

Why You Were Born

NO LONGER do news commentators, top military men and scientists say, “if there is a World War III”, now they speak only of when, and how it shall come!

Leading world scientists say frankly that they are frightened! With atomic bombs by thousands - with other newly invented means of mass death and destruction said to be even more horrible than the hydrogen bomb, imagination defying weapons - an appalling picture is presented which ought to make everyone SHUDDER!

No one thinks, now, that MEN swayed by passions and partisanship and greed, and with competitive national aspirations and interests to work for and protect, will be able to prevent the world-cataclysm which experts tell us may blast human life from the face of the earth!

Gloomy picture? Yes, but it's REAL! It's the picture we have to FACE! This is the world we shall have to LIVE IN or DIE IN!

WHY Does Yahweh Permit Such Horror?

Is it any wonder so many people—if and when they do begin to think of the Almighty in this connection—ask: “WHY if there is a God, does He permit war? WHY does God allow such unadulterated HELL on earth among men?”

“Surely,” they reason, “if God is good—if He is LOVE—He would not wish people who are innocent victims to endure this indescribable anguish, pain and suffering, and if He is ALMIGHTY, then He certainly could prevent it? Why doesn't He?”

Of course, that's a slightly unbalanced conception of our Elohim (God), whose name is Yahweh. It emphasizes His love, His tender mercy and compassion, and His power—but it overlooks His righteousness and His wisdom; and it fails utterly of understanding His great PURPOSE in putting human beings upon this earth!

But People Have a Right to the True Answer!

War, of course, is not caused by the Almighty. It is caused by ambition and greed—by the wrong thinking and acting of men, swayed by human passions. It is the result of evil, of SIN, which is the transgression (violating) of Yahweh's moral law, the Ten Commandments. Still, Yahweh permits it!

The PURPOSE Being Worked Out

Former Prime Minister Winston Churchill actually gave the answer when he said, regarding the war, before the American Congress: “There is a PURPOSE being worked out here below.” Of course, he implied a HIGHER POWER, above, doing the working out! World War II was really a part of the working out of that PURPOSE!

But man, it seems, fails to understand that PURPOSE!

Naturally, it has to do with the Plan of Redemption. But even that Plan is not very widely understood today, nor rightly preached! WHY, let us ask, and understand, should man need any redemption?

The popular teaching is that one is “saved” at the time he accepts Yahshua (Jesus) the Messiah as his personal Savior. Well, WHY is it, then, that Yahweh does not then and there remove him from this unhappy world of SUFFERING? Why not take him immediately to his happy reward? WHY then, after he is “saved,” must he continue to live on in this present life of suffering?

WHY is it, that once a man is converted, the Bible states, “many are the afflictions of the righteous;” “all who will live godly in Messiah Yahshua shall suffer persecution;” -- “it is through much tribulation we must enter the Kingdom of Yahweh.” WHY? WHY, firstly, does Yahweh permit the world to suffer so much; and secondly, WHY must even converted Christians go on suffering? WHY is there such a thing as sin? We hear it came from the “original fall of man.” Well, WHY the fall? WHY didn’t Yahweh prevent that?

“That’s a lot of questions!” you might say. Yes, and if you are patient, and if you read on, we shall answer all of these questions. Let us come to UNDERSTAND these basic and most important questions of all life. WHY did Yahweh create the human family? WHY did He make us different from and superior to all other creatures? Yahweh is Supreme CREATOR—not supreme Destroyer! What is Yahweh’s work? For He does work - Yahshua (Jesus) you know, said, “My Father works, and I work.” His work is that of CREATOR! Yahweh, then, creates! Now look at the world around you. Look at all the different species and forms of living creatures. How many of those whom Yahweh created and started living are able to think, plan, devise, and then bring about, by making or creating, that which was thought out, designed and planned?

What Man Can Do

Of course none but Yahweh Himself can create in the strictest sense of bringing into existence that which did not even exist. But changing existing materials, and putting them together in a new and different way in other words, MAKING things - is similar to actual creating and often called that.

How many creatures can think, plan, design, and then execute the idea into MAKING things? By instinct beavers build dams. But all these dams follow the same pattern. The beaver cannot think out some new, different pattern and make some new and different thing. Ants may form anthills; gophers, snakes and rodents dig holes; birds build nests. But they always follow the same predictable pattern. There is no originality, no thinking and designing of a new idea, no new construction.

Man can design and build great dams such as Grand Coulee. Man can build the great tunnels under mountains or the Hudson River. Man can invent and build automobiles, airplanes, battleships, and submarines. Man alone, of all Yahweh created, is capable of approaching real CREATIVE powers. But Yahweh has limited man's powers! Why?

Why Man's Powers Are Kept in Check

It was only in the twentieth century AD, that man at last learned about the use of atomic energy. Now man is experimenting, striving desperately to develop jets, rockets, and means of flight and transportation, which might take him to other planets. Why has man been restrained?

Are we blind? Look at what man has actually done with the things Yahweh has allowed him to devise and to make. Thousands of years ago he learned to deal in iron, steel, and other metals. He made implements, constructed buildings - but he also made swords and spears and went out to DESTROY!

