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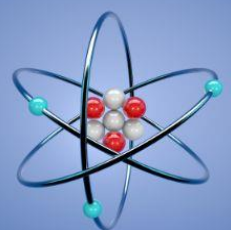
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INTRODUCTION

Many people in this world have questions about life, the reasons for it, and about God. We will never be able to explain everything or find the exact answers we are looking for, but I believe we will find enough for us to decide, to take a stand. Before finding some answers, we mustn't rush with making a decision, especially the wrong one. We find as well that certain things are unexplainable. And we will find answers only when we stand in front of Him, who holds all the secrets since the foundation of everything. I believe He wants us to know enough so that we are able to take a stand, and He only knows how much that "enough" is for us.

Many people have questions about God and why He is doing things in a certain way. Some of them create their own image of Him and believe they know most of Him already. No one actually knows so much about Him. Some people know just enough, but there is always more to discover. Thinking that we know or have an idea of who God is without having Him really in our life can lead us to dangerous prejudices.

With some questions and answers in this book, we will see just a very small part of the great and inscrutable knowledge of God, but I hope it will be enough for us, at least for the present moment of our life, and can help us grow more in the knowledge of Him.

Here in this book, you can find some common questions and answers to different biblical topics. This is at least a part of the answers you can find, and the greatest advice is to read and get deeper into the Bible. We will never be able to know everything or get all the answers, but we can at least desire and seek what God has prepared for each of us in the great abyss and depth of His wisdom, which is found in His Word—the Bible.

You can read the chapters of the book consecutively or separately as they deal with different topics and answers in the Bible.

CHAPTER 1

WHO IS GOD, AND WHY IS HE WORKING IN SUCH A WAY?

God of Order

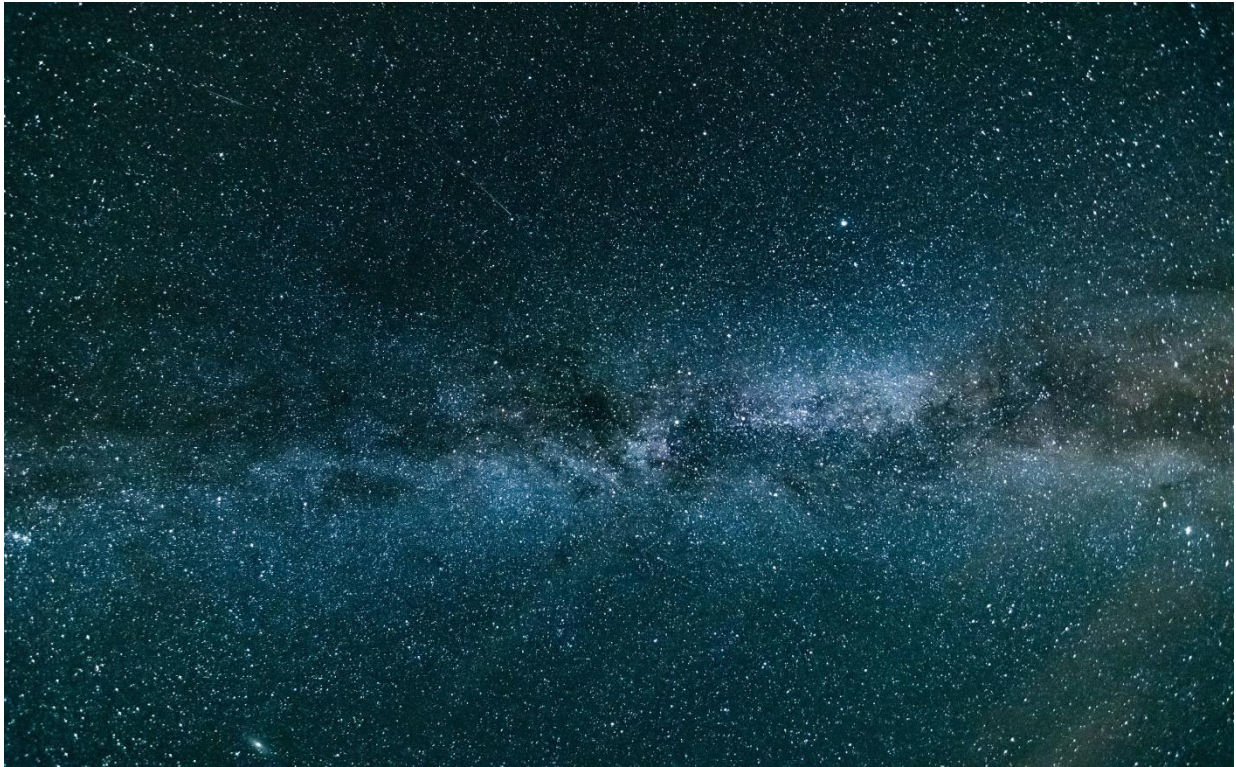
This is a very hard, complex question that obviously all the world's books cannot answer. But I'll try to write shortly from what I understood by personal experience that obviously doesn't give a complete answer as God is so huge and great we cannot even imagine. What is important is that our opinion and idea of who He is, go toward the right direction that is always accompanied and confirmed by His Word. There we find the revelation of God for us, and there we can be taught about Him. We must base our opinions and thoughts about Him on what we find there.

Often the way we and most people imagine God might be erroneous, as we haven't arrived yet in a certain level of understanding. For the natural man, the one who doesn't know God, this is normal. His knowledge of Him is superficial, mainly from what he had heard of Him. The spiritual person who has been reborn and now is a new creation in Him is still the same. He doesn't have complete knowledge of Him yet as he will have to learn more all his life. Still, at least he has a foundation to build on. This is still a small, but true part of God's glory, revealed to him, because one day he had the experience of repentance and have truly known God's forgiveness. The knowledge we are speaking about is not just a theological knowledge, but one the Holy Spirit teaches in our hearts. Then after having that, we can also know more, theologically speaking. The theological knowledge must always go hand in hand with the spiritual one.

Many people wonder why God works in a specific way, why He acts with such a way toward sin, and why He is holy and cannot bear sin. We add His judgments to the discussion as there are often misunderstandings regarding this topic.

Let's see a verse in the first letter to the [Corinthians 14:33](#)

"For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints."

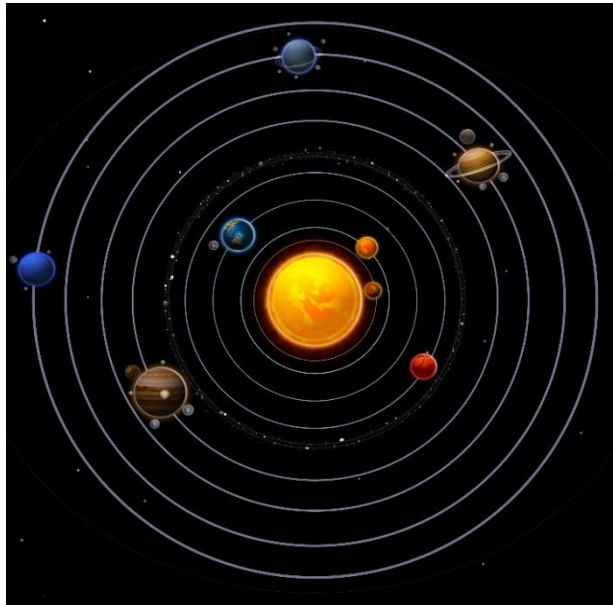


And **1 Corinthians 14:40** says “**Let all things be done decently and in order.**”

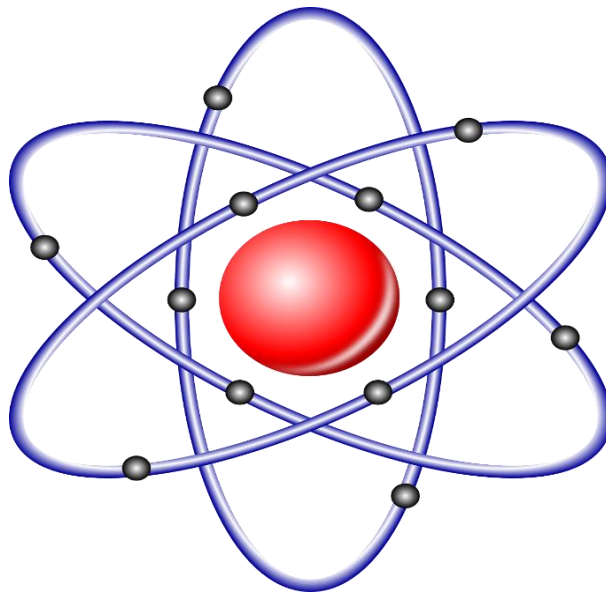
Apparently, this verse in its context speaks about having an order in the churches about prophesying and speaking in tongues. And so it is. But the verse itself reveals the character of God and His nature. And there are other verses in the Bible speaking about the same topic. So here we can see the way He is.

If we look at the creation and nature from the smallest to the greatest detail, we will notice nothing is there by chance, or just placed chaotically there. The nature (the one undefiled and untouched by man) has a certain order. Obviously, this nature bears the consequences of sin, but we can still see things working in a specific way there. Looking at the universe, we see stars, planets, a solar system are placed perfectly in a specific way.

It has nothing to do with an explosion or just throwing everything in a chaos. Somebody with a mind having a design stands behind it. Even if we go to the smallest detail, microscopically speaking, we will see molecules and all other small particles are placed in order.



This is also similar to how a solar system works—it explains that the same mind stands behind it.



Each molecule is composed by atoms that hold each other. These pictures above show the structure of an atom and our solar system. There are different kinds of atoms, but almost all of them are composed of neutrons and protons that form the nucleus and electrons that circle around the nucleus similar to the way planets do around the sun.

If I am not mistaken, there are cases where each electron has its own unique orbit the same as the planets.

We can see similarity here with the atoms, which in their structure look like a mini model of what a solar system is. I am not saying the atoms are small solar systems, but we see God's genius design and creation by the way they are made. We see the same mind has created all of them, from the smallest to the greatest detail.

Looking at the chemical elements, is the same. They also have an order. If I'm not mistaken, most chemical reactions, poisons, and damaging corrosive materials exist because man placed them out of their natural place and order. But all this and other wrong things are caused by another greater disorder called sin. Looking at all the creation, those who are really gone in disorder is us. The humankind. And obviously this sin, this disorder brings consequences to everything else.

²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected *it* in hope; ²¹because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. **Romans 8:20, 21**

God in His nature is the one who wants to fix this. He wants to fix everything. We can't imagine sometimes what He can bear until He accomplishes that. We often can't realize it, and we see things from our perspective, not being grateful enough. I don't know if we will ever be in this life. I mean to be ever grateful enough, or be able to know, to understand all the reasons for being grateful. Thanks to God for the reasons He already made us to know. There is so much to be grateful for. I'm saying this because for God to fix what is wrong, He can just take it away from the picture and rebuild another one. But what He did instead was in our favor.

"I will strike them with the pestilence and disinherit them, and I will make of you a nation greater and mightier than they." **Numbers 14:12**

He said this to Moses concerning the nation of Israel that kept on sinning against God, but after he pleaded for mercy, He left them and gave them another opportunity.

Look, there is a balance in nature, the universe, and the whole creation. The balance there just confirms about the character of their Creator. If I paint a picture and use a certain method or color, it will reveal my personality. It is because I like it, or I have that personality. Same is with God. The difference is that He is not a man like us. He doesn't change His opinion.

