

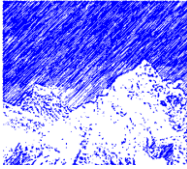
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At the end of Feb. 2008, having reached the age of 56, I returned to the US from my third and final expedition of foreign travel. It was a 17-months-long stay in Seoul, South Korea, that had been quite fascinating. During that 17 months, I had spent the 12 months of 2007 working as an English instructor for the Yonsei University Foreign Language Institute.

Less than a month after my 2008 return to the US, I was surprised to read on the internet of two interesting facts that instantly caught this old Earth-trekker's attention:

1) Arthur C. Clarke had died on March 19, 2008 at age 90 in his Colombo home, on the far-off island of Sri Lanka. I could see many photos of his corpse displayed on the internet, dozens of them, that displayed his outstretched corpse from every possible angle.

— He had remained a convinced atheist and Evolutionist till the very end of his days on Earth, I learned, to my considerable regret. In his continued hostility to all religious faiths, Arthur Clarke had left instructions that no religious service or ceremony of any kind was to be associated with his burial. So he was buried in Sri Lanka according to his written instructions

— Clarke was a case of the blind leading the blind into terminal Evolutionism. Like most Evolutionists, his faith in Evolutionism had become his life-long religion... yet he had insisted till the end that he was only being "scientific" and "objective"—certain that he was not at all religious!

— How ironic. And yet we must remember, this is the same confused person who often said Buddhism is "not really a religion" and who said, bizarrely, that among all the religions of the Earth, he tended to admire Islam for its "tolerance"!

— Clarke thought he could predict the future (as one of the least Bible-minded and most anti-Christian prophets that ever lived), and yet he apparently knew so little about the history of the human race!

— I think Sir Arthur Clarke can definitely be placed into that group of "false prophets" for which Jesus warned us to watch out, and not be deceived! Clarke's predictions of the future, like his s-f novels and stories, were all based upon his certainty that the Bible's prophecies for the future of Earth would never be fulfilled... and that Jesus would never be returning to planet Earth!

— Clarke died as a false prophet who prophesied only out of his own imagination, without any real knowledge of Jesus Christ and the Word of God... with no understanding of the Truth found in Jesus Christ and His Bible.

— How sad and how blind. He died in Darkness, without the Light of Jesus... with no hope of an afterlife with Jesus Christ.

— How could anyone who hates Jesus, or who hates the Triune YHWH God of the Christian Bible, ever end up in the Heaven where Jesus Christ will rule forever...?! Or later be resurrected by Jesus Christ to live in the New Jerusalem and in His new Kingdom on Earth...?!

— Clarke, the "objective scientist," would never have expected such a future for himself. One can dreadfully imagine but only make conjecture about the personal future that Clarke must have built for himself before he died.

— The Christian Bible that he so despised seems to indicate that his own prospects for a future were not particularly good.

2) In searching for some historical/factual data concerning Nepal's Muktinath on the internet, at about this same time in March 2008, I discovered for the first time a new fact about it. To my utter surprise, I learned then that our tiny building at Muktinath, a seemingly insignificant Hindu temple among the hundreds built inside Nepal, but one which I had briefly described in my little Christian evangelism tract... was actually declared to be the second-most-important Hindu temple in that entire nation.

— This unusual news came as something of a shock to me. Since it was so far removed from Kathmandu, so tiny, so isolated, so hard to reach, and so undecorated... I had

always assumed that it was more popular as a destination for foreign trekkers visiting Nepal (like Werner and myself) than it would be for the Nepalese citizens themselves.

I had written my Christian evangelism tract entitled "The Temple Of Miraculous Fire" years later without even realizing that Muktinath was one of the two "most important" Hindu temples in Nepal. There are hundreds more of these Hindu temples, devoted to a vast variety of Hindu gods, to be discovered all over the city of Kathmandu and the entire nation of Nepal.

