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What Do You Believe

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This is a question that is almost as un-definable as it is to ask “How long is a piece of string?” And it is difficult to extract what people really think for the simple reason most don’t want to tell you, or even more concerning, don’t themselves know what they “really” believe about anything.

It is common to most people that what they might believe in their youthful years, or in their young adult life, or their midlife and also their later life will change, sometimes dramatically, and that change may have no bearing on what they formerly believed. Some might say that it is indicative of a rapidly changing world where what was once bad is now good and the social norms of our parents have been pushed aside in favour of a homogenised society where there is no gender recognition and where behavioural barriers of the past have been torn down. Hence there are no solid foundations to build our adulthood upon. But would this really determine what we believe in?

Some might also say that it is all quicksand underneath our feet where once we might have believed that getting married, having children (or not) owning a home, having a good job and driving a really cool car was the perfect future. But even those values have been lost into a jar of vitamised fairy-floss where the sugar has lost its sweetness and the hairy floss strands have been vitamised into oblivion.

As we mature into young adult life we might believe in our ideals of what vocation we want to pursue; a pilot flying all around the world, a doctor who wants to solve a global medical mystery, how to become a billionaire and retire at 25 years of age, or any of the thousands and thousands of options that a person might like to follow. Whether this would be chasing a dream or just going along with each career change as another presented itself with greener grass growing is a good social discussion point; but really is it the bed-rock of humanity or just scenery passing as we look out the window from our life’s vision as the years roll by?

Well the answer to that last question brings us closer to where we will find answers to many deep and meaningful questions about love, life and if the dog has fleas. Sorry, the dog’s not really in it. And while we can play around with words and be slightly amusing (but only to the author apparently) the population of the whole world (that means every soul that is living on planet Earth) needs desperately to know the answers to: Why am I here? What is the purpose of my life? What happens when I die?

We can smirk at this; “Does this silly person want to know the answer to Psychology Question 1.01? Everybody knows there is no wrong answer.” Okay, we can play around with all of this unedifying jibber-jabber and at the end of the article no one would be any the wiser from when they started.

There is a truth to be known and there are answers to all of those questions above. The problem is that the general societal view about life is pretty pale and the majority are ignorant of the most basic premise upon which every human life is upheld. Most people you encounter on this subject will talk about the things of this world and how they relate to them, or conversely, how those things relate to their life’s little bubble.

Now I am not trying to be even slightly amusing here. This subject is a matter of either living life for what it is meant to be or dying and wasting away as a knob of butter on a hot rock out the back of Bourke. The ramifications for every person who does not know the truth of what makes this world tick or why they are here or what happens to them when they die can be likened to being strapped to an out of control rail car that is plunging down a bottomless gorge.

Everyone on planet Earth over the past six thousand years since Hominin Man’s demise needs a rescuer to reach out and pull them to safety from what is otherwise going to be a wasted life that will inevitably one day cease. That is, no coming back as anything, no banging on the Pearly Gates demanding entry, no dancing with the devil in fancy dress, no cursor to click the reset button or safe-break to escape from the grip of impending doom – there will only be that which we are told in biblical prophecy that those who are judged and sentenced will go into eternal damnation in the Lake of Fire and Brimstone.

Even the world’s most generous philanthropist will not escape having to make this decision. Whilst a rich man may provide charitable assistance to hundreds of thousands of the world’s needy and poor, if he does not reach out for this rescuer he too is in reality strapped to the same rail car. His humanitarian efforts might just be seen as a vain expression of his wealth.¹

On the other hand, if you were to know about why you were here on planet Earth and what happens when you die and what your purpose for being here was, and with that knowledge you were able to change your life’s options and be pulled off that rail car to a safe place, would you be interested?

¹ Matthew 19:24

There is an interesting human trait that nearly every person on the planet displays in the “growing-up” stage of their life and that is regardless of the type of person they are and that is because of their immaturity they do not have any commitment toward the God of this universe. Yes they may have even grown up in the Western democracy of the “bible belt” in America’s South East corner but even having super religious parents generally does not change the heart of a person. That change only comes about from a decision made though maturity.

