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Helping God Help Us

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COMMENTS ON SPIRITUALITY

We have a tendency to blame the Jewish people for the death of Christ when that isn't the case. They are as innocent as anyone is. In fact, more so probably than we are because they are in a position where they have not accepted Christ yet, but we as Christians have. Yet, how many times do we crucify Him every day? Every time you refuse to accept an opportunity to demonstrate your Christian belief, you are partially responsible for driving a nail in. We might not like to hear that, but that happens to be a fact of life.

Every time you turn your back on somebody who needs something, you are acting as the Sadducees and the Pharisees. Every time you contribute to gossip and slander, you are just as responsible as the Sadducees and the Pharisees for killing Christ. You can't, you absolutely cannot,

be striving for a higher consciousness if you participate in that kind of stuff continuously. If you do, then you are trying to fool the world, but you are fooling no one but yourself. We can always see what a person is saying, but that person who is saying it has a very difficult time seeing. Try listening to people and

then watch their actions. You will know whether they are spouting "hot air" or whether they are talking fact.

We can't be perfect. We can't do everything right, but once we take the first step, as we discussed earlier, we can't stop there. We try to take a second step. Just like a child learning to walk; he may take one or two steps and then fall down. He gets back up and tries again. He can't just lie there and feel sorry for himself. If

we are sincere, we will always pick ourselves back up and go on from there. I can't tell you the number of times that I personally became frustrated, lost my temper and did things that I should not at work. I regret it every time and try to correct it for that time. For a while I am successful, but after a few days I find myself back doing the same thing. That is bad. It is not the Christian way. My lack of control shows that I am not sincere in

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that effort. Sometimes I am, and I exercise good control over my temper; other times I don't. It is a step-by-step process. If you concentrate too much on the total goal that you are supposed to achieve, that is apt to discourage you from trying, but if you glance at it lightly once in a while and focus your attention on your step-by-step experiences, then it makes that task a little easier. As long as you keep in the back of your mind what you are supposed to do with yourself, that acts as a stimulus to continue to work in the "now."

One of the things that I have learned is that God is now. That is an interesting statement, but if you think on it and meditate on it, you find that it is true, God is now. Every time we open ourselves up to the love of God, He is now. Whenever we do

something for someone, that is God acting in the world. Whenever we allow God to use us, He is acting through us to touch someone else. This is something that we should always keep in mind. That thought helps us to control those things that we have to control in ourselves. If we realize that every time, we do something we should do, we are actually doing something that God wants to do Himself. He is acting through us to touch someone else. The lady down the street may need a visit very badly. God may want to visit her VERY badly. He may be screaming to visit her, but if we don't go visit her, He may never be able to see her. He may never be able to enter her house. Think about that. It is not that God isn't capable, but He may not be capable of doing it through us, and God loves to work

though His children.

There is a lot of talk about the Christ Consciousness and all of this grand stuff, the secrets of life. There aren't any secrets in life. We like to say that there are secrets

so that we have a good excuse for not doing what is necessary. The great secret is that God is present in this life providing we allow Him to be. God wants to touch you and everyone around you, but He can't do it unless you allow Him. You don't have to walk around "holier than thou." All you have to do is be a nice person. Do the little things that only take a minute or two. The big things aren't that much. It is the little things that count. God works in very natural ways through very natural means. If we are supposed to be the temple of the Holy Spirit, which is another facet of God, then we should see to it that we open the door to that temple once in a while and let Him out.

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Spiritual Dialogues—Bible Study

I would like to take this opportunity to report on our first Spiritual Dialogue session of the year. We present sessions the first Saturday of the month with the exception of January through March, and the month of July. They are held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 425 Cleveland Ave. SW Canton, Ohio at 7 P.M. This year we are focusing on the Bible Studies of William LePar.

It has been 13 years since Bill left us, but his legacy continues. We maintain his website. We make new additions at least twice a month. The newsletter continues with new articles from Bill based on previously unpublished works of his. We are both fortunate and honored to have the opportunity to present new insights to the public. The Bible Study series is a continuation of our efforts.

At our April meeting we played recordings of his first Bible class from October 22, 1976. All of the

recordings were preserved on cassette tapes and shortly after Bill's passing copied to a computer. We divided the Bible Class recording into tracks of approximately 7 to 10 minute segments so that we could discuss the content of each track before playing the next one. Each attendee was given a printout of the tracks. These were taken from volume one of the *Book of John* which is available in e-book form on our website, Amazon.com or Smashwords.com along with volumes two through six. Printed copies are also available from our website. The final volume will be available at our October 12th conference.