Man learned how to organize his kind into cities, groups, and nations. But to what use did he put the organization he controlled? He organized the able-bodied of his men into armies, and set out to conquer, to destroy, and to acquire by TAKING, not by producing and creating. And, even in those peaceful cities, states and nations not at war, those men who run the government seek greedily to fatten their own pockets at the expense of their fellowmen, and the smell of graft and illegal influence ascends to high heaven!

Man invents and makes ships that carry him over seas, and then he arms them and turns them into weapons of conquest. He makes tractors, trucks and automobiles, then converts them into armored tanks. He learns how to build airplanes and fly swifter than any bird, then bends all his scientific, inventive, and creative genius into producing mightier carriers for atomic bombs, swifter jet and rocket fighters. He discovers that the powers Yahweh gave him allow him to produce explosives, so that he could move mountains if necessary—but soon he is exerting the most frenzied energies of his nation, at cost of billions of dollars, endeavoring to develop atomic bombs faster than his enemy, and then producing the hydrogen bomb, a thousand times more destructive!

A philosophic country doctor once said that it was his belief that everything man's hand ever touched of Yahweh's creation man had polluted, befouled, besmirched, and ruined. That statement seemed radical then. But I have been observing, since I heard that over twenty years ago and I am almost persuaded he was right.

For example: Yahweh gave man the wonderful grain of wheat—the perfect food, containing every element needed to nourish man, and in perfectly balanced alkaline-acid proportion; and now, in his greed for million-dollar profits, the big flour miller grinds up this precious wheat, takes it apart, ruins it, strips it of at least 13 or more vital, natural minerals and nutrients, adds 3 or 4 man-made synthetic nutrients back in and labels it “fortified” and sells it to us in a form that produces rheumatism, colds and fever, kidney diseases, impaired digestion, heart troubles, and ills too numerous to list here.

The sugar refiners do the same to sugar. Today it is almost impossible to obtain any food, unless a farmer raises his own, which has not been rendered partly or wholly “foodless,” often poisoned, by man. Thus man DESTROYS health, which is only another way of saying he destroys man!

I need not go further. Just look around you, and observe. If you are a thinker, you’ll see how man, endowed with a portion of Yahweh’s actual CREATIVE POWER—and the only being which has it—turns this power of devising, planning, inventing, and producing into DESTRUCTIVE channels because of a weakened human nature governed mainly by vanity, selfishness and greed!

Science Running Amuck!

Look at the great factories of North American industry, of which we boast. Here hums and roars the CREATIVE activity of mankind! Man has made some slight approach toward actual god-like powers, and god-like activity, in his tremendous industrial development but there is one deadly fault with all this.

Man has learned to exercise scientific, inventive and mechanical powers in excess of his development in the ability to direct the product of his efforts into right and constructive channels! And in doing so, he is defeating the very purpose of his being!

WHY did Yahweh place mankind here? WHY did Yahweh endow humanity with a slight proportion of His own creative power? WHY in a word, were you born? And WHY were we born mortal? WHY has He allowed mankind to turn his near god-like mind and powers into perversion and destruction? WHY has He allowed mankind to bring upon himself, all of this sorrow, unhappiness and suffering? Many attribute all this rebellion—this SIN—to what they call the “original fall of man.”

Damage Control?

Let’s dare frankly to examine the common popular teaching about that “Fall.” The common teaching, as believed and taught by most Catholic and Protestant denominations, is that Yahweh created man perfect and complete, in the very image of Himself—and placed him in the

beautiful Garden of Eden. It is believed that YAHWEH'S CREATION WAS FINISHED, COMPLETED! Everything was perfect!

And Yahweh was able to do all this, and to start our first parents out all right, when lo and behold! The adversary (serpent) succeeded in invading that peaceful and blessed retreat. He successfully overthrew the man. He succeeded in thwarting Yahweh's will—upsetting Yahweh's Plan for a happy and peaceful life for his perfected humans—alienating the man and woman from Yahweh—introducing the dreadful consequences of SIN—marring, wrecking, His creative handiwork! And now, according to this popular view, Yahweh's plan for a happy life and beautiful environment for His created humans was all disarranged! Now He had to commence all over again, and formulate a new Plan - a PLAN to repair the damage! Redemption, then, is pictured as Yahweh's PLAN for repairing the damage caused by that "Original Fall" of man!

And ever since, Yahweh has entered into a furious CONTEST with a so-called fallen angel, named Satan (write for a copy of our article entitled "The Traditional Satan the Devil, Exposed") and for six thousand years, Yahweh has desperately been trying to redeem humanity—to save, and RESTORE mankind back to a condition as good as He had originally created him, before the "Fall."

What's WRONG With This Picture?

That's the popular idea being widely preached today! WHAT'S WRONG with that picture? When stated so plainly, we can see quite clearly that something is wrong! What are we going to do with the "fall of man?" If this popular teaching is correct, it makes the adversary (serpent) more powerful than Yahweh. It makes him able to wreck Yahweh's perfected creation, to thwart Yahweh's will. And, after Yahweh in desperation has devised a Plan of Redemption, and spent some six thousand years trying to restore the original Edenic perfection, where does this picture leave us today? Why, with the adversary winning the contest by a pitifully lopsided score! At least half the people who populate this earth today know nothing about Yahshua (Jesus), the Messiah and are blinded by false heathen religions or religious confusion, which is called "Babylon" in the Scripture!

