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The King and His Son

Book 1

The Beginnings

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Dear Reader

Our world today is alive with fictional stories sometimes featuring magical characters performing supernatural feats. But wait a moment! Do you know there is a true story that reaches beyond this world, and is based on two truly supernatural characters, performing real supernatural feats, upholding all that is right and good, against real villains steeped in evil?

However there is one fictional character in this series of books – a good upstanding person called This Man. You will meet him a little later. For you see, This Man sets the scene and leads us through universal times and supernatural events, flowing from the lives of The Great King and His Son. Yes this is their story – The King and His Son, the greatest true story ever told. Changing lives for the better, giving new hope, new directions, and renewing lives for times of eternity.

And this is not all, for weaving through the pages of this true story, you will also discover true facts on health to enlighten our lives in the way of a healthier lifestyle.

To the King and His Son we thank You and praise Your wonderful name. For You are truly real.

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And thanks to you, the reader. We pray this prayer:

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,
...the way, the truth and the life. John 14:6.

SEEDS OF HEALTH

AT THIS VERY MOMENT, somewhere in the world, a man, woman or child is preparing a garden to grow food. Soil is dug over and made ready to receive tiny seeds. With hope, faith, time and care those seeds will grow into good food to nourish life.

Just so, we invite you to prepare your heart and mind to sow the seeds sprinkled throughout the pages of this book, that your life may be nourished. You see, good health is so much more than good genes. Yet most people (yes most) have lost or forgotten the simple ways of good health. Meanwhile diseases such as heart disease, diabetes, obesity and cancer rampage through people's lives.

We humbly pray that some of the seeds in this book may germinate in your heart and soul, and that you may grow as God promises, *...I will heal them and reveal to them the abundance of peace and truth. Jeremiah 33:6*

Some of the health seeds in this book may seem strange, even shocking! Rest assured this book has been written with much prayer, comparing scripture with scripture, by people with a mountain of practical experience of ill health, a tonne of understanding about certain human genetic mutations. Thousands of hours of prayerful research bring you truth you may never read in your daily newspaper. You see, in the end, research is proving the Bible is true, and that God is the one and only Creator and Benefactor of human life! So please, go ahead, do a little digging, and sow a few seeds!

A Life in the Lifetime of New Zealand

'Reminiscence'

One summer's evening I was sitting at our kitchen table lost in timeless thought, when the aroma of cinnamon suddenly invaded my senses and stole me away to another time another place. Back to my mother's kitchen where as a boy I sat, watched and listened. For a few precious moments, I was young once more.

*For You are my hope, O Lord God;
You are my trust from my Youth.
By You I have been upheld from my birth;
You are He who took me out of my mother's womb
My praise shall be continually of you.*

Psalm 71:5, 6

In my early years I lived on a hill country station in the North Island of New Zealand. The family's 10,000 acre sheep and cattle farm was in a remote district far from the bustle of city life.

But the comings and goings of neighbours, employees and the occasional visitor gave a variety of people to explore. And so my lifelong adventure of discovering people began.

At age ten I was introduced to a solitary stranger called alcoholism. It happened this way:

My mother enjoyed gardening and every spring we looked forward to budding plants bursting into a profusion of colour. At the beginning of one memorable season my father employed a gardener. Now I don't know if my father planned to lessen my mother's workload of cooking, cleaning and caring for several children and farm employees - or if he realised this elderly gentleman desperately needed an income. I believe he saw an opportunity to benefit all.

As my father showed his new employee around the garden giving him various tasks, I cast an inquisitive gaze over my latest subject. At first glance my mind opened with intrigue and over the coming days and weeks my intrigue grew into something more.

Looking at him, I saw a ragged and worn man, as if he had been ravaged by the trying seasons of life.

Over his weathered brow slouched a faded felt hat, its stained brim shading a wrinkled face bristling with whiskers. A unique suit jacket featuring an assortment of patches draped his hunched shoulders and a tattered shirt hid discreetly behind the lapels.

His loosely gathered trousers matched his jacket perfectly. Their ragged turned up cuffs straddled a pair of cracked leather boots laced with string. As a finishing touch, a colourful necktie wove through the odd belt loop of his trousers making a stark statement that something, somehow, somewhere had missed its meaningful place.

All in all our new arrival seemed to be a man cut and shaped from another time. It seemed to me that long ago he had dressed to attend a grand function but had somehow been waylaid by the drama of life.

Yet behind this worn-out grandeur lurked a likeable character named Len. Very soon I became his waiter as my mother occasionally asked me to serve Len's morning and afternoon tea in the garden. From a distance I secretly watched as he settled down to rest: Pouring the pot of tea into a mug, he dunked a biscuit in the steaming brew. Then he quickly spooned the soggy morsel into his toothless gummy mouth. As the biscuit dissolved he pushed up the brim of his hat to ponder the day's work.

And then with the last slurp of his tea Len dug a beaten tin from his pocket and pulled out a wad of tobacco and papers. With ease he rolled a cigarette. Then striking a match he lit up, following with deep satisfying draws. As pungent smoke swirled over the garden Len placed a spade across his knee and with even strokes of a file he sharpened the cutting edge.

I often wondered what he was thinking. Would his thoughts divulge his hidden past? Disclose the mystery of his life? This triggered my own racing thoughts and my questions always began with, "Why?" Why was he so alone? Why was he so down and out?

Having no answers, my young mind was haunted with the recurring thought – What if? What if I should grow to be alone, destitute, having no one to care for me?

Very soon a piece of life's landscape unfolded before my eyes. I began to see a pattern in Len's life, as with each monthly pay he disappeared from the job for a week or more.

I discovered him one day sitting on the veranda of his living quarters. Empty bottles were lying about while Len, obviously intoxicated, was slumped in his chair entombed by the realities of abusive drink.

Thoughts of his sorry condition welled within me, exposing stark answers to my haunting questions. Yet, who was I to judge? All I saw was a lonely old man. With his life virtually wasting away, I realised that Len needed his gardening job to survive. Of course the job was not the complete answer. But it did offer a short term reprieve. At least he had a roof over his head. I hoped my father would never end Len's employment. He never did, he was that kind of man.

When Len recovered, I was always pleased to see him wander up the driveway and I silently hoped he would continue working without succumbing to the drink. But with time his living pattern did not change; it seemed fixed forever. So I looked at the man, the overruling addiction to alcohol and its eroding effect upon his life. With child-like reasoning I decided that drinking alcohol just didn't pay. Throughout my latter years, the recurring question, "What if?" banished all temptation to heed drink's beckoning call. In the end the human cost could be too great.

As people move with the tide of life, eventually Len moved out of the district and out of my life. And yet looking back, I can still see Len wandering up the driveway dressed in all his grandeur.