For adults who have no belief in God theirs is a tough road to walk. Social pressures to stay in conformity with an unbelieving general society are significant and can be an enormous barrier to look passed. It seems that unbelief and agnosticism are the norm in a modern western society. The populations of cultures that follow other belief streams have also engendered social pressures to keep those who might otherwise abandon their familial roots and consider other religions are barricaded in by their own cultural norms.

It is interesting to look at the genesis of world religions and where they gained foot holds into the ancient societies. Very clearly there were no other religious belief streams prior to Adam and Eve and their total reliance on God who by His word brought all things of Creation into this physical dominion.

But we cannot explore to any greater depth than this if we do not include in our deliberations that God gave mankind a free-will and correspondingly laid out before him a pathway of life that diverged off into opposite directions; one way toward God’s dominion – and the other way under the influence of the Luciferic image of Satan directed toward rebellion and evil.

The introduction of the Luciferian figure is told in the ancient Adamic song line² where Eve was coerced by evil to disobey God’s instructions in favour of following her carnal desires. Consequently Adam and Eve were forced to live their lives outside of God’s protected dominion in the hard reality of terrestrial earth where the satanic alternatives were freely offered. Free-will was henceforth unrestrained and the choice became optional between the goodness of God and the evil of Satan.

We can look back through the ancient song lines to the time that Cain, Adam and Eve’s eldest son, walked away from God’s dominion³, and also within the same millennia where all but one single man rebelled against God that brought God’s wrath down upon all of human kind and air breathing animals except for one family and an ark of wood full of animals.⁴

² Genesis 3:1-6

³ Genesis 4:16

⁴ Genesis 6:17

The rebellions surfaced again within three generations of Noah and his family exiting the ark on the mountains of Ararat.⁵ This was the great rebellion led by Nimrod, son of Cush, grandson of Ham and great grandson of Noah who coerced a large part of the Noahadic Tribe, who incidentally had remained together as a single population with the common language that was spoken by Adam and Eve, into wanting to their own powers and endeavoured to build a structure to re-access God's domain in the heavens.⁶

This activity attracted God's attention and in the Lord He visited the construction of the tower and decided it was time to disperse the populations throughout the rest of the world; and this he did by confounding the languages of the populations along the familial lineages of the three sons of Noah; Ham, Japheth and Shem.⁷

Following the dispersal from Babel, the tribe of Shem retained the original "holy" language that was given the Adam and Eve whilst the other tribes splintered off into other lands and ostensibly away from God's abiding influence. We can read into this that the rebellious were predominantly from the two tribal families of Ham and Japheth about which there is one more gem to be discovered shortly.

From the lineage of Shem down the centuries there was also a peeling away of families for a number of reasons and consequently these were excised from what was then identifiable as an unblemished blood line originating with Adam and Eve. Notably of these was Ishmael, the father of the Arabian nations built by twelve princes from his family, and it is with interest we read in the Genesis script that God gave a blessing to Ishmael and his mother after they had departed from Abraham's dwellings⁸. Remnants of those princely nations are still with us today.

The original language of Adam and Eve was preserved down their unblemished blood line and became the "holy" language that was the basis upon which the original Hebrew language grew and matured through to the times of Moses who, incidentally, introduced the written modality of the Hebrew language to Israel during their forty year sojourn in the wilderness. It was the retention of this language, even though it came under great stress in the four hundred years Israel was restrained in Egypt, that preserved the original nature of the song lines of rote learning from the time of Adam speaking directly with God, and once again recorded by Moses all those years later.

⁵ Genesis 8:4

⁶ Genesis 11:4

⁷ Genesis 11:8-9

⁸ Genesis 21:17-21

This was the precursor to the Tanakh (or Bible) of today. If the holy language had “also” been lost through the Babel dispersion then we would not have had the God-given historical record of the creation of the universe that had been orally passed down the generations.

To finish up this segue, from Shem to Terah, Abraham’s father, is eight generations and it was at this familial link that the royal blood line from Adam and Eve was critically defined through Abram and his brother Nahor. From Abraham’s lineage came Isaac and it was Isaac’s wife about whom Abraham had instructed his servant to seek from the lands of Nahor; hence Isaac’s wife was Rebekah, the granddaughter of Nahor. And from Isaac and Rebekah came Jacob, the father of the twelve tribes of Israel.