Only a very small percent of humanity could claim today to be "saved." Can't we see that at every turn this belief presents the adversary as more powerful than Yahweh? WHAT, then, IS THE REAL TRUTH? Could Yahweh Be Responsible? Now if the adversary did not succeed in thwarting Yahweh's will, wrecking His perfected and completed Creation, then the only alternative is to say that it all happened according to the will of Yahweh—exactly as He Himself originally planned! It was a divine arrangement with a divine objective! But do we DARE make Yahweh Himself responsible? We have but two alternatives! Either an adversary got in there against Yahweh's will, and in so doing proved himself mightier and more cunning than Yahweh—or else Yahweh Himself planned and permitted it all! LET'S UNDERSTAND THIS!

The True ANSWER to These Questions

Job brought out the real answer. “If a man die, shall he live again,” Job asked; and answered: “All the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come. Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee: thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands!” (Job 14:14-15). The latter part of his quotation, most often overlooked, is the key to this whole riddle! Read it again! “Thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands!”

STUDY THAT! Job knew he was merely the work of Yahweh’s Hands! Merely a piece of divine workmanship in the Hands of the CREATOR! Merely a piece of plastic CLAY in the hands of the Master Potter! And in calling us forth from the grave, in the resurrection, Yahweh is having a DESIRE to FINISH this WORK OF HIS HANDS! Even the RESURRECTION, then, is a final completing of YAHWEH’S CREATION!

Adam’s Creation NOT COMPLETED!

Now we come to the WONDERFUL TRUTH! The first chapter of Genesis does not record a COMPLETED creation at all! Adam’s creation was not finished! Read that amazing statement again! Be sure you understand it! CREATION is still going on! SALVATION is not a “repairing of the damage,”—a frustrated effort of Yahweh to restore man back to a condition as good as Adam, before the “Fall”!

An adversary did not break into the Garden of Eden in spite of Yahweh—did not do one single thing contrary to His great PURPOSE! All that has happened had been planned before of Yahweh—and all is progressing exactly as HE WILLS. Oh, what a WONDERFUL TRUTH! What Yahweh actually is creating in us humans, is the SUPREME MASTERPIECE OF ALL HIS WORKS OF CREATION! Millions—yes, Billions—of perfect, SPIRITUAL CHARACTERS! It is a spiritual creation. And Yahweh is bringing it about in two phases! This DUALITY in fact, carries through every part and sequence of this tremendous work of creation!

The model, from which the finished spiritual product is to be molded, is material substance just mortal, human CLAY! The creation described in Genesis chapter 1 is the first phase of this creation—the MATERIAL creation, only. And that is merely the beginning—the bringing into existence of the SUBSTANCE out of which a model may be molded for the finished Masterpiece!

Yahweh formed man, not out of Spirit, but “of the dust of the ground.” To the man whose creation is described in Genesis 1, and 2:7, Yahweh said, “DUST thou art.” Not immortal soul or spirit, just DUST. Man is MORTAL, not yet immortal! Contrary to popular, traditional, pagan beliefs, Man DOES NOT possess an immortal soul, HE “IS” A LIVING SOUL (PERSON)! Read the account for yourself in Genesis 2. Yahweh breathed into man’s nostrils “ruach,” meaning, the “breath of life” and man BECAME a living soul. There is a vast difference between being some thing and actually possessing that thing!

He was a PERFECT physical specimen, yes! Whatever Yahweh creates is perfect, not imperfect. But what Yahweh created, in Adam, was a FLESHLY MAN—a mortal man of flesh and blood! Adam, in other words, was not complete! One vital thing was lacking—and this one thing he was made to NEED—to hunger and to thirst for! -- The very indwelling of YAHWEH'S HOLY SPIRIT. To connect with and fellowship with his Creator!

But Yahweh provided for that. In the Garden of Eden was one “tree” which would have supplied it! And this, Yahweh freely offered the man. But Adam and Eve, who were created to be free-willed moral beings had to make a CHOICE between this “tree” of LIFE, which would have given them LIFE—YAHWEH'S SPIRIT—the one thing that would fill that void, that longing in the heart—and the other “tree” which symbolized the ways of SIN, the knowledge of good and evil or in other words, the knowledge to choose for themselves what was right and wrong! Adam made the wrong choice as, of course, Yahweh knew he would! Adam chose to disobey Yahweh. HE NEVER RECEIVED YAHWEH'S SPIRIT! OUR FIRST PARENTS NEVER RECEIVED IMMORTALITY!

Rather, after they rebelled against Yahweh, they were driven forth from the Garden of Eden, lest they now take also of the tree of LIFE and eat, and gain immortality (Gen. 3:22-24). This would have resulted in mankind living forever in a sinful, disobedient (rebellious) condition. Therefore, we have all inherited Adam's rebellious, disobedient, self-serving nature, and the carnal (mind) nature is an enemy of Yahweh and not subject to His Commandments (Romans 8:7). This is why the Bible says that we are all like sheep who have gone astray, (with no Shepherd) doing our own thing, separated from Yahweh by our sinful condition. According to Scripture, whoever sins, transgresses or breaks the law because sin is the transgression of Yahweh's commandments (1John 3:4). We have all inherited a weakened human nature, which is prone to sin!