From the beginning of time, people discovering people has been the fulfilment of life. At the birth of our world when God created Adam, *and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life*, God saw in man a reflection of His Own self. *Genesis 2:7*

Then taking a rib from Adam's side God created the first woman in *the glory of man*. *1 Corinthians 11:7*

He brought Eve to her husband's side and through spontaneous love Adam discovered in her a completion of himself and said, *This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man*. *Genesis 2:23*.

While embracing her husband with all her femininity, Eve discovered in Adam a fulfilment of herself. *And Adam called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living*. *Genesis 3:20*

And in turn Adam and Eve, the founding parents of the human race, find in God the greatest discovery of all - the true meaning of life.

Now this great discovery may come to each of us in various ways, at different times, and sometimes in our darkest hour of need.

Chapter One

The Mysterious Man

WITH THE SHRIEKS OF A THOUSAND DEVILS, the winds of strife rush upon me and tear apart my inner soul. Life's journey has brought me far, but now I am alone, unseen, unheard, hopelessly lost.

Darkness casts her deathly shadows while Trouble, my ghostly companion, relentlessly haunts my buried past. With failing life I stumble into the jaws of death.

Then suddenly, the death spell is broken. Rays of heavenly light scatter the darkness and draw me into their realm of life.

I hear cries of freedom and see shadowed figures freed from their own pits of hell: Men, women, the old and the young, each laden with terrible burdens.

Relief rushes through my soul, and speaks peace to my troubled mind, "You are Not Alone."

Around me fellow travellers begin to draw together. Each face tells a life story of pain, pleasure, suffering and joy. Perhaps you are one of them. Would you like to join us?

Receiving sight as if gifted to the blind, we begin to see. First a grove, leafy green, and we breathe sweet nectar on the still night air.

Then in a beam of light, a mysterious figure appears: a giant of a man. A mane of thick hair sweeps from his forehead, cascading over his cloaked shoulders, and a glorious beard flows in waves from his expressive face.

He searches each of us in turn. His eyes flash like lightning and his voice rolls like thunder in a passing storm.

"Excellent, you have arrived safely." A kindness echoes from his solemn words, touching our hearts and enveloping us with a spiritual aura.

Overwhelmed with intrigue and gratitude, we search for answers about this man. Who is he? A sage bringing knowledge from a forgotten past? A prophet sent to reveal future events and times? Or is he a spiritual guide experienced in the true meaning of life? Perhaps all three? He moves toward us and we reel our minds into the present moment.

His right arm stretches from his cloak and gestures us to follow. Drawn by charisma we follow this giant of a man down a star-lit pebbled path weaving through a grove of trees laden with fruit. Soon we enter a garden court alive with the beauty of nature.

Flowering shrubs and meandering plants greet us with a kaleidoscope of dazzling colour and fragrance. A stream flows through the garden, moonlight shimmering upon its silver crests. We cross an arched, ancient bridge to reach the centre of this garden court, and discover a fire. From glowing coals red flames leap into the air, a ribbon of blue smoke twists and curls then vanishes into the night.

Our host, whom we shall call “This Man”, for we do not know his name, invites us to sit near the warmth of the fire.

As each person is seated an air of anticipation pervades the courtyard. We all watch as This Man eases his masculine frame into a stone seat much greater than our own. Then he reclines into silent thought.

Our minds begin to race with the profound thought that this meeting is not by chance, but is a predestined event inscribed from the day of our birth. Now the silence is broken by a single word. “Welcome.”

Authority radiates from This Man’s face, from his voice - and our inner beings are stirred into awe. With power his voice floods the courtyard:

“The Power of all goodness and light has brought you to this tranquil place that you might rest and learn about the true meaning of life. I shall speak and if you choose to listen, you shall hear the greatest true story ever told. And this story is found in the greatest book known to human life.”

We watch with intrigue as This Man reaches inside his cloak and brings into the firelight a mysterious book worn by the passage of time. He lays the book gently on his knee, and spreading his hand over the cover he and the book seem to meld as one entity. Now This Man begins to speak, his words harmonizing with the spirit of the book.

*“...not in words which man’s wisdom teaches but which **the Holy Spirit** teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. 1 Corinthians 2:13*

‘Whom will he teach knowledge?

And whom will he make to understand the message?

Those just weaned from milk?

Those just drawn from the breasts?

For precept must be upon precept,

precept upon precept,

Line upon line, line upon line,

Here a little, there a little.’ Isaiah 28:9-10

And so let us begin at the beginning where all things began.”

Chapter Two

The Great King's Marvellous Event

“LONG AGO, BEFORE THIS WORLD EXISTED; much further back in time before the planets and stars framed the galaxies of outer space; even before the existence of the entire universe - lived a great King.

Now this King was no ordinary king. Oh no, much more, the great King was a Divine Spirit being possessing supernatural powers.

For you see, the ancient King was and still is the one and only true God, the origin of true life.

*For the Lord is **the great God**,
And the **great King** above all gods. Psalm 95:3
...for there is one God, and there is no other but He. Mark 12:32
...The Lord is the true God;
He is the living God and the everlasting King. Jeremiah 10:10
...who gives life to all things..1 Timothy 6:13
...as His divine power has given to us all things that
pertain to life and godliness... 2 Peter 1:3
For with You is the fountain of life. Psalm 36:9
He Who is the blessed and only Potentate, the Kings of
kings and Lord of lords... 1 Timothy 6:15*

Beyond our human understanding, the great King has always existed in life - without a beginning. Indeed He does not have a beginning like you have through human conception. The great King is self-existent, immortal.

*Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither
beginning of days, nor end of life... Hebrews 7:3 KJV
Behold, God is great, and we do not know Him;
Nor can the number of His years be discovered.
Job 36:26
Before the mountains were brought forth,
Or ever You had formed the earth and the world,
Even from everlasting to everlasting,
You are God. Psalm 90: 2
...the High and Lofty One
Who inhabits eternity... Isaiah 57:15*

*Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise,
be honour and glory forever and ever. Amen. 1 Timothy 1:17*

And so *before time began*, God stands in the stream of eternity, so far back we see no time zones, no date lines, just rays of His glorious presence.

2 Timothy 1:9

*For with You is the fountain of life;
In Your light we see light. Psalm 36:9*

The great King lives alone. Perhaps He grows lonely and longs for companionship, a spirit being like Himself.

Now listen carefully for a most wonderful event is about to occur. The divine God, the all-powerful God, is about to perform a spectacular feat of love, marking the beginning.

His precious thoughts grow larger and larger until an image of new born life forms in His mind.

With overflowing love rushing through His being the great King declares, 'Of my life I will give birth to a Son. A loving companion to live in the bosom of My Soul and share My level of life through the dimensions of eternity.

'Indeed My Son shall be conceived in My express image, and bearing the imprint of My Divine nature He will be born through My Spirit of life.'

*'For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted
the Son to have life in Himself...' John 5:26*

'And in a wonderful way My Son will be the beginning of all future life, a gift of life to all life.'