We should also note that it was Shem, Noah’s first son, who carried the male blood-line counterpart for the female Seed of Eve⁹ to be preserved down the millennia. We need to perhaps explain this a little further. With Adam and Eve’s advent into the world they came with a DNA that was different to that of indigenous Hominin Man¹⁰ who was present at the time of Adam’s appearance. This gives us a clearer picture of how come the two human forms were different in so many ways. But God’s design was that this new Adamic DNA was to be the Royal blood line that would carry down the generations nearly four millenniums before it was to fulfil its purpose for the Holy Spirit to bring forth the first child of Miriam (Mary) and hence God’s only begotten son, Yeshua (Eng. Jesus).

How that Eve’s sinless seed could be preserved for so many generations is another wonderful miracle and how God engineered His natural laws of procreation to protect that seed is the stuff of legends. For the mechanics of that process to achieve this, Adam and Eve’s DNA were identical, remembering that DNA from Adam was used to bring forth Eve, and to preserve that Royal lineage and maintain it unblemished from being by mingled with the DNA of the remnant population of Hominin Man, a strong familial bond was instilled into the lineage that came down through Shem to remain pure within their fore-parents blood line.

The preservation of that Royal blood-line was achieved by each new generation only taking another pure blood-line partner for marriage. Hence if a daughter did step outside of that pure blood-line in marriage (as it no doubt did) all

⁹ Genesis 3:15 The Seed of Eve required both male and female blood line be preserved from mingling.

¹⁰ Researchers working on the historic categorisation of DNA have found that today’s human population has traces of Hominin Man’s DNA. This proves the point that at least one of Noah’s daughters-in-law married to either Ham or Japheth was from a Hominin Man lineage. It also gives evidence that Adam’s DNA did indeed differ to that of the indigenous population of Hominin Man.

children from there down her lineage were excised from the Royal blood line. Only a pure blood-line male and a pure blood-line female could preserve the Royal status of Eve's sinless Seed and give birth to another female who would carry the pure Seed to the next generation; and as we might say, ipso-facto, God absolutely achieved this near impossible task.

Having now an understanding of the pure blood line from Adam and Eve cascading down the millenniums in expectation of the holy child to come forth, we can further understand that in the antediluvian period the blood line came under severe threat of being spoiled from both inter-marriages with extant Hominin Man and also the fallen angels who did not keep their first estate.¹¹ The consequences were dire, but just-in-time God raised up Noah and subsequently he and his wife plus their three sons and their wives were chosen to be saved from the ensuing flood waters that would engulf the world.¹²

In these modern techno-savvy times Science has discovered and are still working on research into the human DNA. The reason I mention this is that from several broad-ranging programmes researchers have found remnant DNA strings from Hominin Man that are existing in the world's current population. This significantly means that Japheth and/or Ham (I suggest both) took wives who were of the Hominin Man bloodline, and this may well provide some further understanding about why these two brothers and their tribes walked away from God at Babel, leaving the family of Shem to carry the pure DNA onwards into history.

So to think that the God of the ancient Hebrew nation is "just" another god is completely erroneous; and it is not anything to do with "my god is this" and "your god is that". There is only one true and genuine God in this whole universe and it is He who rules the heavens; it is He who created this terrestrial space and it is He who put mankind on planet Earth and said to him, "If you will follow in my ways and obey my commandments you will be raised from your dead body and be redeemed to the paradise of heaven"¹³. God further said to mankind, "On the other hand if you do not follow my ways and not obey my commandments then at the end of your life you will be delivered unto death for your unbelief."¹⁴

God put Adam and Eve on the Earth some six thousand years ago and out of their lineage He built a chosen nation that still survives today. God's vision for this nation was that they would become a nation of priests before the whole

¹¹ Jude 1:6

¹² Genesis 7:19 -22

¹³ Paraphrased by the author

¹⁴ Paraphrased by the author

world. This vision for the Children of Israel was not isolated just because they are a chosen recipient of God's attention and affection; it was the next stage of God's grand Redemption Plan for mankind so that all living souls could know what the future held for them by either accepting or rejecting God.

