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reface

Honorable Seekers of The One True God around the world,

This book was written for the youngest sojourner to the oldest Saint as foundational reading for those searching for peace and love for God and mankind. This is Volume II, which is *History of the Love of God—A Love More Ancient Than Time*. Volume I, *The Origin of Good and Evil*, is a suggested prerequisite to this book.^[1]

Although the title includes the word “history,” it is impossible, other than with broad strokes, to cover the interaction of God and mankind in the long perspective of antiquity. It is a formidable task to tackle the truth of Divine Love...the definition, the source, the dissemination and the purpose of Divine Love...in light of the fact that there is a capable enemy of this truth who uses as his principal weapon the counterfeit of love. Up to this point in life, we have all had different experiences of God and different definitions of what we believe True Love to be. Volume II makes an attempt to expose the hypocritical imitation of love and the human vessels and institutions that satan uses to disseminate this deceitful behavior. This book will then attempt to paint a picture of the incredible beauty of God’s genuine love and His incredible **Kingdom of Love**. It is complicated since God almost solely uses humans as the instruments to disseminate His Divine Love to the world. Instead of this book being 2 large chapters, it is rather divided into 28 chapters, and each continues the theme of both the exposure of satan’s false insidious “love” and the revelation of True Love. The difficulty lies

1 See *Additional Resources in the Appendix* for more about Volume I.

in the fact that satan's imitation can appear so unbelievably similar that it can fool the beholder, but in the end ... there is a huge chasm of disparity in the fruit.

You may not perceive a personal need for more Divine intervention, and many may view our present history as an age of "progress"—yet I perceive that we stand at the apex of socio-economic and spiritual needs. The negative news permeates each nation so that most are aware of the global vacuum of love...the decline in morals, the decline in church attendance and the general collapse of the family with all of its resulting economic woes. If you visit a local hospital, the rooms and the halls are lined with the sick, the depressed and those dying from over-smoking, over-drinking, over-medicating and especially overeating. No doubt there is a dark cloud on the horizon, and perhaps we are approaching the shadows of "the last days" when Jesus warned that the love of man would grow spiritually cold.^[2] The fact is that you may be so burnt out that you do not even feel like reading this book on love, especially if it implies an action. The need for an eternal connection to this Kingdom of Love is essential for life, and according to Christ, it is rare and found on a narrow road; therefore, it does not come with a casual pursuit. But it can be found!

It must be made clear in the commencement of this book that I write from the perspective of a profound belief in a personal, intimate God and from the perspective of witnessing firsthand thousands upon thousands of completely born again, transformed lives who bear great fruit. The evidence supporting that this Truth is from and backed by God is abundant—its examination will prove to be not a waste of your time, but rather a reading that will penetrate the

2 *Matthew 24:1-14*

heart, judging the thoughts and attitude so that—in the end—it gives back time...indeed, an eternity.

It is possible that a new era of the “ice age” is creeping across the globe; therefore, it is time to separate from the world of half-hearted, insincere love and seek with all you have for what God has always wanted: The Kingdom of God in the hearts of the Remnant of Believers in each generation.^[3]

Although the blight of hate is on the historical record in this century—those who join in acknowledging Christ’s Kingdom with their actions will redeem what has been lost, resulting in a revival of Divine Love and perhaps righting the wrong. (A special note: if you are a weary sojourner, if you read nothing else in this book, read Chapter Two, for it will give the most answers and the greatest hope.)

In dedication to the only One who deserves all acclaim, applause, accolades, admiration and adoration, The One True God of Love!

Your servant,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. W. Brown". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

3 The Remnant is a restoration that began in 1999, at the turn of the century, for serious Seekers who have turned from idols and are adoring God alone. “I have reserved for myself seven thousand (symbolic number 7 meaning God has saved the perfect number of loving Saints for Heaven) who have not bowed the knee to Baal.’ So too, at the present time there is a remnant chosen by grace.” Romans 11:4b-5



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Are We Loved By God?

CHAPTER 4

HUMANISM

There is a reason the world is blind to the love of God, but once your eyes are opened you will see a Love that is stronger than any force in the universe. It is strong enough to move mountains into the ocean.

Man's perspective and humanism dominate literature and this western civilization. Humanists can be born, live and die, and yet interpret all the love and beauty on Earth as futile and pointless. The percentage of self-focused people feeling mistreated and jaded, empty, angry and desperate is increasing to the point that more and more people are taking their own lives, and those statistics do not even include the unrecorded, unsuccessful suicide attempts nor the number of people who have considered suicide but not acted on it. A Scriptural Truth is that most men are veiled from Truth. How can two humans live in the same house, the same environment, the same world, and share the same experiences, yet see things so differently? One perceives life as meaningless and devoid of love, while one grasps life as *full of immeasurably deep love* that God has for each of us, full of meaning and purpose. One *loves* life and one is

just getting by or wishing to escape or sleep their way thru this thing called “life.” Those who love man first will never see God’s Love.

