

The Alternate-Universe Hoax: Robert A. Heinlein

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Children of Earth, we know that most of you have been for many years of your lives on Earth very great fans of the Science-Fiction Dreamers. Such concepts are now prevalent everywhere on Earth—in every nation, in every university and college, and even in many seminaries. The Science-Fiction Dreamers have created a fantasy world for themselves as the real world degenerates and falls into chaos, and their world-view is altogether based on the premises of Humanism and Upward Evolution. Their world-view is now predominant in popular literature, in cinema, in television programming, and even in computer games.

Perhaps another of your early favorites was Robert Heinlein. His juvenile s-f novels certainly had a great influence on me when I was at a very young and impressionable age.

Robert Heinlein began his literary success as an author of books in the Juvenile Science-Fiction category. You may have begun reading his juvenile s-f novels when you were only about 10 years old and still in the fifth grade, as I did. In my own case, I started reading his juvenile s-f novels in the year 1961, as I recall.

My mother has told me that I was not very interested in reading until the local librarian showed me some science-fiction books by Heinlein and others, and it was then, she claims, that I first developed a life-long passion for reading. Personally, I seem to remember that it started even earlier than that, when I first discovered the many superhero comic books that were available from the local drug store. Buying a lot of superhero comic books whenever I had earned some coins for chores at home, I immediately got “hooked” on fantasy stories. I guess it was somewhat appropo that I developed an intellectual “addiction” to a childish treat (or *drug* perhaps?) that I had started purchasing from what we in the U.S. call a “drug store.”

That “addiction” continued for me as a young child who discovered the fantastic s-f novels of Robert Heinlein. I eagerly read quite a large number of his s-f novels, even though I was quite young at the time.

S-F would for many years afterward feed my extreme hunger for fantasy delights, but like the “Turkish Delight” candy in the famous *Narnia* story by C. S. Lewis, this sweets-craving addiction was detrimental to my health and safety.

I thus became a willing-and-eager subject for the mental-conditioning program of the science-fiction writers, who are invariably Humanists and worshipers of Evolution. Their s-f “candy” had me thoroughly enraptured with (and mentally enslaved by) their grand visions of the future, and by the purported “wisdom” of their evolutionary concepts.

Of course, Heinlein was not entirely responsible for my “addiction” to fantasy/s-f literature, because I also found myself greatly attracted to superhero comic books at about that same time. I was quite thoroughly “hooked” on such things.

In these and subsequent years, I continued to find myself also greatly attracted to my older favorites, the superhero comic books, just as I was earlier on in my life.

Within a few short months, I was even starting to write my own little fantasy and s-f stories. These first ones were composed while I was still in the 5th and 6th grades of elementary school. At that early age, I already dreamed of one day becoming a successful author. I hoped to someday grow up and be a person of great ideas and deep thoughts!

What I did not know was that Robert Heinlein had also experienced an unusual form of inspiration in his own early youth. At the tender age of 13, he had set aside his Protestant Christian heritage upon his discovery of Darwin’s fantasy about the Origin of Species.¹ The evolutionary concepts which Charles Darwin presented in his famous science-fiction book became a mind-transforming foundation for Heinlein’s own lifetime on the Earth.

His new teacher provided Heinlein with an alternative faith that he found more to his liking than that old-fashioned Bible which belonged to his parents’ generation— a book which some of Robert’s ancestors had regarded as a reliable source of Truth.

The impact of an evolutionary religion, together with the humanistic concepts of the liberal German theologians, had already begun to have a detrimental effect upon the spiritual life of American families, and the Heinlein family was one of many that fell victim to the fantasies of the “intellectual community” in the United States.

Heinlein’s juvenile s-f novels were not so bad as the later ones that he wrote specifically for an “adult” audience, but they were all aimed at indoctrinating children with his concepts of Universal Evolution. These juvenile s-f novels did not so conspicuously manifest the bizarre and unGodly thought-patterns or the overtly anti-Christian attitudes that appear in most of his later s-f efforts, which were marketed (so it was claimed) for an “adult” audience. It seems that his earlier works, designed for children, were somewhat more restrained, thanks to the editorial work of a certain lady-editor whom Heinlein did not much appreciate.