REDEMPTION IS CREATION

Creation was not completed, as described in Genesis 1. Rather, what Yahweh is creating is a SPIRITUAL CREATION, and Yahweh has mapped out a DEFINITE PLAN, allowing SEVEN THOUSAND YEARS for the process!

In His great purpose, the physical and material comes first, and always is the type of the spiritual. A day is as a thousand years to Yahweh, and a thousand years as a day. And, as Yahweh's revealed Plan is allotted seven thousand-year “DAYS” for its completion, so Yahweh used just seven 24-hour days for the present creation—the MATERIAL creation described in Genesis 1! Incidentally, the weekly cycle is a DIVINE institution. Scientists admit that there is no scientific or astronomical basis for the “weekly cycle” of seven 24-hour days as there exists for the day (solar) yearly (solar) and monthly (lunar) cycles.

So the seven literal 24-hour days are a TYPE of the seven thousand-year “days.” And in this seven thousand-year period, Yahweh Himself has deliberately ALLOTTED to mankind the first SIX of those days for his labor of deception—but the SEVENTH millennial day shall be the

SABBATH of The ETERNAL our Elohim, and in it mankind will learn that the ways of Yahweh and His commandments truly produce the best way of life. Sin and rebellion will be kept in check as the planet will become totally refurbished and restored to it's original Edenic state during the Millennial reign of Yahshua (Jesus) the Messiah, Yahweh's Son. (Rev. 20:1-3).

Messiah Yahshua will return to earth IN PERSON, as King of kings and Lord of lords, and "the earth shall be FULL of the knowledge of the Eternal" (Isa. 11:9). To HIM shall the Gentiles seek (Isa. 11:10), and the final GREAT harvest of souls (people) shall be reaped! Yes, THAT'S the GOOD NEWS of the KINGDOM OF Yahweh—Good News that unconverted men in religious Babylon do all in their power to suppress—Good News many ministers deny! But praise the Eternal! The light of HIS WORD still shines for those who will see!

So now let's look briefly at REDEMPTION. What is it? "By GRACE are you saved through faith . . . for we are His workmanship, CREATED in Messiah Yahshua unto good works, which Yahweh hath before ordained that we should walk in them!" (Eph. 2:8-10). Notice there are GOOD WORKS to salvation! WHY do the preachers always stop quoting at verse 9, never reading this 10th verse!

The "we" in New Testament language always means Christians—those truly converted. WE, then, are Yahweh's workmanship. Yes, "CREATED," —now being created—to what objective—to WHAT PURPOSE? Note it! The PURPOSE many confused ministers DENY today—"UNTO GOOD WORKS"! Unto perfect spiritual CHARACTER! Able to walk in obedience to His commandments by His Holy Spirit, which is available to us through the redemptive work of His son Yahshua who paid the price for us with His atoning blood, His sacrifice for the sin's of mankind. He purchased us by His blood so that we may be reconciled and restored or brought back to Yahweh!

Now, Paul here is not speaking of Adam's creation, 6,000 years ago. He is speaking of Christians, NOW, being created UNTO GOOD WORKS! We are HIS WORKMANSHIP—the Creator is still creating! He is molding, fashioning, CHANGING us, and transforming us to His own noble, righteous, holy, spiritual CHARACTER! Yes, creating in us this perfect CHARACTER! Salvation, then, is a PROCESS!

The Purpose of Our Living

But how the confused ministers of this world would blind your eyes to that! Through their own ignorance and deception they deceive you into thinking that all there is to it, is just "accepting Christ," —with "NO WORKS" of obedience—and presto-chango, you're pronounced "SAVED"!

But the BIBLE reveals that NONE is yet "saved"! "He that endureth unto the end, the same SHALL BE saved" (Mat. 24:13). Conversion and receiving Yahweh's spirit is just the beginning! Yahshua, alone, of all humans, has so far been SAVED! By the resurrective power of Yahweh! When Yahshua comes, at the time of the resurrection of those IN MESSIAH, He then

brings His reward with Him! Messiah, as the Lamb of Yahweh—our Savior—was “slain from the foundation of the world”—it was all planned of Yahweh from the beginning—yes, even before the “fall” (Rev. 13:8).

Those called, now, in this present age to salvation, were chosen before Adam was created! “According as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world.” And WHY? “That we should be HOLY and without blame before Him IN LOVE” (Eph. 1:4). Therefore, if any man be in Messiah, he is a new creature” (II Cor. 5:17). Yes, a NEW CREATION! “And be renewed in the spirit of your MIND! And that you put on the new man, which after Yahweh is CREATED in righteousness and true holiness” (Eph. 4:23-24). Yahweh gives His Holy Spirit only to those who will OBEY Him! (Acts 5:32).

It all begins in the mind. Repentance, the first step in salvation, is a change of (heart) MIND. The receiving and indwelling of the Holy Spirit is a renewing of the mind. Gradually, through Bible study, learning to live by “every Word of Yahweh,” being continually corrected, keeping in constant prayer, the very MIND OF YAHWEH is placed within the yielded man or woman. And thus the NEW MAN (WOMAN)—a holy, spiritual CHARACTER—is CREATED in righteousness, and in true holiness!

Born Again . . . HOW?