...the firstborn over all creation. Colossians 1:15

*Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the
Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. James 1:17*

In ways we cannot know, the One God becomes the Father of a Son. And now, He is not only God, but also *God the Father. 1 Thessalonians 1:1*

And **the firstborn** is indeed **the Son of God. Colossians 1:15, Daniel 3:25**

'...Son of the Most High God...' Luke 8:28

You are My Son, Today I have begotten You

And again: I will be to Him a Father,

'And He shall be to Me a Son.' Hebrews 1:5

...The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father... John 1:18

...I proceeded forth and came from God... John 8:42

...the Son of His love... Colossians 1:13

'Father...You loved Me before the foundation of the world.' John 17:24

All other life forms in the universe have their beginnings by creation; but the Son of God is the Father's natural birth Son, born of the Father's divine substance. And being *the first born over all creation* The Son is truly *unique*; the only one of His kind in the entire universe. *Colossians 1:15, Job 23: 13*

*'Behold! My Servant whom I have chosen,
My Beloved in whom My soul is well pleased...'* *Matthew 12:18*

'The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old. I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water ... when he appointed the foundations of the earth: Then I was by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him...' *Proverbs 8:22-24, 29-30 KJV*

'Yet I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion.

I will declare the decree:

*The Lord has said to Me, "**You are My Son,
Today I have begotten You**".* *Psalm 2:6-7*

*...who, being in the form of God,
did not consider it robbery to be equal with God.*

Philippians 2:6

For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell...

Colossians 1:19

*For in Him (The Son) dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily...
who is the head of all principality and power.* *Colossians 2:9-10*

'The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand.' *John 3:35*

Such is the Father's love for His only begotten Son. And in an extraordinary way the Son resembles His Father's nobility, majestic form and glorious features.

...being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person... Hebrews 1:3

...He is the image of the invisible God... Colossians 1:15

From the Son's inner being shines His Father's *divine nature*, His pure, righteous character. *2 Peter 1:4*

Yes, God possesses all the qualities and characteristics which are the essence of divinity - the state of being God, and He is most Holy.

There is no one holy like the Lord... 1 Samuel 2:2

*For the Lord is righteous, He loves righteousness;
His countenance beholds the upright.*

Psalm 11:7

'The Lord is righteous in all His ways, Gracious in all His works.

THE DIVINE RELATIONSHIP between the Father and His Son is the beginning and foundation of all healthy relationships on Planet Earth!

Think about it. People have been forming relationships throughout human history: our life-giving spiritual relationship with the Father and Son; loving relationships between husbands and wives, parents and children; yet another style of relationship between brothers and sisters and other family members, and then there are dear friends, acquaintances, work colleagues and even fleeting connections with strangers!

But there is another relationship closer to our being, in fact this relationship forms our very existence in life, a co-habiting relationship between our mind, body and human spirit.

“Body and soul cannot be separated for purposes of treatment, for they are one and indivisible. Sick minds must be healed as well as sick bodies.”¹

“Health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being, and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity.”²

Each of us has a body, the physical reality of our being, a mind for processing thoughts and emotions, for reasoning and making choices. And each of us has a human spirit which breathes the essence of our life through our total being! And for good health, we cannot separate one from the other. All dimensions of our being are intermingled.

Yes, when our mind, body and spirit are nourished with all that is good, health flows through our total being. There is balance and harmony. Indeed we are “... *fearfully and wonderfully made...*” *Psalm 139:14*

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Psalm 145:17

*For I proclaim the name of the Lord:
Ascribe greatness to our God.
He is the Rock, His work is perfect;
For all His ways are justice,
A God of truth and without injustice;
Righteous and upright is He.
Deuteronomy 32:3-4*

And now as we look a little deeper into God's mystical being we discover the Father's and Son's spiritual dimension, the spirit essence of their lives, for:

'God is a Spirit...' John 4:24 KJV

...the eternal Spirit... Hebrews 9:14

Just as the world's oceans are joined together by one vast source of water, so all universal life is joined to God through one vast source of spirit, His *one spirit*. *Ephesians 2:18*

...the Father of spirits... Hebrews 12:9

...the God of the spirits of all flesh... Numbers 16:22

...the Spirit of God... Romans 15:19

...the Holy Spirit of God... Ephesians 4:30

'...the Spirit of your Father...' Matthew 10:20

....the Spirit of His Son...! Galatians 4:6

...the Lord is the Spirit... 2 Corinthians 3:17

Through their *one and the same Spirit* the Father and Son share a unique relationship of togetherness. *1 Corinthians 12:11*

The Son declares, *'I and My Father are one.'* *John 10:30*

One in the same meaning of life; One in holy thought and purpose.

'As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father...' John 10:15

'For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does...' John 5:20

Thus the Father and Son form the *divine family* – the family of God. *2 Peter 1:3*

And the name, GOD is like a family name, for together they share the same essence of divine life.

But to the Son He (The Father) says:

'Your throne, O God, is forever and ever;

A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your Kingdom.

You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness;

Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You

With the oil of gladness more than Your companions.' *Hebrews 1:8-9."*

Chapter Three

An Ancient Book but a more Ancient Name

NOW THIS MAN GESTURES TO THE ANCIENT BOOK lying open on his knee and says, “Listen well, for you will not find another book like this in all of human history. There are mighty treasures to be found between these covers, gems and diamonds of knowledge and truth which have changed the lives of millions of people throughout thousands of years. Oh yes, like all treasures these words have enriched more lives than we can ever imagine, some at great cost.

Did the great King write this book? With His divine spirit of love, He called more than 40 people from their daily lives, and inspired them to write so humankind might have His knowledge and truth for all time. Over many hundreds of years, 66 books and letters were written on parchments or scrolls. Though beset by terrible trials and troubles, eventually the great King’s plan was complete, and in more recent times these precious books were gathered together and formed into the Holy Bible we know today.

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God. 2 Timothy 3:16

*...knowing this first that no prophecy of Scripture is
of any private interpretation.*

*For prophecy never came by the will of man,
but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. 2 Peter 1:20-21*

Yes astoundingly, carried on the breath of God’s spirit the Holy Bible has crossed thousands of years, hundreds of cultures and dozens of languages.”

This Man picks up a piece of parchment from the cobblestones, produces a feathered quill pen and starts to write while he continues talking to us: “Is your name important to you? Indeed. Then let us consider God’s name through the pages of this remarkable book.

“The ancient Hebrew people were written about in the early part of the Bible, called the Old Testament. They had many beautiful ways of talking about the great King. Sadly, today we can only guess at how these words were pronounced. One thing is for certain, it is almost impossible for us to pronounce the words the way the ancient Hebrews did.

Yes, ancient Hebrew was a very different language and difficult to speak compared with our modern languages. This is how the ancient Hebrew’s word for the great King might look in modern English...”

