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THE PURPOSE OF LIFE

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INTRODUCTION

There is one question, which I am sure everybody asks themselves at least once in their lifetime, 'Why am I here?' The answer to this question determines how we live our lives on this planet. It shapes our whole outlook on life. Consciously or unconsciously it forms our beliefs, our morals and our reason for living. But the real issue, which is behind the answer to this question, is that of truth. What is the truth? There has to be truth or fact. So no matter what our belief or opinion may be concerning our existence, this in and of itself will not mean a thing if it's not true. We will all find out one day, but can we know the truth now, while we are still alive?

Is there more than just what we see around us, beyond the material? Is death the end of it all? Who are we? If there is a God, can we know Him? If God exists, then why is there evil and suffering, especially that which is caused by religious wars and the like. And does it really matter? Much more could be added, but these are some of the more common questions that we ask ourselves at some stage in our lives. Everybody is searching for the answers to these questions, though few would openly admit to it.

In fact, most do not consciously realise that they are longing for the answers, and consequently they search in all the wrong places, seeking satisfaction and fulfillment, sometimes at great cost to themselves and others. I was one of them.

As we take a look at the world around us, we see drug abuse in every form, rising to epidemic proportions. This in turn is leading to increased crime, particularly violent crime. Sexual immorality and increasing perversions are becoming the norm. Greed, selfishness and hatred abound. The meaning of the word 'family' is becoming increasingly hybrid. Humanity is sinking further and further into darkness and corruption. Despair has replaced all hope for many. But without hope, we lose our reason and purpose for living.

Although there is nothing new under the sun, the state of humanity today is far worse than ever before. This is partly due to the fact that during the past few centuries there has been incredible progress in many things, and with the increase of knowledge, we have discovered much that has enlightened us (particularly in the western, 'Christian' nations). Yet with all these benefits and blessings, humanity's heart is harder and darker than ever. Also, some of these blessings have become a curse to humanity and the earth. This is also due to the rapid expansion of the race, populating the planet with billions of people within a short span of time. The many good things in life are being spoilt by the increasing evil. Why? It seems that 'history teaches us that we learn nothing from history.'

The solution to all of this is simply love and truth, yet these are the very things that are being rejected and ridiculed. Why is humanity so messed up? Why is there such evil within the human heart? This article will attempt to briefly answer these questions. So let us begin our journey to discover the truth.

IS THERE A CREATOR?

Firstly, Where did everything originate from and why? Is there a Creator; a God; a Supreme Being? The majority of humanity, from the earliest times, have believed in a supernatural being of some kind or another, a creator who brought the universe into existence. Evidently, there has to be a logical reason for this. Even myths and legends generally have some morsel of truth contained within them. From a comparison of ancient religions and beliefs, it strongly suggests that there was an original source, based on fact, about the origins of humanity and other events - for example, a great world-wide flood. But the truth has been corrupted through the millennia, some of it intentionally and some unintentionally.

But one thing is certain. The whole of nature and the universe cries out the fact that there has to be a Designer and Creator. It's the only logical conclusion. Imagine this scenario:

There is a room, which is full of various materials. Suddenly there is a huge explosion! What remains is a perfectly formed computer, with all its peripherals! It even has power, and also has an operating system with specific applications! But for what purpose? There isn't one!

Now would anybody in their right mind believe and accept this story? Of course not! It's preposterous! And also where did the materials come from? In fact where did the room originate? Who built it? Obviously, it all had to start somewhere. Like the proverbial 'chicken and the egg', there has to be an original source for everything. It all has to stop at the First Cause, the real beginning.

It is commonly taught that the universe began with 'the Big Bang'. This may have been the case, but how could something of such immense proportions, which in turn

brought all the elements of the universe into existence from apparently nothing, have just happened, without any influence or external power whatsoever? And more importantly, why? Science doesn't claim to give us the answer to why the universe exists, but it does claim to tell us how it all occurred. Much can be explained concerning the continuing activity of the birth of stars and planets, and how the elements interact with each other, even down to the tiniest particle of the atom. And much can be revealed on how our solar system was formed.