At that time, Heinlein did not value her sense of discretion, nor the control that she was able to exercise over his creative writings. Heinlein felt very certain that children did not need so much protection from his own unorthodox thinking and his peculiar value-system!

Heinlein did not enjoy having this editorial work done to his juvenile manuscripts, which somehow forced his creative fantasies to conform to the guidelines of what he considered to be a parochial thought-mode— a “narrow” and “outdated” sense of morality!

Yet I suggest that even his “juvenile” s-f novels are designed to indoctrinate children with the anti-Christian beliefs of Heinlein, who even then opposed all the traditional ideas of Christian “morality.”

By the time Heinlein starting writing books of s-f targeted for a non-juvenile audience, he was happily producing books like *Stranger In A Strange Land*. He was then busy showing his flagrant disregard for the conventions of traditional morality, writing without restraint.

In the book *Stranger In A Strange Land*, Heinlein created more than alternative worlds and an alternative universe. In it, he chose to make an alien from Mars function as an alternative Messiah, and he presented a Martian to the world as a new savior who had come down to the Earth.

Heinlein's Martian hero was named Valentine Michael Smith, and using the Martian character as a mouthpiece, Heinlein displayed for his audience a vast array of bizarre and shocking concepts which were to be regarded as a wisdom from outer space, a new wisdom that came to Earth from the stars. The alien character teaches the naive earthlings about such things as free sex and liberated thinking, with much provocative dialogue.

At the end of the book, Heinlein's Martian hero is slain by an angry mob that regards him as a heretic. But Heinlein carefully crafts the novel in such a way that his audience must regard the slain Martian as a misunderstood saint and martyr, despite all the bizarre alien thought-forms which he has espoused.

In fact, Heinlein even seeks to make his alien hero function as an alternative Christ, teaching an alternative wisdom, and he provides this character to his audience complete with a parallel execution at the end of the story. If you have read his s-f novel, you will perhaps recall that someone in the angry mob scene even shouts out an accusation that the alien is an Anti-Christ teacher!

But such a remark would have little impact after the hundreds of prior pages which had strongly espoused the Martian's alternative reality as the only truth.

The end result of the book is that Heinlein's audience comes away believing that there are no absolute truths in their Universe, and there is no reliable or fixed Code of Morality in which to place their trust. Perhaps free sex and liberated thinking would be a much better way to go, the reader reflects, just as Heinlein's teacher-character has maintained! The book turns Reality upside down. Immorality is deemed acceptable and even reasonable, while traditional faith and the traditional moral restraints are regarded as narrow-minded and reactionary.

How many times God has sought to warn our world's population that we must beware of the False Teachers and the False Christs! The smart shepherds of our Earth know what God Almighty knows—that sheep are shockingly stupid animals, and they are too easily lured to their own destruction!

Not so surprisingly, Heinlein's book *Stranger In A Strange Land* was a favorite of the Hippie Movement in the United States. The Hippies loved Heinlein's concept of free sex and "liberated" thinking.

A number of commentators have remarked on the fact that Heinlein's book may well have been a major influence in the very inception of the Hippies Movement, a force which dominated the 1960's in the U.S. and many other countries of the world.

The Hippies were great admirers of Heinlein's liberal thinking, and many of them were even inclined to use his Martian term "grok" in their ordinary conversations, often saying that they could "grok" something that appealed to them or made sense to them. "Hey, I can grok it, man. I know what you're saying to me."

That was supposed to mean, more or less, that the Hippies could *understand* ("grok") something with *a new wisdom*. You may infer from this that they would *understand* in much the same way as an alien observer of humanity, such as the bizarre Martian character which Heinlein had created.

It is indeed ironic that the title of Heinlein's book *Stranger In A Strange Land* is a fragment of a Bible verse. Even the title of his book seems to connect the book with Holy Scripture and suggests that there

is some parallel. But it is in truth related only to an Alternative Scripture and an Alternative Bible, one which Heinlein's imagination has concocted especially for his purpose in that book.