In early November of 1979, having rejoined my Swiss friend Werner in Kathmandu, I also went along with him to take a quick look at the famous Bodhnath Stupa... an extremely large Buddhist stupa that was to be found in Bodhnath, on the eastern side of Kathmandu. The stupa there in Bodhnath is supposed to be one of the biggest stupas in the entire world! Bodhnath is a region on the outskirts of Kathmandu where a number of Tibetan Buddhist immigrants had settled.

We got to the Bodinath Stupa in the late afternoon, as I recall, not long before sundown... when there were not many people around. Werner and I spent probably a half hour or so just walking around on the gigantic base of this Buddhist stupa.

Over our heads were the strings of prayer-flags that radiated from the topmost point of the stupa, and we stayed there for a long time just looking out upon all the surrounding buildings of this Bodhnath environment. We felt quite invigorated, thrilled, and impressed by this new vista that we had just garnered for our ever-growing collection of Nepal-based experiences. We could see so many of the Tibetan Buddhist immigrants to Nepal moving about us in this, their own corner of Kathmandu.

I was glad that Werner had learned about this spot from his German-language traveler's guide-book for Nepal... and that it had recommended this sight to him, to my own benefit.

Just a short walk away from the Bodhnath Stupa was the Bagmati River and the famous Pashupatinath Temple, dedicated to Shiva-Pashupati. That's another way of saying that this huge Hindu temple, so much larger and more flamboyant than the tiny and inauspicious temple that we would later see at Muktinath, is dedicated to Shiva (the Hindu god of death and destruction) under the face of his Pashupati form.

Pashupatinath Temple was the much-visited and much-revered site of cremations for an unending procession of Nepalese corpses, as generation after generation of Nepalese Hindus brought their dead there for the seemingly endless, almost daily cremations of their family members and loved ones.

Foreign visitors who are non-Hindus, such as Werner and myself, were never allowed to enter Pashupatinath Temple, so we didn't make any big effort to get into its grounds, even though it was so nearby on that day when we visited the Bodhnath Stupa.

What most of the foreign explorers and trekkers were able to do back then, even in 1979, was to merely stand on the other side of the Bagmati River and observe from a distance (assuming the time was right for a funeral ceremony on that particular day) the ancient cremation practices of the Nepalese Hindus.

The usual method of cremation for all the Nepalese Hindus is that they will take the corpse of their loved one to a spot before Pashupatinath Temple and there burn the corpse on a ghat at the river's edge. The temple is located right at the edge of the Bagmati River, conveniently, and when the cremation ceremony is accomplished, the ashes and the remains of the human corpse are submerged in the highly-revered Bagmati River.

The Bagmati River actually begins in the Himalayan mountains somewhere, then comes down into Kathmandu and the area of the Pashupatinath Temple. Eventually the Bagmati River merges with the Ganges River of India.

To the Hindu people in Nepal, the Bagmati is considered to be equally as holy as the Ganges is regarded to be by the Hindus in India. The popular site of Pashupatinath and its little section of the Bagmati River is therefore very much like the Varanasi region of the Ganges that Werner and I would be visiting later on, on Feb. 12, 1980, when we moved into a hotel room in Varanasi.

Like I said before, I didn't have an English guide-book to tell me about all of the more than 100 temples in the city of Kathmandu, and Werner's guide-book was in the German language, so it was no help to me at all. I didn't know much about Pashupatinath back then, in terms of any real factual knowledge, even though we were passing through the nearby vicinity on that day when we went to visit the Bodinath Stupa.

In March of 2008, having returned from Seoul to the US, I finally learned through the internet's online resources that the Muktinath Temple was highly esteemed as the second-most-important Hindu temple in all of Nepal... and that Kathmandu's own Pashupatinath Temple is ranked as the most important Hindu temple in Nepal. That knowledge only came to me after the passage of about 27 years!

I spent 2 whole months visiting Kathmandu and Nepal, went on two big-time treks with Werner, then spent almost two months more touring India... that followed by about 1 week in Colombo, Sri Lanka (an amazing week, though, since I got to see Arthur Clarke on two of those days... picking up his autograph and that of Robert Heinlein in the process)... and after 7 years of traveling in Asia and the Pacific, I finally went back to the US mainland. Yet it took me nearly 27 years to finally stumble onto such a basic piece of information about Nepal!