VICTIMIZATION

The predominating aura created by SATAN from the cradle to the grave is victimization of mankind and his predicament and plights—though rarely said, it has been often thought that life was just a so-so experiment by God, so just do the best you can, get the

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most out of it, fake it and let the next generation figure it out on their own. Parents and grandparents do not talk much about the purpose of man’s existence because they really do not have any answers—they are so busy with the troubles in life, they have not had enough time to sort it all out or do not want to bring up a

bummer subject nor taint the subject of life with their negative view because kids will find out soon enough. But somehow as a child you can see it on their faces and in their blank stares that after childhood there is not a lot to look forward to.

Perhaps my strongest motivating drive to publish is to offer the counter viewpoint. My prayer was, and continues to be, for mankind to see God’s perspective on His creation and how this entire handiwork is nothing but an unprecedented, colossal act of love. It is amazing how just a change in perspective can completely change your life from A to Z. Thirty-five years ago I wrote Weigh-Down, which is religion from God’s outlook, and by the end of

just the first chapter and lesson one (“The Heart of the Matter”), most people were weeping, for they had never thought about God’s victimization. As it turns out, God is the One who has been taken advantage of by man. But this newfound empathy for God stirs up enough drive within a loving human that it has the power to turn your actions around. New righteous actions bring blessings, so now your whole life is on track for ongoing astounding success. This turn-about is not random or exclusive but rather available to all people everywhere—those who want to empathize with God’s Kingdom and now support God. Whereas at one time it was all about *their* dreams and *their* selfish ambitions, it is now about God’s ambitions and dreams. Now these parents pass down joyful, hopeful, bright pictures and inheritance of the future. It is worth it to live! And all this just from a new perspective on God and the words He has sent down on Earth thru various men and women. Those who consider themselves victims will never see God’s Love.

SELF-LOVE

My take is that without this chapter in your life, it is impossible to move forward into the future chapters of this life in the Kingdom of Love. There are many people who are short-sighted and cannot see past their own nose, so they cannot love anything but themselves...much less God. Unless you pray that God opens up your eyes so that you can see way beyond yourself—way beyond your own household and your own life, way beyond the Earth and the universe—you will never comprehend the perspective of God. Those who have self-love will never see God’s Love.

EYE-OPENING PERSPECTIVE

The first step to changing your perspective is to know we are loved. It is an age-old question... *are we really loved by God? Does He pay any attention to us?* To even begin having the right assessment, you must see that God works with you using both negative and positive reinforcement, so what you think is a curse was there to get your attention and it is about a salvation matter. God is not playing with you—He knows what saves you so that you have a shot at living forever. All blessings and curses—things that have happened and are happening to us—have been screened by God. He knows where you are and what you need. He uses suffering in the hope that you will reach out to Him and find Him.

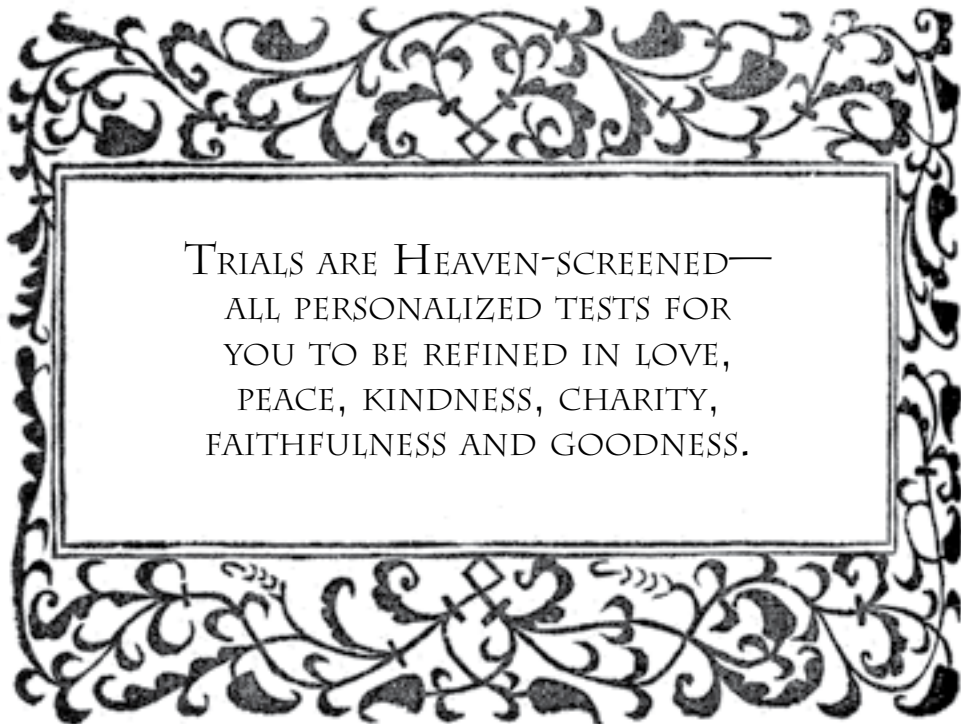
“From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. ‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’” Acts 17:26-28