He is not influenced by anything. He doesn't have a "bad day" as we do. He doesn't wake up and decide something, and the next day wakes up again and changes opinion. He is immutable, He doesn't change.

As the Bible says in **James 1:17**, **"Every good gift is from above, and comes down from the father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning."**

So, His opinion toward sin is always the same. We see He didn't change from the Old to the New Testament as someone might state. As Jesus said: **"Do not think that I**

came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfil.”

Matthew 5:17 What changed then?

He is for balance, for order. And if something goes out of that balance, He wants to fix it. This is in His heart. As when someone brakes something, he must pay for it. In this case we broke. Not just something, but many things. **To bring a balance, He had to let us pay, but instead we see the Son did it for us on the cross.** This is the reason why those who believe have their sins redeemed.

God judges the entire universe as **Job 22:12, 13 and 25:4, 5** say: “Is not God in the height of heaven? And see the highest stars how lofty they are? And you say, ‘What does God know? Can He judge through the deep darkness?’” **Job 22:12, 13**

“How then can man be righteous before God? Or how can he be pure who is born of a woman? If even the moon does not shine, and the stars are not pure in His sight,” **Job 25:4, 5**

We need to look at something here. He does all of this not just because He decided. He doesn’t decide this. It is hard to imagine, but it is so. He is the greatest being, He doesn’t have a measure, nor age. He takes everything. He is infinite.

“For in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, ‘For we are also His offspring.’” **Acts 17:28**

Yet He is not as we imagine many times. When somebody just decides something, this many times is based on His likes and preference. For example, when I decide not to eat something, most times, it is because I don’t like it. Yes, in another case, if I am starving, I can make a compromise and eat it. But it is not like this, when it is about someone’s nature or being. When something is so awful to us, not because we just decided so, but naturally, by instinct we can’t handle it. Then there is no question, we can’t stand it. It is a reaction that takes a place.

In the same way, justice is part of God’s nature. If we go through a place with a rotten smell, we will automatically turn our head away, we will try to avoid it or remove it. We can stand it for a while, but eventually remove it. This is how God looks at sin. He is so just and righteous in His nature that He has to fix it. Takes the time that will take, He will fix it. The reason for which He doesn’t bring this perfect justice now on the earth is because He decided to accomplish it through His Son.

That’s why He has patience with us and everybody. Because He wants people to repent. If He had brought a perfect justice now, no one would escape, but because He is patient, He gives us opportunity.

For this reason, the Bible tells us not to judge, not to revenge, to turn the other cheek. Because according to His standards we are not better, everyone deserves judgment. And we cannot say God is righteous and just because of a mere choice He made. He is not a man like us. That's why it is not just because of a decision that He took. He is righteous and just because this is in His nature. He is like that. He is justice. No one can stand against Him or discuss with Him about that.

We can rather say that to show mercy, to send His Son for us, so that we can have this opportunity, was a choice He made. Without taking His righteousness away, because justice was served on the cross at the end. His Son took the punishment. And if we believe we enter into this promise.

All of this should take away the thought in us that God sometimes is cruel and prevent us from thinking or imagine Him as a mere man that takes decisions based on what He likes or not. He is like a being that takes everything. He is everything we see, feel, and move in, and no one can escape Him. He might be far from us in terms of His holiness, but in the same time, He is closer than what we can imagine, because He is everything around us. And He cannot stand at all this, He wants and must fix this sin.

He doesn't have anyone to answer or submit to, but in a way He submits to Himself, to His laws! He is conditioned by that, because He cannot deny Himself. (2 Timothy 2:13)

Thinking about this, it comes to my mind about the laws that certain ancient kings were having. They were irrevocable. Meaning that once the law was given, it couldn't be changed. Even the kings were submitted to the laws themselves had established. They had to follow them. Same as God. His laws, established by Himself are irrevocable. They are eternal. Jesus said that heavens and earth will pass away, but His words will remain for eternity. And these laws are established by God, because of His nature, because of what He is.

So going back to the conversation, someone had to pay, to fill this empty space or cross in our case. All of this to bring back the balance.

That's why the Son of God came. To die for us, for those who believe, so that we mustn't pay. God had a mercy. Someone still had to pay and die because this needed to happen to fulfill this. He couldn't just forget about the sin we committed, even if He wanted to. Anyway, He tried to do something about it. The best He could. And He compromised Himself. And decided to suffer that punishment. This is an amazing love! Because He also could've just let us pay and everything would be

fine with Him. He didn't have anyone to answer to. And this was going to be still right. What He did was still righteous, but with the only difference that He paid. Sometimes we just don't realize the grace we have; the opportunity and it will be difficult to realize all of it in this life. Even if we are safe and reborn. Then we will just have a small part of the whole picture. That is obviously good enough and can make us grateful. Sometimes we even dare to rebel or murmur in our hearts that God may forgive us and reveal more of His grace and what He has done for us. And I'm saying this to the believers as well.



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He could've wiped everything, but instead He sent His son. He took the punishment that was needed to be given, because by nature any sin needs to be repaid, justice needs to be served. His justice and punishment in this case can be defined as a reaction, almost a natural reaction, because this is obviously in His nature. Everything works in this way.

Because of His SON, God doesn't react with us according to what we deserve. Because He reacted in that way towards the Son on the cross.

For some, God doesn't react in this way because they have already accepted and believe in His Son. To others, because He has given them time to repent. And all of this because of His Son. Do you remember the parable of the barren fig tree?

“He also spoke this parable: “A certain *man* had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. Then he said to the keeper of his vineyard, ‘Look, for three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree and find none. Cut it down; why does it use up the ground?’ But he answered and said to him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and fertilize *it*. And if it bears fruit, *well*. But if not, after that you can cut it down.’” **Luke 13:6-9**

Well, this parable is for us... We've been given an opportunity, a time to accept Him. That's why the Son is so important, that's why the believers are called Christians and the Bible is so focused on Him. Because if we are even alive today is because of Him. We can compare the vineyard owner to God the Father and the keeper of the vineyard to the Son. The fact he listened and followed the vineyard keeper's advice shows that the Father and Son are one and the same person but expressing and manifesting different parts of God's attributes in this situation. The Son shows the mercy, and He came on the earth to accomplish the mercy and the opportunity God wants to give to the humanity. This is the one year (that is just a symbolical) given to the tree to see if it will give fruit after the special care given to it. The special care given to it by the Son. The owner of the vineyard represents God the Father and His ultimate justice that will be given one day.

We can see the reason for the Trinity in this parable which gives an importance and exalts all three of them. The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, because they are one. And we see the “natural” reaction of God toward everything. Remember that He is not only extremely great (even giving Him this attribute, it would be little), but He is everything. There is not even a small place for discussion regarding His authority.

“God, who made the world and everything in it, since He Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. Nor is He worshipped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us, for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.’” **Acts 17:24-28**

Many evolutionists through time have attributed “reaction” or development of things due to evolution. And yes, some things really react in certain conditions. With this I am not supporting the theory of evolution, but this to me only proves that God is there.

That there is a greater mind behind all these variations, reactions or the way things work in the nature, as we see everything there reacts **intelligently**. God is working in this way. As different elements and things in the nature react in a certain way, so in the same way God reacts in a certain way with the sin.

And we can't oppose ourselves to Him or the way He wants things. We are nothing out of Him, we can't make it. It is like a fish opposing itself to water, or bird to air. In the same way we are created for Him. We can only survive now, and we still carry on because we are covered by this cupola of time of grace, but this time is running out. And we need to answer to what we are called for, to what we are created for—to worship Him, receiving Him first in our hearts. There is a lot to be thankful for, speaking mainly for this reason and topic. We hope and pray God can show and make us understand all this about His sacrifice more clearly.

CHAPTER 2

WHY IS SUCH A GREAT GOD INTERESTED IN US?

God and the universe

Since we know and believe God is the creator of everything, we need to know that we deal with a really awesome and great God. Our mind cannot truly comprehend His greatness or not even the greatness and the measurement of what He has done.

“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, so that they are without excuse...” **Romans 1:20**

Here in this verse we see we can see God through His creation. It testifies about God. When I see a beautiful clean sky with stars, my faith is inspired because I see the greatness of God. We see Him in His creation, our Creator comes to our mind when we contemplate His creation. Anyone would admit (even the most skeptical person), that there is something that goes further, something more to it. Especially when we look at the sky with the stars into it. We get lost into the greatness and the depth we find there.

Yes, people marvel at the creation, but what we need to marvel most at is the Creator. And the Bible says He is the Creator of heavens and the stars. **Psalm 19:1** says the heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament shows His handiwork. Only in the Milky Way (the galaxy where our planet is) is estimated to be found between two hundred and four hundred billion stars. Consider only that our sun is one of them, because our sun is a star. And not only this, but there are one to two hundred billion other galaxies in the universe, some bigger than our milky way. And this is only what our telescopes can get.

All this means we really believe in a big and great God. And the Bible mentions that He created heavens, the earth, and the stars. A publication I read once, was saying: “The universe is already far too big to understand. But scientist just found that it’s actually much bigger than we’d previously thought.” And these facts are just from what we can see, observe, or perceive, but further than that we don’t know. And we are so

focused to discover a planet or outer form of life when we don't look at the bigger picture and find the Creator of it.



In **Psalm 8:3, 4** we read: “When I consider Your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained, what is man that You are mindful of Him, and the son of man that You visit Him?”

So here, we clearly see He is the Creator of the heavens, the stars, and everything up there—constellations, galaxies, etc. We see a perfect order, a perfect system that works in the same way as another part of the creation. Like the smallest particles as the atom for example. We see in its structure electrons turning around the nucleon that is the center of the atom. And this is pretty much the same system, the same way as planets turn around another body as the sun for example.

And other constellations are working in the same way. So here, we see the same mind standing behind it.

We see also the huge number of all the galaxies, the greatness of God and how small we are. And we ask how is it that such a great God cares for such small creatures, or such a small part of the creation as us?

The answer we can find in **Luke 16:10**, “He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much, and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much”.

We have to know that when God says or commands something, He is the first one to accomplish it (unlike us), and that's His nature. His nature is completely aligned with His Word, and with what which He says to be done. His Word is expression of Himself.

For example, if He tells us to love, it is because He loves, if He tells us to be righteous, it is first because He is righteous, and if **He tells us to be faithful with the least thing, it is because He is as well.** God is faithful with the least thing, even with the smallest part of His creation. He looks at the details, and that's why He looks at us. That's why He doesn't only look at this planet called earth, but even looks at each person living in it. The question is that out of all the creation (as far as I know), we went astray and out of order. And He wants to fix this, He wants to take care of it. He is for this order. It is in His nature. He wants to put everything in its place, in the right way. And He goes even for the details. That's Him. He gives it importance. We wouldn't. We would care just for what is greater or we consider more important.

That's why He cares for one of hundred sheep and for one out of billion people. And even if you would be the only one living on this earth, He would still die for You.

And He could've just wiped away everything, because of our sin and condition, but instead He made Himself similar to us and came to die. Just imagine how small we are and how small is still our heart with every single feeling and thought in it, but He still cares about it. He is focused on it, He observes it.

His mind is so great, so big and powerful to be able to take so many things in. We can even see examples with the people in this world. Greater someone is, or higher ranking He has in some organization, then greater matters he has to deal with. And the smaller matters he usually leaves to other people lower than him. A country's president will maybe never care about who is cleaning the toilets in the presidency building, or who the paper supplier is for his printer. It is not the same with God. He instead looks and observes everything, with all details.

