into that which is against nature.

And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust toward one another; males with males working out shameful, and receiving in themselves the recompense which was fitting for their error.

And even as they did not think fit to have God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do the things not right, (Rom 1:18-28).

The motive therefore of evolution whether distinct to us or not is to sway the faith of the people and conform them to what evolution wants to say. That is, "there is no God and we are creatures of chance". The spirit behind such subtlety is no other than the religious spirit that wants to take over the whole of Israel in the days of Elijah the prophet telling the people that Baal is God but not Jehovah! This spirit tries to work by undermining what is clearly true even with nature to say blatantly that it is not.

How were the people of Elijah freed from such terrible blindness? How were their faith & confidence on God restored? The fire of God came down from heaven and consumed the sacrifice awakening the people that there is a God who answers by fire. They cried, "the Lord is God, the Lord is God". Some of you may have seen God's miraculous power at work already in many crusades of evangelists or even in your powerfully Spirit filled meetings. But many also do not need to see then believe, but an open heart that is seeking for truth will be guided by no other than the hand of the Lord.

"You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (Joh 8:32).

The power of Love

Most of us would not argue that the prophet Elijah is a powerful man of God. But how many of us would argue that though he was powerful, his power did not lie in his “fire calling abilities” of heaven’s authority but was rather propelled by love to set free his people from idolatry that Ahab and Jezebel had enveloped them with. Elijah was not propelled by power but his divine call was to set his people free from blindness of false religion. Jezebel posted bogus prophets and a bogus god to be worshipped by the people. These were the same people who were calling on the Lord before, but in a twist of destiny, they were easily swayed to switch on Jezebel’s gods. This idolatry burned in the heart of God a passion to set his people free, and this was the call He has set for the prophet. To do that, His love must be firm in Elijah’s head as well as in his heart, and then he can set free the people of Israel. In one day of confrontation, both ending the draught of the land that lasted for three years (1 King 18.1), he was able to set free the people and turn them back to God.

In the same manner, two thousand years ago, the Son of God came down to us and said, “I am the way the truth and the life” (Jn 14.6). He showed us the path of life. His preaching reached into the deepest recesses of the hearts of his audience. You might be one of those whose hearts have been maligned by confusion and as you yield to the Lord, He will speak to you “I am the way, the truth and the life”. Such an attitude is just like what Paul said, “love of truth”. If we love the truth we will seek it till we find it. And we will not give up. We will not buy into the lie of satan or question God’s authority—“Hath God said?” We are forewarned,

and with all deceit of unrighteousness in those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, so that they might be saved.
And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie
(2Th 2:10 -11),

In short this means, deception and unrighteousness will cause people to perish because they do not have the love of the truth to save them.

You were made to fit as a companion of the Lord in the garden. You were called to be a temple of God. To be a temple means to be a place where God can lay His Head, where God can inhabit. Temples in the Kingdom of God are not buildings but human beings indwelt by the Lord. This is a most profound mystery since we who are so small and frail and apt so easily to fall to temptations are made partakers of the heavenly realm. Paul wrote to the Corinthian believers and even to us,

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit in you, whom you have of God? And you are not your own,
for you are bought with a price. Therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit,
which are God's (1Co 6:19-20).

The way easiest way to put up a stand against this onslaught of evolution is not to hide on a hill, but rather, to be counted in with the marching army of God. If you agree that the

Lord is the personification of all truth, then we can agree that we are to march with Him. He will be your vanguard and help you to discern the truth among the many lies propagated today. The way to immerse ourselves and have the right paradigm is then to study His Word and what He has to say on this matter. The following verses were written by the apostle John for us to know that when we love the truth, we are also being indwelt by Truth Himself.

And we know that the Son of God has come, and *He* has given us an understanding so that we may know Him who is true. And we are in Him that is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and the everlasting life.
Little children, guard yourselves from idols. Amen (1Jn 5:20-21).

Whoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwells in him and he in God. And we have known and believed the love that God has in us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.
In this is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment, that as He is, so also we are in this world.
There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear, because fear has torment. He who fears has not been perfected in love (1Jn 4:15-18).

Chapter 7 “Setting the captives free”

Are you saved? If not, isn't it wonderful to know that Jesus made all of the lovely creatures around us? And to think about that the plan of God for your life, is to walk with you closely, knowing His voice and love. Would you love to dive one day with Him seeing all the wonders of the ocean deep and fly with Him seeing the wonders of the starry hosts above? The Lord is not too far away from you, you can come to Him knowing that your life is nothing without Him. He came to set you free from deceptions and lies of this world. Much more, He came to set you free from the sin that has bound us all along our years of life here on earth. If the quintessential prophet Elijah have that much love and power to set free the erring Israelites, how much more the power of Jesus who can ultimately set you free? Ask Him to come into your heart and forgive you of your sins.

“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God” (Rom 3.23 KJV)

“For wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Rom 6:23KJV)

Are you struggling in your mind about the lies of satan?
Maybe it has been so long and you have been tormented by it. But take heart for the power of God almighty to set you free is not frail or too small. By His hand above, he will touch and heal you. For to God, nothing is impossible.

Even Napoleon Bonaparte who was being seen as an anti-Christ during the days he ravaged Europe said after reading the gospel of John, “either what he was saying is true or the writer was”. The Lord Jesus Christ came to set us all free to be able to serve Him

with all freedom and without any anxiety or fear. Freedom comes from Him. Paul the apostle writes,

Stand fast therefore in the liberty with which Christ has made us free, and do not again be held with the yoke of bondage (**Gal 5:1**).

It is a liberty that you have never known in your life to be set free by the Lord Jesus Christ. This would include firmly embedded false values that you think defines a human being. In a Japanese society, women are not seen to be as valuable as men are. This was the same with the Chinese society. But such values, the Lord has emphasized, we are all one in Christ! Paul, one of the greatest messengers of God to walk the earth tells,

“For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.
For as many as were baptized into Christ, you put on Christ.
There cannot be Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is no male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus” (Gal 3:26 -28).

I have seen people who were professing strong faith, but after their studies in their colleges, they come out different when they come in. I have only wished that their faiths remained strong, but being subject to daily conversation with the world can protect you from continuously upholding your faith especially when you are alone. Most have been crippled. They come out questioning the authority of the Bible. Yet, I find it contradictory that what they say is very different from what I have experienced. I still have to see verses that would contradict themselves or verses that won't be proven true.

Now realize this, that with all the intricacies of creation that we see such as the anemone, the starfishes, the barnacles, the mussels and the colorful corals and fishes, do you still think that all of these would just come out by chance in a billion years or so? That an alien would do it? The odds to this are incomprehensible. One mathematician wrote that there is more chance for a tornado leaving a perfectly built Boeing than for evolution to have occurred! Paul admonishes us the following,

“Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,
rooted and built up in Him, and established in the faith, as you have been taught,
abounding in it with thanksgiving.
Beware lest anyone rob you through philosophy and vain deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the elements of the world, and not according to Christ” (Col 2:6-8).

Has apostle Paul been drunk to have written this? He said that we must focus all that we have to walk entirely with Jesus Christ. The call is to be rooted and built up in Him being established in faith. To do that would take all of our lives, but we all have to begin somewhere in the line. A giant tree like a sequoia tree takes years to actually root out. But once they root out, they are known to grow the tallest as well as the biggest trunks of trees known to man. Building our foundation carefully will enable us to endure through the years. When the Lord Jesus Christ came, these redwood trees have been there standing already. Even when the Roman empire collapsed, these colossal trees were there as witnesses of the events that happened in the world. For us to endure long and brave out

such years we need a strong foundation which to us should be clear why. For me I have to make clear what I believe in and what I do not believe in. By doing this I am simplifying what information or knowledge I will take in, what groups to support, what groups to participate in and what values I should promulgate. There is nothing better than being able to distinguish what is false from what is true, this would greatly aid our fight here. This would help us to know who or what are our enemy and who or what our allies are.