This Man holds up the parchment for all to see:

‘YHWH’

“Vowels were added later,” he says writing another word for us to see:

‘Yah-weh’

“In recent centuries, Bible translators have estimated how this word might have been

THE BIBLE TELLS US THAT whoever studies the *word of truth... shall prosper...* and at least one prophetic writer tells us that people who study the Bible will become “...strong in intellect...”¹ 2 *Timothy 2:15, Psalm 1:3*

And yes, the Bible is definitely the world’s best selling book of all time, and every year, year after year!²

But research seems to show that people are missing out on the benefits of reading and studying their Bibles. A 2008 survey of more than 3000 New Zealanders found that while 68% of people owned a Bible, only 23% read their Bible once a month. Only 7% of Bible owners read their Bible daily and 9% weekly.

Forty six percent of those who owned a Bible described themselves as “Christians” and of those Christians, only 47% said the Bible influences their lives, and 39% said the Bible “sometimes” influenced their lives. Sixty percent of Christians rarely or never discuss the Bible’s teachings with others.³

“It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.’” Matthew 4:4

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2. The case for teaching the Bible. Retrieved March 22, 2007, from <http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,1601845-2,00.html>

3. Bible – unread best seller. Retrieved July 12, 2008, from <http://biblesociety.org.nz/global-news/bible-unread-bestseller/>

pronounced in modern language.

Once again, This Man holds up his parchment with the new word:

‘Jehovah’

And so the name, ‘Jehovah’ came to be in the Bible. Yes, perhaps this was how the great King’s ancient people spoke His name in their language. Yet we do know the ancient Hebrew people used God’s name in different ways to describe His love, protection and

caring for them in their daily lives.

For example ...*Jehovah-jireh*... means,

The-Lord-Will-Provide. Genesis 22:14 KJV & NKJV

...Jehovah-shalom... means, the-Lord-is Peace. Judges 6:24 KJV & NKJV

Jehovah-tsidkenu means ...THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS. Jeremiah 23:6 KJV

Jehovah-shammah means ...the Lord is There. Ezekiel 48:35 KJV

Jehovah-rophi means ...the Lord who heals you. Exodus 15:26

Sing to God, sing praises to His name;

Extol Him who rides on the clouds,

By His name YAH,

And rejoice before Him.

Psalm 68:4

And what of the names, 'Lord' or 'God'? Language students may tell you 'God' is from ancient English, a melding of words from six even older languages, while 'Lord' has its roots in Biblical times.

Thus, we see how hope, love and respect for the great King have crossed times, cultures and languages to give us His names we are familiar with today.

The name of the Lord is a strong tower;

The righteous run to it and are safe.

Proverbs 18:10

Yes, God's name is powerful enough to keep us safe in times of trouble, as if He were an all-powerful father. Indeed we are privileged to call God, "our Father" for His Son teaches us to pray like this:

'Our Father in heaven

Hallowed be Your name.' Matthew 6:9

Unlike human names God's names are most holy, exalted above all other names in the universe because God is supremely Divine.

...Holy and awesome is His name. Psalm 111:9

*...Blessed be Your glorious name, Which is exalted
above all blessing and praise! Nehemiah 9:5*

Let us remember to always speak and write God's name with reverence and respect. In this way we honour God and His exalted position in the universe.

*For who in the heavens can be compared to the Lord?
Who among the sons of the mighty can be likened to the Lord?*

*God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints,
And to be held in reverence by all those around Him.*

Psalm 89:6-7

*'You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord
will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.'* Exodus 20:7

*...The Lord of hosts is His name;
And your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel;
He is called the God of the whole earth. Isaiah 54:5*

And not only of the whole earth, for God the Father and God the Son blend in one power to form the Godhead - the governing body of the entire universe.

...His eternal power and Godhead... Romans 1:20

*For in Him (the Son) dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are
complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power. Colossians 2:9-10*

*Yours, O Lord, is the greatness,
The power and the glory,
The victory and the majesty;
For all that is in heaven and in earth is Yours;
Yours is the kingdom, O Lord,
And You are exalted as head over all.
1 Chronicles 29:11*

Although highly exalted with glory, amazingly the Father's and Son's physical appearance is very much like yours and mine.

*...In the day that God created man, He made him in the likeness of
God. He created them male and female, and blessed them and called
them Mankind in the day they were created. Genesis 5:1-2*

...who have been made in the similitude of God. James 3:9

This amazing similarity between the people of Planet Earth and God is exactly what a man called Ezekiel sees, when in a vision he looks into the throne room of heaven and glimpses God's appearance.

*And above the firmament over their heads was the likeness of a throne,
in appearance like a sapphire stone; on the likeness of the throne was
a likeness with the appearance of a man high above it.
Also from the **appearance of His waist** and upward I saw, as it were, the
colour of amber with the appearance of fire all around within it; and from
the appearance of His waist and downward I saw, as it were, the appearance*

of fire with brightness all around. Like the appearance of a rainbow in a cloud on a rainy day, so was the appearance of the brightness all around it.

*This was the **appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord.**
So when I saw it, I fell on my face, and I heard a voice of One speaking.*

Ezekiel 1:26-28

The ancient prophet Moses longed to see God's glorious being,

And he said, 'Please, show me Your glory.' Exodus 33:18

And the Lord God said:

'...I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. But He said,

***'You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live.'** And the*

Lord said, 'Here is a place by Me, and you shall stand on the rock.

*So it shall be, while My glory passes by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock, and will cover you **with My hand** while I pass by. Then I will take away My hand, and you shall **see My back**; but **My face** shall not be seen.' Exodus 33:19-23*

And thus through the Bible we too can glimpse God's glorious physical being and His other wonderful dimension of life, His living essence of spirit.

'God is Spirit...' John 4:24."

Our minds spring back to the circle of people around the glowing fire. In a moment of silent thought each of us forms a faint picture of God in our minds. As if reading our thoughts This Man reassures us:

"Of course it is impossible to grasp the full reality of God and understand how His physical being and spirit essence blend in one origin of life. For,

*'The secret things belong
to the Lord our God,
but those things which are revealed
belong to us and to our children forever,
that we may do all the words of this law.'
Deuteronomy 29:29*

And revealed in God's word we see that the great King and Son's Spirit presence is like an invisible breeze blowing through the landscape of life, miraculously present in all places all of the time.

*Where can I go from **Your Spirit?**
Or where can I flee from **Your presence?**
If I ascend into heaven, You are there;
If I make my bed in hell, behold,
You are there.*

*If I take the wings of the morning,
And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
Even there Your hand shall lead me,
And Your right hand shall hold me.
If I say, Surely the darkness shall fall on me,
Even the night shall be light about me;
Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You,
But the night shines as the day;
The darkness and the light are both alike to You.
Psalm 139:7-12*

Yes, where God's Spirit is, His living presence is also, His whole personage flowing through Spirit.

When God's mouth speaks, His Spirit speaks.

When His Spirit hears, God's ears hear.

When God's heart wells with emotion, His Spirit reaches out in loving touch.