In this NEW CREATION Yahweh works in man, the man must be “BORN AGAIN.” Yahweh made Adam solely out of MATTER. Yahshua said to Nicodemus, “That which is born of the flesh IS flesh!” Then He explained we must be born again—not again of the FLESH—not again entering our mother’s womb, as Nicodemus thought He meant—but born of The SPIRIT—BORN OF YAHWEH!

As we were born of the FLESH from a fleshly human father and mother, so now we must be born of the SPIRIT by YAHWEH, the heavenly SPIRITUAL Father. And this process is brought about, in Yahweh’s great PURPOSE, by a man first coming to see HOW WRONG are the ways of mortal humans, thinking and living CONTRARY to the revealed LAWS OF YAHWEH! The first stage is REFENTANCE! Surrender to the Almighty! An about-face to sin! A decision to stop sinning and start obeying with His help, His spirit!

Yahweh sent His Son Yahshua the Messiah into the world as a perfect human being, to pay for us, in our stead, to buy us back from the penalty we have incurred by the transgression of Yahweh’s spiritual Law. That penalty was DEATH! “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of Yahweh is eternal life through Yahshua the Messiah our Master (Romans 6:23).

So the second step in our salvation our SPIRITUAL CREATION—being BORN of the Spirit—is to accept Messiah Yahshua as personal Savior, being baptized for the remission of sins. Then Yahweh’s PROMISE is that we shall receive HIS HOLY SPIRIT. And that is the entrance of the very LIFE of Yahweh—the impregnating “germ,” so to speak, of eternal life—the begettal of the very life of Yahweh!

We then compare to an unborn babe in its mother's womb. And, after the experiences of the Christian life, if we overcome, grow in grace and knowledge, and endure unto the end, then at the time of the RESURRECTION, this MORTAL shall be instantaneously CHANGED INTO immortality—this flesh and blood body shall (future tense) BECOME a SPIRIT body! Then, and not until then, shall we be FULLY BORN OF Yahweh. Then, and not until then, shall our CREATION be fully COMPLETED! (1Cor. 15:35-55) But we now are the “clay models,” in the Hands of the Master Potter! If in this life our thinking, our ways are CHANGED until we really do become—in character—new creatures in Messiah Yahshua, conformed to HIS WILL, then that clay model, worked over, fashioned and shaped as Yahweh would have it, is finally turned into the FINISHED SPIRITUAL CREATION!

It Begins and Ends in Messiah! This ENTIRE CREATION begins in Messiah, and is finished BY Him! Yahweh created all things by Yahshua (Eph. 3:9). Yahshua was the workman, then, who created the original Adam. But our SPIRITUAL creation begins in Him, too. He it is who became our living Example—who came into the world to lead the way—and become the first-born from among the dead—the FIRST completed, perfected spiritual MAN! Now notice: “But we see Yahshua, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor; that He by the grace of Yahweh should taste death for every man. For it became Him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect (complete) THROUGH SUFFERINGS” (Heb.2:9-10).

Look at it! Turn to it, read that in your own Bible! Yahshua, the captain or LEADER of our salvation—the one who led off, setting us an example—the only one so far completed—even HE was made perfect, and THROUGH SUFFERINGS! “Though He were a Son, yet learned He obedience BY THE THINGS WHICH HE SUFFERED; and being made perfect, He became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him” (Heb. 5:8-9). Wow!

There it is again! Yahshua is the author of our salvation—He WROTE that salvation BY HIS EXPERIENCE, and that was the first writing of it. He was the first human ever to achieve it—to be perfected, finished as a PERFECT CHARACTER! Yahshua LEARNED! He SUFFERED! But out of it came PERFECTION! Do you see? Do you begin to UNDERSTAND?

An adversary did not upset Yahweh's Plan. All that has happened, Yahweh foreknew and permitted—for a PURPOSE! Redemption is not a repairing of the damage—not a restoring to a condition “just as good.” No, that was merely the beginning—the material creation. Redemption is the great SPIRITUAL creation! In it, Yahweh is creating in us something infinitely superior to Adam before he sinned.

Do you see now WHAT Yahweh is creating, in you and me? He is creating something higher than angels! He is creating the supreme MASTERPIECE of all Yahweh's creation . . . HOLY, PERFECT SPIRITUAL CHARACTERS! And what is Character?

What CHARACTER Is

Perfect Character, such as Yahweh is creating in us, is a person finally made immortal, who is a separate entity from Yahweh; who, through independent free choice has come to KNOW, and to CHOOSE, and to DO, what is right. Is everyone being called now? This is a common misunderstanding, but the simple truth is that Yahweh is not trying to save the whole world now! If He is, then He is doing a terrible job of it! There is an order and time for everything and everyone!

He is calling out individuals, who are being perfected now, who will become the Bride of Messiah, His church (called ones), the Elect, who will rule and reign with Him throughout all eternity! They are busy overcoming their flesh, sin, this world and all its corruption and perversion, trials and tribulations, as Yahweh's character is being formed in them! What a special calling! Notice! "And he that overcomes, and keeps my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron..." "And has made us unto our Elohim kings and priests and we shall reign on the Earth." (Rev. 2:26, 27; 5:10).

