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Introduction

From the Publisher

Published in 2009, “*The Road Home Is A Long Journey*” book explained the seven significant events occurring in the life of Jesus. Each believer who wishes to fulfill their individual purpose and execute the plan determined by God can follow and pass through the Spiritual Journey successfully.

The second book in the series, “*Pearls of Wisdom*”, is written to be helpful for the pilgrimage through the Spiritual Journey. Words of wisdom, stories of encouragement, poems for thought, conversations and dreams are offered to support the believer in their journey.

The third book in the series, “*Wisdom From The Back Door*” is written as a continuation of help for those on the Spiritual Journey. Much can be learned from solitude found in just remaining still. Nature, especially, is a great reflector of spiritual truth when one quiets the soul and listens to the wisdom of the Spirit.

A Prayer For Our Readers

Lord,

Open my heart and clear my mind of
preconceived notions as to what I really
need. Help me to not look to what's
written in order to validate what I already
know.

I pray for the light to shine into any
darkness I might unknowingly harbor that
is hindering my closer walk with You.

Amen



Epigrams



The pain of remaining where you are is
far more severe than leaving it.



The eternal Spirit has a specific
purpose for all who will listen.



Surrender your heart to God and
all else will follow in perfect order.



What you tolerate can never be changed.



The 'end of the world' means that
all personal experiences are finished.

The wisdom of the Creator is
independent of all influences.



The secrets of the future lie in daily routines.



Everything that comes into your life is
the answer to what has been requested.



What good is anything without everything?



‘I don’t remember’ can be an
excuse to deny responsibilities.

Love is not a feeling, it is a way of life.



All arguments defend ignorance.



Wisdom will flourish through a harmonious union.



You leaving Egypt is not the
same as Egypt leaving you.



Changes begin in a person's belief system.



Poems



A grayscale photograph of a spider on its web, centered in the background. The spider is positioned at the top of the frame, with its legs spread out. The web is a complex, radial pattern of fine threads. The overall tone is muted and contemplative.

The Web We Weave

I spoke in anger to a man I once knew,
giving no thought to the stones that I threw.

Soon came the time when I was that man,
then I could see from beginning to end.

Yet I never saw how quickly it spread,
to have it all start with one tiny thread.



Sacred Forest

I come this way a lot, you know,
It's cool and quite so still.

The sanctity of life itself
can silence nature's trill.

But in the calm and quiet place,
one note rings from afar.

A welcome call for all who hear,
to join in heavens choir.



Apple

Apple in the tree, apple in the tree;
Return to the garden with the apple on a tree.

To things unknown he lent a hand;
A choice was made that destined the man.

Forever bound and a yearn to be free;
Choose wisely, my friend, when you stand at the tree.



Humility

With a lifetime of arrogance,
humility feels lowly.

Magnificent work to be done,
meekness is achieved slowly.

A grayscale photograph of a person sitting on a wooden bench. They are wearing a white, textured robe and have their hands pressed against their face, covering their eyes. The person's hair is dark and messy. The background is a simple wooden structure, possibly a bench or a set of stairs. The overall mood is one of exhaustion or despair.

Tired Body

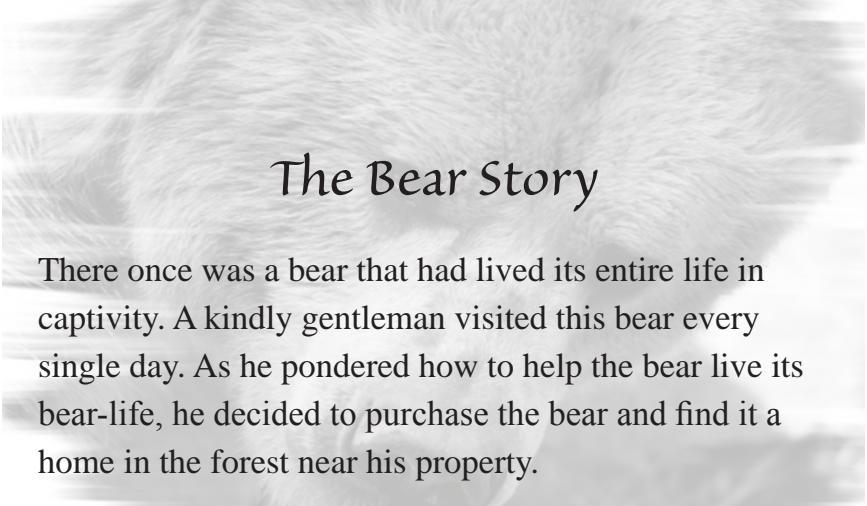
Some times I wake up
to days bright and cheery,
and then there are some
that seem dull and so dreary.

It matters not what is
the start of each day,
but sometimes a tired body
just gets in the way.



Stories





The Bear Story

There once was a bear that had lived its entire life in captivity. A kindly gentleman visited this bear every single day. As he pondered how to help the bear live its bear-life, he decided to purchase the bear and find it a home in the forest near his property.

The bear had lived a life imprisoned in an eight foot by eight foot cage, and he knew nothing else. When the kindly gentleman released the bear into the forest, the bear knew nothing more than the eight foot by eight foot parameter and continually walked that same imaginary path.

Even though a wild strawberry patch was located very close by, the bear continued his eight foot square walk. As the kindly gentleman studied the beautiful animal, he wondered how to help the bear break the mental bars that had been developed through a lifetime of habits.

Further attention yielded the solution for the kindly gentleman: “Leave the bear alone and it will figure it out by reason of its own nature”.



The Golden Gull

With years of living and working on a farm, one becomes accustomed to the flocks of migrating birds in search of food that is easily found by the flocks following the machines that turn over the ground at harvest time.