Thus, God's Spirit is His extended life in presence, power and influence.

*'Am I a God near at hand, says the Lord,
And not a God afar off?
Can anyone hide himself in secret places,
So I shall not see him? says the Lord;
Do I not fill heaven and earth?
says the Lord.'
Jeremiah 23:23-24*

And so in a marvelous way *the Spirit of life from God* permeates the vast universe and with power energizes our humble human lives. *Revelation 11:11KJV*

But truly I am full of power by the Spirit of the Lord... Micah 3:8

'The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.' John 3:8

*I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes,
and you will keep My judgments and do them. Ezekiel 36:27*

*For thus says the High and Lofty One
Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:
I dwell in the high and holy place,
With him who has a contrite and humble spirit,
To revive the spirit of the humble,
And to revive the heart of the contrite ones.
Isaiah 57:15*

And He said, 'My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.' Exodus 33:14
Yes, with all encompassing love the Father and Son are compassionate and kind.

*...His compassions fail not.
They are new every morning.
Great is Your faithfulness.
Lamentations 3:22-23*

For in their living essence the King and His Son are the origin of true love, **...for love is of God; and ...God is love.** *1 John 4:7-8*

Not a spun candy floss love - sweet to the taste but lacking real substance. God's love is deep flowing, reliable, strong and consistent.

'...I will love them freely...' Hosea 14:4

*The Lord has appeared of old to me, saying:
'Yes, I have loved you
with an everlasting love;
Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you.'* *Jeremiah 31:3*

'...I will not leave you nor forsake you.' *Joshua 1:5*

LOVE IS SUCH a little word in the modern English language to describe human feelings, behaviour, commitment and responsibilities. But the ancient Greek language, originally used to write the New Testament of the Bible, has at least three different words, to describe love.

“Agape” (pronounced ah-gah-pay) is a deliberate effort to love without judging, to open one’s heart to doing good for others, without any reward. An attitude of “To Live is to Give.” Think of agape as a wide landscape of caring for all people. God loves the human race with this kind of love.¹

“Eros” is the longing we have to be with the person we love, and to appreciate their individual beauty. This is the love God wants us to share as a husband and wife within the strong bonds of marriage.²

“Phileo” describes warmth and affection between people who are respectful to each other, and who contribute to the relationship - friends, family, husbands, wives and our children.³

“Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.” 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

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Chapter Four

The Beginning of the Universe

TOUCHED WITH EMOTION, This Man falls silent and we see his eyes aglow with adoration. And now raising his hand toward the stars twinkling on the oceans of space he says:

“Now believe it or not, the great King and His Son are the beginning of the universe for it was through them and from them the universe began.

*‘...These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness,
the Beginning of the creation of God.’ Revelation 3:14*

*‘Did you not hear long ago How I made it,
From ancient times that I formed it?’
2 Kings 19:25*

*...as His divine power has given to us all things that
pertain to life and godliness... 2 Peter 1:3*

*For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to
whom be glory forever. Amen. Romans 11:36*

And so in the beginning the King and His Son devise a great plan, an exciting plan unfolding their motives of pure love.

Their longing desire is to share their lives with a multitude of loving intelligent beings made in God’s likeness. But first these created beings will need a living, sustainable environment; planet worlds complete with suns, moons and stars. In turn these solar systems shall form galaxies, making one gigantic universe.

By his Father’s decree, the Son inherits the role of Co-Creator *...the Son of His love...*

*He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For
by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth,
visible and 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 in Him all things consist. Colossians 1:13-17*

*All things were made through Him, and without Him
nothing was made that was made. John 1:3*

*God... has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has
appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; who
being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person,
and upholding all things by the word of His power... Hebrews 1:1-3*

*You are worthy, O Lord,
To receive glory and honor and power;*

*For You created all things,
And by Your will they exist and were created. Revelation 4:11*

And across the expanse of creation the Son shall be the Father's ambassador of life
...upholding all things by the word of his power... Hebrews 1:3

This is not all. For in a wonderful way the Son is also destined to be the Word, the divine communicator between the universal family and their Fatherly King.

...His name is called The Word of God. Revelation 19:13

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the
Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. John 1:1-2*

*'...Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that
proceeds from the mouth of God.' Matthew 4:4*

*For the Lord gives wisdom;
From His mouth come knowledge and understanding... Proverbs 2:6*

*...the Lord is the God of knowledge...
1 Samuel 2:3*

*'...Surely I will pour out my spirit on you;
I will make my words known to you.'
Proverbs 1:23*

*The entrance of Your words gives light;
It gives understanding to the simple.
Psalm 119:130*

*Oh, the depth of the riches both of the
wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable are His judgments
and His ways past finding out!
'For who has known the mind of the Lord?
Or who has become His counselor?
Or who has first given to Him
And it shall be repaid to him?'*

*For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things,
to whom be glory forever. Amen.
Romans 11:33-36*

And so through the ages of universal time the Son, who is the Word, communicates God's knowledge to created life - even to you and I today."

Exploring this astounding thought a little further, This Man turns a page of his book and reads:

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14

“That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life—the life was manifested... 1 John 1:1-2

*Therefore, when He came into the world,
He said... ‘...Behold, I have come—
In the volume of the book it is written of Me—
To do Your will, O God.’ Hebrews 10:5, 7*

Indeed this spiritual book, the Holy Bible, reveals *the Word of life* and His words of life to you. *Search from the book of the Lord, and read... 1 John 1:1, Isaiah 34:16*

...receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. James 1:21

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness... 2 Timothy 3:16

For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hebrews 4:12

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. Romans 10:17

*...my heart stands in awe of Your words
I rejoice at Your word
As one who finds great treasure.
Psalm 119:161-162*

...For Your word has given me life. Psalm 119:50

The Son declares: *‘...The words that I speak to you are spirit and they are life.’ John 6:63*

‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.’ John 14:6

‘...you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.’ John 8:32

‘Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.’ John 8:36.”

This promise of freedom electrifies the courtyard with spiritual power and we breathe in the Son’s spiritual life and His word of liberating truth.

“...the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.’ John 4:23-24”

With this astonishing truth permeating our minds, This Man returns us to the beginning of the universe.

“From the drawing board of His will, God sets in motion His great plan of creation and for the very first time the clock of time begins to tick.

*'Who has performed and done it,
Calling the generations from the beginning?
I the Lord, am the first; And with the last I am He.'*

Isaiah 41:4

*'Come near to Me, hear this:
I have not spoken in secret from the beginning;
From the time that it was, I was there...'*

Isaiah 48:16

RECENT RESEARCH (2006) shows that people who meditate or pray, activate at least 12 parts of their brain, and that those areas which light up seem to follow a pattern or a process.^{1,2} You won't read too much about this in the newspapers, but studies have shown that regular praying and/or meditating can increase both short and long term brain activity, and people who experience "spontaneous religious conversion" have significantly increased blood flow to three parts of the brain.² How amazing is our God that He gives us the ability to communicate with Him through our brains, and that our brains become strengthened!