BUT, when it comes to honestly explaining how the earth's atmosphere and plant life, and particularly animal and human life, were created and formed into an organised system of living matter unlike anything in our solar system, something which is so awesome and complex - science CANNOT explain it! Instead they delve into the realm of science fiction 'hocus pocus' clearly implying that this all just happened 'magically', and that all organic life 'evolved' from some microscopic 'bug' from outer space! ***And this is taught as scientific fact! The truth is - this is biologically and scientifically impossible! The only logical and honest explanation is that of a Designer and Creator.***

With all the technological advances in recent times, especially in the fields of Science and Biology, it is astounding that anyone at all would not believe in a Creator. Some of the greatest evidence is found in the field of Genetics. How could DNA, which is a biological (written) code, more amazing than any computer software program, have just happened randomly!

New information cannot be added to the code for each species, especially through 'evolutionary processes', but information can be lost, which results in mutations. The original code has all the evidence of a Designer, as does the whole of creation. In fact, it is biologically impossible for any species to 'evolve' into another completely new species or by cross breeding, to generate any offspring.

As another example, consider the electrical design in the human body. The process whereby electrical impulses are sent to and from the brain via trillions of nerve cells (neurons) that are interconnected, is far superior to anything that humanity has ever created. How can anyone honestly believe that this occurred randomly by evolutionary processes! It's absolutely illogical! The reason why scientists refer to electrical theory and design when describing the nervous system is because God designed and created the whole universe, including the human body, so that humanity could discover and 'invent' things, patterned after that which already exists.

Yet much of what is presented to us as scientific, is found on closer examination to be in fact, man's theories and beliefs. This is largely due to the influence of Charles Darwin's 'Origin of Species.' Generally speaking, his theory was greatly flawed, and many evolutionists are beginning to see this.

There have been many television documentaries made recently on the subjects of the origins of the universe, the dinosaurs and humanity. But rather than give us the hard facts, they have succumbed to the lure of fictitious entertainment and the realm of myth. Of course, we are all fascinated with 'mysteries' and 'monsters', but should it be at the expense of truth?

But true science will not conflict with truth, only the incorrect interpretation of it will.

(For further reading on The Creation, see section entitled 'The Heavens and the Earth' via the Antechamber link)

As humans, we are distinct from the lower animals, and we inherently long for meaning and purpose. Surely we're not just here to battle our way through the trials of life, with its highs and lows - and then die! If so, why do we search for love and meaningful relationships? Anyone, who has experienced real love in its many forms, will know that we do not want it to end. Why do we sense deep within that the tragedy of death is not as it should be, although it can be a merciful release to those in great pain and suffering?

The most common objection to the belief in a Creator, is the existence of suffering and death, which almost every religion seeks to avoid rather than answer satisfactorily. But even though suffering in life creates a dilemma, and is difficult for us to associate with a loving God, to disbelieve in a Creator in no way leaves us with a satisfactory answer to our existence. If there isn't a God, then nothing makes any real sense at all. Life becomes a sick, meaningless game of chasing after the wind! Hence there are no absolutes! And there is no adjudication! Therefore, we can all do exactly as we please! Very convenient, or so it seems. This is exactly what most evil dictators believe! (Adolf Hitler is a prime example. He also believed that he was obeying higher spiritual masters, whom he was in regular contact with. Were they real or imaginary? Our journey will presently shed some light on the 'paranormal'). And this is exactly why the world is in a state of chaos and corruption! What would be the point of living or more correctly, surviving?

And where did love come from? Or our natural conscience indicating right and wrong? Or what about natural laws and principles? (Just take a look at Mathematics and Physics). Or our hearts cry for justice? Or the longing for something better, something spiritual and out of this world? There are numerous questions, but only one satisfactory answer - a Creator God.