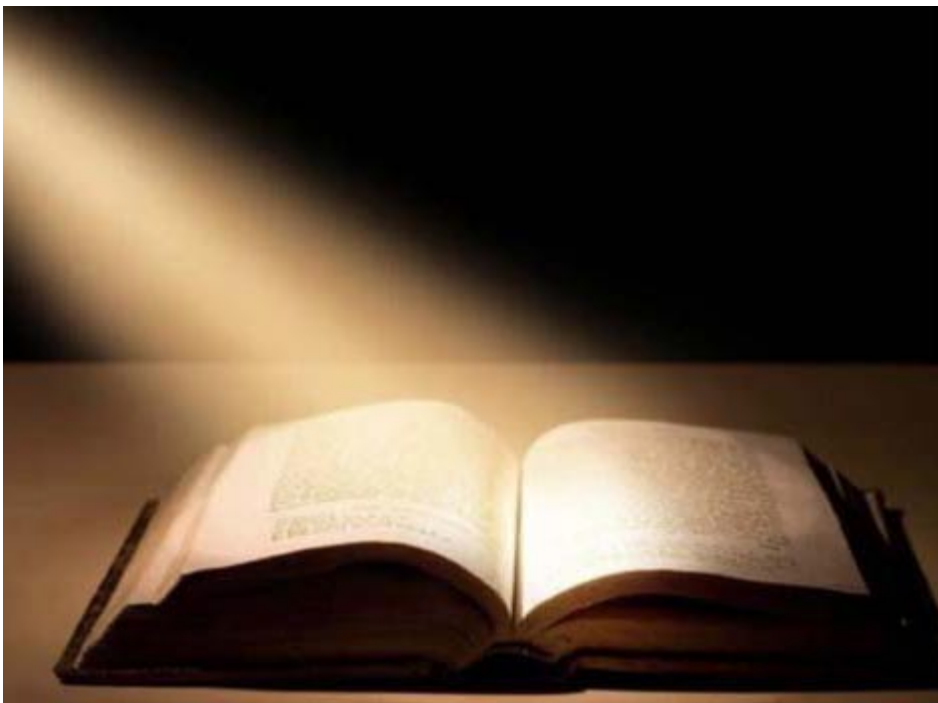
Those in attendance felt that it was inspiring to hear the talk and to be able to follow along with the printout. A group discussion and questions were taken after the playing of each track. The major points discussed by Bill in this first class, titled *The Foundations of the Bible*



David Ries

were the importance of the first five books of the Bible, known as the Pentateuch to those of the Jewish religion. He also reviewed its historical transformation to its present form. Bill covered the historical accuracy of the Old Testament based on the archeological discoveries, particularly the Dead Sea Scrolls. The attendees were given insights by Bill on the differences between the literal interpretation and the contextual interpretation of the Bible. Lastly, he talked about the symbolism in the Bible while giving us some in-depth evaluation of the Adam and Eve story. Bill discussed each of the principal subjects and demonstrated how each can be viewed depending on the depth that you go to with the story. He explained what should be viewed beyond the surface while interpreting Adam, Eve, the serpent, the tree of good and evil and the consequences of eating the forbidden fruit.

Everyone was in agreement that we should continue with this format for the next meeting. We plan to finish the first Bible Class recordings and move to the second one which will discuss the Synoptic Gospels. We greatly encourage everyone to attend.



The Signs of the Times

Spring brings a new adventure for many in our society, as they graduate from various educational institutions. Some are young and will now journey into adulthood. Others are adults who returned to the classroom for the appropriate schooling, so they could seek a new and better path in life. But a successful journey through life requires more than the tools of the trade.

In a conversation with William Allen LePar in the early 2000s, we were discussing the causes for our deteriorating society. (Never dreamed back then that it would get as bad as it is now.) The main problem, he explained, is that we have our priorities wrong. By choice.

I mentioned an unsettling feeling that came over me back in the spring of 1971, as I watched a loved one graduate from college.

“Could this be considered an illustration of that point?” I asked, explaining the graduation scene in the college’s football stadium. “I saw this sea of colored hats of people getting bachelor’s degrees and different colors getting masters and doctorates in this and in that. And it hit me: This is going on in hundreds of places over the next few weeks all across the country, maybe thousands. Every year it has been going on. More and more people getting more and more education and we are getting dumber and dumber because we have our priorities skewed somehow.”