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*'I have declared the former things from the beginning;
They went forth from My mouth,
and I caused them to hear it.*

Suddenly I did them, and they came to pass.'

Isaiah 48:3

The Father's *divine power* flows through His Son, and the Son commands into existence the centre of the universe, a place they call heaven. *2 Peter 1:3*
Thus in one creative movement, *the foundations of heaven* are laid. *2 Samuel 22:8*

...heaven Your dwelling place... 2 Chronicles 6:30
Indeed heaven and the highest heavens belong to the
Lord your God... Deuteronomy 10:14

You alone are the Lord; You have made heaven,
The heaven of heavens, with all their host...
Nehemiah 9:6

*I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a one was caught up to the **third heaven**...caught up into **Paradise** and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. 2 Corinthians 12:2-4*

Imagine heavenly lands of vivid green instantly appearing. Magnificent mansions of glittering jewels and precious stones materialize as if from nowhere - all from the Son's command.

'In My Father's house are many mansions...' John 14:2

Systematically, streets paved with gleaming gold connect all places of Heaven. Exotic trees, shrubs and flowers of every kind spring up in full bloom, while crystal clear streams run like rivulets throughout the capital city of life.

...you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living
God, the heavenly Jerusalem... Hebrews 12:22

The outstanding feature of this heavenly paradise is the royal home and temple of God.
Look down from heaven, And see from Your habitation, holy and glorious... Isaiah 63:15

Blessed is the man You choose,
And cause to approach You,
That he may dwell in Your courts.
We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house,
Of Your holy temple.
Psalm 65:4

Situated within the holy temple is the ruling throne of the great King and His kingly Son.

A glorious high throne from the beginning
Is the place of our sanctuary.
Jeremiah 17:12 KJV

The LORD is in His holy temple,
The LORD's throne is in heaven... Psalm 11:4

...I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. Isaiah 6:1

...a loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, 'It is done!' Revelation 16:17

*The Lord has established His throne in heaven,
And His kingdom rules over all...*

Psalm 103:19

'...For I am a great King,'

Says the Lord of hosts,

And My name is to be feared among the nations.' Malachi 1:14

Yes in the beginning heaven is perfectly made, forming the foundations of the universe.

Now seated upon the throne of His glory, the King declares, 'My Son let us create intelligent loving beings to serve in our government. They shall be beautiful spirit beings and we shall call them angels.'

Who makes His angels spirits... Psalm 104:4

'These supernatural angels shall have wings for flight enabling them to traverse the vast universe with ease.

*They will be our messengers of love to all created life ...ministering
spirits sent forth to minister... Hebrews 1:14'*

And so embracing His Father's vision of love, **the Prince of life, the firstborn over all creation**, speaks into existence multitudes and multitudes of angels glowing with radiant light. *Acts 3:15, Colossians 1:15*

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne ... and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands... Revelation 5:11

Different kinds of angels - called **cherubim**, and **sephrim** are gifted with talents and immense intellectual powers. *Genesis 3:24, Isaiah 6:6*. In one purpose of life, they serve the great King and His Son in obedient love.

Bless the Lord, you His angels,

Who excel in strength, who do His word,

Heeding the voice of His word.

Bless the Lord, all you His hosts,

You ministers of His, who do His pleasure.

Bless the Lord, all His works, In all places of His dominion. Psalm 103:20-22

...The host of heaven worships You. Nehemiah 9:6

Now set above the angels as their leader, is a very special angel called *Lucifer, son of the morning!* *Isaiah 14:12*

Yes, by God's masterful design Lucifer is exalted as the supreme angel. He is an outstanding example of true perfection, clothed with a majestic appearance and possessing an extraordinary mind. *'You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.'* Ezekiel 28:12

When he speaks, Lucifer's voice reverberates with spiritual charisma. And even more brilliantly, Lucifer is gifted with an operatic voice and exceptional talents to compose music and song. His recitals thrill his audience into standing ovations.

*'The workmanship of your
timbrels and pipes
Was prepared for you
on the day you were created.'*
Ezekiel 28:13

Thus Lucifer leads the angelic choir, and their unified voices resound throughout the heavenly regions with praises to their Creator King.

*Praise Him, all His angels;
Praise Him, all His hosts!*
Psalm 148:2

Indeed no other created being in the entire universe matches Lucifer's unique life. With this in mind, the great King places Lucifer within the inner sanctum of the universal government to fulfill the role of personal aide to the Son.

*'...I established you;
You were on the holy mountain of God;
You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones.
You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created...'* Ezekiel 28:14-15

And so from their throne in heaven, the King and Son continue with their plan of creation and the universe expands and blossoms with new life.

*... O Lord my God, You are very great:
You are clothed with honor and majesty,
Who cover Yourself with light
as with a garment,
Who stretch out the heavens like a curtain.* Psalm 104:1-2

Planet worlds, radiating with beauty appear by the Son's word of power.

*By faith we understand that **the worlds were framed by the word of God**, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.* Hebrews 11:3

The Son did not need any substance to create, for He is the Creator of all substance to the smallest atom.

And amazingly for us we can glimpse the invisible world of God through the things He created.

Music is more varied and available than *any time* in recorded history! And have you noticed how people choose to listen to music while doing just about anything? Music also plays a vital part in modern entertainment like radio, television and movies. But does music affect the health of the human mind, body and spirit?

Yes! Listening to soothing music can reduce stress and anxiety for people living with coronary heart disease¹, and if a patient's favourite music is played during surgery, less sedation drugs may be needed.² Music therapy can improve quality of life for both Alzheimer's patients and their caregivers.³ But that's not all. Research published in 2009 shows children who have music lessons score "significantly higher" in vocabulary development than children who are not exposed to music.⁴ Even more - a music listening programme is able to improve vocabulary development in children with reading difficulties.⁵

Yet many studies have also shown the music we choose influences our behaviour and thinking in less positive ways. In 1978, a Californian music therapist, investigating the effects of rock music on teenagers, asked 240 school children aged 10-18 to complete an emotional stability test during which rock music was played. The results were then examined by a psychologist who was unaware of the experiment. He concluded that the test had been given to patients in a hospital for the mentally ill!⁶

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For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead... Romans 1:20

So through God's *eternal power and Godhead*, the Son simply commands, and life materialises. *Romans 1:20*

*For He spoke, and it was done;
He commanded, and it stood fast. Psalm 33:9*

*By the word of the Lord
the heavens were made,
And all the hosts of them by the breath of His mouth.
Psalm 33:6*

...the breath of the spirit of life... Genesis 7:22

The Son's *spirit of life* goes forth and gives birth to life. *Genesis 7:22*

You send forth your Spirit, they are created... Psalm 104:30

By His Spirit He adorned the heavens... Job 26:13

Thus by His spirit power, the Son measures out the life of the universe throughout all generations and creates galaxies forming the regions of outer space; cascading heavens, woven into celestial patterns of planet worlds, moons, suns and stars.