For Him the least person is of the same importance as the greatest. And in a way we need to be the same. Once I heard a man of God sharing a word, saying that if you want to succeed with God you need to look at the details. In the things that sometimes may appear as less important but have a value for God. Because that is the mind of God. How many times we can see in His word things like: **"take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones..."**, **"Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish."** He gives importance to the details, to the small things. And: **"Are not five sparrows sold for two copper coins? And not one of them is forgotten before God."**

Here we see how deep His mind goes, we see how great His mind is. So, if someone tells you: “You think that God would care for people so small and insignificant like us?” you tell him that He will exactly do that. He cares for your life, if you have broken some of His commandments, and how you walk before Him. He cares about you.

Obviously, when we say He cares about the details, we are not necessarily speaking for material things (if they are not involved directly with His will), but for things related to His Spirit. We often need to be honest in the smallest matters as well (there is no such thing as a small lie) and give importance to the least of the warnings.

“Dead flies putrefy the perfumer’s ointment, and cause it to give off a foul odor; so does a little folly to one respected for wisdom and honor.” [Ecclesiastes 10:1](#)

And God didn’t only look at such small creatures as us, but also made Himself a man to get closer to us, be able to reach us, die for us, have a relationship with us, and feel what we feel. As the verse says: “Who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.” [Philippians 2:6, 7](#)

He did all this to get closer to us and create a bond, so that we can have the possibility to accept Him into our lives. So, what we need to desire is that we can be of those ones who believe and submit to Him.

CHAPTER 3

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THE TRINITY?

Many things can be said about this argument. The first one is it has always been quite difficult for people to understand it with their intellect and mind. My opinion is that some people probably don't have an answer for it or struggle to accept or understand it, but they are still believers anyway.

Most people however take it by faith. The most important is that we give our heart to God and believe Him. Some other people stand firmly behind the doctrine of the Trinity (which is true), defend it, meaning that doctrinally they are on the right side, but still their life shows something else, and we come aware that they actually haven't really repented and believed in God.

So, the most important is that we believe and accept Jesus with our hearts. What we need to know about the Trinity however is that cannot be comprehended with logic. **Obviously, our logic will wonder, "How can one person be divided in three?", but this is exactly what can happen, because here we are not speaking about a person, but for the God almighty.** And He is great and all-knowing and powerful, and for Him everything is possible. If this is the way He needs to perform His work, He will do it then.

One of the reasons for which He needed to do it in this way, is that He had to come here on earth in a human form to die for people's sins. Jesus is the Son of God and is also a part of the Trinity, because is God Himself. Of course, people may ask and wonder why Jesus was praying to His Father if He (Jesus) is God Himself. But obviously, He came to accomplish this plan through which we can be saved. He had to be a man, and of course, God is powerful enough to be down here on the earth in the form of a man and up there in heaven in the same time, because He is omnipresent. And today, He is still here amongst us and in the believers, living in them through His Spirit.

We are speaking about one God in three persons with three different purposes. God the Father governs above all and holds everything in His hand. The Son came to die for our sins and give all of us the opportunity to believe and be saved. He represents the mercy of God. One day He will judge the nations as well, but not before everyone has

had the opportunity to accept Him. The Holy Spirit communicates to us the revelations and visions from God. This is the way He wants to communicate with us. These three persons, with apparently different and specific functions, have the same character and vision because they are one God and are perfectly united. John 1:18 states that Jesus is in the bosom of the Father.

We are speaking about the Father, the Son and the Spirit.

“For there are **three** that bear witness in heaven: the Spirit, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these **three** are one.” 1 John 5:7

Obviously speaking about “the Word” we mean Jesus, because He is the Word as it is said in the gospel of John 1:1-14.

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”

Each one would react and do as God Himself will, because they are one. They all are one God, but just called with different names because of the different functions and purposes they have to perform. That’s why we say they are three different persons, because of the role each one is having and the part they accomplish. They all participate in the salvation of the believer, but they altogether form one God, and their works are His work, and this is how He performs it. We need to notice that people are more inclined to believe the Holy Spirit is part of God and accomplishes His functions rather than believing Jesus is that part as well, and He is God as well. It is like this, because He was a man and for people is difficult to believe God made Himself a man, not only that, but it is hard for them to believe God wants to have a relationship with a man. That was also the struggle the Jewish were having with Jesus, even though they were waiting for a messiah, but in their eyes, He was not the one, probably because of the way and the form in which He came.

“The Jews answered Him, saying, “For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God.” John 10:33

Exactly for this reason, they wanted to stone Him. People today still struggle to believe that God dwells in the hearts of believers. For them, they are just persons like all the rest following some other kind of idea or way of life. Often you can hear someone saying to a believer: “But how can you know what does God think exactly about this situation or how can you know the will of God?” But this is exactly what Jesus promised

to those who have believed in His name. “However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. **John 16:13**

And of course, the believers are just persons with their weaknesses, but it is in this way with a purpose, so that the power of God can be seen in them, and it can be known that this power comes from God.

We can see the idea that God cannot live in a person has been around for some time, and the devil is also there trying to set these thoughts in the hearts of people. From this, we can see how important is for us to believe and stand behind this doctrine. **First, because it is biblical and second because it shows the entity of God, that He is interested in us and came to die for us and sent His Spirit to guide us into all the truth.**

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.” **John 1:1-3**

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

The other truth is that believing in the Trinity exalts the person of Jesus, because represents Him as God. Of course, He came as a simple man, but was something much greater at the same time--much more than any prophet or godly man before or after Him. And this is what the whole Bible is doing—exalting the person of Jesus. Do you think God will share His glory with someone else? Of course not.

“For my own sake, for my own sake, I will do it; for how should My name be profaned? And I will not give My glory to another.” **Isaiah 48:11**

This confirms that Jesus is God. We know this because how else was God going to glorify Him and exalt Him so much, if He cannot share and give His glory to anyone else as this verse says? He did it because by exalting and giving His glory to Jesus, He gave it to Himself. Jesus is in the Father, and the Father is in Jesus. Glorifying Jesus is actually glorifying God, because in Him is what God represents, and in Him is the essence of God. **John 1:18** tells us that He was in the bosom of the Father.

From the way we see how Jesus is exalted in the Bible, we conclude that this all makes Him the same as God, as **Isaiah 48:11** says that God will not share His glory with anyone else. For Jesus we cannot say that He is another God or even in the same status as God, but God Himself. Because God is one. And the Father, the Son and the Spirit are

one. Therefore, we conclude that not believing in the Trinity, diminishes the importance of Jesus. It places Him just there, as another extraordinary man.

There have been many extraordinary men throughout the history, amongst the Christian and non-Christian world. Some were right in the eyes of some people, some other not.

But we need to know that here **we are speaking about the author of our salvation—Jesus Christ—the one through whom everything was created and will judge everyone in the final day.** That's why we cannot say He was just an extraordinary man, or just a good example for all (and He indeed was), or that we can measure up with Him. Of course, He left us an example, so that we can follow His steps and overcome struggles and battles in **His name**. But He will always be much more than us. Here we are speaking about Jesus, part of the Holy Trinity, equal to God, not being another God, but God Himself – YHWH. Why else do you think that His blood is sufficient for salvation, and He was so pure and blameless? Why was this sacrifice so great and capable of redeeming? Exactly because Jesus did it and only He could have done it.

We can see the Trinity's presence in many parts of the Bible, both in the Old and the New Testament. One is in **Genesis 18** where we see three messengers sent by God to Abraham. He receives them as his guests and after that; they depart to destroy the city of Sodom and Gomorra. We see that two of them go, and one still remains with Abraham. I personally always thought all of them went to Sodom, but I noticed only two went there. The other one remains, and He is the one Abraham calls Lord in the same way as he speaks with God Himself, imploring Him to have mercy on Sodom. (**Genesis 18:22-33**)

We see here the way, the idea of God already to incarnate Himself in someone and to come down to us on the earth. Why? Because probably we will understand Him better. Why did He choose to come down here to dwell amongst us, suffer like us and feel like us in what we go through? I personally see Jesus in that messenger. We see Him as well in **Genesis 1** when God speaks in plural while He creates the world saying, "**Let Us make man in Our image, according to our likeness....**"

There is the parable of the barren fig tree in **Luke 13:6-9**

"He also spoke this parable: "A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. Then he said to the keeper of his vineyard, 'Look, for three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree and find none. Cut it down; why does it use up the ground?' But he answered and said to him, 'Sir, let it

alone this year also, until I dig around it and fertilize it. And if it bears fruit, well. But if not, after that you can cut it down.”“

We see a man having a fig tree planted in his vineyard. Definitely, we are that tree, and the man is God. We haven't been bearing fruit for all the time of our life and we deserve to be cut down. To the tree can be compared the whole humanity in general and us as well, speaking in a personal way. What happened and what actually saved the tree was the vineyard's keeper. He interfered and asked the vineyard owner to give the tree another chance to bear fruit. He gave it some more time and a special treatment which would help the tree to bear fruit. If the tree wouldn't bring any fruit in the next year, was still going to be cut. In this case, we see Jesus giving this opportunity to all of us through His sacrifice. He gave us not only another opportunity, but also a special care and help through His blood. All this through faith in what He has done. We see the other side of God. The one that represents mercy. We all know God is extremely just, and He cannot bear with any sin, but in the same time, He has provided a solution. Knowing that He cannot bear with it, that by His nature He cannot stand at this sin and whoever commits something wrong needs to pay for it, He found a way for people not to pay what they deserve. **And as justice needs to be served, He decided to pay instead of us.** Here we see the mercy part of God. He knows that justice needs to be served, but He also had a pity on us. He didn't want to see us suffering and He decided to give us an opportunity. God is merciful and He expresses this mercy through Jesus. In Him He expressed the whole mercy He was having when He sent Him on the earth and in Him He will express the whole judgment one day, since He told Him to cut the fig tree if it doesn't bear fruit after the opportunity given to it. (Luke 13:7)

Those who believe obviously will bear fruit and who don't, will not enter into this promise.

This parable shows how the vineyard keeper advises the owner to keep the tree. Just think, would God receive an advice from someone lower than Him, since He is all powerful and all-knowing God? Of course not. But here we see the same person, but with different sides represented from Himself. I know that is difficult to understand or comprehend logically, but this is how it happened. For us, it is difficult to understand that He was there in the Son and in heaven, in the same time, and that He came in the form of a man. As we said before, this is a common thought today and it was before as well, that God cannot just be present here as a man, but He did. And still today, He abides in men, living in them by His Holy Spirit. Obviously, they are not equal to Jesus,

but when the Spirit is in them, then yes, they understand and perceive the truth that comes from God. By this, we see that God wants to come closer to men; He wants to have a relationship with them. And this is the way He uses.

If a person cannot receive from Him directly through His Spirit, then He might send another person to him to warn him, to give him the message. Same as He sent Jesus in the form of a man, so that His message can reach people. And also today He sends people inspired by His Holy Spirit to other people. The difference between them and Jesus obviously is that He was always and nonstop a perfect incarnation of the Father. Something that we cannot do, but the Holy Spirit can still fulfil His purposes through us if we allow Him.

“Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen me has seen the Father; so how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me?”