The case of the creation

For He has delivered us from the power of darkness and has translated *us* into the kingdom of His dear Son;
in whom we have redemption through His blood, the remission of sins.
who is *the* image of the invisible God, *the* First-born of all creation.
For all things were created in Him, the things in the heavens, and the things on the earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers, all things were created through Him and for Him.
And He is before all things, and by Him all things consist.
And He is *the* Head of the body, the church, who is *the* Beginning, the First-born from the dead, that He may be pre-eminent in all things (Col 1:13-18).

I have wondered how the stars stay in their paths, how the earth which revolves around the sun do not fall to the abyss below it. I wondered about the tiny microbes and algae that we see during our classes, even during our everyday lives. It is quite wonderful to see the colorful radiolarians and diatoms with all their spicules and shining armors. For all of these magnificent creations, the Bible simply tells, “all things were created in Him, the things in the heavens, and the things on the earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers, all things were created through Him and for Him”. What has this to tell us my friend? It means everything. From all the physical laws of light, gravity, mechanics, and even relativity as well as the world of microbes and the deep seas, the Lord has made them all. This would also include the spirit world which Science cannot measure because the current philosophy of science is empirically based. That means physical and measurable in quantity or quality. Therefore it separates religion from Science but makes use of evolution as its basis in the biological Sciences where as at the same time Creation science can work out the same.

With the things I have previously presented, we can see that the evidences from nature does not cause contradiction of what the Bible says but rather it only validates what the word of God already says. For instance, for a spoken word to be heard by us, we must first have the sense organ of hearing with sensitive nerve endings connected to the Central Nervous System. The sound vibrates through the air; then the sound waves created by the uttered word moves and are caught by the outer ear. This is then passed on to the inner ear and sent to the Brain for interpretation. Such complexity and wonder of just our own bodies will confound us to think these things just came from nowhere and now they are here instantly. David the psalmist has to simply say then in utter awe of the workings of God concerning our bodies, “I am wonderfully and fearfully made”.

“For this cause I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,” (Eph 3.14)

and exalt him with all of my heart. Evolution tries to lift itself up against the knowledge of God but this futility will not come near you if you hold on to the truth and love the truth enough to look for it.

You will know the truth and the truth will set you free (Jn 8.32)

Like the tower of Babel, wherein the early people tried to reach God alone, this pride of knowledge will not be for so long. It shall come down and once more the creation will be acknowledged in all institutions of learning. The Lord will open the eyes of the professors, teachers and parents; so that they will come to understand that the principles of selfishness, deceit, racism, and abortion are deeply interwoven with evolution and the retreat must now stop. When only a handful of people determined to not retreat before the mighty Roman Empire and continued to preach Jesus Christ, they have tumbled down Rome. When once again the Lord will see such committed followers, He can use them to change the current world view and turn it right side up!

Chapter 8 “The Power of Seeking Faith”

Earlier, I have mentioned about my experience and struggle on how I can study Science and the Bible at the same time. My motive was how I can become more obedient to the directive, “This book of the Law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate on it by day and by night (Jos 1:8)”, and at the same time to not neglect my Biology courses. At first it was a fight, fist by fist, thought by thought I have to counter every single thing my teacher taught me in my mind or discuss it with my seatmate telling her that what our professor is telling is all lies. I was careful neither to yell nor to say any negative things with my teacher. Through out my undergraduate, I was not able to completely focus on my study because of this struggle that compelled me to not accept evolution. My energy was divided between reading anti-evolution articles and Creation Science, and I do not need to feed myself with evolution articles because our teachers at UP Los Baños are already good at that. The main thing however was that, focus, is what I learned to be a power that I have taken for granted during my high school. I have realized that by leaving my academic focus, I have become out-centered.