But even evil, in all its terrible manifestations, has to be a part of God's overall plan. (The correct meaning of 'evil' is a 'calamity' of some kind, but not that which is necessarily 'wrong'. In this sense, evil from the hands of a righteous God is never wrong. But evil from the hands of men is generally always wrong). Subjectively, this is very hard for us to understand, but objectively it makes a lot of sense. We

need the contrasts in creation to appreciate opposites, whether it be good and evil, right and wrong, love and hate, truth and error, light and darkness, health and sickness, etc, etc. All experience is relative. God will eventually be justified for allowing sin and death to enter His creation, by bringing untold blessing to ALL when His purpose is complete. For further study, see article entitled '[Almighty God v Almighty Self](#)'.

WHO IS THIS CREATOR?

We have established the fact that there has to be a God. Now there can only be One Creator, because there can only ultimately be one unifying, original Source. If there were many gods, then who was created first, and by whom? Even if there were 'aliens' who created humanity and placed us here, as some believe, then where did they come from, etc? No! There has to be one original Source, outside the dimensions of everything we know. A God, who has always existed, a Being, who is so awesome, so infinite that our puny, finite minds cannot comprehend it. We can only accept it by faith, after considering the facts.

The meaning of the word, 'God', in many languages, is describing the power and position of the Creator, as a 'Placer' and 'Subjector', one who has absolute authority over everything else. This is another reason why there can only be one God, because only one can have absolute authority. All other authority is delegated.

But is God a He or a She? And does He or She have a name? Has God revealed Himself or Herself to humanity? As we shall soon see, God has no gender, though He has chosen to reveal Himself as Father. He is Spirit, in the highest sense of the word, and therefore invisible. He pervades everything, from the far reaches of the universe, to the tiniest particle of the atom, to the spiritual dimensions and beyond. He is the Life Force within all living things. He is not far from any one of us. *In Him we live and move and exist.*

He is neither male nor female, but He created both. Humanity was created in His likeness, with a specific order of the male first and then the female. This is evidenced by the fact that the male is the source of the life-seed for procreation.

But before we can know His name, or much else for that matter, God must reveal Himself. Even though creation itself reveals something of God, it is still very vague, and can generally appear very cruel and cold. When we see the chaos and disasters in nature, it seems that God has lost control!

One of the best ways for Him to reveal Himself is by doing so to more than one person, as confirmatory witnesses, and to record in writing what He has to say, so that others, across time and space, can read it.

The Channel whereby He would personally reveal Himself must be suited to the human senses. He would need to be visible and audible. He would also need to establish a way for His revelations to be proven by humanity, so as to expose any deception by His enemies, human or otherwise. The ultimate form of communication would be to appear on earth as a human being, to partake of human flesh and blood, and to reveal His heart so that all may know Him.

This is exactly what He has done.

God has revealed Himself as Yahweh or Jehovah, which literally means 'will-being-was'. In fact, He has more than one name, but each name describes one or more of His attributes. He chose to identify Himself with one particular people, through no worthiness of their own, and make them into His special nation. Then by revealing Himself to them, as their God and King, He temporarily established His kingdom among them, but due to their continued disobedience, the Kingdom has been given to a chosen remnant from amongst ALL nations, whom God will use as His channel to reveal Himself to the rest of the world. That nation was (and spiritually is) Israel.

God's revelation of Himself, and His plan for mankind, including the past history of the race and the future of all things (and much more), was written down over a period of about 1600 years, by about 40 different human channels of prophets and apostles, all of which, with maybe one exception, were of the nation of Israel. More will be said about this later.

It is, of course, what is commonly referred to as the Bible. More accurately, it is the Hebrew and Greek Scriptures, commonly called the Old Testament and the New Testament, respectively. But the sad fact is that the Bible has been greatly criticised and ignored, even discarded, due to the many religions and sects that claim to believe in its contents. But we must not allow this to hinder our search for the truth, which it surely contains. Much of what is taught by Christendom as being biblical is found on closer examination, to be not actually the case at all. There are many 'orthodox' teachings, ancient and modern, which need to be seriously looked at, so that a more accurate understanding of the truth can be gained.