Guess I really should have passed out some of my money for an English guidebook to Nepal when I was still in Kathmandu!

But you have to remember that, in my youthful days as a backpacking vagabond, I was not your typical "rich American" traveler. Hey, you need to remember that I did my entire 7-months-long expedition through Britain, Europe, and Israel, back in 1975-76, with a total expenditure of less than \$3,200 in US money.

And similarly, this economy-backpacker managed to carry on the entire 10 months of my second expedition, the Orient-and-Asia trip of 1979-80, on less than \$7,000 US. Then I remember arriving on the Pacific isle of Guam in May of 1980 with almost no dollars left... a rather scary situation.

Those few remaining American Express checks were the last money I had in this world. I had spent just about all of my savings and could have become stranded on Guam. But I had left myself only two possibilities—1) stay on Guam with not enough money left to fly back to the mainland US, with my food-and-shelter money rapidly running out, or 2) get a job on Guam so I could continue life in a more comfortable fashion.

You can imagine how happy I was when God heard my prayer and I finally arranged for long-term employment with the Department of Education on Guam! My whole "stash" of travel-money was almost completely gone when I finally went back to work again.

Yes, I was what you would call a "super-economy" traveler back in those days— not at all the typical "rich American" traveler. Even now, as I soon turn 59 years of age... I fully realize that I never did manage to become one of those "rich Americans" that I've always heard about.

And that's why I didn't spend any of my hard-earned dollars for a human travel-guide or even a guide-book during the entire two months that I had spent visiting Nepal.

Now all the natives of Nepal will undoubtedly think: "What an ignorant and foolish young American, to spend 2 whole months traveling in Nepal without even having a guide-book that he could read in his own English language!

"He was such a foolish young lad, so ignorant and blind, that he actually thought the Muktinath temple was NOT a very important one— just because it happened to be so tiny, so undecorated, and so inauspicious... and located in a far-off, hard-to-reach region of Nepal!

"He was so blind that he didn't even know that the Pashupatinath temple is considered by all the Nepalese people to be the most important Hindu temple among more than 100 temples that fill Kathmandu!"

But there are vast numbers of people (all over the nation of Nepal, and all over the Earth) who are totally blind to the divinity of Jesus Christ, and blind to the Truth of His Holy Scripture... simply because they have never picked up and thoroughly studied the special guide-book that Jesus Christ wrote for them.

It was another important duty which God The Son had performed in His divine role as the Holy Word of Triune YHWH God. But so many people on Earth have endlessly ignored the masterpiece of wisdom and guidance that Jesus wrote for us... when the divine Word of Triune YHWH God produced for us the Holy Christian Bible!

Jesus Christ is the Word of YHWH God, the Author of Life, and He is also the author of the Holy Christian Bible. He wrote it to serve as a travel-guide for all the trekkers and inhabitants of planet Earth... as they proceed through the long journey of a lifetime in a confusing world, where it's all too easy to become lost.

If I had been carrying a Christian Bible with me during those two months I spent trekking in Nepal, I would have had with me an immensely valuable guide-book that could show me the **ONLY** route to Heaven. It is the Absolute Truth of life, designed specifically for the journey of a lifetime on Earth.

Jesus wrote it for us, and He is the Way, the Truth, and the only Source for winning an Eternal Life with the Triune YHWH, Who's the God of Heaven.

I'll say something here that may shock you. Yes, I was **very stupid** to have spent two whole months traveling in Nepal without ever purchasing a traveler's guide-book in English that could have given me huge amounts of helpful information about Nepal.

— Especially since I didn't have any good English-language maps either, except for one of Kathmandu. And back then in Nepal, I didn't even have a laptop computer or internet access to use as an alternative.

— So instead I had to depend totally upon Werner's reporting to me from what he had read in a German-language guide-book for Nepal... one I couldn't even read for myself! Yes, that was **very stupid of me, no doubt about it!** It was a case of **excessive economizing** on my part!