The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works.” **John 14:9, 10**

“Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.” **John 16:7**

And by all this we see that all leads to the Father. The work of both Spirit and the Son leads to the Father because all of them are one. And the work of the Son and the Spirit is to glorify the Father.

“He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.” **John 16:14, 15**

Here we also see how the three of them work perfectly together as one because they are. We see the Holy Spirit will take of what is Jesus’ and we see also that all the things that the Father has are His. And the work of the Spirit is to glorify God. By this we can see, if someone is a Christian and the Spirit of God dwells in him. If he glorifies the Father, if this is his desire. The believer will desire to glorify God, because the Holy Spirit will dwell in Him. No one is capable by his own strength and desire to really glorify God, but the Holy Spirit helps Him. Only what we receive from Him is worthy enough to be given and received by Him.

“Both riches and honor come from You, and You reign over all. In Your hand is power and might; in your hand is to make great and to give strength to all. Now

therefore, our God, we thank You and praise Your glorious name. But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly as this? For all things come from You, **and of Your own we have given You.**” **1 Chronicles 29:12-14**

So, from all these Scriptures we see all three of them—the Father, the Son, and the Spirit. Three, but one. Divided in three, probably because of how God wants and has to reach us. Still difficult to understand, but the fact is that Jesus couldn’t be just a normal person, a prophet, or a godly man because at the end, He died for the sins of the humanity. Any other person couldn’t have done that. I am not referring just to the fact He died, but that He loaded all those sins on Himself, and His blood being innocent was capable of forgiving the sins of those who believe. There was something much more to that than a good intention or a good deed. Where did the strength and power of Jesus to perform all that had come from? It was God’s power.

Jesus represented the merciful part of God, while He came here in earth. Obviously, we need to know that God is not divided in parts. He is complete love, complete justice and complete mercy, but in that moment, while Jesus came amongst us, He represented the mercy. Jesus is God, so He is also complete, and we can see this by the fact that He will perform God’s judgment at the end as it is written in the book of Revelation (**Revelation 19:11–16**). He is the one sited on the right hand of the Power. We can say He is the right hand of God, through which He created everything. He is the one performing the action of God, He is that action Himself, since that everything was created by Him.

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.” **John 1:1**

Everything visible and invisible comes from Him. He is the word spoken by God.

One day Jesus will return, not to show mercy anymore, but for a judgment. It was pleased to God however to give first opportunity to everyone and then to judge, so that no one would be without a chance to be saved. Obviously, we know that not everyone will accept the gift of God.

“Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war.”

Revelation 19:11

We see the authority of Jesus here. He is the one through whom God works. He is the one through whom God reveals Himself to the humanity. He is the way God reveals

Himself to us, but always being God at the same time. They all—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—represent God, who is one.

CHAPTER 4

HOW DOES GOD LOOK AT TIME?

(Creation or evolution?)

We can look at two aspects dealing with this topic. One concerns the beginning of everything and the other has to do with the end. God definitely looks at time in a different than our way. We are people and what for us can seem as a long period of time, such as the length of a life, to Him could be just as a moment. When we come to the end of our days, all the time seems like a moment to us as well, because in fact it is. What we need to do though, is to utilize it in the best way possible; I mean to live as much as we can for a godly purpose, for what is having to do with the life of God and the eternity.

“See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil.” **Ephesians 5:15, 16**

In the same way, what for us is considered as a short period of time, such as a day or an hour only, is examined to the least detail by Him. What we overlook and we esteem as a short and insignificant time, is carefully seen by Him and in a way is a longer period of time to Him.

“But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord **one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.**” **2 Peter 3:8**

As we see by this verse, God is not looking at time as we do. He is above it, and out of it, and in the same time is deeply involved in each moment of it.

Let’s see the first of the aspects having to do with time.

Creation

We all have heard of creation. We all have seen the wonders of it around us. “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** and “The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork” **Psalms 19:1**.

People who believe in God, believe firmly in these verses too. They know He is the Creator of all. Other people that don’t believe in God prefer to believe in the evolution

theory. However, there might be some people that being believers still support the evolution theory. To me personally it's never been a huge issue. Since God convinced me one day of my sins and of His existence and presence, I don't worry too much how exactly it happened and anything someone can prove, cannot shake my faith and convince me to the opposite, since the conviction of God is stronger than anything. Than any idea, any thought or logic. (Stronger than my logic too). And I support the creation, meaning that God created everything as the Bible says – in 6 days.

There has been however always an argument about how everything happened. As a believer, I obviously believe that God was the one creating our planet that is only as a grain in the sand compared to all the rest of the creation He has made. In the book of **Genesis 1:1**, we read: “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”

By the end of chapter 1, we see how God created everything in six days. So now, there have been many arguments about this passage and how everything had happened. Often people don't believe what this chapter says, because it doesn't fit into their minds and therefore they don't want to believe in God. But we need to know we cannot comprehend God with our mind, because our mind is limited. Other people some of which believers explain this chapter, saying those days would probably mean a much longer time. I would agree, but there is nothing that supports this theory. Some people are even putting a “gap” of time somewhere between verse one and three. This according to them explains the evolution theory. I repeat that even if someone proves some of these theories, it won't shake my faith, because I know God is real, and I have a relationship with Him in my heart. There I know He is real.

According to scientists, there are some 8.7 million species on the earth. Such a variety. So many of them. It is difficult for scientists to explain how all this came to place. So here is where it comes the theory of evolution. According to them there had to be a long time so that all of these species can come to light developing from an inferior kind etc. They still don't have a valid proof for this, but it sounds pretty logical to people. **Obviously, persons of faith believe all this variety was created. There wasn't any coincidence in it, as all of them are placed perfectly where they have to be. They all collaborate perfectly to fulfill the food chain and the equilibrium in nature.** Yes, people say all these species had to adapt to these conditions, but then who made them so intelligent to do it, who placed this mindset in their gene, so that this can happen? Let's see something in the book of Job chapter 39:

“Do you know the time when the wild mountain goats bear young? Or can you mark when the deer gives birth? Can you number the months that they fulfill? Or do you know the time when they bear young? They bow down, they bring forth their young, they deliver their offspring. Their young ones are healthy, they grow strong with grain; They depart and do not return to them.

Who set the wild donkey free? Who loosed the bonds of the onager, whose home I have made the wilderness, and the barren land his dwelling? He scorns the tumult of the city; He does not heed the shouts of the driver. The range of the mountains is his pasture, And he searches after every green thing. Will the wild ox be willing to serve you? Will he be led by your manger? Can you bind the wild ox in the furrow with ropes? Or will he plow the valleys behind you? Will you trust him because his strength is great? Or will you leave your labor to him? Will you trust him to bring home your grain, And gather it to your threshing floor?

The wings of the ostrich wave proudly, but are her wings and pinions like the kindly stork's? For she leaves her eggs on the ground, and warms them in the dust; She forgets that a foot may crush them, or that a wild beast may break them. She treats her young harshly, as though they were not hers; Her labor is in vain, without concern, because God deprived her of wisdom, and did not endow her with understanding. When she lifts herself on high, she scorns the house and its rider.



Have you given the horse strength? Have you clothed his neck with thunder? Can you frighten him like a locust? His majestic snorting strikes terror. He paws in the valley, and rejoices in his strength; He gallops into the clash of arms. He mocks at fear, and is not frightened; Nor does he turn back from the sword. The quiver rattles against him, the glittering spear and javelin. He devours the distance with fierceness and rage; Nor does he come to a halt because the trumpet has sounded. At the blast of the trumpet he says, ‘Aha!’ He smells the battle from afar, The thunder of captains and shouting.

“Does the hawk fly by your wisdom, and spread its wings toward the south? Does the eagle mount up at your command, and make its nest on high? On the rock it dwells and resides, on the crag of the rock and the stronghold. From there it spies out the prey; Its eyes observe from afar. Its young ones suck up blood; And there the slain are, there it is.” **Job 39**

Here in this chapter as in the chapter 38 of Job, we see the explanation of a behavior of animals and other events that someone would logically explain as natural events or something natural as how the formation of the snow and the rain happens, and how the morning and the dawn take place. But nevertheless, we see God involved and we see that He stands behind all these apparently “natural” events. Yes, the scientists

may explain the behavior of certain animal is caused by the nature, but in fact God is that “nature” Himself and much more than that in the same time.

Otherwise, who would give that intelligence, who would impart that nature in them, that it seems much more than a simple causality or an accident? In **Job 39:16, 17** we read: “She treats her young harshly, as though they were not hers; Her labor is in vain, without concern, because God deprived her of wisdom, and did not endow her with understanding.” It speaks about the ostrich and how God deprived it from intelligence. On the other hand, He made it very fast.

We can see how some species have less intellect than others and others have more, but with less strength. We can therefore see the variation of the different species and their purpose. Don’t you think they would be pretty much in the same way in case of evolution, because supposedly all of them were going to develop and grow? It would be more like something mechanical or automatic, meaning that all this would happen without any thought or intention. If the creation developed by itself with the pattern that many think—through evolution, then we were probably going to see other species developing at least similar to how we do. (I don’t want to diminish the other species with this.)

But instead, we see how God gave to each creature its particularity. To some of them less, to some of them more intellect and to others more strength, according to their needs and purposes, all for His glory. It kind of reminds me how God sets each member of the body of Christ according to their need, all for His glory. (**1 Corinthians 12:4-31**)

And yes, there are some believers that also support the evolution theory. To me obviously the most important is that those people had accepted Jesus in their life and then even if they don’t understand something now, (as none of us understands everything), one day they will. Many of us don’t understand many things. Important is to know that God was the one who started everything. He is the beginning. So, for this reason, I mean for the complexity of the creation, people put that time gap in Genesis 1. But let’s see a verse in **2 Peter 3:8**

“But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.”

So here, we see something very important. And this is that God doesn’t live in the same time limits as we do. He counts and looks at time differently. Thousand years for Him are like a day and a day like thousand years. My opinion is that thousand has been just placed as a number there and it doesn’t necessarily need to be taken literally, even if

in some cases it can be also done. Meaning that thousand is just an expression for a lot. Some people even get to count literally some days in the Bible as thousand years, meaning that if there were two days, that's 2000 years etc. It depends on the case, but I don't think that this passage is having to do only with the exact number of years. As God is omnipotent and all-powerful, we don't just limit Him to certain extend of time or years. Therefore, a day to Him can be more and also less than that. All this means that not only a long period of time passes quickly for Him, but also a short period can pass very slowly. He can split that day to thousand pieces and more.

With all this we want to say that for a day He can create much more things than any other person could do, if for example we say and assume that someone can be in His position. So many species created just for a day and why not so many things happening just for a day, because He is the God Almighty and He can do it.

Just imagine if you had that same ability as Him, even if we know this is impossible. How many things then you were going to be able to create? Even if you had a factory on your side and other persons helping you, you still wouldn't accomplish the same results, especially with all these details, but God had all the time on His side as He could even slow down the time itself and break a day in thousand pieces (years) or more in His Greatness and have the ability to be omnipresent and all-powerful. To us it seems just as a day (I am talking about a literal day), but to Him the same time can be much more. What do you think now? Do you still think that He, having all these qualities couldn't do this?

I mean that just a literal day could be a long time for Him, as He is God and the space of time is different for Him. For us is just a day, but it could be much more for Him.

Long time could be short, and a short time can be long for Him. He doesn't look at time as we do.