As it happens, someone else is reported to have picked out the title for Heinlein's s-f novel *Stranger In A Strange Land*. It was not actually a title of his own devising. But the title is appropriate, because this s-f novel is a *strange substitute scripture* (an alternative bible, almost) that comes to us from the Strange Land of Heinlein's unGodly imagination.

God's Own Book of Scripture teaches moral restraint, but Heinlein chose instead to teach a libertine immorality within an alternative universe of his own imagination. One verse in the real Book of Scripture tells us, appropriately, that "The imagination of Man's heart is continually focused on wickedness."

This certainly seems to be the case with most of the science-fiction writers. The original sin of Lucifer was Pride, which led him to rebellion and caused his fall from Heaven... and the s-f writers have the same tragic flaw. Arrogance, Pride and Egotism are characteristics that the s-f writers have displayed to all the world... in great excess, and without any restraint.

As he got older, Heinlein's thoughts seemed to become even more outrageous and more decadent, as he continued to express them through his science-fiction stories. He became even more "far-out," as the Hippies would say. His thinking, as revealed through his science-fiction novels, became ever more bizarre, and was far-removed from the reality of God's Universe.

In his later science-fiction book *Time Enough For Love*, Heinlein sought to create another shocking and outrageous character, a nearly immortal character named Lazarus Long. It is a very lengthy book dealing with the lifetime of a science-fictional character who is once again outrageous in all his words and unrestrained by any traditional morality.

Lazarus Long is a human who has been alive for a vast number of years, and the audience is supposed to regard him as a wise sage speaking great words of wisdom— after all, he has been around for an awful long time.

But rather than speaking with the wisdom of Scripture, Long promotes instead his own individual view, with a shocking reinterpretation of reality. As with the Martian character, Long is designed to be an outrageous character who is both provocative and non-conformist, and one who is amoral by the standards of traditional faith.

Near the end of *Time Enough For Love*, Lazarus Long even manages to travel back through time and have sex with his own mother. Apparently Heinlein thought that his hero should also have time enough for that, and hoped it would succeed in making the book even more shocking and sensationalistic.

It is interesting that Heinlein never shows any confidence in God's Own Book of Scripture, nor confidence in the idea of an eternal life that exists in God's Universe for the spirit of a human being. Yet he nevertheless finds it easy to create a fantasy world in which a human being lives for hundreds of years without any assistance from God!

You are perhaps wondering how it is possible that a professing atheist— who would scoff at the notion of an ancient Earth where various human beings had lived 900 and more years on the surface of their world— would nevertheless find it so easy to fantasize and create a hypothetical, human-engineered environment in which earthlings would live out a life-span of multiple centuries. This should be a source of puzzlement for any thoughtful person, even an evolutionist.

I would say that it clearly reveals Heinlein's desperate need to find for himself fantasy substitutes and alternative "rewards," since the follower of the Evolutionary Religion is forever denied the hope of an eternal life with God in Heaven. So he must contrive other pleasures and rewards that seem possible to him... other things that might be possible for him, if only in the fantastic imagination of an Evolutionist. Only in such imaginary delights, as in these examples I have given here, can an Evolutionist give himself a feeling of hope and satisfaction within the confines of his own evolutionary religion.

The Evolutionist dreams of peculiar delights that he imagines may be found in a far-off outer space or in a far-distant future time, and these become for him an artificial reward, an alternative "heaven." The Evolutionists need to have some alternative system of *hope*, so they also dream of being "immortal," hoping against all odds that, in some far-off future time, the later human beings of our Earth will be able to have a very lengthy life-span.

Now, it just so happens that this has already happened in the early history of our planet Earth. The earliest generations of humanity, those children born to Adam and his first descendants, often enjoyed an extremely long life-span, living for many centuries before they left the surface of the Earth. This is not so surprising to any intelligent person who maintains an open mind. It happened in this way because those earliest generations of humanity had an initial vigor and health that sprang from the freshness and beauty of God's Original Creation.