But do you know what I'm thinking now? Here's something even *more* shocking...!

I'm thinking now that every human being in Nepal today—including an extremely large number of Hindus and Buddhists— will turn out to have been **every bit as stupid, as foolish, and as ignorant as I was** during two months in Nepal **with no guide-book...** if you have **never purchased and thoroughly studied** your own copy of the Holy Christian Bible, **God's Guide-Book** for all the Travelers and Inhabitants of planet Earth...!

— Don't be ignorant of God's Truth and lost at all times! You need to spend plenty of time reading God's Bible carefully from cover to cover... from the Beginning to the End!

— You need to read the Holy Christian Bible carefully and thoroughly in your own native language, because the Word of God, Jesus Christ, personally wrote that book for us to be our Completely Informative Traveler's Guide-Book for living in a confusing world! He wrote it so that you wouldn't end up lost all the time in a world full of trouble and traps. In it, He gives you a rather complete history of the human race... telling you how our planet got its start and just what will be its ultimate destiny!

— In the Holy Christian Bible, Jesus shows you His entire plan for the human race, why there is so much suffering... and how He plans to make a new Paradise on Earth some day for all of the Saved Remnant... a portion of the human race that He plans to rescue and preserve for Himself!

When I was a young boy still in my high school years, I enjoyed reading a slightly realistic novel called *Lost Horizon*, by James Hilton, which made me dream of a fantastic village called Shangri-La... a wonderful place that was believed to be hidden away (and very hard to find), in some inaccessible part of the Himalayas or the other great mountains of Tibet.

In the highly imaginative novel *Lost Horizon*, there was supposed to be something special about the environment of Shangri-La that would cause its citizens to live incredibly long lifetimes on Earth, so that they became almost immortal... but only so long as they stayed inside the village of Shangri-La. If they went outside the village for a long while, they quickly died.

When Jesus Christ, the Word of Triune YHWH God, created for us the Traveler's Guide-Book that is His Holy Christian Bible... He did something truly remarkable for all the people of Nepal.

Jesus created for you a traveler's guide-book that is full of great maps and excellent directions, telling you exactly how you can find a real Shangri-La... and an amazing Fountain of Youth... right there in Nepal!

You see the Holy Christian Bible tells you all about the fact that Jesus Christ Himself is one of the very first examples of the Resurrection of the Dead... and that He plans a great Resurrection Day for our future.

In that great Resurrection Day of the future, the "saved" spirits of all the loyal followers of Jesus— those who were faithful to him till the end of the hard times we see now in these Last Days— will be given new Glorified Resurrection Bodies.

These Glorified Resurrection Bodies will be actual physical bodies that can eat food, talk, and touch people... just like Jesus did in His own Glorified Resurrection Body, as He appeared to His disciples for 40 days following His torturous death on a wooden cross and His three days in the grave.

But the Glorified Resurrection Body that Jesus displayed to humanity after His own Resurrection also had some very surprising and unusual new powers: For example, it could pass right through a solid wall with ease, as Jesus' Resurrection Body is reported to have done on one occasion when He entered through a wall to join His human disciples in a locked room.

And His Glorified Resurrection Body was also able to actually float through the air and fly up into the clouds at the time of Jesus' final Ascension to Heaven... as He finally said "farewell" to His human disciples and returned to the realm of His Heavenly Father.

The Bible promises that His human followers, after death, will someday have their spirits re-incarnated in a Glorious Resurrection Body that will have youthful health, immortality,

and super-powers very similar to those that Jesus displayed in His own Glorified Resurrection Body. Wow! What an amazing idea!

We are promised that those new bodies will give every one of His once-human followers a wonderful return to a youthful appearance and a super-healthy condition that they may have lost as they lived out so many years on the old planet Earth!

We are promised that, after this Resurrection Day, we will have an Eternal Youth and an Eternal Life in the presence of the Triune YHWH God. After that day, we will be joining King Jesus Christ forever in a fabulous place—far better than any imaginary Shangri-La—as He provides us with a mansion in His heavenly city, the New Jerusalem.