*He alone spreads out the heavens,
And treads on the waves of the sea;
He made the Bear, Orion, and the Pleiades,
And the chambers of the south;
He does great things past finding out,
Yes, wonders without number.
If He goes by me, I do not see Him;
If He moves past, I do not perceive Him;
If He takes away, who can hinder Him?
Who can say to Him, 'What are You doing?' Job 9:6-12*

*To whom then will you liken Me,
Or to whom shall I be equal?
says the Holy One.
Lift up your eyes on high,
And see who has created these things,
Who brings out their host by number;
He calls them all by name,
By the greatness of His might
And the strength of His power;
Not one is missing. Isaiah 40:25-26*

*He counts the numbers of the stars;
He calls them all by name. Great is our Lord, and mighty in power;
His understanding is infinite. Psalm 147:4-5*

*You are worthy, O Lord,
To receive glory and honour and power;
For You created all things,
And by Your will they exist and were created.' Revelation 4:11*

*Praise the Lord from the heavens;
Praise Him in the heights!
Praise Him, all His angels;
Praise Him, all His hosts!
Praise Him, sun and moon;
Praise Him, all you stars of light!
Praise Him, you heavens of heavens,
And you waters above the heavens!
Let them praise the name of the Lord,
For He commanded and they were created. Psalm 148:1-5
For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to
whom be glory forever. Amen. Romans 11:-36*

And the glittering jewels in the crown of God's creation are races of created beings that inhabit the worlds.

*...I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom
the whole family in heaven and earth is named. Ephesians 3:14-15*

Have we not all one Father? Has not one God created us? Malachi 2:10

*...one God and Father of all, who is above all, and
through all, and in you all. Ephesians 4:6*

Living in harmony with their Father God, the universal family is motivated by holy love. Love for their Creator King and love for each other. For you see, upon their creation each being was gifted an intellectual mind for reason and choice with the capacity to love.

Indeed the great King wanted His created children to serve Him through reason, choice and reciprocal love. Anything less would be like surrounding Himself with robots unable to choose, reason, or feel the emotions of love.

The great King is the living essence of love, and to love and to be loved is the theme of His life, the outpouring of His existence.

And so the attributes of the King's holy character, His purity of mind, His emotion of love were transfused into the minds of all created beings that they should be *...partakers of the divine nature... 2 Peter 1:4*

In life these beings are naturally holy like their Creator God. They entertain no thoughts

of evil of any kind, but are perfectly pure and wholesome in mind, body and spirit.

*‘...their righteousness (goodness) is from Me,’
Says the Lord. Isaiah 54:17*

...He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous. 1 John 3:7

And above all from the **...eternal God...the King eternal, immortal...**having neither beginning of days nor end of life... each life form received everlasting life, a bountiful life without end. *Deuteronomy 33:27, 1 Timothy 1:17, Hebrews 7:3*

Yes, from the King and His Son flows the fullness of life. Within Their spirit beings there is no death. Death can only enter the universe through evil, and evil can only emerge if the law of the great King is broken.”

Chapter Five

Where Law Began

JUST THE MENTION OF EVIL AND DEATH sends shivers up and down our spines and we shrink back in hesitation.

This Man notices our discomfort and is silent for a few moments. Then he gently continues with his voice of reason:

“Yes, law opens another window into God’s creation, and a question lingers on the landscape of life.

How does God govern the vast universe with all its intricacies?

Astoundingly He hinges the answer on a three letter word - Law.

Law is a very small word indeed, but do not be mistaken, law plays a very large role in the universe. For God pivots his entire creation upon the axis of law - involving laws of ecology, physics, nature, instinct, health, spiritual, and moral laws, civic laws and many other laws which weave through the fabric of life:

...Your commandment (*law*) is exceedingly broad. Psalm 119:96

God is the origin of law: ‘...For law will proceed from Me...’ Isaiah 51:4

There is one Lawgiver... James 4:12

The Lord is our Lawgiver... Isaiah 33:22

...the law is spiritual.... Romans 7:14

...Your law is truth. Psalm 119:142

...love is the fulfillment of the law. Romans 13:10

These three essential ingredients form the foundation of God’s rulership:

- His government is laid with blocks of law,
- Reinforced by truth,
- And mortared together by His love.

Upon this solid foundation, God has raised the structure of all universal life. God’s laws operate at all levels of life from the loftiest planet to the smallest insect.

Forever, O Lord, Your word is settled in heaven.

Your faithfulness endures to all generations; You established the earth, and it abides.

*They continue this day **according to Your ordinances** (law),*

For all are Your servants. Psalm 119:89-91

Even the tiny ant follows the law of instinctive survival.

IN THE 21ST CENTURY, most people know that cleanliness and health go hand in hand. Cleanliness can prevent minor and even some major diseases. But this wasn't always so. Ancient Egyptian doctors gave this remedy for an infected splinter: Blood of worms and donkey dung rubbed into the splinter!

Until the end of the 1800's, most people had no idea that bacteria or "germs" were a cause of disease. And the idea of stopping bacteria spreading by washing was almost unknown. King James I of England (1566-1625) who ordered the translation of the Bible into English, now known as the King James Bible, never had a bath, not once, in his entire life. And the doctor who first advocated washing of hands between examining dead patients and live ones in 1847 was taunted and mocked by medical authorities until he had to abandon his career, and eventually suffered a nervous breakdown and died in obscurity.

There was one very special exception: The ancient Hebrew people, led out of pagan Egypt by Moses, were given astounding health laws sometime between 1491-1451BC, before Christ was even born! These laws from God were given so that minor and major illness could be prevented in the millions of people God had called out of Egypt. You can find those same laws today in the Old Testament of the Bible - mostly in the books of Numbers and Leviticus. By living according to God's laws of health, the Hebrews were the most advanced culture in hygiene and disease prevention: The washing of hands before and after eating; keeping anything capable of spreading disease outside the camp; eating only clean and properly prepared food - all of these and hundreds more are God's laws to PREVENT disease and ill health in His beloved children. You too are one of His beloved children!

'If you diligently heed the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the Lord who heals you.' Exodus 15:26

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*Go to the ant, you sluggard!
Consider her ways and be wise,
Which, having no captain,
Overseer or ruler,
Provides her supplies in the summer,
And gathers her food in the harvest.
Proverbs 6:6-8*

You see, God has etched his laws upon the blueprint of all created life, as a means of preservation.

His laws reinforce life, and are guardians of life.

His laws give direction, order and stability to celestial bodies, heavenly intelligences, nature, nations, societies, families and individuals.

Without laws of rulership, life would soon fall apart and disintegrate.

*Do we then make void the law through faith?
Certainly not! On the contrary, **we establish the law.** Romans 3:31*

*I will never forget Your precepts,
For by them You have given me life.
Psalm 119:93*

And so in His love for created beings, the great King sets out a spiritual and moral law to keep his universal family safe within the boundaries of everlasting life.