LePar: “Well, you see, it is a sign of a materialistic society. We think that education is something that is going to make us better. It may make us better in the sense of finances, social standing, but it has nothing to do with being better as a human being. Education gives us the ability to gain more possessions. It doesn’t give us the ability to be a better human person. Give me a person who has some good common sense and hasn’t had a day of education, and I can guarantee you that that person will progress spiritually a lot faster, a lot more profoundly, than a well-educated person because he isn’t bothered with the acceptable trends of society.

“You have heard of political correctness.

Isn’t that kind of hypocrisy when you are talking about spirituality, ‘Well, I have a bachelor’s degree in this, I have a doctoral degree in that’? When you try to relate that to a person’s spiritual evolvment, that is hypocrisy because spiritual awareness or spiritual growth has nothing to do with the material aspects of life. It has to do with the internal aspects of you. It has to do with your personal relationship with your God whether you call Him God or Buddha or Allah, it doesn’t make any difference, it is all the same God. Man has divided God up into separate gods. This was not God’s choice. He is One. That Force is One Force, but He carries many identities because man deemed it necessary.

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Denny Highben

“We have many religions. God only has one religion, and that is His relationship with you. Now, if you want to dress that up in a traditional religion, there is no harm in that. Traditional religions offer a lot of support to people, a lot of encouragement. There is no harm in that. It is when we start saying, ‘My religion is better than yours. My God is the real God. Your God is the false god.’ That is when we start treading on very dangerous ground because you are trying to tell God who He loves and who He doesn’t love. And then we are asking for the super kick in the pants.

“Again, in this country, we have a lot of hypocrisy, a lot of hypocrisy, and we rationalize it all. Rationalization is nothing but the self-choice of self-blindness. As long as you want to be blind, you are going to be blind. The minute you really decide you want to begin to see the truth, you are going to see the truth. It is that simple. It is your choice.

“Most people don’t want to see the truth, because then they have to take full responsibility of where they are at and who they are, and God forbid. In this country, we are not a society of people who want to assume responsibility. We are too busy to get involved. . . . Why are you so busy? What is going on in your life that you are so busy? You are running around like a chicken with its head cut off and what are you accomplishing? Nothing, nothing productive. You are acquiring more things and you are having to reach deeper and deeper into unsavoriness to keep what you have and to acquire more. It is the fish tank syndrome that I talk about in my lectures. You get in that fish tank and you are a big shark there. You are existing off the other, smaller sharks. You are chewing them up right and left for the meal of the day. And you finally get to the point where you are THE big guy in the tank. Well, surprise, surprise, you were not smart enough to look down into the murky depths to see that there is a shark there that is a heck of a lot bigger than you and now it is your day. You are the meal of the day.

“A lot of people say that is such a gloomy outlook on life. Well, let us face reality. It is not a

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pretty picture, but how are you going to make any changes in yourself until you realize where you are at? You can’t begin to change one iota of yourself until you are willing to accept who you are and what you are and where you are at. Once you are willing to accept the full responsibility of that, then, as you said earlier, you can experience the beginning of a resurrection. You have a point to start from. You have information to work with. You know what has to be changed. But who wants to reach that point? Goodness gracious, if I come to that reality, then I have blown all my rationalizations, all my excuses. What can I do? I will have to do some work. There is no more free handout.

“I don’t see our condition as a dark condition. I don’t see society as a dark society. I see it as a means of good potential. The fact that there are some who can see clearly and can see things as they really are, they can see through the smokescreen and the fog of rationalization, I think that is wonderful because they are presenting the picture of reality as it really is. People can see that. That gives them the starting point. That helps them to find themselves in that picture and start. I choose not to be a painter of the Pollyanna attitude. I choose to deal with the reality that the facts present. When we ignore the facts, we create the fantasy of the Pollyanna attitude which causes those who subscribe to it to become blind. If one is blind, one cannot see reality; therefore, one cannot change, thus being condemned by his own blindness. To change, one must see what needs to be changed.”

Nothing Gold Can Stay



It is customary for an artist, when he finishes a painting, to give it a name. It may be merely a way to distinguish it from other paintings, but sometimes it's more than that. At times an artist might feel that an appropriate name would add something to the art, to imbue it with a little more meaning. The title may hint at something more than the paint displays, may make the viewer more aware of what the artist wanted to express. If the title is borrowed from poetry, then the meaning of the poetry may become a part of, and enhance, the expression of the painting. "Nothing Gold Can Stay," the name of the painting shown here,

is also the title of a poem by Robert Frost. The artist borrows, for his painting not just the title of the poem, but some of its meaning. What one calls a painting doesn't really add to its quality; it is more like a seasoning—it doesn't change anything, but it might just add a little something to it. The bright yellow male goldfinch loses his golden hue after the spring and summer seasons and turns for winter into a rather drab neutral olive brown.