I kept on reminding myself as a Christian student that my schooling is both my ministry to God and my family. Yet I was convinced it is not as good as that of involvement with other extra-activities my fellow Christian students were doing. I was quite torn thinking between the two, studies and ministry---are they separate really or just the same. Am I doing one in the right time or I am out-focused? It would be a humiliating one to learn that I could have been a better student have I kept my focus well and guarded my time as well. What happened is that I did spend time reading the Bible and other Christian books but that left me a small chunk of time reading well my assignments. I was passionate of my new found faith, passionate enough to try to convince even my Christian friends well.

When one of the results of the exams came one time, my Christian friend with whom I have been sharing a lot about Jesus Christ as well as the invalidity of evolution, got almost 100, maybe 98, and I barely passed. I felt bad. I heard the Lord tell me,

“And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee *shall be* his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.”
(Gen 4.6-7).

I did not do well that was the main reason and I felt bad. The bad thing also is, this is my Christian brother whom I have been telling about God, and I have no face to tell him I got so low, barely passing in fact. I could have blessed this brother more than just put a tap on his back or say, “congrats bro”. I continued to put a strong delusion on myself by not repenting and studying well (and that almost bear many 3s in my record; 1 is the highest in our grading system). The good thing is I still managed to hold on good average in the end which allowed me to work with research institutions.

Hindsight 101 for would be Christian academics

Going back now, I should have focus more on my studies. I did read much stuff on the Christian literature, but many were out of right timing. It is understandable for me but not an excuse although I was a new Christian then. My friends tell me a lot of their experiences. I heard a lot of failures. I heard a lot of those guys telling me, we cannot all be academicians, some are called but not all. We are called for other things. I would have to say that most of the guys who told me such found themselves looking for jobs a little bit harder in a more competitive world this time even though they are all UP graduates and Christians too.

It is not wrong to be passionate and hot for the Lord, but as young Christians, our thoughts are impulsive and often explosive. We want to become Martin Luthers, Tyndales and Wycllives all without the right timing and the preparation. It has been many times repeated that the greater the preparation, the better the result or the outcome of our ministry later. I was right to know God more, but I was wrong to judge things as nonsense as well as do things with the correct timing. It was right for me to know more of Creation Science, to dig in more of God, to get involve in the ministry, but it was wrong for me to neglect my study in all of these. It was a hard time getting through. My mind were all raced up for the ministry, not knowing that all things have their right timing and the call of God is upon everyone’s life with no need to coax God into it. When we have all made up our minds, it would be very hard to change it especially if God is calling us otherwise. Our call will come and we need to wait for the Lord to call us. No one is too old for God not to use. If I would remember, Moses was called to deliver Israel out of Egypt when he was already 80 years old! Martin Luther posed his 95 thesis when he was 34 years old, Dietrich Bonhoeffer decided very early to be a theologian, Isaiah the prophet was also a statesman, Samuel the prophet was committed to ministry from a very young age and many other great men; they left a lasting imprints in History, not by merely thinking of it but by unselfish contribution to what they know is right to be done. It was not decided because of their age that was one thing for sure. Even if we are 80 years old already, that does not mean we cannot do profound things for the Lord. Apostle Paul’s mighty epistles were penned most during his old age not during his younger years

as a persecutor of the Church nor during his early preaching ministry. As you can see from these few examples, the entry to ministry can be a personal decision as in the case of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, but it can also be that God calls you to get in there such as Moses. But in all things, God has called us to be the best that we can be where-ever we are. Is this not also what he mean when he said subdue the earth? Do you think we can subdue the earth by all becoming pastors or talking preachers and no one around to care for the sick and thirsty around? No carpenters to look around to build their houses? Or no architects to draw the plan of a beautiful Cathedral or a magnificent house? Or no molecular biologist to discover a drug for curing cancer? Or a teacher to teach young children how to be productive Christians? There is no more magnificent call than to be found doing what God has called you to do and to be. Do not pretend then to be a writer when God calls you to be a nurse, or to be a doctor when God calls you to preach. In all of these there are sweet overlaps and in those things we need to seek more of God's wisdom.