By studying the Scriptures with a fresh approach, laying aside all preconceived ideas, will result in great blessing, and a better understanding of the truth. You will find that the Bible is a unique book, which contains the amazing revelation of the one and only Creator, who can be known personally as Father. You will find no greater God than the One revealed in this Book.

HOW DO WE KNOW THAT THE BIBLE IS GOD'S WORD?

To many, the Bible is an old-fashioned, hard to understand book, which is only read in church, and by religious fanatics! This is partially true, but there are many people who approach it differently. For those who admire and respect classic literature, the Bible cannot be ignored, if solely for that reason. It stands alone amongst the numerous sacred writings and philosophies of the world, as a truly unique piece of ancient literature. The same can be said of its history. But this is no ordinary book.

Historically speaking, much of what the Bible was once ridiculed for, has actually been found to be true. This also applies to the fields of Geography, Geology and other Sciences. The 20th Century has seen many amazing advances in these areas, as well as many others, which has only served to give greater evidence of the Bible's accuracy and authenticity.

For example, there is much evidence for a worldwide catastrophic flood occurring many thousands of years ago. This has caused many to take a serious look at the account of Noah and the huge vessel called the Ark. There are many 'unbelieving' archaeologists who are beginning to see things very differently. Others, with no axe to grind, are drawn to the Bible to uncover much that has been hidden or misunderstood. (Take for example Egyptologist David Rohl in his book entitled 'The Test Of Time', which has been released as a TV documentary called 'Pharaohs and Kings - A Biblical Quest'). In many instances, that which for hundreds of years has been accepted as 'conventional', is being challenged and, in most cases, is successfully shaking the very foundations of traditional teaching and thought.

Also, there is much evidence to suggest that the earth is no where near as old as is commonly thought. Man's theories are constantly changing. The Bible allows for many thousands of years, but not millions, and there is mounting evidence in favour of this.

When the biblical genealogies are understood correctly, it would realistically allow for the creation of humanity occurring up to 17,000 years ago. (The earliest date that can be chronologically calculated in Scripture, with a high degree of accuracy, takes us back to Abraham's birth, in the mid-20th century BC. The first 11 chapters of Genesis could realistically cover anything from 2000 to 12,000 years. For further information on biblical genealogies, see [Appendix: Biblical Genealogies](#) via the Antechamber).

Even when so called 'discoveries' are publicised, which claim to disprove the Bible, they are usually based on one of the following:

a) Faulty translation of the biblical text

- b) Incorrect interpretation of the biblical text
- c) Faulty premise based on human theories
- d) Or fraudulent claims!

As intimated earlier, true science will not conflict with the truth contained in Scripture.

Biblical manuscripts have been amazingly preserved and copied down through the centuries, even though there has, at times, been problems with the correct translating method. But considering the time-span and the volume of words, the accuracy of the Bible is astonishing. There is much evidence for this within the museums of the world. Therefore, if we cannot trust the Bible, then all other ancient literature and historical artifacts may as well be discarded! We would then have no reliable history to learn anything. (For further information on translations of the Bible, see [The Concordant Version](#) via the Antechamber).

The Bible also contains the greatest book of Law and Morals in the world, the whole Law being summed up in the Ten Commandments. This is where many feel uncomfortable with the Bible, and rightly so. Who among us can live out a perfect life? - NO-ONE. But much of the teaching of Christendom and other religions, is that we need to strive and obey these laws to be accepted by God, or otherwise we will end up being sent to an eternal hell of torment or something to that effect! On the other hand, there are many people who seem to prefer to lead a life of debauchery and evil, so by them, these Laws and the Bible are repudiated! The result is no absolutes, no judgment, hence anarchy! Again, this is illogical. Think of where we would be without rules - even sport and games would cease to exist!

But we know that fire burns, therefore we do not place our hands in it! Does that law rob us of our freedom? Yes! But heeding it saves us from a lot of pain and destruction!