The shorter life-spans that are now typical for the human beings of Earth came about with the infusion of cancerous sin, which corrupted the whole planet. Our planet then became a Fallen World, and it felt the repercussions of sin in many ways, bringing upon itself the onslaught of a massive degeneration. A cancerous corruption thereafter attacked all living beings on Earth—the humans, the animal life, and even the plant life.

In this event, a terrible curse was placed upon all the wide world of Earth.

Therefore the human life-span became considerably shorter, not too long after that. As the monstrous disease of Sin began to take a firmer grip on the biology of Man and the generations of humanity, its effects became more evident.

People like Heinlein found it laughable to imagine that the God of their Universe might have the ability to provide the early generations with a lengthy life-span of a thousand and more years, so they scoffed and mocked God, and ridiculed God's divine act of Creation. They insisted that God's *Genesis* was a mere fable, a fabulous story invented for small children. They maintained that God's Book was untrustworthy, unbelievable, and unscientific. They said God's Book of Creation was a bunch of lies and mythology.

But these same nasty atheists like to invent fantastic imaginary stories of their own, in which human beings have become so super-powerful that they can increase their own life-spans to a term of many centuries— stories in which Almighty God is eliminated or rendered powerless.

When the long-lived human being is named Adam or Noah or Methuselah, the science-fiction writers will scoff and call the story unbelievable and unscientific. When the long-lived human is an outrageous and immoral fantasy character like Lazarus Long, they will call the tale "a very credible story, with a solid science foundation, and prescient wisdom."

These are the madmen who call evil good, and good evil—who call black white, and white black—who call science fable, and fantasies science.

What a mockery of the truth they manage to contrive! It is they themselves who distort all truth and devise a false reality, not God's Book of Genesis!

Heinlein liked to imagine the rugged individual, the self-reliant man who had no need of a traditional God to assist him in the experience of life.

The reality is far different:

Without our God's coordination of all the particles and the life forces of Your Universe, no human being could exist for a single moment.

Without our God, the atoms and molecules of a human being could not hold together for even an instant.

Without our God, a human could not exist even as dust in the wind. There would then be no dust and no wind. But God Almighty is the Spirit Wind Who breathes life into the Universe, and God Almighty builds His Creatures from the dust of space.

Heinlein also wrote another appalling science-fiction book before he died, and he entitled it *Job: A Comedy Of Justice*. In that book, his hero was an unbelieving and immoral preacher, one who was once again designed to provide the novel with a shocking sensationalism from a teacher of outrageous behavior.

Heinlein thought that he was an iconoclastic writer, and he may have believed that by producing such material, he was only trying to shake up people— pushing them out of their comfort zones and forcing them to think about things more deeply.

But instead, he only reveals in this book (as in so many others) his own amoral perspective on the Universe, and his strong predisposition against all traditional religion. This is shockingly clear throughout his s-f novel *Job: A Comedy Of Justice*.

Heinlein is one of many such writers who have abandoned Science-Truth. He chose to teach Science-Fiction instead of Science-Truth.

Such science-fiction writers are not writing about God's Universe at all; they are writing instead about the alternative universes that they produce in the vanity of their own imaginations.

But the worlds they create, and the universes which they choose to create. . . are realms of falsehood, not realms of truth. They fill their alternative universes with false angels and false gods, because their minds are corrupt and filled with immorality.

But that's enough for now about the fantastic world-view of the unbelievers — the humanists and the evolutionists who live daily in an unrealistic world of their own imagination. These dreamers live totally in a world of Illusion and Delusions. The gods and goals that they conceive are merely figments of their own idle minds. They live in a world of darkness and dreams that is devoid of the Light of Jesus Christ. Their world is unreal, a product of their own overactive imaginations... not at all consistent with the Real Universe which God Almighty has created.

Before you continue onward to the next booklet in this series, we wish to explain for you the basic Truth of Reality... the Absolute Truth of God Almighty. We need to tell you that Jesus Christ is the Truth and the Light of the World— that's why He is called the Word of God.