That's why just a single day is so important for Him. And the Scripture tells us in **2 Corinthians 6:2**, "For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the **day** of salvation." and **Matthew 6:34**, "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble." And **Ephesians 4:26** tells us, "Be angry and do not sin: do not let the sun go down on your wrath."

He being so great, gives such an importance to each single day. We don't instead. But for Him many things can happen in a day. That's why we need to appreciate every day as a gift from Him and live it in its maximum for Him.

And many facts show as well that the earth is not actually as old as it appears. Why don't people admit it? Because it won't fit with the evolution theory that states that everything created itself alone. But it is not in this way when God is involved in the picture, the One who goes beyond time and breaks all its limits.



So, what actually scientists state to have happened for millions of years, actually occurred in days, because God was involved in it, because He is all-powerful and in a day He did something that someone else would do in millions of years, if he obviously had the same ability to create.

End times

The concept of time is not always taken in the right concept as the Bible says, speaking about the last times as well. Some people say we are in the last times already, some other that it didn't happen yet. What we know is that throughout the history we've seen God accomplishing His prophecies and promises. Slowly, but surely. Well, to us it

looks slowly, but He is marching toward it. What about the chapter 24 of Matthew or the seven seals that need to be opened as the book of Revelation says from chapters 6 to 8? Do we think that none of those prophecies came to be accomplished yet?

Many people think in this way, because at the moment they see part of those prophecies are being accomplished, they expect the end to come in tomorrow's day and when it doesn't come, they reject the occurrences happening as a false alarm. But what if some prophecies regarding the end times have happened already and even a time ago and just the way that God looks at time and at the last times is different than our way of seeing it. We think that the end time prophecies will happen probably in extend of 5, 10 or 15 years, but for God that time could be completely different, and it could take longer as He looks differently at time. As for us hundred years is a long period of time, for Him this is almost nothing. **The thing is that many times we've been so impatient regarding those end time prophecies. Maybe we saw some, but when we didn't see the end coming soon after that, we just took it as a normal occurrence, because nothing unusual happened.** See that not knowing the way God measures and looks at the time can take us into confusion. **2 Peter 3:9** tells us that He is patient not wanting anyone to perish.

"The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance."

So if He looks in this way at time, then probably the end time signs started already a time ago. It took around 100 years (or a bit less) from when Noah was warned about the flood, until he built the ark. All those years were the last times for that era and we can assume that he was warning the people to get ready, but as they probably saw that nothing unusual **happened so soon**, they disregarded his warnings. So in the same way there is probably a time between an opening of a seal and another. As the people often are impatient and want to see things happening quickly. When they don't see them, they get discouraged and disappointed.

*"Where is the promise of His coming?" (**2 Peter 3:4**) is what people are asking. But the Scripture says: "But beloved, do not forget this one thing that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day."* God looks differently at time.

What might seem long for us, for Him is short and what might seem short for us, for Him is long. So, we can see this manifestation in both beginning and end of times. He is Alfa and Omega.

CHAPTER 5

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT HELL?

About the pain

What does the Bible say about hell? How do we need to consider it in the light of the scriptures? In the times in which we are living now, this topic has become a taboo (if we can call it so). There are persons, groups and even churches that don't believe much in it and don't speak much of it. My personal opinion is that obviously is not that we have to speak every time of it or we need to mention it every time when we take the message of the gospel to someone, but we need to be conscious that this place exists and the motivations for which we do things need to include the awareness of it. If God saves us, then we need to know what He is saving us from. It is not only from a wrong lifestyle, but from something much greater and worse and this is hell. In the Bible, are also mentioned Sheol, Gehenna, Hades and often there have been discussions on which one indicates the final judgment, and which one is just place where the dead reside before that. What is clear is that this is mentioned various times. Jesus spoke of it.

Let's first see some verses.

“For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pants together until now.”

Romans 8:18-22

Here in this passage of Romans we see how the creation was subjected to futility and it says as well that one day it will be delivered from the corruption. Let's keep this in mind and go to the next passage.

“And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.” **Revelation 21:4**

Here we see how the heaven will be. With no pain and suffering.

“Your pomp is brought to down to Sheol, and the sound of your stringed instruments; the maggot is spread under you and worms cover you.” **Isaiah 14:11**

Here in this verse instead is described the hell. In the context, this is directed to a Babylonian king, but in the same time is about Lucifer, as the whole of this chapter in Isaiah speaks about the judgment that will be upon him. We see the name used here is Sheol, and the way this passage describes the place is pretty similar to how is it described in other places of the Scriptures. Worms are mentioned. There is another place as well that mentions worms and this is in **Mark 9:44** “where ‘Their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.’” What does it come to our mind when we think about a worm? I usually think of putrefaction, of something rotten. We have to know that all of this is a fruit of the corruption that has invaded our world.

I mean that before everything, before the man’s downfall into the sin, everything was perfect. Altogether, with the complete justice and the perfect relationship between God and man, there was also the consequence of this perfect harmony among them and that was that also the nature was bearing the signs of eternity. Nothing was dying, nothing was going off, and nothing was getting rotten. Everything was perfect and eternal. That was God’s design for how everything was going to function. Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden were perfect. They were strong, they were always healthy. They were never getting tired. Everything was eternal. Nothing was aging, nothing was getting old. What happened then? A law was broken. The man and the women sinned by disobeying God. Many things went out of order then. And the corruption, as it is mentioned in **Romans 8:21**, came into the world and affected everything. Everything started dying. So, we see that when it comes to putrefaction of things, we can say this is a consequence of the sin. This sin has infected all of us. We are born with it. Sin brings separation between us and God and the separation brings all these consequences.

As we saw the verse in the book of Revelation speaking about the Heaven, we see that this corruption won’t exist anymore. There will be no pain and no tears there.

If heaven is in this way, hell will be the complete opposite and full of corruption. Speaking about a worm and a worm that never dies, means the flesh of the people being there will decompose, because this is what happens when worms appear. It will decompose, but it will never finish or decompose at all. It will be eternal.

Here in this life things decompose and then disappear, because this is just a passage. It ends. But there in heaven or in hell, it will be eternal. I am speaking about a flesh being rotten, because there are many passages and verses that let us know we will

have bodies over there. Just to have a better picture and just to imagine, you can think of how some of our cells regenerate here after we get injured and even after taking a long period of time, the wound heals. There they will probably regenerate much quicker, because we are speaking about something eternal, so there will be no time even in hell where our bodies will be totally consumed, but they will probably keep on regenerating even being harmed by everything that people will find there.

I am not saying all this to scare anyone, and I don't think the main reason someone goes to Christ is because of the knowledge he has for hell. The main reason why someone goes to Christ is because of His love. This is what happened to me at least. We need to know this love in our heart though. But sometimes we also need to know things that are facts. If we don't believe in something and we reject it, doesn't mean that it doesn't exist. God's desire according to the scripture for us is to save us, but sadly, not everyone will accept it. You can read more about His judgment and its purpose in chapter 1 of this book.

I don't know if this has to do with this topic, but there are some interesting facts. In another passage describing that place, is mentioned brimstone known also as sulfur.

“... the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.” **Revelation 21:8**

Did you know this component known as sulfur, is produced naturally by the decay of organic substances containing sulfur? In our body we naturally contain sulfur.

Paul speaks in **1 Corinthians 15** about a heavenly body that will be given to those who go in heaven, but there are also passages about hell that somehow describe being in hell as having a body there. We mustn't think that everything is spiritual and invisible. It is spiritual, because God's work in us is spiritual, but what is spiritual is manifested in the material world afterwards. But we will definitely not be floating spirits after our death. Yes, our soul departs from our body when we die, but it doesn't remain just wondering somewhere. Any spiritual or ghost manifestations might be there, are not persons who have died, but other powers that want to distract us and manipulate our mind, coming often in different forms.

“And do not fear those who kill the body, but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both **soul** and **body** in hell.” **Matthew 10:28**

We can also see clear description of a body in other passages like “...there will be weeping gnashing of **teeth**.” **Matthew 8:12** or “send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my **tongue**; for I am tormented in this flame.” **Luke 16:24**

All this tells us that there will be physical pain too. Many times, persons think that there someone will be tormented and separated in a spiritual way only. They think and relate this to the fact they are already separated from God in this life and over there will be the same. According to the scripture though, it won't be in this way. If in heaven, it will be no tears and pain, then in hell it will be the opposite. There will be pain and tears and affliction, and we cannot really imagine now how much that will be.

The wages of sin is death. This is the consequence of it. And with it comes pain and affliction and everything else. What happens is that here in this life we feel just in part the consequence of sin which is death, so that we can have the possibility to accept Him and to live in a way that it won't be too heavy and unbearable for us. We were supposed to pay already for the wages of sin now, because this is how it goes. This is according to what is just. But if we had to bear now the real consequences of sin in this life, the pain and the affliction will be too much and unbearable for us and we will not be able to live in a proper way and to accept Him. It will be too much for us and He knows it. **This is what the separation from God brings. Pain and affliction. We were meant to be part of Him and out of Him, we are incomplete.** That's why people will feel in this way when separated completely from Him. What I am trying to say is that we are not completely separated from Him now. We are separated from His glory as **Romans 3:23** says, but He is still maintaining us and giving us daily life and strength, so that we can carry on. All this with the purpose that we can have the opportunity to accept Him and live forever with Him. Just imagine if we had to feel now a pain that doesn't end. No one will be able to think and reason properly.

If today for example you feel a certain physical pain, after a while it finishes. Even if an ordinary person who doesn't know God, is afflicted by something, would find a way to forget it for a while and will feel fine for some time. But all this is because of God's presence that fills everything, sustaining in this way every person, so that the pain and affliction won't be too much for him not to be able to bear them. It happens in this way so that a person can feel fine and can live this life having the ability to seek God for and His kingdom. The pain he feels now through life, can make him think, meditate and realize his condition. But if it is not too much so that he can't bear it, it is because of this grace given to him. I am speaking about the common grace given to each person, so that he can have an opportunity to repent.

I'm saying that we were supposed to feel now fully the consequence of the sin and the separation from God, which is this pain and affliction in its full form, but because of

His grace, He is still giving us a chance and we feel that pain and affliction just in part. Maybe just enough so that we can come aware of our sinful condition. The truth is that He doesn't want us to perish, but to help us. Many times, people perish because they are going into that direction. The moment in which we live now, is called a time of grace in the Bible. The problem is that many persons take life as something granted and still dare to blaspheme God or rebel against Him, when each grace we can experience in this life is because of Him. If a person is continually in this kind of attitude, he surely doesn't know God. Nevertheless, God makes His sun to rise upon everyone.

“God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their pre-appointed times and boundaries of their dwellings, so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, ‘For we are also His offspring.’ “

Acts 17:24-28

Here in this passage, we clearly see that God has created everything and in Him we move and live because He has made us and has placed us on the face of this world with the only purpose to seek Him.

Pain is a consequence of the sin, but no one feels it continuously now. The same with the affliction. Persons can be sad for a while, but afterwards they get fine again and are even joyful. I am not speaking for a Christian, but for any common person not having Christ in His life. The life that he has is nothing else, but the demonstration of God's grace and it is a gift from God, so that, that person can have the opportunity to know God in this life and not pay what he deserves at this very moment. This is like time given to all of us. A time of grace. This is when we speak about life and the purpose of it. If anyone has asked himself which is the purpose of life, this is it. To know God and glorify Him. This is everything we are born for, and we exist for. To be part of Him. To connect with our Creator. We don't realize it and we think that life is just given to us to rejoice over it and to have fun and pleasure as much as we can. Obviously, God has included the pleasure when He was creating us but is not all about it and we mustn't abuse it as often we do.