In addition, we will all be given a position of useful service under the King of the Universe... as He establishes His new Kingdom on Earth!

So you see, when Jesus speaks in the Holy Bible and says that He is "the Living Water" and "the Water of Life," He is really saying that you should come to Him and take a drink of His spirit... because He is the Source of Life, the Creator of our Universe... and a Fountain of Eternal Youth!

But all these good things are reserved only for the spirits of the chosen (after death) and His "saved remnant" from the entire human race. These rewards are destined only for those followers who were steadfastly loyal to Jesus during the former earthly lifetime; they are for those who remain completely faithful to Him till the very end of the hard times we see now in these Last Days of the old Earth.

The time of humanity's wickedness in this present world (where Satan reigns as a usurper prince)— will finally be over! Jesus Christ will finally ascend to His proper position on a throne over Jerusalem and all the Earth.

Jesus Christ will then finally reign on Earth as the King of Jerusalem, the King of Earth, and the King of the entire Universe!

The people so rewarded will be only a small portion of Earth's current population, and it will be a relatively small portion of the total population from Earth's entire history, actually.

That's why Jesus warned His followers (all of us, past and present) that "tiny is the gate and narrow is the path" that leads to Eternal Life with the Triune YHWH God. Jesus warns us in Scripture also that "wide is the road to Hell" and destruction, "and MANY are those who follow it."

Some of us will still be alive for the Rapture—a sudden "catching up" of His followers into the air—at the time of Jesus' Return to Earth. That's why He told us to "watch," to be always watching for His sudden Return.

Arthur C. Clarke once wrote a fantastic science-fiction novel that he named "*The Fountains Of Paradise*." How sad that he never discovered the only absolute Reality of his Universe... the fact that Jesus Christ is the Only Source of Truth, the author of the Holy Christian Bible, the only route to Heaven's paradise.

Jesus Christ, and Jesus Christ alone, is the Fount of Truth, and in a marvelous way, He's also the Fountain of Eternal Youth. He's the Source of Living Water... a stream of which is right now appearing in Nepal at a heavenly spot which might turn out to be quite memorable for you... and maybe even a transformative moment in your life.

The Living Water of Jesus Christ is actually gushing forth now in many different locations all over planet Earth... in many heavenly streams. It all got started when a powerful waterfall from Heaven's River of Life burst forth from the

Rock of the Ages, the Rock That Is Higher Than All... Jesus Christ.

Jesus is the Way, the Only Route to Heaven's Paradise (the New Jerusalem) and the new Kingdom of Triune YHWH God on Earth.

Jesus Christ Himself is the only fount of Living Water, the Fountain of Paradise. You can find His wondrous path to Eternal Life if you pick up and study any copy of the Holy Christian Bible that you come upon right there in Nepal.

His guide-book always works great, no matter which language it may be using!

The Bible declares that YHWH God says to us, "All those who hate Me love death." Jesus says also that, "Whoever hates Me hates My Father also."

I hope the people of Nepal (and all other countries in the world) will choose to be a lot smarter than Arthur C. Clarke.

Choose Life, not Death.

Choose the Living Water of Jesus Christ. He's the only Fountain of Eternal Youth that exists for planet Earth, a Source of Living Water that He wishes all the world's people could discover and appreciate... the only Source of Eternal Life with God.

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You gain Eternal Life with YHWH God by placing Jesus Christ, Who in the Trinity of YHWH God created our Universe, upon a throne at the center of your heart! He deserves that position and that kind of respect. He was first God The Son, but when born in human flesh He became the only sinless and righteous person who ever lived. Yet He has sacrificed Himself on a cross for your sake, taking all guilt and sins upon Himself— for you and for me, and for all

people everywhere on Earth— that whoever wishes for salvation may be rescued from the due punishment of sins.

If you will do this, you will gain a new contentment and peace as you accept Triune YHWH God's great organizational plan for the Universe . . . because you'll be letting Triune YHWH God be the Ruler of All Things in this world . . . and in your own life.