The incorrigible and the reprobates of Earth, those who served Satan rather than Christ, are confined for all eternity in the darkness of Hell. Hell is an isolation chamber that is rather like God's Mental Asylum For Those Spirits Who Are Incurable And Criminally Insane. God won't kill these spirits, of course, and He won't ever terminate their existence. He couldn't do such a thing — never could do such a thing — because He is a God Who is totally righteous and eternally the Holy One.

But God can't live in close proximity with the damned either. He is of a Pure and Holy Nature, and He is so Pure in His Holiness that He cannot bear even to look upon that which is wicked, sinful, and defiled. He has given Eternal Life to the spirits of all angels, both to the Righteous Angels of Heaven and to the Fallen Angels (demons) of Hell.

He has given Eternal Life to the spirits all humans likewise, both to the Saved Believers of Heaven and to the Unsaved Rebels of Hell. He cannot willingly kill (or terminate) the spirit of any living being, because that would violate His nature as a God of Perfect Holiness.

So the souls condemned to Hell will be stuck there for all Eternity. They will never again have a chance to enter the Holy Presence of God... will never again see His Light or the Light of His Son. They will be trapped for all of Eternity in the Outer Darkness.

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You've heard the evolutionary explanation of Universal development for a great many years, with all of its elaborate details... ever since you were a child. You've surely encountered its advocates in every arena of the academic world and in every arena of everyday life. Its proponents are everywhere, and they have already proselytized much of the Earth. You are doubtless thoroughly accustomed to that way of thinking.

But what is the Biblical scheme of Earth's history and direction...? It's the alternative explanation that God has given us in His Holy Scriptures.

A lot of people on our planet, even some Christian theologians, have tried to make the Bible compatible with their own evolutionary beliefs. But can that really be done? Such people reduce Biblical history to insignificance beside the enormity of their faith in the grand Theory of Evolution.

The Bible paints a very different picture concerning the history and future destiny of the Earth, and it is quite at odds with the beliefs of those who have faith in Evolution.

In the Holy Bible, God offers you a different and superior view of Earth's development and its future fate. From the Holy Scriptures of the Bible we learn that Jesus Christ makes known to us the great secrets of the Universe— secrets not revealed on Earth from the time of Creation until the time of His arrival on our planet.

Here's the Truth about the Universe, its progress, and God's ultimate goal for the human race... the establishment of a paradise that God plans for the people of the Earth...

What is the Biblical scheme of Earth's history and direction?

It's a long-range plan by which God will transform and re-populate the planet Earth...

It's a vision of vast scope and mind-boggling predictions...

God's developmental plan for our Universe is an astounding program of transformations ...!

Here are 20 stages of ascent that should lead you to a genuine comprehension of your purpose and destiny in the Universe. These will help you to reach a higher level of consciousness, a lofty place where you will better understand of the history of the Earth and God's goal for humanity...

1. A theme of **WARFARE** runs through the many books of the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation. We see evidence of angelic warfare, of historic military warfare between God's chosen people and the ungodly nations.

There are predictions of further warfare between the elect of Christ and the anti-Christian forces, and of a final great battle of Armageddon.

SPIRITUAL WARFARE devastates this planet until Christ's Kingdom comes !

2. A theme of **APOCALYPTIC DESTRUCTION** and **RE-CREATION** runs through the books of the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation. We see this in the Genesis record of Noah and the Great Flood, and in the predictions of the Old Testament prophets.

Jesus himself speaks of this in great detail as he is quoted in Mat. 24, Luke 17:24-37, and other places in the gospels. There are many such references in the epistles, and the final book, John's Revelation of Jesus Christ, is devoted almost exclusively to this subject.

3. A theme of the **SURVIVAL OF A REMNANT** who are loyal to God runs through the many books of the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation.

4. Rather than the Darwinian concept of "natural selection" and "survival of the fittest" (*meaning the strongest*) in a scheme of evolution, God's system of development is quite different!