About the diseases

Looking at the diseases as well, we also conclude that in heaven there will be no more diseases and that the ones we may have now are caused by the sin. Not necessary the sin that we have done, but the sin that already dwells in us, the one that we have inherited from our ancestors, Adam and Eve. We are born with it. This is the consequence of our corrupted body infected by the sin. There is not such a thing like a disease in God. Jesus was even healing people from their diseases.

“Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But we wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.” [Isaiah 53:4, 5](#)

“.... He Himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses.” [Matthew 8:17](#)

In Him and from Him is the health and the real wellbeing. Before Adam's downfall, there wasn't any disease or any fatigue and in heaven it won't be either. Explained by doctors and scientists the pain that we feel is like an alarm that something somewhere is wrong with our body. When someone is ill, there is definitely something wrong in him and he feels the pain.

The question now is: can a godly man or woman get diseased? Of course, they can. Someone can even pass away from a disease such as cancer or others. This doesn't mean that they were not spiritual or not blessed. The disease is a consequence of the sin, but someone even being a true Cristian and believer, walking righteously with God, can have it because of the corrupted by the sin body that he is already living in. So, **the first case** for which a believer and most people might have disease is because of the original sin and its consequences they are living in already.

The second case, for which a spiritual person has a disease, is because he is being attacked by Satan. As we know already from the scriptures, he attacked Job ([Job 2:4-7](#)) and Paul placing a torn in his flesh ([2 Corinthians 12:7](#)). The purpose of this was to test and discourage those persons, but God knows how to turn trials, diseases, and difficult situations into something good.

And **the third case** for which a believer might be sick, is because he has sinned. The scripture also tells us something regarding this. Persons teach sometimes that a godly man has to be always fine, in perfect health and prosperous, but it is not always in this way according to scripture. So, we conclude that a Christian can also become ill.

From the other side we also see some persons who don't care at all about God, can live in a complete well-being and be always healthy and fine all their life. ([Psalm 73:2-9](#))

But in general, we see corruption, weakness, disease, and affliction are consequence of the separation from God caused by sin. While we are on this earth, we will have to face them in one or another way. So, when you feel a pain or illness, remember about the sin that you have inherited, remember that is because of this sin that can be redeemed only by the blood of Jesus who gave Himself for you.

About the gift of life

As we said before, from Him is the wellbeing and the health. The reason that someone can now experience a wellbeing or joy or to feel fine is because it comes from God. We mustn't understand this in the wrong way, but even persons that don't care about God and don't seek Him, still experience this, because there is His grace that gives them that. All this is because they can have an opportunity. Instead of letting us pay completely now for our sin, He is still having this grace for us, so that we can have the opportunity to accept Him. We were supposed to pay fully now for our sin, because this is what is right, but instead He is letting us pay in part.

This is what happens in this life. Just imagine if we had to feel now fully all this pain and affliction, produced by the separation with Him. We are meant to be with Him and that's why out of Him, there is such an imbalance, and everything goes wrong. Nevertheless, He doesn't let us pay now for all this. This is like a time of grace given to us now. The life itself is a time of grace. If we had to feel a complete separation from Him in this moment, we wouldn't be able to accept Him and we wouldn't be able to live normally or survive. But He hasn't abandoned us completely now. His grace is with us. I am not speaking about His glory and grace that saves, but about the grace of time given us in this life. A kind of grace that doesn't leave people to now feel the complete separation from Him and all the consequences caused by sin.

We can see some verses in Ecclesiastes.

“What profit has the worker from that in which he labors? I have seen the God-given task with which the sons of men are to be occupied. He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end. I know that nothing is better for them than to rejoice, and to do good in their lives, and also that every man should eat and drink and enjoy the good of all his labor-**it is the gift of God.**” **Ecclesiastes 3:9-13**

“Here is what I have seen: It is good and fitting for one to eat and drink, and to enjoy the good of all his labor in which he toils under the sun all the days of his life which God gives him; for it is his heritage. As for every man to whom God has given

riches and wealth, and given him power to eat of it, to receive his heritage and rejoice in his labor-**this is the gift of God.**” Ecclesiastes 5:18, 19

By this verse we see that it is a gift of God for a man to rejoice of his labor. The book of Ecclesiastes is not at all controversial as someone might state. It explains clearly the sense of life. It repeats various times that all is vanity. And it is so, because the most important and essential for man in this life is to know God. And here we see that God is the one who gives joy to man. We can obviously speak about a believer here, but it seems as well that it speaks about each man in general.

If today someone can experience a simple joy or pleasure of something or have certain passions and feelings is because God has placed them in him, it is because of the gift of life. It is by His power that we feel that. And many times, we take this as something granted, we don't appreciate it and we misuse it. We can feel the good of this life because we are not yet completely separated from Him now and we don't yet feel the pain and affliction completely, but just in part. We still feel it, because this is what the inheritance of sin has brought to us in this life, but in a way, God is still maintaining us. We are obviously separated from His holiness, but we are sustained in this life by Him and breathe because of Him, that's why I am saying that we are not completely separated now. All this is with the only purpose that we can have the opportunity to know Him. He is letting us know just the enough pain and affliction, so that we can somehow acknowledge our fragility and our sin. Better now, in this way than later when it might be late. He is doing all the things for our good. We cannot judge Him by the ways He is having, because believe me, He best knows what is good and not. We won't be able to bear now all the affliction produced by sin and separation now and He knows it. This life is a grace and opportunity given to us by Him. We can laugh and we can cry, we can feel love and be loved and have passion because of Him. He has perfectly created us and our bodies.

Scientists say most good feelings in us come because our brain releases endorphin, and they anyway still don't know completely how our brain works. But God knows that already. He knows about the endorphin our body releases, because He is the creator of it. In the hell, our bodies will be probably so affected and carried away by the corruption that they will probably not produce it anymore. This is because of the full separation that will be experienced there.

See something here. What I'm saying is that God is involved in everything, and He perfectly knows how we and our bodies work chemically and medically speaking. He is

the creator of it. That's why I support the idea that we also find in the scriptures that our bodies will accompany us wherever we go. In heaven or hell. **Not these bodies that we actually have, but the other ones that will be given to us. Because we are designed to have bodies. After death obviously our soul departs from this body, but then afterwards we will have some kind of a body, something with which we will be able to touch and feel.**

We can't know how everything will be exactly and it won't be surely in the way we are used to already, but there will be definitely something, looking at what the scriptures are saying.

Our body is not a mistake or something for us to have just in this life. We are somewhere in the middle now, between two worlds (if we can say so). One is glorious, and the other is corrupt.

“For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, **for I am fearfully and wonderfully made**; marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well.” **Psalm 139:13-14**

We are fearfully and wonderfully made. God has created and given us these perfect bodies that work to precision better than the best machine a man can create. The only reason that they get ill or tired is because of the sin.

The sin provokes a separation with God, and diseases and malfunctions are because of this separation that we just experience in part now. Same with what we experience in our soul on a spiritual level.

Verse 14 of **psalm 139** finishes with the phrase “marvelous are Your works and that my soul knows very well.” It is the soul where God wants to work. He created our bodies. They are temple of His Holy Spirit, but where He wants to work and to create a relation is **our soul**. Our soul is lost and is the one that needs to be saved. We are created by Him, and we are made of soul, spirit and body. We are a soul, and we are revived or inspired by a spirit, and we have a body that expresses itself and acts according to what we feel.

The seal

The Bible speaks about a seal that He wants to place in us. He wants to put this seal in our heart and soul. In this way He creates this relationship with us. In this way we belong to Him. This is the relationship of love that He wants to have with us. Those who believe are marked by His love.

“Who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.” **2 Corinthians 1:22**

“In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,” **Ephesians 1:13**

“And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.” **Ephesians 4:30**

“Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: “The Lord knows those who are His,” and, “Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity.” **2 Timothy 2:19**

These are some Bible verses that speak about the seal God places in those who believe in Him. He wants to make a connection with our spirit and soul. This is also for those who give more importance to believe in the healing of the body and physical miracles. These miracles can occur, but they would be nothing without God’s holy work in our hearts. All the purpose of Jesus while performing physical healings and miracles was to reach out the people’s hearts. Because this is what needs to be saved. Our soul.

There will be a day in which God is not going to look if me and you have been members of a church or have been with Christians in a Christian environment (which is also important) but will look if we have this seal in our hearts. This is the testimony that we know Him and that He knows us.

“Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able. When once the Master of the house has risen up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open for us,’ and He will answer and say to you, ‘I do not know you, where are you from,’ then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets.’ But He will say, ‘I tell you I do not know you, where are you from. Depart from Me, all you workers of iniquity.’ There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all of the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves thrust out.” **Luke 13:24-28**

We can clearly see this passage speaks about persons who ate and drank in His presence, which were also taught by Him. It means they were in a Christian environment, but as we see, that’s not all, even though it is important.

About His grace and opportunity given to us.

So we can see that He created us with a purpose. And this purpose is to know Him. He wants to have a relationship with us. All the energy, all the wellbeing in this life and the life itself is not with any other purpose, but to know Him. Obviously when we know Him, we receive a major strength and joy, but this common joy and strength given to people in this life is just a testimony of God's mercy and a chance He wants to give us.

There is a parable that speaks about this. About this grace. We are not speaking now about the saving grace, but the common grace of life that everyone is having. The one that many times people take as granted, but it is not in this way.

“There were present at that season some who told Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And Jesus answered and said to them, “Do you suppose that these Galileans were worse than all other Galileans, because they suffered such things? I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish. Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that they were worse sinners than all other men who dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.” He also spoke things parable: “A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. Then he said to the keeper of his vineyard, ‘Look, for three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree and find none. Cut it down; why does it use up the ground?’ But he answered and said to him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and fertilize it. And if it bears fruit, well. But if not, after that you can cut it down.’” **Luke 13:1-9**

This is the parable of the barren fig tree. We can define ourselves as this fig tree and the same can do the whole humankind. Because here we are speaking about this universal opportunity given to people. Even though the tree was not bearing fruit, an opportunity was still given to it. Yes, we can see one side of this parable is speaking about the nation of Israel, but in general, it speaks about all people. This is the time of grace given to us in the form of this life. We need to know something. God is extremely just, and He cannot bear any sin and any injustice. **The only reason for which He now bears it, is because of the sacrifice that Jesus did.** He is the keeper of the vineyard that gives this additional opportunity to the tree. This is why God bears with us and the whole humanity now. This is why He doesn't punish now the sin (which would be right), but waits patiently and gives us opportunity to repent. This is why He makes His sun to rise on the evil and on the good. He spreads His goodness upon all, so that they can have

this chance. We were meant to pay now for our sin, but we won't be able to bear it. This is why we are alive and live our life.

Why is it then that those people before the time of Jesus were also alive and opportunity was given to them? Because His sacrifice was premeditated before the foundation of the world. That's why God also had mercy and kept alive all these people living before the Jesus' time. In His heart, He had already done this sacrifice. He knew it would happen.

The life given to us is a grace, but often happens that many people don't acknowledge this opportunity and misuse it.

If we see the beginning of the parable, we'll see it actually speaks about people who lost their life because they were killed by Pilate.