I would have to say that in my case, I have to learn it this hard way simply because my decision was firm and hard to change, so God has just let it happen. I learned from the consequences. That said if you are a student, pray for your call that God will reveal it to you. Do best in your academic study to honor your parents and win their respect and it would be easier for you to share the gospel to them later. Read good books because it is not essential to read all things. Learn to specialize in the area you have an inkling God is preparing you for (more of these things later). But I have to also say that you must study your Science well including evolution and Creation Science. Now you know the two points-that of evolution and that of Creation Science go ahead and press out. Do not fear, you are not insulting God to study evolution because all your insights will in the latter end be useful to tell to others.

The thing I got wrong with this was that I got emotionally tied up with this war of Evolution vs. Creationism. I have to say that, you can do it, to study both without believing evolution and becoming overtly antagonistic to it. If you will be able to do so, then you can overcome. I have to also say that there is a need to time everything, as Solomon says, "there is a time for everything under heaven". This is hard to discern even for me but with practice we can do it.

The faith of the Bereans

The Berean brethrens were not all naïve people like other groups of people whom Paul the apostle preached the gospel to. They daily checked on his preachings whether those things were so found in the Bible and whether the context Paul was saying is a new revelation or a new teaching.

"These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the Scriptures daily, whether those things were so (Act 17:11 KJV)".

The end result of such readiness of mind or openness of mind and searching God's word to confirm Paul's teachings were more souls believing in the Lord.

Therefore many of them believed; also of honorable women which were Greeks, and of men, not a few (Act 17:12 KJV).

The faith of the Bereans was to seek and confirm the truth that they were being told about, while at the same time being open to the leading of the Lord. This kind of faith requires the humility for us to be open to receive God's word. We may read all books about Creation Science but without the humility to be open, we can't receive the truth that much. Only with a glad heart can we receive something in full.

Many of my former classmates were unable to reconcile the teachings of the Bible with that of Creation Science. They did not look into it with details and the end result of it is empty faith of traditions. Now they go to church because it has been their tradition to do so. Untested faith means nothing but a empty. Blindness is the result of following things without going into depth and examining the things therein. You can have a blind faith only because you did not test why you believe such things nor examined what makes them true or what makes them right as well as wrong. The Bereans stood firm even when they were stirred-up by the mongrels coming from Thessalonica (Acts 17:13)

Chapter 9 “The road to freedom”

Freedom is knowing the Lord Jesus Christ. I have never seen a bunch of more happy people in this world than the Christians are. Joy and peace emanates from them as the Lord covers them all with His peace and grace. In the path of life, the road is narrow and there are two ditches in it. Sometimes we can fall on the other side but we need to get going and to do that, the only Rescuer is the Savior Jesus Christ. No one can be truly healed without the common grace that comes from the Lord. This is why said that, “He lets his sun shine to both the evil and the good”. I wonder what would happen to all the temperate countries without the sun. They will all freeze and die. It was the grace of God to have kept us all alive. Freedom is trusting the Lord fully and trusting Him that indeed He is our Maker and Deliverer.

And *even to your* old age I *am* he; and *even* to hoar hairs will I carry *you*: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver *you* (Isa 46:4 KJV).

We cannot liken God to an idol and prostitute ourselves to these things or ideas. He came for us to see that we may know the truth and be set free by Him. The condition of our sin was only redeemed by His death on the cross. To be redeemed means to be “paid for”. Take this; one brother has had to be imprisoned in the city because of his debts. Now the judge will not give him freedom not until he will pay all of his debts. Amazingly, this brother has another rich brother and when he heard from the news about the fate of his kin, he went to see him and talked to the judge of paying all the debts of his brother. He did it in one day with his lawyers and that gave back freedom to his brother. This is what it means to be redeemed. Someone has taken our penalty so that we do not need to take it upon ourselves. Jesus did bear the cross for you to be set free totally. His promise to us is not only eternal life but even eternal peace and rest.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved (Joh 3:16-17 KJV).