Yes, the Bible does teach that each of us will be held accountable for our lives, but God's judgments, no matter how severe, are always for correction and ultimate blessing. The laws are there to keep us from real harm, and, paradoxically, to show us that we all need God's power and grace in order to live righteously.

The real message of God's Word is the greatest message that humanity and all creation will ever hear. It emphasises God's love and grace, along with His righteousness and justice. It brings real joy and peace, which no experience on earth can duplicate, and it gives expectation (a sure hope) for the future. It also gives us the power to live a life of true freedom from guilt and shame, and from the weaknesses of our flesh, that leads us into slavery. It can open our eyes to a whole New World, a great adventure! And I guarantee that you will not be able to find

anything better than this in the whole universe! So let us take a closer look at this incredible book.

THE BIBLE

The Old Testament, originally written in Hebrew and a small part Aramaic (a sister language), was firmly established many centuries before the birth of Jesus Christ. The book of Job was probably the earliest book, written about 2000 BC (or maybe a little later), nevertheless, the books of Moses were written about 1400 BC. The latest book in the Old Testament is Malachi (along with Nehemiah) written during the 430's BC.

The New Testament, originally written in Greek, was firmly established a few centuries after Christ. All the books were written during the latter half of the first century AD, the last being the vision of Revelation in about 94 AD.

Although various councils were used by God to decide the canon of Scripture, time has proved that their decisions were correct. In fact, an in-depth examination of the Bible will show that all the books contained therein carry their own weight as proof of their authenticity. Each writer of Scripture was evidently inspired in a unique manner, by God's Spirit, to write what they did.

The Bible is a cohesive whole, a complete revelation of God to humanity, written over a period of 1600 years! This progressive revelation needs to be taken into account when studying the Bible. Many Bible scholars have used the following quote, originally spoken by an eminent teacher,

"Imagine taking 66 medical books, written by 40 different physicians and surgeons, during a period of 1600 years, of various schools of medicine, and bind them all together, and then undertake to doctor a man according to that book, what success would you expect to have, and what accord would there be in such a medical work."

The Bible is such a book, and claims to be the very Word of the Living God. (E.g. see 2 Timothy 3: 16; Hebrews 4: 12-13; 2 Peter 1: 21).

THE EVIDENCE OF PROPHECY

What is most probably the greatest evidence for the Bible being what it claims to be are its prophetic predictions. Within its pages, Yahweh declares that He is God and there is no other. He alone makes known the end from the beginning. He not only foresees, but plans everything. He promises to do what He has planned and spoken. (See Isaiah 46: 9-11; Numbers 23: 19).

The whole of the Bible stands or falls on this declaration. So the Bible, therefore, has to claim 100% fulfillment. No other book or sacred writing has dared to make that claim.

Some people would say that prophecies, in general, are very vague and therefore are left to the individuals interpretation of what each prophecy may mean. This is often true, especially in the case of Nostradamus, but biblical prophecy is much more specific and detailed. Yes, it requires correct interpretation, but the context should reveal what that is, along with an accurate knowledge of the whole revealed picture.

Studying Scripture requires an open heart and mind, and a lot of discipline, along with some understanding of the historical context. (To truly appreciate and understand any piece of literature, particularly ancient literature clearly requires much study and contemplation. You get out what you put in).

Without these keys, the Bible can seem to be a very strange and contradictory book; another piece of religious literature dreamed up by a nation who wanted to be special, with a unique and powerful God!

But those who seek the truth will receive spiritual enlightenment, to begin to understand the wonderful message contained within its pages - revealed and yet hidden.

Firstly, let us take a look at God's great prophetic sign - the nation and land of Israel. God has chosen this nation (and also the land) to be His people, even though only a remnant are the true spiritual Israel of God. As we shall see, this has nothing to do with any inherent goodness or superiority within them as a people, in fact quite the opposite, but is solely on God's choice.

