## Dear Reader

Most will agree that Planet Earth is caught up in a confusing mixture of good and evil, seeping through nations and cultures around the globe.

Living in this turmoil, many people are seeking a better life with more meaning. Yet few realise the great King and His Son can fill the gaping void in the human heart and soul. Even fewer realise that long ago God created a special space in the human mind which only His Holy Spirit can fill with real lasting peace. Yes, beyond earthly compare, in the supernatural realm of God we find comfort, safety, peace and spiritual wealth for our lives.

And so, our hope is that this true story, a series of books called "*The King and His Son*" will open your mind to the grand possibilities for your life, possibilities found only in the Divine lives of the Father and Son. The book you hold in your hand is *Book 2: The Earth Invaded by Evil*. As biblical knowledge unfolds before you, we encourage you to open your own Bible and explore God's word even further, digesting and assimilating His bread of life within your soul.

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Through the spirit of the Great King may each word you read become a ray of light, inspiring your life with new hope.

May every sentence kindle a flame of truth within your soul. And set your mind ablaze with understanding,

May the pages, from cover to cover, become bright shining lamps guiding you into greater knowledge of the Holy Word.

And may the entirety of this true story, enfold you In the personality and character of the great King and His only begotten Son... John 1:18 For the Lord is the great God, And the great King above all gods. Psalm 95:3 ...the way, the truth and the life. John 14:6.

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IN A PERFECT WORLD, every single human being would be perfectly healthy. Clearly something has gone terribly wrong in our world.

In Book 1: The Beginnings, we bathed in the pure knowledge of Adam's and Eve's perfect health, perfect relationship with God, and perfect environment in the glorious new world. The climate was perfect, lush with food-bearing plants, trees and friendly animals and birds.

In Book 1, we learned how to help ourselves by seeking out and enjoying natural blessings wherever we happen to live in the world. Sunlight; fresh clean water; clean air, rest and relaxation, enjoying being outside in nature. Then there are the choices surrounding our food and our individual health and family circumstances.

We can't avoid choices, but we can choose to make informed choices. We have found the best way, in *every* situation, is through a personal relationship with God and His Son, Jesus Christ, and Their truth found in the Bible. They know, They care, They can and *will* help you, just maybe not the way you imagined!

As you read Book 2, we pray you may find a healthy seed meant just for you, put there by God, to sow in your heart and mind. Your beliefs and opinions may be challenged, so please remember we do not set out to offend, but to inform as guided by God.

Albert Einstein, the famous scientist who changed the world with his discoveries said, "The world is a dangerous place. Not because of the people who are evil; but because of the people who don't do anything about it." We invite you to read on and perhaps you may find yourself sowing a few seeds of health in your corner of the world!

## A Day in the Life of Singapore

## God's Garden

(The World Growing In Blending Life)

God sows His seed of all kinds of people in His garden world of life, where each person is a spiritual planting embedded in the depth of His ever present might.

True, each person is uniquely different yet all are precious in His sight, bearing for Him their personal colours in blooming hues so beautiful and bright.

The sweet fragrance of each changing life forever rises, bathing heaven in appreciative delight while the tones of earth's changing seasons test each stem of human life.

So all people belong to God's providential planting, living together in His garden world of life, where all grow in one soil of nurturing purpose, warmed by His spirit of benevolent light.

With dewdrops of heavenly love, the Son of God says to each of us, "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing." John 15:1-5.

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I stepped from the air-conditioned hotel and an embrace of hot tropical air wrapped around me. The Singapore morning was heating up in other ways too. On the far side of the street an elderly Chinese woman diligently swept the pavement with her straw broom. Ancient buildings blended into her traditional life like an echo of passing times but skyscrapers crimped the skyline with a new modern voice.

On the streets Singaporeans hurried by on their way to work and I was glad to be a part of their clean, orderly environment, even for a few short days.

With a shrill whistle and a brisk wave, a hotel attendant hailed a taxi. The driver welcomed me with a smile, clicked his meter, and we joined the bustling traffic down Orchard Road.

My plan was to take a cruise to an island steeped in history. According to the tourist brochures this island was well worth a visit.

The taxi pulled in at the pier, I paid my fare and offered a generous tip which was accepted with delight. After all, the driver had just given me an inspiring commentary on city life.

Bounding up the stairs and into the terminal, I bought a ticket from a polite and smartly dressed Singaporean, hoping I hadn't missed the boat. Ready, set, go! But I was an hour early!

"Oh well," I mused, "better early than late."

And so I found a comfortable spot to wait, leaning against a large concrete pillar. A pleasing sea breeze cooled the humid air.

Now little did I know my early arrival was about to coincide with a young man's pain and grief. As he shuffled past me I watched him slump onto a nearby seat. One glance at his face and I knew this young man was in terrible distress. Oblivious to me and his surroundings he took a small photograph from his shirt pocket. Gazing at the photo he muttered intensely through quivering lips. Tears coursed down his cheeks and his sadness washed over my soul. What had caused such anguish? Had a family member died? Or a close friend? Had a broken relationship occurred in his young life? I did not know the answer, but his grief was obviously people-related and the photograph was the connection to his pain.

As he sat alone in a flourishing city populated by millions, it dawned upon me that even though we may live in an affluent society filled with modern conveniences, the trappings of civilization can isolate us leaving us frail and vulnerable. The human heart has not changed through the relentless surge of time - people needing people remains the fulfillment of life.

This saddened youth was not ashamed to show his grief and I got caught up in his intensity. Yet as a stranger I could not intrude upon his privacy or offer comfort; so from a distance I cradled him in my heart of sympathy.

After a time he rose from his seat and wandered off, taking his cares with him. But he left a part of his sorrow with me, and the deep assurance that sooner or later sorrow would enter my life and I must let it flow in a natural course of healing.

Yet we need not feel alone in our suffering and grief. For Jesus, the Son of God, the ever-tender sympathiser is acquainted with each person's grief and sorrow. He knows our threshold of pain - how much suffering our human bodies and spirits can bear. He knows the tiniest detail of every downcast impression; sees every print of hidden troubled thought. Be assured from Him we can receive comfort and healing for our lives. With love born of heavenly peace, the Son says to each of us ...

Come to Me, all you who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

For My yoke is easy and My burden is light. Matthew 11:28-30

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Jeremiah 29:11

I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. John 10: 10

> He heals the brokenhearted And binds up their wounds. Psalm 147:3

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Deep down in your own thoughts have you ever wondered why there is so much suffering and pain in our world? Must it be this way? The big question looms through a fog of misery: Where do our troubles come from? Is there an answer out there?

Thankfully there is. This book, *Book Two* in a series, digs into the past and unearths the truth about life and death and the constant conflict between good and evil.

You may remember in *Book One: The Beginnings*, we were miraculously released from our personal pit of troubles. As if from nowhere a giant of a man appeared and we followed him down a moonlit pebble path and entered a beautiful garden court.

This Man (for we do not know his name) invited us to sit beside a glowing fire. And seated in the garden our common humanity bonded us as one - people from all walks of life, male and female, old and young.

Then with spiritual insight and power, This Man began to tell the greatest true story this world has ever known. We learned about the ...great King... and his ...only begotten Son... Psalm 95:3 John1:18. We discovered the beginnings of the universe, the beginning of evil, and the beginning of our world, a perfect world without a hint of trouble.

But alas, we know in our hearts and minds something must have gone terribly wrong.

Then be prepared to discover the extraordinary answer.

