

"THOSE THAT SEEK ME EARLY SHALL FIND ME."

PROVERBS 8:17

THE INSTRUCTOR

TRUTH FOR YOUTH TODAY

"Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise." Proverb 19:20



I WILL EARLY SEEK THE SAVIOR

I WILL early seek the Savior,
I will learn of Him each day;
I will follow in His footsteps,
I will walk the narrow way.

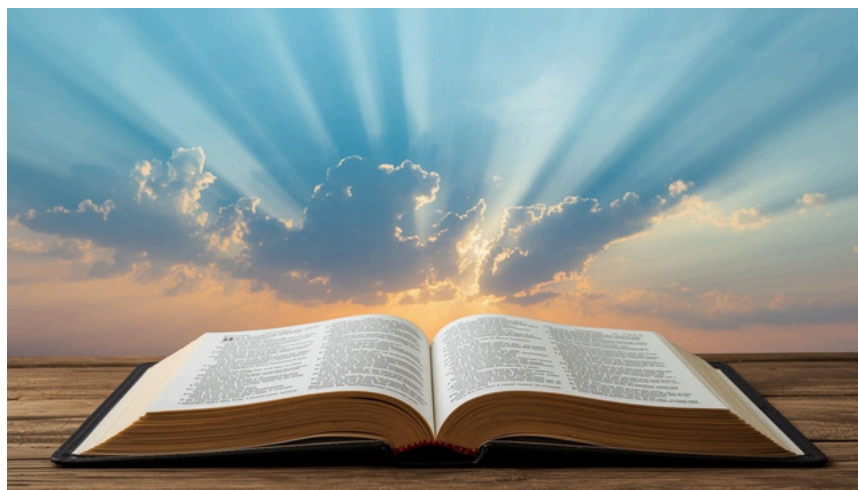
*For He loves me, yes, He loves me,
Jesus loves me, this I know.
Jesus loves me, died to save me,
This is why I love Him so.*

I will hasten where He bids me,
I am not too young to go
In the pathway where He leadeth,
Not too young His will to know.

He is standing at the doorway
Of escape from every sin;
I will knock, for He has promised,
He will hear and let me in.

— L. M. Beal Bateman.

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NOT TOO SMALL

A FEW weeks since, I heard a little boy, starting in the service of the Lord at the age of thirteen, say: "I am a small boy to stand before this congregation, but not too small to give my heart to Jesus. I want to serve God with all my heart, and be a help to my widowed mother." I did not wonder that this little boy's mother was led to exclaim, as she saw him take a decided stand for the truth, "God bless my noble boy."

"Not too small to give my heart to Jesus." Dear children, none are too small who are large enough to know right from wrong. There is no other way, when we feel that we have broken the law of God, that we can return and come to him, only through the dear Saviour. By repentance, and giving our hearts to Jesus—believing on him, ceasing to do evil, learning to do well—we may have our sins blotted out, forgiven, and no more remembered against us.

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, has said, "Suffer little children to come unto me." He still invites you. His

arms are still extended to receive you. Angels that excel in strength, are watching over you. They rejoice when you hear the invitation of Jesus, and come as did this little boy, and give your hearts to him. They grieve when you turn away from those extended arms, and refuse to come. Good people, who are striving to overcome, that they may finally dwell with Jesus on the New Earth, are interested in your welfare. If we would have the approbation of the dear Saviour, and the watch-care of good angels here, we must listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd. If we would share the joy, the bliss of the heavenly inheritance in the world to come, we must obey that voice. We must make Him our portion, confess him before men, and he will confess us before his Father and the holy angels.

Dear young friends, all this is but our reasonable service. Do we realize how much Jesus has done for us? He has died upon the cross that we might have life, borne our sins in his own body on the tree, that by his stripes we might be healed. Our whole life is none too long to spend in his service. Our best days are none too good to serve in the army of the Lord. We should remember, too, that the longer we stay away, the more we have to overcome, the harder it will be to comply with his requirements. How much better to begin in childhood to give our hearts to Jesus, to form a Christian character, than to serve Satan till middle age, and then have to labor so hard to undo what we have done, or be lost; to labor harder to get rid of wrong feelings and ideas, than we would in childhood to form a Christ-like character. The young have no idea how closely habits formed in early life cling to them; no idea what a task it is to get rid of them.