Through Israel, God is proving to the whole world that He is, in fact, the one and only God. The majority of biblical prophecy is concerned with Israel and God's dealings with them, foretelling their disobedience and chastening, the two major exiles from the land (the Assyrian and the Babylonian captivities) and their subsequent restoration, and their final official exile (the Roman captivity), though in recent times the State of Israel is trying to reverse this exile of their own accord. Yet even this is in accord with God's plan. The fact that the Jews have survived all these centuries as a distinct people is further evidence of prophecy being fulfilled. Ultimately, the true spiritual Israel of God, composed of Jew and Gentile, will be a blessing for the whole world. (For example, see Deuteronomy 28; Isaiah 60-62; Jeremiah 30-31; Ezekiel 37; Micah 4: 1-8; Amos 9: 11-15; and Zechariah 8: 12-14).

It is an undeniable fact, to any keen observer, that hundreds of specific prophecies have been fulfilled in the ancient history of the Israelites, as well as in the history of

the many nations and Empires that had anything to do with God's people in the Middle East.

This is especially true concerning the Empires of Babylon, Persia, Greece and Rome (see the book of Daniel). Also Egypt and some of the Arab nations figure quite prominently in the Bible and they have been promised great blessing within God's plan (see Isaiah 19: 19-25).

For a much more detailed study on prophecy, see the section entitled [The Great Prophetic Plan Revealed via the Antechamber](#).

Prophecy provides irrefutable proof that God exists, that He is the God of the Bible, and that He is the one who is guiding history, but as none of us were there in the past, a lot of this has to be accepted by faith. For many this is not very satisfying, but that is not the end of it. There is still much to be fulfilled in the very near future! God will fully manifest His kingdom very soon, bringing in a New Creation and a New World Order. In the meantime, the nations of the world will continue to try to establish their own utopia, a counterfeit kingdom of God, but it will ultimately fail - because judgment is coming and justice will be done.

This is also the reason why many men and women have sought to conquer the world or lay claim to being a Messiah figure who will save the world. Yet there is one man who has already appeared, claiming to be the Messiah, who has also prophesied that He will yet appear again, to claim His rightful place. His coming will be conclusive proof that the Bible is indeed the Word of God.

THE MESSIAH

The appearing of a Messiah / Saviour figure to humanity, has been believed and expected from the dawn of history. Every religion and belief system contains some element of this truth, albeit in various forms - that of a spiritual Messenger / Prophet / Leader / King / Messiah, etc, bringing humanity into a new age of freedom, peace, love and spirituality. The reason for this is quite simple - there is a promised Messiah, who is God's unique Channel, earlier alluded to.

The fullest and greatest portrait that we have of the Messiah is contained within the pages of the Hebrew Scriptures.

Throughout the Old Testament there are numerous prophecies which give specific details of the Messiah's birth, His character, His mission, His death, and most important of all, His resurrection to immortality!

One of the main reasons for revealing all of these details ahead of time is so that when the Messiah finally appears, He can be identified beyond any doubt. One very important fact is that He will be an Israelite, of the tribe of Judah. Nevertheless,

when these details are pieced together, there seems to be two contradictory portraits of the Messiah, or even two Messiah's! Let us take a brief look at these two portraits.

Portrait 1- He will be a warrior King descended from the line of King David of Judah, who will appear with great glory and power to judge unbelieving Israel and the whole world. He will save an Israelite remnant and a remnant from the rest of the nations, and will establish the Kingdom of God on the earth.

Portrait 2- He will be of humble beginnings, ministering to the people in relative quietness and humility. His main characteristic is that of a servant. He will die a sacrificial death for the transgressions of Israel, and the sins of the whole world. Yet miraculously, He will rise from the dead, as the ultimate proof of His Messiahship, and will eventually save all of humanity from death.

Also, what is common to both portraits, is the fact that somehow He will be, in a unique sense, the Son of God. He will enter this world as a human, and yet also be of celestial origin. He will be the ultimate Channel to reveal His Father to all creation.

[It is not the purpose of this article to consider in depth the details of fulfilled or unfulfilled prophecy, particularly in the life of Christ. That is covered in other studies. We will only take a brief, overall look at this point].