In preparing this fledgling nation for the task God had "chosen" them to fulfil, it was necessary that the Children of Israel, who had already been introduced to a form of structured law through Adam and Eve, Noah and Abraham, be totally immersed under a system of law that controlled every aspect of their day-to-day lives. Enter the Mosaic Law with its six hundred and thirteen ordinances. It is worth remembering that the whole world up until then was essentially a law unto themselves, and the consequences of this state of being was that without a law based on God's expectations for mankind's behaviour and mental state of mind, a righteous relationship with God was unobtainable because there was no means to identify the sin of the flesh that had been passed to all human kind from the indiscretion of disobedience that Adam and Eve committed in the presence of God all those millenniums earlier.

But let us back track for a short moment before we get too far ahead of the logical sequence of events. To fully understand why even Adam and Eve were part of the grand Redemption Plan we need to go back into the history of the world and its creation.

The universe is popularly thought to be approximately fourteen billion years old and our Sun solar system three and a half billion years. The first life forms were plants, trees and grasses, which were followed by the life forms in the seas and following on from them the life forms of birds, animals and beasts. Around five hundred thousand years¹⁵ ago the first Hominin Man appeared on Earth; and please note that this was not as a result of any evolutionary sequence, but they were a new species of mammal to appear on the planet.¹⁶

These Hominin humans were very basic and lacked essential intellect and brain power to lift themselves up out of their hunter-gathered hand-to-mouth subsistence regime, about which notably they were vegetarian. However after some five hundred thousand years they were still irretrievably locked into their primitivism of Stone Age man and never escaped that existence even right up to the last of their species, Neanderthal Man, Cro-Magnon Man and the newly discovered specie Denisovan Man. Accordingly Hominin Man disappeared into extinction.

¹⁵ Science keeps shifting this date in the absence of solid evidence that would lead to something more certain.

¹⁶ Genesis 1:27

These early forms of humans lacked a bony structure in their throat to be able to have speech as we now know it and correspondingly also lacked articulate communication by having limited brain power and immature physiology as noted. They had little or no tools to improve their day-to-day functioning and were not able to comprehend instruction or the concept of deity. They were in real terms therefore lawless.

It was circa six thousand years ago at the time of Hominin Man's final flurry that a new human form appeared on Earth. This was Adam and Eve¹⁷, a super-charged modern "Adamic" Man who came with articulate speech, vastly expanded brain power, IQ and skill sets that very quickly launched mankind into self-awareness and hence self-improvement. In comparison to the half a million years that Hominin Man existed but displayed no meaningful self-improvement, Adamic Man within a relatively short period of time made tools, undertook agriculture and introduced the fledgling structures for what would become common place farming and buildings into the future, and we also see the follow-on of the Metal Minerals Age and the Iron Age developments a short period thereafter.

But contrary to this all happening autonomously as perhaps along the lines of the theory espoused by Charles Darwin, the whole sequence of events from the formation of the universe, the isolation of the galaxies and in particular our Sun solar system and ultimately planet Earth was defined and intelligently engineered. That's the modern parlance of saying God created the heavens and the earth and all things therein¹⁸, but not giving God His due credit.

God's purpose for creating this terrestrial space is the basis for understanding why God has put so much into mankind's development through setting him in a high specification domain in which man was to live out his life. That is the first part of it. But God's ultimate goal was to create a being that was in the same image as Himself and to give every individual that would ever live on the planet a free-will choice whether to look to God and seek a life of service to him, or to reject this calling and live life for what it offered totally unrestrained in the flesh.

So here is the great divide, the sheep and the goats (as they say). For those who would seek to go into service to God, their future would be redemption from here to the heaven above and live an eternal life in the paradise of God's abode. For those who just wanted to live for themselves in this terrestrial domain theirs would be destruction – because they rejected the greatest gift that mankind could be freely given.