Dear readers of the Instructor, who have not complied with the invitations of the dear Redeemer, allow one who has had a bitter experience of the toil of overcoming prejudice, correcting wrong habits and striving to become like Jesus—one who feels interested for you, to entreat of you to remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, to listen to the loving voice of the Good Shepherd, heed now his invitation, now give your hearts to him. Tomorrow may be too late. Oh, come now in the accepted time. You are "none too small to give your hearts to Jesus." God's faithful people will aid you as far as in their power. Good angels will watch over you. There will be joy in Heaven, rejoicing over your return. Jesus will intercede for you—his yoke is easy and his burden is light. He has promised that all those who come and bear his yoke shall find rest to their souls. He will carry the lambs in his bosom.

Not only does Jesus invite, but "the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say come. And let him that is athirst say come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." Oh ! come now, and say with this little boy: "I want to serve God with all my heart. I am none too young to give my heart to Jesus."

— N. ORCUTT.
West Enosburgh, Jan, 1868.



"AND ye shall know the
truth, and the truth
shall make you free."

— Jesus Christ

LITTLE LONG TONGUE



LITTLE Long-tongue is a great story-teller. We do not mean to say that he writes stories for the newspapers, but that he tells stories. To be plain, little Long-tongue is in the habit of telling lies !

The other day he broke a glass tumbler, he put the pieces together again, and set it where it had been. Afterward, when his mother wished to use it, it fell apart in her hands. She asked him who broke it, and he said he did not know. Just think of that! But that is not all. One day he and his little sister were playing in the garden. He got angry with her, so that she went into the house crying. His mother asked what had taken place, and he said he thought a bee had stung her. He knew very well that it was not so; but, he thought, his mother might punish him, and so he told a lie to hide what he had done. Thus he committed a second sin to cover the first.

In this way little Long-tongue tells lies every day. Just think of it!



I wonder if he knows that Ananias and Sapphira were suddenly struck dead for telling lies? [Acts 5:1-11]

Little Long-tongue ought to read what God says about liars: "All liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone."

We hope he will quit his ugly and sinful habit, and learn always to speak the truth.

— *Children's friend.*



THE PLEASURES OF THE WORLD

DEAR YOUTHFUL FRIENDS: I am often pained as I see the strong attractions which the pleasures of the world have for you.

I have seen some of you, with whom I am personally acquainted, arise and express your determinations to serve the Lord, overcome your sins, and at last stand on Mount Zion. You have been led into the water and immersed, in token that you were dead to the world, alive unto God, and had risen with Christ to walk in newness of life. Perhaps you did run well for a while, but ere you had fairly begun the Christian course, the world (which you had professed to give up) attracts you. Gradually you cherish and indulge the desire to follow its fashions and partake of its pleasures. Your dress, or hat, or hair, must be trimmed till it bears the impress of the world. After a while, when you meet with the people of God, you take a back seat among youth who either make no profession, or are backslidden from God. You have no testimony to bear to the goodness of God. You do not love to speak of what he has done and is doing for you.

Ah! my young friend, beware of the first step in departing from the Lord. Come back! Take up your neglected Bible and read, — "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof, but he that doeth the will of God, abideth forever." When tempted, for temptation is our common lot, go back to Calvary and remember the purchase of our salvation. Go forward, and view in imagination the earth restored to Eden beauty, with the heavenly Jerusalem in all its splendor situated upon it, and all the marks of the curse wiped away forever.

Youth and children will be there, and can mingle freely in society, without being harmed! All will be pure, holy, and refined; there will be nothing to lead away from God, for all will worship him and join in his praise. Dear young friends, let us strive to be there.