About 2 BC, a child was born in Israel, who changed the history of the world. The events surrounding His birth, life, and more importantly His death, cannot be ignored. His name was Joshua of Nazareth or more commonly known as Jesus. (Joshua or Yeshua is from the Hebrew - Jesus is from the Greek. Both mean Yahweh - Saviour). The four historical accounts in the New Testament, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John - commonly called the 'Gospels'- give us the necessary details to prove conclusively to the discerning, that this Yeshua of Nazareth is indeed the promised Messiah or Christ (Messiah is from the Hebrew, Christ is from the Greek. They both mean 'Anointed', a figurative expression for the presence and power of God's spirit).

Yet Israel, as a whole, rejected Him, even though the Jewish and Roman authorities could not find a legitimate reason for His trial and subsequent death penalty. This was because Jesus had done nothing wrong, which even Pontius Pilate, the Roman procurator, admitted.

One reason for their rejection was due to a major mistake by the scribes and teachers of the law, in understanding the Messianic prophecies. They did not see that the portraits spoke of one man, who would appear twice within human history,

in two different roles. Those who had grasped something of this truth, then made the mistake of looking for the Messiah / King, and not the Messiah / Servant. The Messiah / King portrait was more appealing to the flesh. (This was also one of the reasons why Judas Iscariot made his huge mistake of betraying Christ, which he realised too late).

Yet even this rejection had been predicted in Scripture. It was God's plan and purpose that Jesus should die, by crucifixion, to pay the correspondent ransom price for the cause of humanity's mortality and consequent sin (i.e. missing the mark of God's perfection due to inherent death). As God's unique Son, Jesus had been conceived by the power of God's Spirit. This resulted in Him being a human without the corrupting influence of death in His flesh, which is naturally passed on by every male. That is why the Messiah could not have a human father. Jesus was so full of life, He was able to conquer sickness and death, and perform miracles in nature. His unique authority also gave Him power over spiritual forces of darkness. This is why He was able to live a perfect life, pleasing to His Father, without making one mistake, i.e. to sin.

Yet He willingly laid down His life, to die the awful, humiliating death of a criminal, so as to reveal the Father's heart of love and righteousness for all creation. By doing so, all of creation will one day be freed from its slavery to corruption and death.

He is the sacrificial Lamb of God that takes away the sins and transgressions, not only of Israel, but of the whole world. He is the One who has reversed the consequences of Adam's initial disobedience (which brought death to all humanity) by bringing justification to all, which will eventually give immortality to all humanity.

But only a minority has ever truly believed this, including at the present time, but it will one day reach everybody. For this to be true, of course, it means that everyone who has ever lived will need to be resurrected at some point in time, and after their individual adjudication by Christ, to eventually receive the blessing of real life - immortality. (But before that glorious consummation, there is much that will occur in which believers only will have a prominent part to play).

This leads to the most amazing evidence of all - the Messiah's resurrection to immortality.

THE RESURRECTION

Many have tried to disprove the resurrection story of Jesus, but to their own amazement, they have ended up believing it! Many others, including academics, have also arrived at the startling conclusion that the resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth did actually occur as the Bible says it did!

The resurrection was the crowning event that proved beyond doubt that Yeshua was, and is, indeed the Messiah. Without the resurrection, the remaining messianic prophecies, which Jesus attached to Himself, cannot be fulfilled. No prophecy in Scripture has yet failed. And I don't believe we will be disappointed.

The resurrection is the only satisfactory answer to the problem of death. Death is an unrelenting enemy, taking everyone to a place of complete nothingness. No matter how much we try to avoid it or dress it up in beautiful language, it remains as a dark enemy. Many belief systems, including Christendom, try to teach us the pleasant 'fact' that death is really life in another sphere, but nothing will alter the devastating truth that **death is death!** When we sleep, we are experiencing something of what death will be like, but without the dreams, and without waking up!