“There were present at that season some who told Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.” **Luke 13:1**

And some verses ahead, He tells them “I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.” **Luke 13:3**

We can see from these verses that besides the main meaning of the parable of the barren fig tree that is the mercy and opportunity given to men, Jesus told them (us) this parable also to let them know if they were alive, it was for the mercy of God. Something like life is taken many times as something granted, and people misuse it and sometimes even willingly interrupt it and, in this way, don't fall under God's plan for their life.

We are speaking about a separation. In hell that separation will be complete, and it will be because He cannot stand at sin. It is against His nature. Naturally, by instinct if we can say so, He can't have a communion with it. We are speaking about a complete separation in hell, but to be more precise, we are speaking about a complete separation from **His grace**, because He is obviously everywhere and He fills everything, no one can escape from His sight and He will be in Sheol also as **Psalms 139:8** says, but His grace won't and cannot be there.

Sometimes God doesn't need to punish us for something. Obviously, it will be a judgment and to everyone it will be contributed according to what he has done and he will be judged, but the worst punishment for man in hell will be the separation from God, beside the judgment that he will receive for his deeds. God sometimes doesn't need to do anything to punish a man, it is just enough for Him to take away His hand from us. In **Romans 1:24, 25** says God has abandoned certain people to their own passions and desires. This is what He does many times to punish, (if we can say so) someone.

“Therefore God also **gave them up** to uncleanness, in the lust of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever.

Amen. **Romans 1:24, 25**

The sin itself without God’s intervention is destructive. This is what He did according to these verses. He just left them to their own desires and passions. It is also to say we mustn’t do much so that we can sin. The sin is already in us.

We’ve inherited it from Adam and Eve, and we are born with it. Obviously, we are the ones that develop it and willingly follow it and that’s why we will be judged for our own sinful deeds, intentions and thoughts. But we can say as well that it is so much of it in us and around us that no one can escape it by his own strength. We need another kind of strength and grace, which is found only in Jesus Christ and His sacrifice.

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” **Romans 3:23**

About His love

As we said before God gave those people up to their own desires and passions. He left them, but in hell this separation will be forever. God obviously doesn’t want us to believe or convert just because we fear, but because we accept His love. We cannot of course leave aside the reality of hell, but at the same time we see a loving Father God who made a sacrifice for us to save us from that place. A place that He sends people to, just because He cannot bear and cannot stand at sin. This is His nature, but in the same time He is displeased when He sees someone going to that place. He was ready to suffer so that people won't go to that place. At the same time, there are some rules and order and a way that things need to be in, and He cannot just change that. That is a part of His all-powerful being that fills everything. That is His justice. But we have to be glad that He provided a way for His love to be shown. We can enter into this love and this promise only by believing it. Whoever believes in Him shall not perish.

It is in His love shown by His Son in which we have to believe. The real believers and Christians love God, because they believe and feel His love. He loved them first. Today they serve willingly to their master, not just because they fear hell. In the same time they are conscious that hell exists and want to spread the message of His love to more people possible, so that they can have opportunity as well.

In the last time in which I live I realized I don’t love people as much as I thought I do. Yes, I am trying to be kind, but to how many people do I actually give the good news? To how many of them I say that Jesus died for them? It is not just a question if I

tell them about hell, but if I tell them that someone died to save them and if I tell them of His love. This is our task as believers if we know that hell is real. Not just to scare someone of what can happen, but to tell people of God who is willing to save them if they believe.

CHAPTER 6

WHAT DOES GOD SAY ABOUT SCIENCE?

Can it confirm His principles?

In today's days the knowledge and the science in general have been advancing in a faster way than ever before. There are discoveries new to us that we never knew before, and the medicine and technology take huge steps. It looks like the man is opening his eyes to many truths around him. But there is only one truth that he still stays blinded to. This is the truth of God. The one above all the other realities and truths.

There is an idea coming to people with the advance of the science. The idea is that they don't need God anymore and He doesn't fit with all these new discoveries and limits man has arrived to. People now think that just by knowing something more, they hold the answers to everything and even if there are still some issues and situations that they cannot get over, they eventually will by advancing more. This is the thought and idea of humankind today, an idea of autonomy and independency. An independency from God our Creator.

But this is wrong as we were meant to be with Him, and without Him we are incomplete and perish. This is the idea the people had in the past since the beginnings by building the tower of Babel.

“And they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth.” **Genesis 11:4**

Exactly the same is happening now in these days. People are getting united and not in the name of God, but to show their independency and autonomy. As humans, we got overconfident with our capabilities and things we've learned, not realizing God is the one who actually gave us these capabilities not for our own purposes, but for His glory. God created us with capabilities, but we eventually used them for the wrong reasons

because of not having a communion with God and being blinded by the prince of this world.

Even though men see there is always something they cannot fight with or overcome, they still hope that with time, they will get better and will overcome it. They do that instead of looking for a solution by placing their sight in the One who created them – God the Father.

The science and the new discoveries however don't take us away from God, I mean that they don't actually contradict Him, but instead they just confirm His existence and His greatness if looked in the right way. It is true that people in the past used to explain many things happening around them with God's presence and today we have many other different explanations, but those people were actually right. They used to explain it in a simple way, because they were simple and didn't have the knowledge we have today.

Today we can also explain God's truth even in a more detailed and complex way, because we have more knowledge. More knowledge about science and more knowledge about the Bible. We can even explain science through the Bible if we have the right scientific knowledge and competence. In today's days we've got His complete word – the Bible and many of us can possess it easily. We can do that instead of joining the others in doubting and questioning the truth, thinking that the new discoveries and new perspective of human knowledge and science contradict God. They contradict it, **because we contradict Him**. It is a question of how we see it, from which point of view we see it. **If we want to hide the truth, we will use each reason and pretext to do it, but if we want to see it, we would just admit it.**

There is a wrong way to look at science and a false science and there is also a right way to look into it.

“O Timothy! Guard what was committed to your trust, avoiding the profane and idle babblings and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge – by professing it some have strayed concerning the faith. **1 Timothy 6:20, 21**

We see here in this verse Paul warning Timothy about what is falsely called knowledge. This is the knowledge that is actually being corrupted by our carnal mind which is influenced by sin and by nature doesn't believe. We can say that speaking about knowledge; this verse refers also to the science of our days, because science is obviously having to do with knowledge which is systematically organized on a certain subject.

Today we also can explain God's existence by the things we came to know in the science for example, instead of hardening ourselves and using that knowledge to

contradict Him. The people in the past used to explain most things happening around them and natural events with God's intervention. Today we know so much about how things are formed, how the elements and molecules join together, and we think that that's why things happen, but we still don't know who commanded them to join in this way and who gave them that energy, strength and form. Nothing that we see is there by coincidence. We can see perfect forms, perfect shapes. We can see a beauty in the nature and a design standing behind it. And this doesn't happen by coincidence or an accident. And we still can't explain most of this. Scientists don't have exact answers to this.

God is faithful with the least of the details

Persons and scientists having discovered something new in the most miniature and microscopic way, actually confirms how God cares about the least of the details. He is involved even in the smallest things.

“He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much.” **Luke 16:10**

This is what He says that we as persons need to do – to be faithful in what is least, but He is the one who actually is doing it first. All the things He is telling us to do are because He is like this, He is doing those things. If for example He tells us to be righteous, it is because He is righteous, if He tells us to love, it is because He loves.

Same, if He tells us to be faithful with the least things, it is because He is faithful and mindful of the least of the details and He created everything to perfection, from the least to the greatest detail. This is the reason why He cares for us being so small compared to the greatness of everything else He created. He sees importance and greatness in each detail and for Him there is not something more or less important or something greater than other in His creation.

“Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.” **Matthew 10:29, 30**

His mind is so huge and great. He cares about us, who are also being so little and small compared to all of His creation.

The clever way with which we are made

When someone discovers a new planet or a solar system or galaxy, he doesn't proof anything against God, but on the contrary, he just shows how great is our God, as great as the universe and even more, because He created it. All these scientific

discoveries don't proof anything against God, because He stays behind all the things we are surrounded with and the discoveries just confirm His perfection. He knows about the chemical reactions, about the molecules and the atoms, about how our body is made and how our organs function. He knows the way our brain works and sends signals to the rest of our body. He knows it, because He created it.

Psalm 139:13-16 says:

“For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother’s womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well.

My frame was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret, and skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them.”

Today we know the complex way in which we are made. There are things and parts of our body structure and organs like the brain for example that haven't been fully explained and discovered by the scientists. But still the psalmist said in that time that we are “fearfully and wonderfully made”. This perfect machine, this perfect structure as our body was fashioned by our Creator in secret, in the lowest part of the earth. He formed our inward parts to the least detail. Today scientists are discovering how our body works and functions, but our creator already knew all this a long time ago, because He formed it.

We can only see how perfectly it works. Everything there is with a purpose.

Somebody can say that by instinct, our body and other living organisms protect themselves, live, learn to survive, and adapt, but who actually gave them that? Who gave them this **intelligence**? Because this is an intelligent process that occurs in the living organisms and doesn't happen by an accident. It is not a fruit of it. When our body detects a virus or something foreign in its system, it automatically fights it and sends white blood cells to protect it. This is something intelligent, something logical. We see we are made in a clever way. Why? Because the greatest mind of the universe stands behind it.

There are natural barriers and an immune system that are designed to defend our body from foreign organisms that can cause an infection. Natural barriers include the skin, mucous membranes, tears, earwax, mucus, and stomach acid. There are white blood cells and antibodies used by our immune system to identify and eliminate

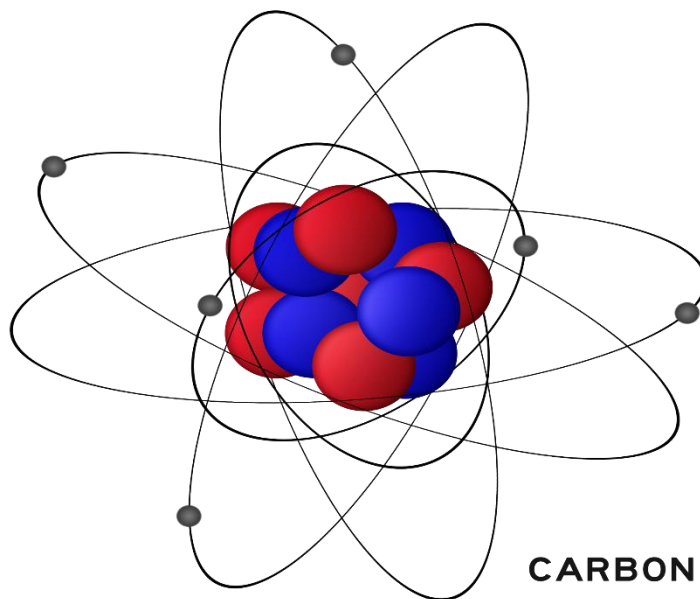
organisms that get through the body's natural barriers. We see the way we are created. The most perfect machines today cannot match with our body.