God's plan is that there will be "DIVINE ELECTION" of all those who have chosen to accept His system of grace and mercy through Jesus Christ, and His plan calls for a "SURVIVAL OF THE LOYAL" instead.

5. In this scheme which God Himself has formulated, it is not the STRONGEST who survive, but rather the SUBMISSIVE!

(In this regard, it is certainly true that God can make the weak person become strong. But a person who is too strong and egotistical God may choose to crush, in order that he— or she— will be humbled and will become submissive to the will of God!)

6. God is continuously harvesting the Earth as His ever-progressing plan of **DIVINE SELECTION** goes forward, through a wise and millennia-long program of evaluation— through interminable *testing* of people and a very lengthy developmental process of **SELECTING** and **REJECTING**.

7. Thus, a theme of **DIVINE SELECTION** through a **LONG-RANGE**, millennia-spanning **DEVELOPMENTAL PROGRAM** becomes evident.

8. This calls for a **MAJOR SHIFT IN THE WORLD-VIEW** that is held by any individual.

It truly requires a **COPERNICAN REVOLUTION IN THE MIND-SET** of a human being.

9. You must comprehend with an entirely new way of looking at the Universe— for to be among the redeemed, to be among the survivors who are granted eternal life with God, you must place **JESUS CHRIST AT THE CENTER OF YOUR UNIVERSE**, in the very place where once *YOUR OWN EGO* had ruled supreme!

You need to put the Sun of Heaven inside your heart! Once He is there, He will illuminate your mind and all areas of the Universe with the bright Light of His Presence. His Light will be radiant in your face, in your life, and your actions. Just as Moses' face was radiant after he was in the presence of God, the follower of Jesus reflects the brilliant Light of the Lord Christ! His Holy Spirit will be inside you forevermore, making you aware of His Lordship and His Truth... giving you eternal access to His Divine Wisdom.

10. To be among the rescued, you must be a part of the Chosen Remnant of humanity that God will save from the Old Earth. A person must first become a believer of God, one who believes all God's words (His open communication to the human race), as revealed through Holy Scriptures and through God's only true Son, Jesus Christ.

God will show us mercy and forgiveness of our sins **only** when we come to Him through the sacrificial death of His one true Son, Jesus. God has made provision for grace (leniency and forgiveness), but He offers it to us **only** via the substituted sacrifice of the Savior, Jesus Christ.

11. **Jesus has willingly agreed, already, to receive all your preordained punishment**, in order that you may be spared from the Judgment fate— a destination in Hell. *That punishment is what a person's sinfulness will otherwise deserve.* . . . and it will be found inescapable. . . at the great Judgment Day of God, when God will ultimately evaluate and judge the deeds of all souls.

12. Any soul can be spared on the basis of God's own painful sacrifice, by a belief in the salvation God offers through His chosen Messiah, His only-begotten Son Jesus Christ.

Those souls that are spared will be the ones that have opened the door of the heart and have allowed Jesus Christ to come inside. Through His Holy Spirit, He can take up residence inside you as the New Center of the Universe. . . as a brilliant light at the center of the spiritual "solar system." After that, everything in the Universe will revolve around God in an orderly and logical fashion. The progress of the Universe, and of God's Plan for it, will from that time forward seem logical and orderly to your mind.

13. Are you still living as the only focal point of an Earth-centered universe? It's time for you to stop making this Earth the center of it all!

Could a Christ-in Revolution change your mind-set. . . and establish instead the reality of a God-centered Universe?

You can move away from humanism if you so desire, move on to a higher level where you worship the True God, the Creator of our Universe. Do you really believe that Man is the center of all things... the measure of all things? God is the One Who will ultimately measure and evaluate the deeds of every human being!

You need to put the Sun of Heaven inside your heart. Jesus Christ is "the Sun of Righteousness," and through His Holy Spirit, He can put some of His righteousness inside you. More importantly, God credits the follower of Jesus Christ with the Holiness and Righteousness of His Son. You need to place Him on the throne of your heart, declaring Him to be "the Sun King" of your life!