We may be assured that Satan will ensnare us if possible. There is but one safe place; and that is, to abide in Christ.

— S. E. L. PIERCE.
Feb., 1871.



"WE should choose the right because it is right, and leave consequences with God."

— Ellen G. White.

NOW IS THE TIME

TO INQUIRE, "What is truth?" and to search diligently for it as for hid treasures; to apply it to our hearts; to become sanctified through it, ready for every good word and work, that we may not be of the number to whom "strong delusion" is sent. 2 Th. 2:11.

Now is the time to "exhort one another, and so much the more as we see the day approaching," lest we forget what manner of persons we are of, and He, coming suddenly, find us sleeping. Heb. 10:25.



This is the time to have a burden of souls, and to cease not, night nor day, to warn the sinner with tears, lest he sleep the sleep of death, and his blood be found upon our garments.

Now is the time to love God with all the heart, and each other with pure hearts, fervently, for "love is of God." "If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us." 1 Jn 4:7,12.

Now is the time to have our treasure all in Heaven, for "where our treasure is, there will our hearts be also." Mt. 6:21.

Now is the time that Satan has come down with great power, to deceive, if possible, the elect; hence it is the time to watch continually unto prayer, that we escape his

wiles, and the day of the Lord come not upon us unawares.

Dear youth, how important the time! Soon it will be swallowed up of eternity. Not a moment to lose now! should be the feeling of every heart. The righteousness of parents or friends will not save you. You must each have an experience in the things of God; must work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

Are you making it the first business of your lives to obtain the evidence that you are adopted into the family of Christ? Do you realize that Jesus is knocking at the door of your hearts? that he has tarried until his locks are wet with the dews of night? He begs an entrance. He longs to encircle you in the arms of his love, to mould your hearts all over anew, that, at his coming, he may bestow upon you all those rich blessings now being prepared for the righteous.

May you rightly improve the present time, accept Jesus' dying love, and become a legal heir to the kingdom, is my prayer.

— M. J. CHAPMAN.
Battle Creek, Mich., Dec., 1867.

LOVE increases as you
give it away.

Words of Treasure

- Psalm 33:4
- Psalm 136:1
- Psalm 147:3
- John 14:15



Important Reminder

- “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.” Matthew 6:33.
- “With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible.” Mark 10:27.



- Do you really believe that there is a God?
- Are you seeking Him with all your heart?



AMAZING BIBLE STORY FOR CHILDREN

Chapter 1—The Birth of Jesus

IN the little town of Nazareth, nestled among the hills of Galilee, was the home of Joseph and Mary, who were afterward known as the earthly parents of Jesus.

Now Joseph was of the lineage, or family, of David; and so, when a decree was sent out for the people to be taxed, he had to go to Bethlehem, the city of David, to have his name enrolled. This was a toilsome journey, as people traveled in those times. Mary, who went with her husband, was very weary as she climbed the hill on which Bethlehem stands.

How she longed for a comfortable place in which to rest! But the inns were already full. The rich and proud were well cared for, while these humble travelers had to find rest in a rude building where cattle were sheltered.

Joseph and Mary possessed little of earth's riches, but they had the love of God, and this made them rich in contentment and peace. They were children of the heavenly King, who was about to give them a wonderful honor.

Angels had been watching them while they were on their journey, and when night came on, and they went to rest, they were not left alone. Angels were still with them.

There, in that lowly shed, Jesus the Saviour was born and laid in a manger. In that rude cradle lay the Son of the Highest—He whose presence had filled the courts of Heaven with glory.

Before He came to the earth, Jesus was the Commander of the angel hosts. The brightest and most exalted of the sons of the morning heralded His glory at the



creation. They veiled their faces before Him as He sat upon His throne. They cast their crowns at His feet, and sang His triumphs as they beheld His greatness.

Yet this glorious Being loved the poor sinner, and took upon Him the form of a servant, that He might suffer and die for us.