¹⁷ Genesis 2:7

¹⁸ Genesis 1:1

Because Hominin Man could not articulate speech and was consequently unable to comprehend instruction or deity, his period of existence had to come to an end and give way to the Adamic Man that God placed here on Earth who was capable of all of these things. So in another way to express it, God put Adam and Eve on the planet to kick-start a population who could understand the “sheep and goat” alternatives that was before him. Hence the Redemption Plan really started four billion years ago when God put into motion this high specification domain for mankind to live in.

Now all of these points are contained in the Hebrew scripts and the Greek Testaments of the Judaeo/Christian Bible, and the point that I have mentioned is that Genesis essentially comprises of ancient song-lines that each generation from Adam to Moses remembered by a system of memory retention by rote learning. This is a wonderful example of one of the duties that were bound to the blood line lineage of Adam and Eve to perform.

So that is the First Phase of God’s grand Plan and to facilitate teaching the world about the God of Creation and the details of His grand Plan, the Children of Israel were to be a nation of priests that would go out into the world.¹⁹ However in time they, themselves erred and turned away from God and His Redemption Plan.

However God is infinitely larger than the collective thought of every human that has ever lived; and by dissecting the song-lines right back from the time of Adam and Eve and also in conjunction with the witness statements of those servants to God from two thousand years ago, we can see that God would visit His creation from time to time and we can note that in His fore-planning He had prepared a (spiritual) body before the creation of the world through which He audibly brought all things into existence²⁰.

God appeared on earth in that spiritual body to Adam, Able and Cain, Noah, Abraham and Moses. He also appeared upon Mount Horeb on the edge of the wilderness, within the Tabernacle, at the Temple(s) in Jerusalem plus several other appearances. Subsequently when the downfall of the Children of Israel and the system of Law administered by the Levitical Tribe occurred, God induced the birth of a holy child to a young Hebrew maiden which was the physical form of that spiritual body God had formed in the Beginning; and into which when the time came, that earthy body whom we called Yeshua (Hebrew) Jesus (Anglicised) was infused by God in Spirit and by his voice. Jesus became the living Word of God.

¹⁹ Exodus 19:6

²⁰ John 1:1

This was the long awaited Royal bloodline Seed of Eve from millenniums prior who God had foretold Adam and Eve would bruise the head of the devil.²¹ This was the prophesied holy child and ties the history of our world from its beginnings at Creation²², to the bringing forth of the Royal Hebrew bloodline through Adam, Noah, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and provided the human framework for God's presence on earth through Jesus, his only begotten son, and who freely offered mankind a way to be saved from the impending and inevitable demise for their unbelief and their rejection of Him.

Over the millenniums it is these times of God's visitation that has become a sticking point for billions of souls who through their unbelief turned their backs on the only wise God who has the power and dominion over all the heavens and the universe to lift them up when their bodies failed. And this brings us to this modern day where we will look at just how insidious the evil of our flesh urges us to be disobedient and reject God in favour of living life to its fullest.

The identification of gods in the world is a little deceptive, and we know this because so many souls are caught up in courting them and not realising what they are doing. From very early times the Hebrew scripts record God saying time and time again, "*have no other gods*" and warns of dire consequences for those who do.²³

These worldly gods (and don't be fooled – gods have perceptible powers over our free volition) can be anything that we sacrifice or pay a servile display or devotion to, and that can be worship or even just adoration of something that otherwise is idolised; and in fact it is anything that is a distraction for our souls from communing with God in Heaven. For example, technology driven social media is ravenously devouring our younger generations, commercialised football and other deified sports and their idolised players, music and its deified song writers, musicians and singers, Films and movies and their deified thespians, producers and film makers. The whole Olympic Games movement is squarely based upon the worship of the pagan gods of old and has not changed in these modern times. Inanimate things can become gods; motor cars, the clothing fashionistas, jewellery, and a very predominant distraction is wealth accumulation and the love of Mammon over the love of God.