14. The brilliant light of Jesus Christ can give you an **"internal guidance system"** for your heart. . . and *this will provide orderly direction for the "planetary system" of your personal worldview.*

When you put Jesus on a throne in your heart, He provides a warm "sun" for that great void in your internal universe, and it will then burn continuously to dispel all the darkness/ coldness that would exist there without His presence. *After that, you will have a logical "solar system" for all the interactive elements of your life.*

15. Those souls who are not to be spared on this basis (those who have rejected God's words, His truth, His light, and His sacrifice) will suffer eternal separation from God. They will be cast instead into what Jesus calls "the Outer Darkness." They will be forced to endure an eternal separation from God and God's final achievement— *the recreated Paradise that will then be revealed as His ultimate objective.*

This will be a NEW EARTH produced by God **for all those persons whom He has rescued (or harvested)** from the present world. God will populate it with those He has chosen through His millennia-long DEVELOPMENTAL PROGRAM of **DIVINE SELECTION.**

16. **This is God's final goal— His objective is to produce an entirely different world, a new and totally restructured world that will be vastly superior to this present world of distress and disorder, of countless evils and sin-produced chaos.**

It is certain that the NEW EARTH will be immensely more pleasant than this present one, which will eventually be rejected and replaced!

17. You gain an Eternal Life with God when you put the Sun of Heaven in your heart. You can do this by placing Jesus Christ, **Who in the Trinity of 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 sacrificed Himself on a cross for your sake, taking all guilt and sins upon Himself— for you and for me, for all people everywhere— **so that whoever wishes for salvation might be rescued from the due punishment of sins.**

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

The Sun of Heaven will then reign in your life as the supreme Power that governs all things. The Bible calls Jesus Christ both "the Sun of Heaven" and "the Sun of Righteousness." When you place Christ in your heart, He will lead you to a new life of righteousness. The Holy Spirit will start to rebuild you in the image of God, making you more like Jesus. You'll become a brother (or sister) to Jesus Christ!

19. 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 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 God's forgiveness and mercy through the act of sacrifice of His Only Begotten Son (Jesus Christ),
- 3) your desire to know God's leadership in your life,
- 4) your desire to learn more of God's truth through Bible study,
- 5) your desire to find fellowship with genuine believers.

After accepting forgiveness through Jesus Christ, you must sincerely seek to turn away from evil, to the best of your ability; and you must further seek to gain knowledge of God's will through a diligent study of the Holy Scriptures of the Bible. Also, you must not neglect to maintain a fellowship and communication with God through the device of daily prayer.

20. This Sunday, don't just worship the sun, like the followers of Baal, the Roman polytheists, and the pagans. You shouldn't worship nature like the pantheists and the animists. The *supernatural* does exist, because God's Spirit is *above* and *behind* the natural world... and *superior* to it. So don't worship the sun and the stars like the naturalistic science advocates, the humanists, the evolutionists, and many of our modern-day science-fiction fans!

Don't go out to worship the sun and stars this Sunday. Instead, go out to a good Bible-believing church and worship the Holy One Who is the Sun of Heaven— Jesus Christ, Who is both the Son of God and God The Son. Jesus Christ is the Sun of Heaven, and He is the Light of the World!

When you accept Jesus into your heart, His Light will transform your own mind and heart. Your purpose and goals will be changed, because you'll want other people to learn about the good news of Jesus Christ's resurrection. You'll want to share the light, and you'll want to worship the Sun of Heaven in a house of God!

This Sunday, bless the Father in Heaven by honoring His Son, of Whom He is very proud.

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 also important for all of us to remember this:

- 1) **WE SPEAK TO GOD** by our prayers.
- 2) **GOD SPEAKS TO US** by the words of Holy Scripture.

So we must try to read His words and His Book just as often as we possibly can!!

God wants to bless you for all your long efforts to understand this very confusing and difficult Universe in which we live so let Him reward your search with the grace of His forgiveness and enlightenment!

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