Jesus might have remained at the Father's side, wearing the kingly crown and the royal robe; but for our sake He chose to exchange the riches of Heaven for the poverty of earth.

He chose to leave His station of high command, to leave the angels who loved Him. The adoration of the heavenly throng He chose to exchange for mockery and abuse by wicked men. From love to us, He accepted a life of hardship and a death of shame.

All this Christ did to show how much God loves us. He lived on earth to show how we may honor God by obedience to His will. He did this so that by following His example we may at last dwell with Him in His heavenly home.

The priests and rulers among the Jews were not ready to welcome Jesus. They knew that the Saviour was soon to come, but they expected Him to be a mighty king who would make them rich and great. They were too proud to think of the Messiah as being a helpless child.

So when Christ was born, God did not reveal it to them. He sent the glad news to some shepherds who kept their flocks on the hills around Bethlehem.

These were good men, and as they watched their sheep by night, they talked

together about the promised Saviour, and prayed so earnestly for His coming that God sent bright messengers from His own throne of light to teach them.

"And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

"And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

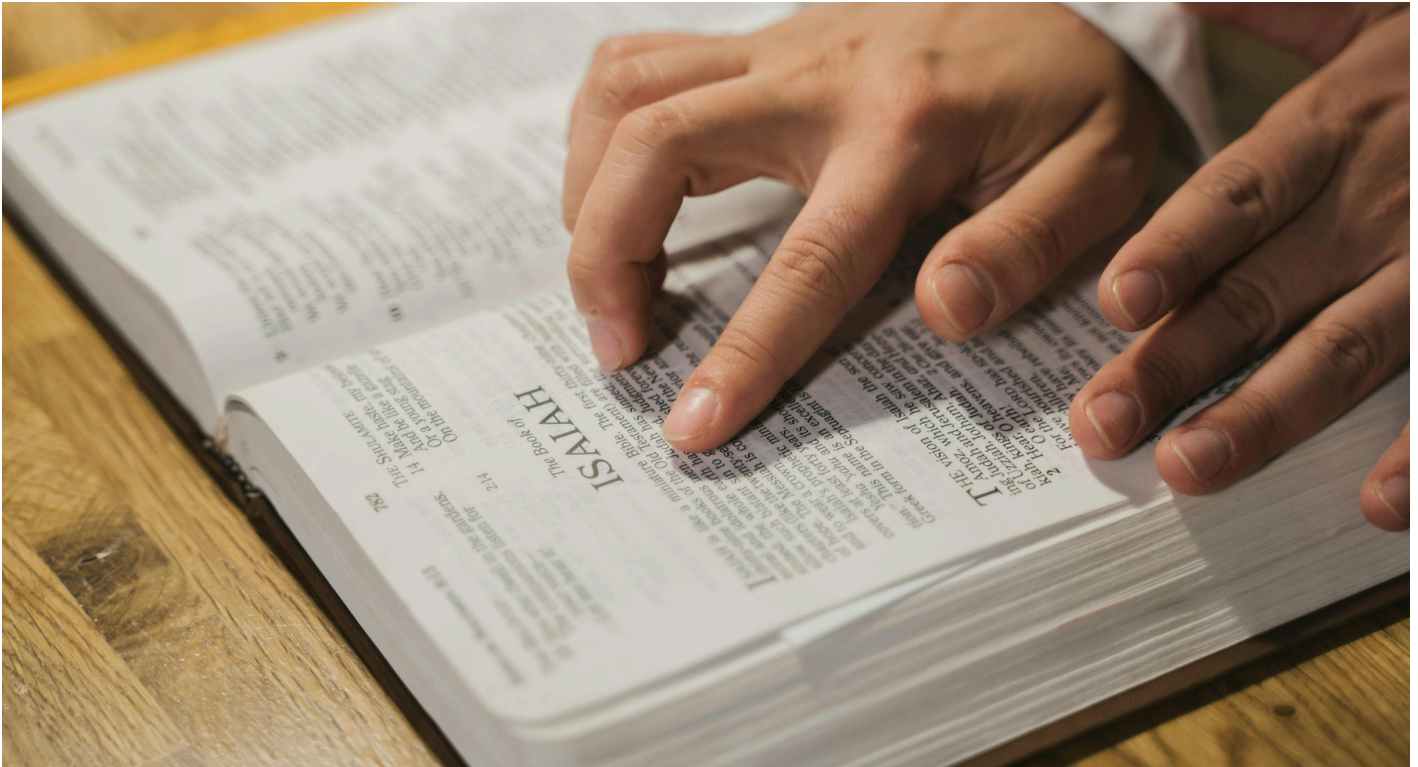
"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