This law of life is based on love; Firstly, obedient love to the King and His Son and secondly, moral love for fellow beings.

'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' Matthew 22:37-39

*Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is
the fulfillment of the law. Romans 13:10.*

So with Fatherly care and consideration, God imprinted His spiritual and moral law upon the life of each created being.

'...I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.' Jeremiah 31:33

*'Listen to Me, My people; And give ear to Me, O My nation:
For law will proceed from Me...' Isaiah 51:4*

...the law has dominion over a man as long as he lives. Romans 7:1

'He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me.' John 14:21

'If you love me, keep my commandments.' John 14:15

My son, keep my words,

*And treasure my commands within you.
Keep my commands and live,
And my law as the apple of your eye.
Bind them on your fingers;
Write them on the tablet of your heart.
Proverbs 7:1-3*

*Righteous are You, O Lord,
And upright are Your judgments.
Psalm 119:137*

*Your testimonies, which You have commanded,
Are righteous and very faithful.
Psalm 119:138*

*You are near, O Lord,
And **all Your commandments are truth.**
Psalm 119:151*

*Concerning Your testimonies,
I have known of old that **You have founded them forever.**
Psalm 119:152*

*The righteousness of Your testimonies is everlasting;
Give me understanding, and I shall live.
Psalm 119:144*

*Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness,
And Your law is truth.
Psalm 119:142*

*My tongue shall speak of Your word,
For all Your commandments are righteousness.
Psalm 119:172*

*For the commandment is a lamp,
And the law a light; Reproofs of instruction are the way of life... Proverbs 6:23*

Yes, law is a light to our lives, but alas there is a dark side to the story of law. For the opposite of good and keeping the law is evil and breaking the law. From the beginning the Great King is open and honest before His universal family. If they desire everlasting life and true freedom, then living within the love boundaries of the universal law is the only way.

Should any created being choose to rebel against the King and His Son or choose to harm any other being, these acts will be known as evil, breaking the great law of life and resulting in loss of life for the law breaker.

All are given freedom of choice to obey God through reciprocal love, or disobey by defying His law.

The great lesson for all to learn is simply this: Keeping the law and doing good produces

life. Breaking the law and doing evil eventually produces death.

*The wicked man does deceptive work,
But he who sows righteousness
will have a sure reward.
As righteousness leads to life,
So he who pursues evil
pursues it to his own death.
Proverbs 11:18-19*

Even to this very day the King's words of instruction echo through time:

*'My son, do not forget my law,
But let your heart keep my commands;
For length of days and long life
And peace they will add to you.'
Proverbs 3:1-2*

He who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does. James 1:25

...if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments. Matthew 19:17

'See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil...' Deuteronomy 30:15

*He who keeps the commandment keeps his soul,
But he who is careless of his ways will die. Proverbs 19:16*

*'Listen to Me, you who know righteousness,
You people in whose heart is My law...'
Isaiah 51:7*

'...choose for yourself this day whom you will serve...' Joshua 24:15

With freedom of choice, comes the responsibility to keep the mind on the pathway of good. If the mind is left to stray, there is a real possibility of being ensnared by evil.

*The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life,
To turn one away from the snares of death. Proverbs 14:27*

*Teach me Your way, O Lord,
And lead me in a smooth path, because of my enemies. Psalm 27:11*

*Your word is a lamp to my feet
And a light to my path. Psalm 119:105*

Of course, the possibility of evil could be completely avoided by removing the power of personal choice. But then, the universe would cease from spontaneous worship, joy, praise and reciprocal love. Creative beings would become like robots - void of emotions, barren in character, and desolate in thought. Thus God's plan for universal love would be utterly defeated.

THE TIME when we first accept God into our lives can bring rapid changes to our lifestyle: Being honest with ourselves and others; making right past wrongs; exchanging harmful habits for life giving habits are a few examples. You may have heard people describe this time with God as a “honeymoon”, a time with God which eclipses everything else in our lives.

And then there’s self-control. Such little words with big meaning! The Bible has many ways of encouraging us to learn self-control. Here is one: *Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. 1 Corinthians 10:31*

So, whatever we do in our daily lives, our loving duty is to think about our words, behaviour, actions and choices. Do we show our love for God, and do we reflect God’s love for us?

Example? How about Joseph - a teenager sold into slavery by his jealous brothers? When working in the home of the Egyptian, Potiphar, Joseph was elevated to overseer of Potiphar’s home. All too soon Joseph was enticed again and again by Potiphar’s beautiful wife who wanted to share more than a friendly cup of barley beer. Again and again Joseph turned down her advances. Love for God came first in Joseph’s life.

In a state of self-control, we can choose actions, words and behaviours to benefit our physical, mental and spiritual health and the health of the people around us. We can decide when enough is enough - it’s an old cliché, but you can even have too much of a good thing! Work, exercise, sleep, worship, healthy food, clean water and sunlight can be overdone! The trick is to seek out true knowledge, pray and think on life’s choices and then take one small step towards self-control - ONE STEP AT A TIME! Research shows that too much self-control all at once leads to exhaustion, which leads to lack of self-control!

Above all remember our Creator loves each of us infinitely! He gives us this promise to take into our hearts and give us mindful peace: *...God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it. 1 Corinthians 10:13*

1. Listen to your heart: Researchers discover a physiological indicator of vulnerability to temptation. Retrieved March 2007 from <http://cmbi.bjmu.edu.cn/news/0703/65.htm>

God chooses the way of responsive, abundant life.

The Great King can only be happy if His universal family responds to him through intelligent reasoning, personal choice and reciprocal love. In return abundant life is His pledge of love to them.

And so upon the endless flight of eternity the ages of time unfold and the universe pulsates with love and harmonious peace.

*The work of righteousness **will be peace,**
And the effect of righteousness,
quietness and assurance forever.
Isaiah 32:17*

Throughout the galaxies, races of intelligent beings lovingly obey the law of the great King which acclaim:

'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' Matthew 22:37-39

There are no evil or bad thoughts or deeds. There is not even an inkling of what evil is. All is pure, honest and good. Just imagine how wonderful that could be!

The universal family flourishes, ever learning and increasing in knowledge, achieving great enterprises under the direction of the universal government.

Just imagine angels flying back and forth through the corridors of distant galaxies, conveying the will and love of the great King to all created life.

And on grand occasions the King's **only begotten Son** visits the planet worlds speaking on His Father's behalf. *1 John 4:9*

Thus the life spirit of the Father and Son, their one *eternal Spirit* flows through their ruling government and ripples out through the universe, touching all created life. While responding in love, praises of joy rise from the universal family, thanking the great King and His Son for the gift of bountiful life. *Hebrews 9:14*

*Blessed be the Lord,
Who daily loads us with benefits.
Psalm 68:19."*