Nothing Gold Can Stay

*Nature's first green is gold,
Her hardest hue to hold.
Her early leaf's a flower;
But only so an hour.
Then leaf subsides to leaf.
So Eden sank to grief,
So dawn goes down to day.
Nothing gold can stay.*

Of course we know that Frost's poems are nature poems only on the surface. We have only to read the line, "So Eden sank to grief," to think beyond the interplay of greens and golds in nature's springtime.

Nature's changes, mutability, loss, are all hinted at in Frost's poem. Though sometimes we would dearly love the world to stay steady, it ever changes. Our children, the center of our young adult years, cannot stay; those we love and have bound ourselves to for our lifetime, cannot stay; all falls away; the center cannot hold.

The purpose of this story, however, is not to lament what must necessarily pass away. It is to recognize that all things have their time, their season, and though just because they fade from view, lessen, diminish, does not mean that they have not served, and are not now serving, their purpose.

Those of us who have been part of the SOL organization over the years must now come to grips with the idea that it, too, is no longer in its “golden” era. There are many reasons for our decline. When SOL first started, interest in the metaphysical was at a high, but that gradually faded away. Of course, when The Council stopped the Trances and then when William LePar died, SOL suffered its worst losses, and though we have carried on, it has been more of a groping in the twilight rather than following a pure leading light. But we ourselves have been a light, we have had a following, we have made a difference, if only to a few, many fewer than we had hoped. It is all part of the natural cycle:

*“Our little systems have their day;
They have their day and cease to be;
They are but broken lights of thee,
And thou O Lord, art more than they.”*

In Memoriam, Alfred Tennyson

And though we are not now what we once were, we have a reason for encouragement. We still do the work, but it is mostly now for ourselves and for future generations, for those who will pick up and read the words of The Council and William LePar in years to come. The Council has said:

“Many forms of belief have been created over the eons of time. Some of them have built a, shall we say, strong avenue of existence; others somewhat weaker; others have been totally consumed by other thoughts, other beliefs. This particular information, these attitudes, our efforts to clear away the misunderstanding brought by man’s words and ignorance, by his desire not to accept what is, will eventually develop into a form that will, how shall we put it, be equal to even the greatest thoughts, at least. So in this sense then all of you are participating in a spiritual experience and not a mere psychic phenomena. What you do not observe now, today, tomorrow, next year, does not mean that it does not exist now, today, tomorrow, next year. Remember how elusive your time is and even your very state of experience in the material manifestation as YOU observe it. There are some things that cannot be explained as clearly as we would like to explain them, simply because you have not the thoughts let alone the words. So in such areas we are extremely limited in an explanation that would be understandable. It is like building another road to heaven. Some roads are well-built; others are thrown together quite quickly, and thus deteriorate very fast, with the season they crumble and fall away and the brambles grow over that spot, so that those passers-by who come tomorrow are never aware there

was a road there the day before; and in this experience you are building a very firm and wide road that will not crumble in your lifetime or in any lifetime to come. This road will exist long after all of creation has been, shall we say, done away with. We can tell you this. Some may believe; some may not; it is not that important. For those who do believe, good; for those who do not believe, it is not important; use what you can use in what we are offering you; what you cannot use, do not be foolish and toss it completely out of your grasp, for a day may come when it may be useful to you then. Remember much of the psychic information that man has gleaned over the time of his existence has very little sustenance to it; this on the other hand is food for life for those who are willing to partake of it, and that is the difference.”

And that is in keeping with the cyclical nature of the natural world and the spiritual world. It is a comfort to know that words of wisdom are lost and then found, that if “nothing gold can stay,” it doesn’t stay away forever.



Don Weisgarber

CALENDAR

–June 1, 2024. Spiritual Dialogues at 7:00 at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 425 Cleveland Ave. SW, Canton, Ohio.

–July, 2024. No meeting. Holiday

–August 3, 2024. Spiritual Dialogues at 7:00 at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 425 Cleveland Ave. SW, Canton.

–September 7, 2024. Spiritual Dialogues at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 425 Cleveland Ave. SW, Canton.

–October 5, 2024. Spiritual Dialogues at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 425 Cleveland Ave. SW, Canton.

–October 12, 2024. Universal Being Conference at Dogwood Park, North Canton, Ohio.

–November 2, 2024. Spiritual Dialogues at 7:00 at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 425 Cleveland Ave. SW, Canton.

–December 7, 2024. Spiritual Dialogues at 7:00 at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 425 Cleveland Ave. SW, Canton.

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