"And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

"And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

"And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart." Luke 2:9-19.

— *THE STORY OF JESUS, ELLEN G. WHITE.*
To be continued...



BIBLE STUDY LESSON FOR THE YOUTH

Lesson 1—Is the Bible God's Word?

INTRODUCTION: The Bible says that “all Scripture is given by inspiration of God,” for “prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit” (2 Tim. 3:16; and 2 Peter 1:21). The claim of the Bible is that it is the word of the living God, written by human penmen, to the inhabitants of earth. How can we know that this claim of the Bible is true?

1. What element is essential in order for us to believe the Bible? Heb. 11:3, 6

[Note: Not only the Bible testimony but most of our learning has been received through faith. As children, our parents showed us a ball and said, “This is a ball.” We learned because we had faith in their word. Most of us have not been to Mongolia, but we believe it exists because

we have faith in the authorities who have told us. Many people reject the Bible because of their belief in evolution, but evolution itself can be believed only on the basis of faith in someone’s interpretation of selected evidence. The Further-study verse is Heb. 4:2].

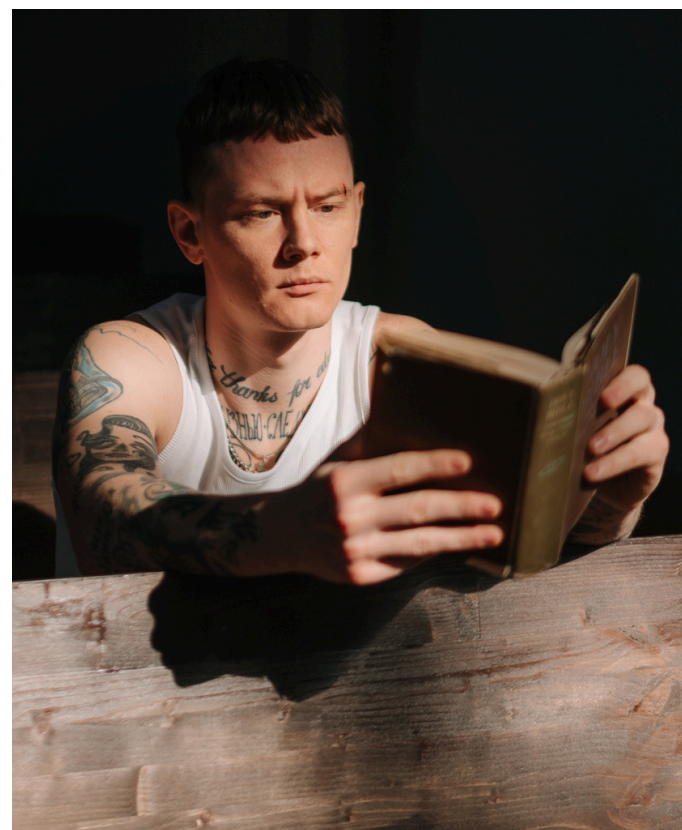
2. What is faith? Heb. 11:1 [Ans: Faith is evidence, for it is founded upon evidence. God does not bypass the human mind. He says, “Come now, and let us reason together” (Isa. 1:18). God gives sufficient evidence upon which to honestly base our faith. But faith is founded upon evidence of things which are not seen with natural sight. We cannot see the wind, but we can see the evidences of the wind. Rom. 8:24, 25]