All it really takes is a simple but sincere little prayer— one that you should make up in your own words. The prayer for deliverance and for the Triune YHWH God's leadership should come from your own heart!

Some important elements that you might include are:

- 1) your desire to turn away from the wrongness or evil of your past life, and your remorse over the sins of your previous life,
- 2) your desire for Triune YHWH God's forgiveness and mercy through the act of sacrifice of His Only Begotten Son (Jesus Christ),
- 3) your desire to know Triune YHWH God's leadership in your life,
- 4) your desire to learn more of Triune YHWH God's truth through Bible study,
- 5) your desire to find fellowship with genuine believers.

When you're saved, you'll know Jesus is King of the Universe, and also the Lord and Master of your life. You'll know the three faces of YHWH God Almighty: God The Father, God The Son, and God The Spirit.

His Holy Light will start to be visible in your own face and actions!

Jesus said of the people of God that "The kingdom of heaven is like a net that God has cast into the sea, and it gathers of every kind: When it is full, it will be pulled up on the shore, where they will sit down to sort the catch, and they will collect the good fish in baskets, but the bad things will be thrown away. This is the way it will be at the end of

the world: The angels shall come forth, and they will separate the unrighteous persons from among those justified by God . . ."

Excerpt from the book of Matthew, who was a constant companion of Jesus and his devoted disciple [13:47-50]

Jesus spoke of the people of God as being like a seed that is growing secretly, saying, "As for the kingdom of God, it is as if a person should cast seed into the ground; and then he sleeps, and he rises up night and day to see that the seed is springing forth and always growing up, although he knows not exactly how. The Earth is bringing forth fruit from itself; first the blade, then the ears of corn, and after that the fullness of the ears of corn. And when all the fruit of the Earth has come forth, immediately God will use the sickle to reap the fields, because the harvest-time has come."

Excerpt from the book of Mark [4:26-29]

It's extremely important for all of us to remember this:

- 1) **WE SPEAK TO TRIUNE YHWH GOD** by our prayers.
- 2) **TRIUNE YHWH GOD SPEAKS TO US** by the words of His Holy Scripture, in the Word of God written by His Son.

So we must try to read His words and His Book just as often as we possibly can... on a daily basis!!

Almighty YHWH, The Triune God of Israel and all the Earth, wants to bless you through His Only Begotten Son of Man, Jesus Christ— Yeshua, the Messiah of Israel... the soon-coming King of Israel and all the Earth— so let Him reward your search with the grace of His forgiveness and enlightenment!

Triune YHWH God wants to bless you for all your long efforts to understand this very confusing and difficult Universe in which we live. He wants you to be spared from the normal wages of sin and the terrible Day of His Wrath that is yet to come— so let Him reward your lengthy search with the grace of His forgiveness and His enlightenment!

It's better to show good sense now—today—before His Judgment time arrives... so you can't end up regretting your choices for all eternity.

Life and Death have been placed before you. The Word of God says, "All those who hate Me love death." Choose eternal life with Jesus Christ and His Heavenly Father... not an eternal darkness with that evil ruler whom Jesus called "the Prince of Darkness." As God's Only Begotten Son warned us long ago... the Evil One named Satan is forever a murderer and forever the Father of Liars.

Choose new life in Christ, not the ages-old tyranny of Satan... and you'll at last find the narrow path to Heaven... avoiding the popular Wide Road that leads only to the torments of Hell.

Acknowledge the Wisdom of Triune YHWH God... the Righteousness, Holiness, and Divinity of His Only Begotten Son of Man... and the Heavenly Father will no longer see your own sins and shortcomings. They will all be hidden from His sight by a cleansing in the sacrificial blood of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Choose to love YHWH God's Way of Life and growth—not the Liar's way of self-destruction!

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He operates through God The Son in Jesus Christ, His Only Begotten Son of Man...

as He is continuously harvesting the Earth... as His long-range plan for the Earth's transformation goes ever forward...!