Inanimate rock will roll down hill by the power of gravity. Water runs in its channels through creeks and rivers into oceans. Great planets, some many times larger than the earth, must travel in Yahweh's ordained course. These things are marvelous examples of the creative power of Yahweh. Yet these things are inanimate—they have no mind, no free choice, NO CHARACTER!

Dumb animals do not sin. They do not know enough to sin! They act by instinct, or according to training of others. They do not have this Character! CHARACTER is the possession and practice of Love, patience, mercy, faith, kindness, gentleness, meekness, temperance, self-restraint, and right self-direction! The very fruit of Yahweh's spirit, which he develops in us through time (Galatians 5:22,23). Character involves KNOWLEDGE, WISDOM, PURPOSE, ABILITY, all properly controlled and developed, and through independent CHOICE! Holy, righteous CHARACTER is something even Yahweh cannot create instantaneously! It is produced, or developed, only through EXPERIENCE! Experience requires TIME, and CIRCUMSTANCES! And so Yahweh creates Time and Yahweh creates Circumstances, which produce character!

And so Yahweh first formed out of the dust, out of 16 elements of matter—the flesh-and-blood man, in the IMAGE of Elohim (and "image" means form, or shape, not composition). And through seven thousand years of experience, Yahweh is taking the human family through a process, the result of which, even "as we have borne the image of the earthy (mortal Adam): we shall also bear the image of the heavenly"—Messiah Yahshua immortal, "second" Adam (I Cor. 15:49). Yes, once fashioned, shaped, molded according to Yahweh's Purpose, even WE shall be LIKE HIM, for we shall see Him as He is! As the Apostle Paul wrote, "Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work IN YOU will perform it until the day of Yahshua the Messiah (Phil.1:6).

WHY All This Human Suffering?

There are just two broad principles of life—Yahweh’s Way, or Yahweh’s Law, summed up in the Ten Commandments, and man’s rebellious way of competition, greed, and vanity. All suffering—all unhappiness, fear, misery, and death has come from the transgression of Yahweh’s Law! Living by that great Law of Love, then, is the only way to true, lasting, peace, happiness, and joy. Yahweh placed man on this planet to learn that lesson—to learn it through generations of EXPERIENCE!

Yes, we, too, LEARN by suffering! Yahweh has REVEALED the TRUE way—His revelation always has been available to man! But man, given the right of free choice, always has turned his back on Yahweh, and on Yahweh’s true WAY. And even though man as a whole still refuses to see or learn the lesson, he has written this lesson indelibly in the history of human experience, human suffering and misery perpetrated and executed by the hand of man! We learn through EXPERIENCE! And through SUFFERING! Much of life’s trials we bring upon ourselves, but how do we deal with it? This, then, is the very stuff CHARACTER is made of.

And that’s why we are not taken immediately to our reward-away from all the unhappy circumstances of this world-just the minute we “accept Messiah,” and are converted. Yes, that’s why “many afflictions” visit the righteous, even as Yahweh sent affliction upon Job—though the Eternal delivers us out of them all! That’s why Yahweh permits Christians to suffer-why He even “chastens every son” (and daughter) whom He loves! It strengthens us—develops us into the CHARACTERS He is creating! It teaches us to rely on HIM—and reliance on Yahweh is the very foundation of Character.

Yahshua suffered, and was made perfect through suffering! Paul suffered! WE suffer-to the end that we shall learn. We are being created, in true righteousness and holiness, unto GOOD WORKS! Unto perfect CHARACTER! And so it is that in His matchless WISDOM Yahweh has permitted man to sin. Yahweh permits nations to go to war! Yahweh permits wickedness throughout the entire world including evil acts of terrorism, like the recent attack on the United States with the coordinated aerial attack on the World Trade Center and Pentagon on Tuesday September 11, 2001!

For almost 6,000 years Yahweh has permitted mankind with his selfish pursuits and godless governments to sway this world, to deceive it into transgression of His Law, that it might learn by reaping that the results of his ways are not good! The RESULTS are the staggering mountain of woe and human misery, the fear, the heartache, the injustice and the suffering in this world today! A comparatively few true Christians have learned that Yahweh’s WAY is good!

The DANGER of Hugeness

Yahweh has given us powers approaching the creative that we might learn, through them, and through years, centuries and millenniums of experience, to CREATE—not to destroy! That we might learn to direct creative powers into peaceful, useful, PRODUCTIVE channels—not toward harmful, destructive, evil results.

The PURPOSE of life, then, is not to learn to create, devise, plan, and set in motion more and greater forces—but to learn to control the powers at our disposal—to learn to guide them into beneficial uses - to learn to direct them toward DOING GOOD, to produce peace, and happiness, and joy! In other words, to develop Yahweh's CHARACTER!

Once this great principle is seen and grasped, it will be realized that the quantity—that is, the vastness of the creative development, is not the true measure of value or the yardstick of real progress. The important thing is the direction of that development. Thus, the greater the nation's industrial might, the greater is its retrogression if that productive energy is directed toward destruction and evil. That's another way of saying that POWER alone is good or evil according to how it is used. Power uncontrolled, or wrongly directed, becomes DANGEROUS, and the greater the power the greater the danger and the evil. Money, in this world, is power. The love of money is only a form of lust, and when the power of money is directed lustfully, it becomes, truly, a root of all evil.