3. What is one evidence that God has given us on which we can base our faith?

Isa. 45:18-21 [Ans: The God of the Bible claims to be the only God, the Creator of heaven and earth. As evidence, He says He has foretold current happenings "from ancient times." 2 Peter 1:19]

4. What knowledge does God alone have? Isa. 46:9, 10 [Note: In the lessons following in this series, we will note prophecies that foretold accurately events happening thousands of years later. We will note prophecies of Greece, Rome, and Europe, in some cases giving the specific dates for certain events. The Bible also describes the events and conditions of today. John 14:29]

5. What conditions does the Bible predict will prevail in society today? 2 Tim. 3:1-4 [Note: Sin has always existed in society, but the conditions describe in our text will increase in the last days. Matt. 24:37-39; Gen. 6:5]



6. What international conditions does the Bible picture for the last days? Matt. 24:6, 7 [Rev. 11:18]

7. In the midst of calamities, violence, and threats of war, for what will many people be seeking and predicting? 1 Thess. 5:2, 3 [Rev. 18:7, 8]

8. What religious conditions will prevail in the last days? 2 Peter 3:3-7a [Ans. Men and women will scoff at the faith of Christians, denying the evidences of creation and the flood. They will claim that all things continue in a uniform process of evolution that cannot be, and has not been, changed. Luke 18:8; Rom. 1:19-22]

9. While the moral conditions of society are deteriorating, while efforts to reduce international tensions are preoccupying us, and while evolution is replacing belief in creation, what will suddenly happen to earth? 2 Peter 3:10-13 [Luke 21:34, 35]

10. How can we be preserved from the coming destruction? John 3:16 [Ps. 91:1, 2, 7-10; 27:1-5; John 6:39, 40]

11. From whom do we receive the gift of faith, which we must have in order to believe and be saved? Rom. 12:3 [Heb. 12:2; Mark 9:24; James 1:5, 17]

12. Through what process does God develop faith? Rom. 10:14, 17 [1 Cor. 1:21-24; Matt. 24:14]

13. How only can we believe on the Lord Jesus Christ? John 6:44, 45 [Only those who have learned from the Father can believe on Jesus Christ. As we ask God to teach us, while studying the Bible and opening our minds to the evidences of His presence, He will teach us; He will give us

faith; and we will be drawn to Christ as our Savior. John 20:31; Mark 16:17]

14. What invitation does God give to each one of us? Ps. 34:8 [Matt. 11:28-30]

Commitment: To be understood, the Bible must be studied from a higher standpoint than mere human logic. There must also be the element of conviction from God and an exercise of faith. In His Word, God has given abundant evidence upon which to base our faith in Him. We have looked at one evidence-He can foretell the future. The greatest evidence is the abiding presence of Christ within one's life. God is fair. He says, "Taste and see" for yourself (Ps. 34:8). You do not have to rely on another's faith. His promise is that "You will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart" (Jer. 29:13). Will you give God a chance to demonstrate His goodness in your life?

— MARSHALL GROSBOLL

SPEND EACH DAY RIGHT

REMEMBER that every day is a little life; also, that our whole life is but a day repeated. Jacob, as the Bible says, numbered his life by days; (Gen. 47:8-9) and Moses wished to be taught to number, not his years, but his days, so as to apply his heart unto wisdom (Ps. 90:12). Let each day be well spend, and all our years will be.