Causes can be gods also, for instance perceived wrongs: Suffragettes, divisive climate issues and other human activities (or lack of) in the occupation of the planet. Racial and religious wars are driven by princes of power as is a

²¹ Genesis 3:15

²² John 1:1

²³ Exodus 20:3, Deuteronomy 5:7, Jeremiah 25:6 (Not exhaustive list)

propensity for warfare and violence at the hand of fellow man. Imbalanced gender equality demands are also very “now”. Then we move into more of the physical realm; the physical fitness movement, mind altering drug addiction, alcohol dependence, smoking and even narcissism. Churches become gods and exert powers over their unwitting congregants. Pagan Spiritism (ie anything supernatural must be from God²⁴) has also been a major intruder into the Christian scene for over fifty years and continues on unchallenged by the elders of the congregations as to its true (spiritual) nature.

Many hundreds of thousands (possibly even many more) of young congregants today are the targeted species for the powers of these gods and not strangely it is these younger generations who are completely besotted by the wolves in sheep’s clothing. The very concerning aspect of these imposters within the congregations is not only their sheer numbers but also their true intent to deviate believers away from God’s single mindedness of a holy life focussed on maintaining and strengthening a righteous relationship through the Lord.

Outside of the congregations, the general societal view of a normal life is heavily interlaced with the involvement of the worldly gods, and in turn, whether by peer pressure or playing to the powerful human desire of the heart, it all adds up to temptation – temptation – temptation to the Christian believer. It is not coincidental that the whole of mankind (past, present and future) has been so heavily burdened by the one act of one person nearly five thousand eight hundred years ago because of this one human emotion, so don’t go off tap thinking this is all bunkum.

Is it therefore any wonder that congregations today are tempted through their failing attendances to use the mechanisms of the world to bring in the numbers? It is distressing to see this occurring right across the face of Christendom where it is unrestrained and very overtly advertised as, “this is the only church that is alive today”, or even, “if you are not part of it then you are not a Christian”; and believe me these are the predominant justifications used to exclude anyone who might light a signal fire at the town’s gate warning of an impending disaster from within. The wolves are guarding the entrances from within and the blind cannot see; as for the rest they are dancing to the rhythm and sound of the flute around the fires of Hell and don’t notice and don’t even care what’s happening at their front door.

The great challenge set by God for unbelieving mankind is to recognise and take opportunity when it arises to reach out to Him - which may occur in many forms. It may not even be a conscious cry in the wilderness to God personally

²⁴ A complete absence of spiritual discernment

and it may well be an inner yearning to know the truth to those fundamental questions we discussed at the start of this article. But God is omnipotent; we could even describe His presence as the soul of the world where nothing occurs without His direct input to it. So the pathway to God may commence with a yearning to which He will respond. That calling (if I may use that term) is the response that God will make and subsequently He will promote (Himself) in a relationship of learning and provide the opportunities to facilitate achieving that person's personal conviction. Therefore there is no barrier for mankind (all inclusive) to reach out to God.

There is only one living and wise God in all of this terrestrial and celestial universe and His name has been preached throughout the whole world for nearly six thousand years from when Adam appeared on the earth and subsequently had children.

The Hebrew nation of old knew him as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob and when asked by Moses what he should be called God answered, "I Am that I Am".²⁵ This is the only living God of this world, He framed its creation and all that is within it by His Word and clothed Himself in a human body and was called the Son of God, a rescuer, a healer, and they called his name Jesus the Lord and Saviour of mankind.

The world is divided about how they view God of the Hebrew nation and that diversity ranges from ignorance through passive avoidance and onto full-blown rejection on one hand, and on the other there are the believers in many forms who similarly range from "I come from a Christian family" to all out disciples and servants to God through their belief in the life and words of Jesus Christ and his resurrection to heaven.

It is a pity that many of us have to have some major event in our lives before we "submit" to the authority of God even though we have perhaps ignored him from birth. But, as I said, God is very big and very forgiving and our spontaneous call for help in times of adversity is something that God also specialises in.

So there is always a way for all generations and their peoples from all walks of life to find God. No person is excluded from this but first we all must come to a place where we accept God's dominion over us and live day-by-day in the righteous relationship with him.