But MONEY in and of itself is not evil. Employed in right, useful, wise and godly channels, money becomes a great blessing, and the more so used the greater the blessing. We were not put here to see how GREAT man could develop the powers Yahweh permits him to utilize. The important thing is RIGHT DIRECTION-WISE CONTROL-PROPER USE! So far as mere SIZE goes, all the great industries and projects of all nations combined are not a drop in the bucket compared to the greatness of the POWER OF YAHWEH! (Isaiah 40:12-18.)

We are here for the express purpose of learning how to rightly direct the vast powers of Yahweh! Powers so tremendous the mind of man could not now conceive! If we are faithful in little things, Yahweh will entrust us with BIG things, later on, when we're born into His Kingdom! This life is the training ground. Now what powers are at your disposal! And how well are you learning to control and properly direct them?

What YOU Can Do

Well, start out by looking at your temper! Some tempers are mild, and others are quite powerful. Are you learning to control, and rightly direct yours? Your voice is another. Do you use it like a wild, raucous, snarling animal—yelling, accusing, cursing perhaps—or are you controlling it and training it to speak softly, kindly, courteously, and only letting forth its real power when there's purpose in it?

Your personality is a power, if you develop and train it so as to charm, influence, persuade others rightly, to bring pleasure and encouragement and sunshine and inspiration to others, and to lead them as they ought to be led. Most people let their personalities stagnate. They never do one thing to improve or develop them—yet a charming, captivating and persuasive personality is one of the greatest forces for GOOD with which an all-wise Elohim endowed you.

The Power of Money

Your money—your income—is a power Yahweh lets you possess. Do you employ it only for the necessities of keeping alive and for selfish pleasures and desires? The first tenth of every dime or every dollar is NOT YOURS. All of it belongs to Yahweh, and that first tenth Yahweh reserves for His own use - for His work! Yahweh has directed every one of us not only to pay His first tenth, but also to GIVE, liberally of generous offerings besides. They can be used to bring happiness and good to others, in addition to you and your immediate family.

And if you are honest with Yahweh's tithe, faithful and generous with additional offerings, then you are employing the power of money toward the purpose for which you were born. And Yahweh always prospers, now in this life, the honest and faithful tithe-payer! As a Bible-believing follower of Messiah and minister of the true gospel, I have been tithing faithfully since I was converted when I was 19 years of age and I'm 42 now and His blessings are incredible in so many ways, not just financially or materially. Someone asked me one time how I can afford to tithe with a family and a mortgage and bills etc. I responded by telling him, "Brother, I can't afford NOT to tithe!"

THINK for Yourself

From hereon, THINK FOR YOURSELF! Think out your own problems, according to your own circumstances. What powers, what opportunities, are now in your control? Perhaps, through your job, your profession, your business, you have really important powers to wield. Perhaps you have not much more than just your own self. Analyze for yourself your own position and circumstances. Ask yourself, how are you using the powers you may have to use?

And ARE YOU DEVELOPING—GROWING—in self-control, in ability to restrain impulse, wrong desire, selfish motive, or vanity? If you had some really great POWER thrust into your hands to direct—perhaps thirty million dollars—perhaps a vast manufacturing industry with many subsidiaries—would you be able to direct and wield that power as you know Yahweh would have it used?

Are you sure? Well, the test is this: If you are now rightly directing little powers in your control, such as your temper, your voice, your passions and emotion, or your present, possibly small, income, then you probably could be entrusted to control properly at least a slightly larger power. But if you have not yet learned to control and constructively guide even these little powers Yahweh has permitted you to use, then you are not at all qualified or fit to handle greater responsibilities!

Don't ask Yahweh for more money, more powers, and bigger opportunities. First, demonstrate your ability wisely to use the power of a CREATOR over the little powers and opportunities you now have. If you are not faithful even in the paltry unrighteous mammon, who will entrust to your care the TRUE RICHES and the GREAT powers of Yahweh? But, if you are faithful over what Yahweh has already given you, He will say to you some day: "Well done,

thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities!”

True Repentance

Mankind, swayed by human nature, has followed the beaten path of destruction—of polluting, perverting, and destroying whatever he has been allowed to handle and use and control. He has perverted the sacred Word of Yahweh, polluted his own mind, dissipated his body; he has failed to train or has mistaught his children; he has manifested resentment, envy, and hatred toward his neighbor, sought to get the best of his neighbor in a deal; tried to get more out of life than he put into it, which is destruction rather than construction; perverted the human food supply; turned scientific and technological developments into engines of destruction until now, unless Yahweh steps in, he would annihilate human life from off the earth!

Soon, now, Yahshua the Messiah is coming again to earth, to FINISH His tremendous spiritual creation on the SEVENTH millennial day, just as He finished that of the present world on the seventh literal day. Sin and rebellion will be restrained a thousand years. As Messiah healed the sick and preached the Gospel on the literal Sabbath, so He will heal up these ugly wounds of the whole world during His Millennial Sabbath Day!

He shall rebuke strong nations, until they all beat their swords into plowshares, their spears into pruning hooks, and the nations learn war no more—but rather find the way of PEACE!

Competition shall be abolished. The premium will no longer be on GETTING, but on SERVING. A man will no longer be judged successful by what he HAS—what he has been able to amass for himself—but rather by how well, and how much he has served-by how much good he has contributed!