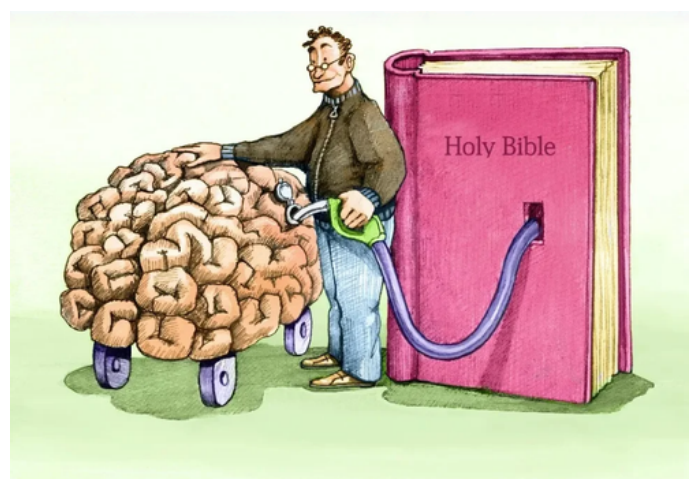
THE meaning of 'Amen': - Comes from the ancient Hebrew word *āmēn* (אָמֵן), which mean "firm," "sure," or "reliable". By saying 'Amen', a person means to say "this is true," "I agree," or "let it be so," as a solemn expression of strong agreement or trust.

THE LOVE OF GOD

Could we with ink the ocean fill
and were the skies of parchment made,
were ev'ry stalk on earth a quill
and ev'ry man a scribe by trade,
to write the love of God above
would drain the ocean dry;
nor could the scroll contain the whole,
tho' stretched from sky to sky.

If you want more
kindness in the world,
put it there.

If you do not fill your mind with God's word, the enemy will fill it with fear, confusion, anxiety, and temptations.



One professor asked: Why did God create evil?

This is one of the best answers I've ever heard to the question, "Why did God create evil?"

Why did God create evil? The answer struck me to the core of my soul!

I first read this article on Facebook. I don't know exactly who wrote it, but I found it to be a widespread article on the internet, and I feel it would be a great blessing to share it with our young friends through this little paper. – *Editor*



A professor at the university asked his students the following question:

– Everything that exists was created by God?

One student bravely answered:

– Yes, created by God.

– Did God create everything? - a professor asked.

– Yes, sir," replied the student.

The professor asked:

– If God created everything, then God created evil, since it exists. And according to the principle that our deeds define ourselves, then God is evil.

The student became silent after hearing such an answer. The professor was very pleased with himself. He boasted to students for proving once again that faith in God is a myth.

Another student raised his hand and said:

– Can I ask you a question, professor?

– "Of course," replied the professor.

A student got up and asked:

– Professor, is cold a thing?

– What kind of question? Of course it exists. Have you ever been cold?

Students laughed at the young man's question. The young man answered:

– Actually, sir, cold doesn't exist.

According to the laws of physics, what we consider cold is actually the absence of heat. A person or object can be studied on whether it has or transmits energy.

Absolute zero (–460 degrees Fahrenheit) is a complete absence of heat. All matter becomes inert and unable to react at this temperature.

Cold does not exist. We created this word to describe what we feel in the absence of heat.

A student continued:

– Professor, does darkness exist?

— Of course it exists.

– You're wrong again, sir. Darkness also does not exist. Darkness is actually the absence of light. We can study the light but not the darkness.

We can use Newton's prism to spread white light across multiple colors and explore the different wavelengths of each color. You can't measure darkness. A simple ray of light can break into the world of darkness and and illuminate it. How can you tell how dark a certain space is? You measure how much light is presented. Isn't it so? Darkness is a term man uses to describe what happens in the absence of light.

In the end, the young man asked the professor:

– Sir, does evil exist?

This time it was uncertain, the professor answered:

– Of course, as I said before. We see it every day. Cruelty, numerous crimes and violence throughout the world. These examples are nothing but a manifestation of evil.

To this, the student answered:

– Evil does not exist, sir, or at least it does not exist for itself. Evil is simply the absence of God. It is like darkness and cold—a man-made word to describe the absence of God. God did not create evil. Evil is not faith or love, which exist as light and warmth. Evil is the result of the absence of Divine love in the human heart. It's the kind of cold that comes when there is no heat, or the kind of darkness that comes when there's no light.



DEAL with the faults of others as gently
as you would your own.



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