This is why there has to be a resurrection, an eventual waking up to the reality of what our life has been about. All wrongs will need to be put right. The truth about our existence and the original purpose for humanity will need to be revealed to all of us.

There is only One who has ever claimed He would conquer death - Joshua of Nazareth. As proof, God raised Him from the dead as a sign that His sacrifice had been accepted, and that death and sin - along with the spiritual archenemy of God, Satan himself - have been overpowered and subdued. Christ Jesus is the ultimate Victor and Champion of the universe. At present though, this fact is hidden from the majority of humanity, but one day it will be revealed to all.

So why aren't we seeing any effects of this yet? The Bible reveals that there will be 3 stages in the process of death being abolished. (This is covered in detail in other studies). The second stage of humanity's resurrection will be completed in the near future. Until then, only One has immortality - Christ Jesus. (Christ's resurrection is included in the first stage). He may be hidden from humanity's sight, living in the spiritual dimension, which Scripture calls the Celestials or Heavens, but someday soon He will return suddenly like a thief in the night, and the truth contained within the Bible will be validated.

(It is no accident that from the earliest times, humanity has been fascinated with the stars and 'outer space'. Their greatest mistake has been to worship the celestial bodies, rather than look beyond them to what they represent. There are 'aliens', but they are certainly not terrestrial in any form! They are spiritual, not fleshly. That is the greatest 'conspiracy theory' of them all!).

But the resurrection is a hard thing for the soulish, fleshly mind to accept, but when believed by the spiritual mind that knows the power of God, it is not hard to accept at all. If God created all things, and is the Life Force within all living things, then resurrection to immortality is not a problem!

Jesus of Nazareth fulfilled the Messiah / Servant portrait. He will yet return, as He promised, to fulfill the Messiah / King portrait.

CONCLUSION

For those who have the spiritual eyes to see and the spiritual ears to hear, the Word of truth is out there, everywhere. It pervades every area of life, even though the human channels are often oblivious of their part in declaring it. One such example is in the movies.

One of my favourite films is **Braveheart**. This movie contains so much scriptural truth, which I am sure was not intended by Mel Gibson and the writers. Whether the film is accurate as to the historical events portrayed in it is beside the point, but as a movie it is extremely biblical. It actually portrays the two roles of Christ, in reverse order - though not perfectly in every detail of course! (For a more detailed explanation of this, see the [Movies](#) section in the [Treasure Cave](#) via the Antechamber).

There are some great lines in the film, but one really stands out,

"Every man dies, but not every man really lives."

My favourite film of all, I think, is probably **Joe Versus the Volcano** starring Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan. This movie is full of classic lines that embody much truth, but this is one of the best,

"Almost the whole world is asleep, everyone you meet, everyone you see, everyone you talk to - only a few people are awake, and they live in a state of constant, total amazement."

The meaning and purpose of our existence is to know the absolute reality of **LOVE**, **LIFE** and **TRUTH**, which brings **JOY**, **PEACE**, and **FREEDOM**. In other words - to know God as Father, through His Son. This is eonian (or age-abiding) life (commonly mistranslated in the Bible as 'eternal' or 'everlasting' life. See the article [The Concordant Version](#) for further explanation).

At present, God is offering His hand of friendship to all, not reckoning their offences to them at the present time - He is conciliated to the world and refuses to change His disposition, even in the face of such wickedness and arrogance, and great offence. That's why the world is still here - and the only reason why! This attitude though will soon alter, when due to the increasing darkness, when enough is enough, and sin is fully ripened, God will withdraw His hand of friendship and declare war on humanity, revealing His wrath and power. He will judge all nations in preparation for the promised Messianic Kingdom that will follow.

The Purpose of Life

Therefore, for the sake of what Christ Jesus has done on behalf of us all, may we believe and receive reconciliation now with the One who loves us far more than we can comprehend. Only then may we truly know age-abiding life (See 2 Corinthians 5:14-21).

Recommended Bible translations: New International Version (easier to read) and the Concordant Version (a more accurate translation for serious study).

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