People at last will find the Way to peace, the true source of happiness—they will be filled with JOY! They will learn Yahweh’s laws of health, and they will be vigorous, filled with joyous vital energy! They will be active; they will come into a prosperity we can hardly imagine now! And they shall find salvation, and ETERNAL LIFE!

After a thousand years of this, we shall all look back and COMPARE. We shall compare the actual RESULT of six thousand years of being deceived into living man’s way of competition, of strife, of jealousy, bitterness, envy, greed, and vanity, with the HAPPINESS, the WORLD PEACE, the PROSPERITY, and the energized JOY of one millennium lived by following YAHWEH’S LAWS! We shall have learned our lesson!

We shall have learned that all Power, all KNOWLEDGE and WISDOM, all GOOD, comes alone from Yahweh. We shall have learned that we are not, ourselves, even capable of knowing which is the right way—which are the TRUE values—unless we go to Yahweh for that knowledge, and permit Him to reveal it. We shall have learned that the POWER to become

strong and noble characters also had to come from Yahweh—that we have had to receive EVERY THING from Him! But we ourselves shall have learned these truths, and made our own decisions!

We shall have had to WANT this righteousness of Yahweh with such fervent and burning desire that we have been willing to FIGHT our own selves, to suffer trying to control and to master our selves, and finally to throw ourselves on Yahweh's mercy, trusting in HIS power, in order to overcome! His is the PERFECT character, and His purpose is to create in us, by development and with our consent and active determined effort, His very own perfection until we become like HIM!

Why You Were Born

The PURPOSE of life is that in us Yahweh is really re-creating His own kind—reproducing Himself after His own kind—for we are, upon real conversion, actually begotten as sons (yet unborn) of Yahweh; then, through study of Yahweh's revelation in His Word, living by His every Word, constant prayer, daily experience with trials and testings, we grow spiritually more and more like Yahweh, until, at the time of the resurrection we shall be instantaneously CHANGED from mortal into immortal—we shall then be BORN of Yahweh—WE SHALL THEN BE Elohim, part of the same family of Elohim! How awesome! Think about it!

For the English word “God” comes to us from the Hebrew word “Elohim,” which means the Ever-living, Eternal, Creating, All-Powerful, Governing KINGDOM. “Elohim” means one family of divine beings, which presently consists of the Father and His Son. It can be used in the singular and the plural. But that ONE ELOHIM is also a KINGDOM. There is but one true CHURCH—one Church, but many members! (I Cor. I 2:20). So it is with Yahweh.

As an illustration, there is the mineral kingdom, the plant kingdom, the animal kingdom; and we might segregate it and designate the human kingdom, in this material world. Spiritually, there is the angel kingdom, and, high above all, the KINGDOM OF Yahweh. A human—flesh and blood—cannot enter into the Kingdom of Yahweh (John 3:3-6), but one BORN of Yahweh can!

Do you really grasp it? The PURPOSE of your being alive is that finally you be BORN into the Kingdom of Yahweh, when you will actually BE Elohim, even as Yahshua was and is Elohim, and His Father, a different Person, also is Elohim!

The first beginning toward fulfilling your PURPOSE on earth is to REPENT—repent of these wrong ways, pagan customs and practices. To repent from breaking Yahweh's commandments which includes the fourth, His seventh day (Saturday) Sabbath which, the whole world including religious Babylon has rejected. (Write for a free copy of “The Biblical Day of Worship.”)

Accepting Yahshua the Messiah as personal Savior, truly, means letting Him “who went about doing GOOD” live your life for you henceforth just as He would live it! It means living henceforth by every Word of the Eternal—making the Bible your guide, your AUTHORITY in life. It means you now begin to develop CREATIVE instead of destructive powers. You are setting out on a training to become CREATOR—to become Elohim!

When you fully grasp this tremendous, wonderful TRUTH, your mind will be filled with transcendent JOY and GLORY! It gives a NEW MEANING to life so wonderful you’ll never comprehend the full heights of its splendor!

It means, of course, total renunciation, denial, of those injurious things and ways that have falsely seemed so bright and alluring to this world.

But your eyes will be open at last to the great deception—the scales will fall from your blinded vision—you’ll see the meaning of life, its great purpose, as you never dreamed it could be! Giving up the “bright lights” of this world’s evils, temptations and pitfalls—its snares and delusions which have glittered and then ended only in sorrow and suffering—is but emerging from gross DARKNESS into the splendor of TRUE LIGHT, and of happiness and joy FOREVER. “For you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that you should show forth the praises of Him who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.” (I Peter 2:9).

KNOWLEDGE is of no value except as it is used. Not the hearers, but the doers of the law shall be justified. (Romans 2:13). The command to STUDY is for the purpose of putting the instruction into action that we may “show” ourselves approved unto Yahweh. And it is written, “A good UNDERSTANDING have all they that do His commandments.” (Psalm 111:10).

Since the purpose of the knowledge is to do, the doing is the condition to acquiring right knowledge. Bible study is of value only in proportion as the knowledge revealed is incorporated into your character in actually living it by allowing Messiah to live out His righteous life in you and through you! This is why Paul tells us, “To whom Yahweh would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the gentiles; which is Messiah IN YOU, the hope of glory!” (Col.1:27).