So if this is true—that God has put us in a certain space and time to encourage us to connect with Him—we must not despise our circumstances because *they have purpose*. First Corinthians 7 is clear:

Nevertheless, each one should retain the place in life that the Lord assigned to him and to which God has called him. This is the rule I lay down in all the churches... Brothers, each man, as responsible to God, should remain in the situation God called him to. I Corinthians 7:17, 24

Though we hear lies from SATAN... do not pay attention to what the dark world is saying, for we are God's workmanship and NOT

just an afterthought or a mistake. There are powerful persuasions that prevent one from ever perceiving God's Love. Once again, lies center around you and get you to focus on pride, projection, and how your situation is far worse than others. We must see that there is a God who is there and who has a plan of love for you, to encourage you to reach out, to connect with Him in love forever. It is all for your ultimate good and salvation.



May I ask you an important question that should not be dropped and one that should be asked every day until you meet your Maker... ***have you reached out to God enough?*** What have you done with your last 24 hours, weeks, months, years? Have you acknowledged and thanked God for your circumstances sufficiently? If not, you have missed valuable time and wasted years simply because you have interpreted troubles as punishment rather than purposeful.

RECONSTRUCTION THRU SUFFERING

Have you ever thought about where hate comes from? Have you ever “hated” someone? Jesus said that hate comes from within a man but we were not born with it. So what generates this feeling? My belief is that it is a choice made when pain is experienced.

Once you come to Christ, are born again and you are walking the path of a Saint,^[1] then Heavenly heart reconstruction begins thru suffering. There are two sources of your pain. The first source is the consequences from your own sin. The second source of pain is simply the prompting for refinement and perfecting the imitation of Jesus Christ—thru screened testing. There is a relieving exhilaration when you comprehend that it is God creating every situation and circumstance. You realize that all the Saints are going thru the same fast-tracked Spiritual University, with hurdles that are all orchestrated by God to transform you.

False counterfeit christianity is run by SATAN and SATAN wants you to think that this is just random “torment” sent out by an indifferent God, or worse, a masochist. If you are not likely to accuse God, then the homestead is often the place that is impugned. When your spouse claims to have come to Christ to be born again, you can make the mistake of thinking that the spouse should change before you change—or have higher expectations for them than for yourself. SATAN will try to convince you that your circumstance is unusually difficult and much harsher—persuading you that your marriage situation is too incredibly painful, parents exceptionally exasperating, boss more oppressive, co-workers exceedingly slanderous, financial situation impossible. Eventually, you believe that

1 “No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God’s seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God.” 1 John 3:9

there is no way a good God would be so unjust. God seems far away and each person has to pick themselves up—their prayers simply hit the ceiling and will not be heard.

The cure for so much pain and stress is to keep all judgments directed on your own heart. Trials are Heaven-screened—all personalized tests for you to be refined in love, peace, kindness, charity, faithfulness and goodness. These are all fruits of the Spirit and they are the characteristics of Christ and God. God is holy and *holy* means to come out or away from evil and sin and then stay



separated from evil. God is Holy because He is pure and then has separated Heaven from hades and the unclean. God has exorcized the demons and bitter attitudes and reserved all the good Angels with sweet attitudes. It is neither male nor female characteristics. God and Godly men will be gentle, patient, kind, loving, full of joy. I have grown to thank God for all the trouble He has gone to—to

select the perfect altar table and refiner's fire for me personally.^[2] Each of us can be carved out to focus only on God, to depend only on God, to love only God—but ultimately, we are His offspring... we are His children, to be like *The Father*, to be God-like.

After counseling for close to 40 years, I am even more convinced that suffering is from God and that it is love and genius at the same time. It is all from God. God has set up every single setting, every single situation, and He wants you to exchange your character for His character in a short lifetime—so He is in a hurry to stir these new ingredients into the mixture of the heart, and He must bake at a higher temperature and more quickly. Real porcelain has to be baked at a very high temperature. Stoneware baked at a lower temperature is much more fragile; it breaks and chips. The porcelain fire is quick and it is much hotter, but it is for a superior purpose—for noble use.