The atoms and the solar system

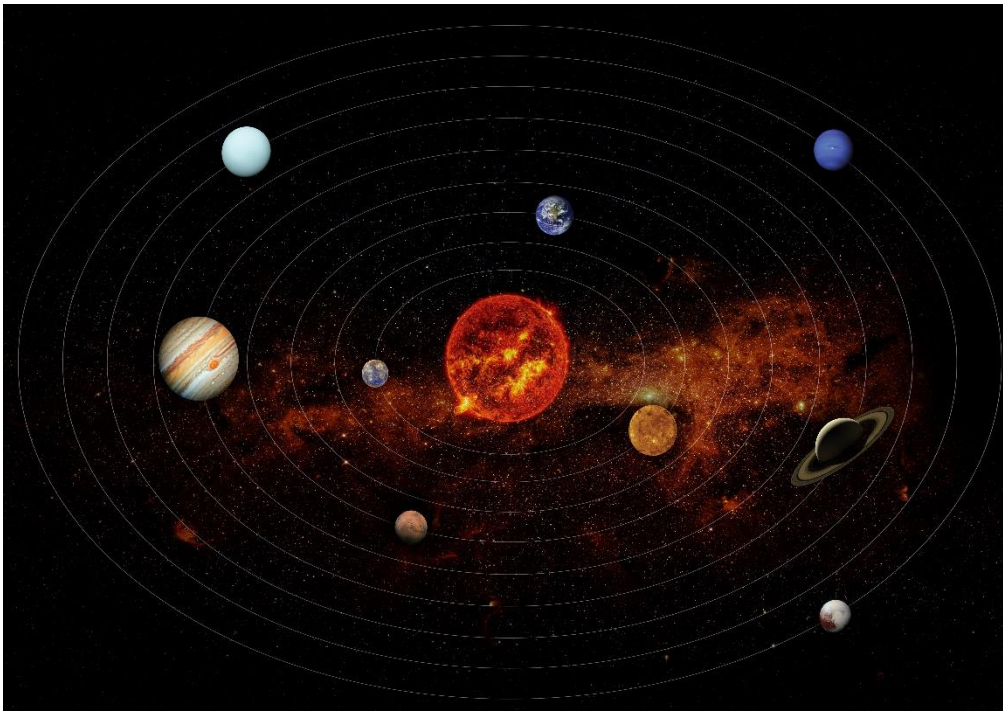
We can see the creation and the perfection with which God did it, to the smallest detail as well. The structure of an atom for example. The atoms altogether form a molecule.

Everything created and the nature in general (the one undefiled by man) is placed there in a perfect order.

Looking at the universe as well, we see that stars, planets, a solar system are placed perfectly in a specific way. It has nothing to do with an explosion or just throwing all the things there in a chaos. Somebody with a mind having a design stands behind it. Even if we go to the smallest details microscopically speaking, we will see molecules, atoms, and all other small particles placed in order that is also very similar to how a solar system works—it explains that the same mind stands behind it.



Each molecule is composed by atoms that hold each other. The image above shows a structure of an atom. There are different kinds of atoms, but almost all of them are composed of neutrons and protons that form the nucleus and electrons that circle around it in a very similar way as planets do around the sun. And if I am not mistaken, there are cases where each electron has its own and unique orbit same as the planets. The image below instead, shows a model of a solar system.



We can see similarity here with the atoms, which in their structure look like a mini model of what a solar system is. I am not saying that the atoms are small solar systems, but just that by the way they are made, we see God's genius design and creation, we see the same mind has created all of them, from the smallest to the greatest detail.

Again, we see that the advancement of the science does nothing else but proving God's design and creation. And I think that more we discover, more we dig into us or into what is surrounding us, we will constantly see something leading us again to Him. People just don't want to admit it and invent all bunch of theories, just because they don't want to see it and admit God's existence. We see the heart of man hasn't changed throughout the years. It is always the same. As before, they found reason not to believe and follow God, so they do now. A miracle is needed to change that heart which by its nature flees away from Him. "To believe" in itself is a miracle. It is a gift from God that we need to desire. It is having to do with His death on the cross and resurrection. Jesus gave us an opportunity to receive it with His death on the cross.

The universe had a beginning

There is another discovery about the universe, and it states that the universe is expanding. It was announced first by Edwin P. Hubble, an American astronomer. He demonstrated that the galaxies visible from the Milky Way all seemed to be speeding away. For the universe is also discovered that is spinning.

All this shows that the universe had a beginning. Obviously, as the people and scientists cannot explain it exactly, they find theories like the “big bang”, but there still cannot be found exact proofs for that. Someone needs to imagine it and, in a way, believe in this theory. I mean that it takes faith to believe in God and it also takes faith to imagine the big bang. Which one do we prefer? Which one is really proved by the science? Difficult to answer, if we really look at the facts, logically speaking. We instead know and have faith that was God, by the power of His word who created all the matter, everything we see and everything we cannot. The universe had a beginning, because God set that beginning. “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”

Genesis 1:1

We can also see some verses speaking about how He stretched the heavens.

“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” **Job 9:8-9**

It says that He “spreads out” the heavens. This was written years ago before the scientists discovered that the universe is expanding.

Saying all this, I am not opposing myself to the science in general, on the contrary, it could be a method in a way to proof that God is real. I oppose the unbelief in general and every thought that rejects God’s truth. But this is the human thought and idea in general. We don’t want to admit that God is there. This resistance is in the sinful human nature. In mine, in yours, in everyone’s. The only way to fight it, is through faith and trying to humble ourselves by admitting what we are, by admitting our faults.

“Thus says the Lord, who created the heavens and **stretched** them out, who spread forth the earth and that which comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it, and spirit to those who walk on it:” **Isaiah 42:5**

“He has made the earth by His power; He has established the world by His wisdom, and **stretched out** the heaven by His understanding.” **Jeremiah 51:15**

“The burden of the word of the Lord against the Lord, who **stretches out** the heavens, lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him:”

Zechariah 12:1

All these verses speak about how He stretches out the heavens. That’s why the universe expands. Obviously, when we speak about the heavens in the Bible, we speak about everything above us, the stars, and the universe. We know in that time, they were not using certain terminology as we do today. Yes, there is an energy all around us and that’s why things happen, but why this energy is there and where it comes from? We

know what causes certain reactions and things to happen in the nature and on scientific level, but we don't actually know the main cause and what stands behind it. There is not an explanation for that. But the answer is that God stands behind all this. He is all over.

“God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; **for in Him we live and move and have our being**, as also some of your own poets have said, ‘For we are also His offspring.’”

Acts 17:24-28

We see from this verse that He is everywhere, that in Him we live and move and have our being. He is in everything and every detail happening around us.

Facts that the Bible stated before the science did

“He stretches out the north over empty space; He hangs the earth on nothing.” Job 26:7

In this verse from one of the oldest books of the Bible, we see that God hung the earth on nothing. How could they understand this in that time, if the common belief was the earth was flat or stands on something? There were many ideas and mythologies at that time stating that the earth stands on something. The Bible instead was one of the first saying the earth is actually hanged on nothing in the space. Today we also know by astronomical discoveries that the earth is having its own orbit and hangs on nothing. As we see, this truth was written in the Bible long ago before astronomy had advanced to discover the earth is hanged in the space on nothing. We see again that the Bible doesn't contradict the science. It contradicts it only in the area where they reject God's existence.

Something else we can notice from the creation is the variety of fruit the earth produces and all of those which are edible, are having some benefit for our body. We can see fruits, vegetables, plants that help maintain our health system. Each edible fruit and plant consumed by us, is there for a purpose. It is like there is no coincidence at all. Scientists now have discovered what kind of benefits each plant and fruit has for us. This is just revealing God's genius design standing behind it. He created everything with a purpose. God says in His word:

“And God said, “See I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food.”

Genesis 1:29

Another fact that we see biblically expressed is the verse in **Leviticus 17:11**

“**For the life of the flesh is in the blood**, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.”

We can see this verse stating that the life is in the blood, written a long ago before it was officially accepted by the medics. Today we know that the blood in our body transports oxygen and nutrients to the lungs and tissues, it carries cells and antibodies that fight infection, it brings waste products to the kidneys and the liver, which on their side filter and clean the blood and it forms blood clots to prevent excess blood loss.

The life is in the blood and that’s why Jesus shed His blood for us, to cleanse us from our sins. What we need to do is to believe it and accept it by acknowledging our limits, our weaknesses, and our faults as humankind and personally in our lives. Without this, we will be wandering around trying to find answers for the meaning of everything, but we will always end up without a satisfaction. More we discover, more we advance, there will be always something that will point us back to God, saying that the answer is there. More we try to avoid it and turn away; more we will pay the consequences of our own negligence toward it.

We need to meditate on this. Maybe some scientific facts I mentioned here are not perfectly accurate and are not in the way someone else might be thinking, but in general this is an invitation for all of us to meditate and look for the answers in God and believe Him, because the truth is that many times people purposely want to put God aside and are looking for all the excuses possible, when actually His absence cannot be proven. Someone can say that His existence cannot be proven (it is by faith), but actually neither His inexistence can be.

His creation testifies of Him and His character. He also cares for us. We are not without a purpose. We live as ones, but finding Him, we find the **real** purpose for us.

CHAPTER 7

WHY IS THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS HAPPENING IN AN HOUR THAT NO ONE KNOWS?

There are many different theories about the occurrences that need to happen in the last times. The most discussed and asked for is the second coming of Christ and the rapture.

People are inquiring about it and each one is coming with different theories. Some of them made up, some of them based on the Scripture. We have to go to the Scripture however.

Some support a pre-tribulation rapture, meaning the rapture, or catching away of believers, will happen before the great tribulation, so that Christians escape the trials that will fall on the world. The others believe in the post-tribulation rapture, meaning they believe it will happen after that tribulation. Apparently, these are the main two streams about how and in which time this will happen. Then there are also other points of view. We will not mention all of them. Some people even set up dates for when this would happen.

“But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but my Father only.” **Matthew 24:36**

From this Scripture, we clearly see that no one knows the exact hour when this will happen.

I believe the second coming of Christ and the rapture event are a mystery for a reason and no wonder why, knowing that we as humankind want always to know exactly when something is going to take place and in which way is going to happen. It is hard for us to believe, to take something by faith. Meaning that when someone believes, he trusts completely that God is going to do something in His way, in His will and time. **That person is confident in God. He knows that whatever it is, it will happen in the best way and that is the way of God, he knows and trusts that He is in control.**

But instead of this, the man in general doesn't want to lose control of his life, he wants to be the one controlling each event and that's why he doesn't like to believe, to trust with his life in God.

Taking the rapture event as an example, most people want to know exactly when that will take place, just to be in control, just to be ready then. Why not maybe, they can live in the way they want to and when the rapture is about to come, then they will repent. This is the thought in man's heart in general. While God made it in a way for this and many other things to be taken by faith, so that we can trust completely with all our heart to be ready and to wait on God. To believe doesn't mean that we know everything, or we control something, but it means that we trust in God, and He is in control. It means we trust in His way. We don't even know when our own end will come. God set it in this way, because probably He knows that if we knew everything and maybe we lived in our own way, knowing that the rapture or our own end was going to be still far, then to repent for us was also going to be harder.

But He knows what is best for us, and we need to trust Him. Some things like the rapture are going to remain a secret to us for a reason, **so that we can be always watchful, and we can have the right attitude in our heart.**

There can be signs through which we can see if the time is approaching, but yet we don't know when exactly that will happen.

“Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near—at the doors!” **Matthew 24:32, 33**

So, it means that looking at the signs and what is happening around us, we will be able to see in part if the time is approaching, but we still won't know the exact hour and time.

That's why we will only find out when it happens. Until then we need to do what **Matthew 24:42** says and live by faith.

“Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.”

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