For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.
But be ye glad and rejoice forever *in that* which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy.
And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.
There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die a hundred years old; but the sinner *being* a hundred years old shall be accursed.
The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust *shall be* the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD (Isa 65. 17-20, 25 KJV).

This is the hope that we have in Christ, and this is the gospel that will open the mind of other people to be set free. He has given us the hope for a new life and a new Kingdom. In fact Jesus Christ resurrected to show us a new life and what can happen to us. This is why Paul was so convinced of the Lord that he went on to preach to the remotest parts of the world. He wrote,

If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.
But now is Christ risen from the dead, *and* become the firstfruits of them that slept.
For since by man *came* death, by man *came* also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive (1Co 15:19-22 KJV).

He was saying that the resurrection of Christs is the deathblow to satan's lies. He proved His claims of being God by conquering death and living again. For if we only have hope, and Christ was not risen from the dead, we are nothing but the most miserable people of this world. Thank God that He is alive again and therefore what distinguishes Jesus from other religious proponents is He rose from the dead. Mohammad did not, Allah did not reclaim man's sin, Buddha did not die for you neither he lived again after he died and the creation was only created even your ancestors. The right to be respected to the highest power, to be revered and to be worshipped is therefore worthy to be conferred to Jesus Christ alone.

The road to freedom starts by knowing Him and as He touched the life of Paul the apostle from a Church persecutor to a foremost apostle, He can turn around your life today and heal you. Nothing is too difficult for the Lord to do for you if you call upon Him.

David encourages,

I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah.

For this shall every one that is godly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found: surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto him. Thou *art* my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. Selah (Psa 32:5-7KJV).

And Isaiah the prophet wrote what He heard from the Lord,

I *am* the LORD, and *there is* none else, *there is* no God beside me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me:

That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that *there is* none beside me. I *am* the LORD, and *there is* none else.

I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these *things*.

Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness: let the earth open, and let them bring forth salvation, and let righteousness spring up together; I the LORD have created it.

Woe unto him that striveth with his Maker! *Let* the potsherd *strive* with the potsherds of the earth. Shall the clay say to him that fashioneth it, What makest thou? or thy work, He hath no hands?

Woe unto him that saith unto *his* father, What begettest thou? or to the woman, What hast thou brought forth?

Thus saith the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command ye me.

I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I, *even* my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded (**Isa 45:5** -12 KJV).

The road to real freedom does not come from another man, it does not come from joining an organization or joining a fraternity or a sorority or a revolution. The freest man is not found begging but rather praying to the Lord, bowing low and thanking Him for another day spent with Him.

Summary

1. **Seek to know more of Christ.**

Focus on the Lord and not on evolution itself. As you try to do, you will experience true freedom that comes from Him. Ask Him to touch your head and heal it from confusion.

2. **Since evolution is built up of deceit, let your mind be indwelt by the truth**

Satan is a liar and there is no lies about that. He seeks to remove your faith and affection to God and then destroy you completely-no mercy. The only solution to this is also to continually upgrade ourselves with the knowledge of the word of God and also of Creation Science if we still struggle about it. But I recommend that you read books in your spare time and not during your academic time. You must learn how to balance the two as this is a hard thing at least for me.

3. Bring the Lord to your study

As you endeavor to know more of the Lord it would always be a good protocol to pray in your study of the word before and after. I am not imposing this but you can develop such habit. It would be hard to understand the Bible simply because we are not the writer of the books and we are not the originator of those ideas. It would therefore be best to consult the writer of His thoughts. The Holy Spirit therefore can guide you best on that matter.

4. Share His love to others

As you continue to know more of the Lord, it is not enforced to share, but you can share what you know and do not be afraid to make mistakes. We all do. We learn from our mistakes but it would have been better always to do learn from others and not to commit the same follies again and again. Share what you know with others when asked to do so and with your friends this is quite easy because you have established genuine friendships with them already. It is harder to share with someone you do not know compared to somebody you know already. And this does not have to be in the classroom but even during casual discussion times.