²⁵ Exodus 3:14

This returns us back to the original questions at the start of this article and perhaps we can get a glimmer of why the inner thoughts of a person are so very important to their future. Seeking to know the true facts of the world's creation and also to the many questions about the future is a healthy pursuit for any soul. Understanding spiritual mechanisms between God and man and how they interact to lead a person into a righteous relationship with God is a pathway to freedom and rest – and ultimately to their redemption from this earthy life into an eternal life in God's abode.

What do “you” believe in? The world for what it does for you and you to it; or God and His kingdom here on earth who made it specifically for your habitation.

You may ask, “Why does it have to be like this?” The answer is, “Because it is one of life's great decisions that we all have to make.” Do you believe in only this world and what you can extract from it and thereby die a tragic death within it; or do you wish for an eternal future?

God made this world specifically in the form it is so that all of mankind would be confronted by the fruits of its worldliness and in that confrontation be inwardly challenged to reach out for something much greater. Two thousand years ago God came to earth in the bodily form of Jesus Christ and offered mankind the greatest deal that the world would ever be offered; and that was eternal life in a heaven of unimaginable beauty and life in abundance and thus drawing a comparison to anything offered by the world that will be completely destroyed at the time when the Lord will judge all mankind for what they believe and what they have done.

To any casual observer this might all seem too unreal and not worthy of the time to delve into whether these assertions, both positive and negative, are true or not. But the fact of the matter is that God created this planet and put mankind on it for the sole purpose to sort out who would seek to interact with the Creator for an opportunity to avail of His promise of an eternal life in His abode - or not. It is as simple as that!

Finally I would like to address the earlier question of, “What is the purpose of being here on planet Earth?” In part I have said that mankind's choices are only twofold. Serve God in this world and go on to be redeemed to heaven at life's end, or reject God and become self-serving in the world of pleasures, desires and all worldly things. So in the bright light of day there really is no choice: Is there? Nobody in their right minds would happily jog off to their very unappealing demise in that Lake of Fire and Brimstone.

So what does it mean if we decide not to continue to reject God and choose the alternative to serve Him? (How's that for a grammatical negation?)

The typology for service in the Kingdom of God today comes from the early Hebrew nation where God's wish was that all of the population would become a priesthood to the world. Now whilst the Children of Israel lost their focus on God and completely missed the Isaiah prophesy²⁶ and its fulfilment of the coming Immanuel (Heb. meaning God with us), God did not abandon his wish, and in the Kingdom on Earth today the Royal Priesthood of Believers (as opposed to the Levitical Priesthood of the Hebrew nation) have become that priesthood to the world with Jesus our Lord being the High Priest who sits between all believers and God.

To define what "service" to God means is very broad and can take many forms as you could well imagine. The early disciples ie, the apostle team were very outward in their day-to-day preaching of God's word and the good news message that salvation to mankind had come through belief and faith in Jesus, the only begotten son of God. In support of them, another part of the team worked on hiring venues, accommodation, supplying literature and the logistics of moving apostles around the country which was fraught with dangers from both the local government, the priests of the local temples and the pagan population who out rightly rejected hearing about the God of Israel.²⁷

Today we have the same sort of resistance to spreading the word of God and it is very concerning that like those from two thousand years ago, there is a strong resistance from those of the established main stream registered churches who outwardly profess Jesus Christ but will not give up their pagan gods, nor cease their Nicolaitan priesthood practises. That they have also acquiesced to the government when it meddled with the Constitution and interfered with the sanctity of marriage before God is a transgression they may need to justify to the Lord.

So working in the Kingdom of God as a believer in today's climate is challenging. But the rewards are by far more than compensating for this situation. The reality of having the Holy Spirit within becomes absolutely real, as does receiving God's unction as we walk day-to-day in His light.

Nobody has ever honestly said walking with the Lord was going to be a cakewalk, but what the Lord did say was that his burden was light – and that I can testify to one hundred percent. There is every reason to believe and serve God – there is no reason to reject Him.

²⁶ Isaiah 7:14

²⁷ Acts 19:26-28

So what do you believe?

This is a question that is almost as un-definable as it is to ask “How long is a piece of string?” And it is difficult to extract what people really think for the simple reason Well you get the picture now.

May the blessings from God be with you!

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