When you do not have this constant perspective in the forefront of your life, hopelessness leads to escapes to survive the long days. Until you see that you have a *choice* to take responsibility—a choice to lay down your sin and then let God carve the rest of your character for His purposes—you will see God and life as futile. But if your eyes are opened, in time you will thank Him for your difficult, but life-transforming, circumstances. Prisoners are so advanced in humility and joy compared to the average sojourner. Suffering is the springboard for happiness... like a trampoline the deeper you jump down the higher you ascend. But unlike a springboard, you eventually fly without coming back down.

2 *"But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the Lord will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness."* Malachi 3:2-3

HOW CAN GOD LOVE SO MANY?

Now, once you get past the hurdle of believing that the suffering is to draw you to Him, you then have another vault to jump over because SATAN is there to tell you that there is no way God can love you when you are one in seven billion people on the planet. But reason with me ... what are the odds of you being born, and what are the odds of you having cells and breathing? What are the odds of you getting this chance in 70 years to enter God's grace? What are the odds of you hearing His Truth and being able to respond to His love instead of following the path of arrogance? Who are you that you have been chosen to be loved enough to find out what He wants and to respond back?

It was my own experience that convinced me of God's ability to love each and every person conceived. The love I had for my first child, Michael, was overwhelming and there was a time that I thought to myself, "I cannot love the next child in the same way." But two years later, Elizabeth was born and when I saw her, I declared to God, "My love for my second is equal to my first. Heavenly Father ... You have made man with the capacity to love with Your own equality and system of justice. If a human can do that, Your capacity to love must be infinite!" There was more reinforcement ... two years later, I lost my third baby in the final month of pregnancy. Everyone kept trying to comfort me with saying, "You already have two gorgeous, precious children—Michael and Elizabeth," but that did not make any difference. I had lost a child named Matthew and that broke my heart. I cried for months and I still tear up when I think about it—so somewhere in the nine months of sacrificing for the life of another, deep love is gifted to the soul by the Heavens, and you know in your heart that you would give up your life for the life

of the child. God's love is clear to those who want to see it—and the truth is that each person is dearly loved no matter how populous the Earth. Each person is deeply loved by God, who cries more tears than a human can cry over the loss of His loved ones.

THE REAL DILEMMA

Now we know we are treasured and that God has the capacity to adore each and every child He has made. We know that the lies from SATAN are simply a diversion to distract you. Distract us from what? SATAN has set up a decoy...we worry that God does not love us, which is a non-issue, and miss the all important issue that we do not really love God. What a dangerous tactic. The real dilemma... *God has not rejected you*, but far too many people have rejected God with idolatry, which is the same as infidelity of the heart. God feels rejected when you worship the food. His heart is broken by your idolatrous actions and your complaints. You have misread God's love as hate. No matter what cross you bear...whether it be your health, your appearance, your finances, your single state in life or your marriage situation...you should never complain, as The Father is working hard to secure your place in Heaven. It is good to note that much of the world has endured atrocities far greater than anything that our generation has seen. No doubt God has numbered the hairs on your head, numbered your days and built you a mansion in the sky—The Maker knows what you need and knows your weaknesses. In The Father's conservative wisdom He does not spoil you to a fault. Think about *His* perspective when He has not answered your prayer for a spouse—He knows the sojourner who makes idols out of spouses, or He may be trying to build faith and patience. You may not have the best financial situation because

He wants you to be dependent on Him. To the barren womb—God has other plans that are better. You may not feel as gifted with physical features... perhaps God saved you from the temptation to attract men to yourself? He loved Jesus but did not make him something that men would desire—there was purpose so that mankind would see that God does not look on the outside but at the heart of man. It was a perfect lesson to focus on the content of our heart in this short life. Think about the master plan—He wants you forever—untainted by the Earth. God has each person's preeminent, eternal interest in mind. God's love is perfect and He has supplied mankind abundantly, extended His resources, emptied His bank vaults, furnished man with His time and contributed His only Son, to show you that He loves you. God is not on trial... God is not guilty... man is the one who should be on trial and is not loving Him back as they should. God is hurting; He envies intensely; The Creator is jealous and His name is Jealous.

In summary, the antagonist to the life-changing Truth of God's attention and donation of all resources for man's life and salvation is gridlocked by man's own self-pity. Self-pity is an egregious exaggeration of victimization that deceives its victim, thus ruining any chance of comprehending the life-changing perspectives. I avoid humanism and self-pity at all costs. Daily I am overwhelmed at what I have been given, never considering what I do not have—an evil deliberation that I refuse to entertain. By closing and locking this door you are given the key to the door of Divine Love. There is more that awaits you. ❀