One particular day, however, an enormous flock of gulls circled the field, but never landed. Their formation was lyrical and graceful as the flight pattern continued overhead.

The final circling changed the appearance of the flock, as each individual gull followed in perfect unison. In the middle of the flock, one gull stood out above all others: he shown like that of pure gold.

There are golden ones in other groups. All species have those eternal ones present that are designed to protect and guide that particular form of life.

The Amulet

Two friends were walking on the beach one sunny morning having a discussion about their jobs. One friend, being a firefighter, was relaying his stories of the latest life-saving and dramatic rescues of the prior week.

He explained that he was never afraid because he kept an amulet in his pocket at all times. “I am never without it and it protects me and keeps me safe”, he told his friend.

The friend knew that the firefighter didn't need the amulet, and told him so. Although surprised, he trusted his friend of many years and threw the amulet far into the ocean.

At that moment, the water became crystal clear and they could see the amulet slowly sinking towards the ocean floor. There were creatures that began swimming towards it; one looked like an eel, but had the face of a dog. Another was a fish with a twisted body but had feet and not fins. Another marine creature had severely distorted features. As the amulet continued to fall, more and more indistinguishable, twisted, evil-looking creatures were drawn to it.

The amulet hinders cooperation with Spirit God; it dilutes faith.



Walking in Wisdom



Be Fruitful and Multiply

God would have us be in that perfect place. To get into that perfect place, former things have to be removed.

If we could get to that place by our own volition, we would carry and multiply the same ignorance that we now know and use.

Spirit God is the only one who can do the work that moves us towards and eventually into that eternal place called home.



Circumstantial Evidence

Hope resides in every circumstance, past and present, and it holds the power to change everything. When a believer decides to make their own way, it renders the spirit that works out the hope, helpless.

Whatever bothers or irritates a person is created to bring salvation and redemption to that individual.

Gifts are enclosed in all situations that are created by the Father.

Cycles

Situations and circumstances trigger what is unknowingly harbored in each believer's life.

Experiences will continue to cycle, providing the individual the necessary evidence that something hasn't come to light yet.



End of an Age

When ideas or thoughts become repetitive and commonplace, it's time to recognize that it is the end of an era.

Personal experiences brought lessons, corrections and instructions that have been completed. Now, each believer can move into their own perfect and eternal state of being.

True wisdom is rare and comes through the mind of the spirit, not the old mind that has been used throughout a lifetime. In order to capitalize on the spirit life, all personal resources have to be exhausted before realizing that there is nothing new and nothing left to draw on.

The old ways are repetitive and wearisome and will not work in the coming age of the Spirit.

Eternal Status

There is a place in eternity that is being created for everyone. The price has been paid but there are different states of being, with different liberties. Each eternal habitation is dependant on the development of the spirit and soul of each believer while on the earth. Some believers will fall short of what is available, and consequently will believe that where they end up is as God determined. But they have missed lessons, skirted responsibility and failed to pay attention and ask for counsel to aid in their own advancement.

The wisdom of the creator is sovereign and remains independent of all influences.



Fleecing

Fleecing is a medium, acting as an intervening force to determine some action, or direction desired.

The word “if” always accompanies the fleece and exempts the individual of the responsibility for course taken.

By using a fleece, the eternal Spirit is deprived of its rightful authority to give divine instructions to the asker.

Heaven's Intent

Heaven looks to partner with anyone who answers the call to fulfill the “as in heaven, so on the earth.”

A lifestyle of cooperation is needed for God to work through an individual and effortlessly bring about the will of God on the earth.



It's Not OK

Crying can occur from the feeling of being lost, alone and helpless. Many feelings will surface but they are not the guide: The eternal Spirit is.

Crossing over is difficult, dry, alone and confusing, but you are being prepared to leave what is and enter what will be. While there is movement forward, no place is going to be fitting for a long time. Home isn't where you want to be, work isn't where you want to be, social interaction isn't where you want to be.

There's no place on earth that will satisfy the lonely heart. The long, slow process of surrender enables the believer to enter their eternal home. To finally belong in a spiritual environment that's satisfying is where safety, security and happiness reside.

Judges & Priests

Bringing the heavenly environment into earth is the responsibility of the believer. To hold the office of judge or priest, being able to discern the difference between righteous and unrighteous is a mandate, a command.

One of the responsibilities to be performed is judging. Not to judge according to one's own dictates and prejudices, but to make judgments in accordance with the rule of heaven. This establishes heaven on the earth.

To fulfill the office of priest, hearing what Spirit God is saying is a prerequisite to being an instrument for executing heaven's authority.



Love

Love is the nature of the eternal spirit that is constant and unfailing.

Love is exempt from feelings, emotions and desires. Love exists independently of and unaffected by human activities. It is the character and the quality of the unchangeable divine nature of God that is our inheritance.

Eternal love transcends all natural affection. That love is being perfected and will manifest in and through you so that this love will not be based on personal needs, desires, or prejudice.

For a time, two natures reside within us, and it takes a faithful endeavor to become Christ-like that continually strips away the old nature and develops our own divine nature.

This is the land that was promised and it includes all the benefits, and the blessings that we have heard about and longed for.



Mercy

There is a position in the Kingdom of God that awaits the believer's arrival. It holds all that you are to exact of heavens graces into the world you live in.

The mercy seat of God is considered the throne of God and is the resting place.

Believers are destined to become kings, priests and judges on the earth to bring about godly change. Mercy is one of the virtues needed in order to do this. The heart of each believer has to be impartial, lending no prejudice with the authority to assess each situation fairly. This brings heavens rule to the earth.

Separation from worldly attachments and connections parallels the personal development for a high office.

The idea of getting along that's been cultivated over years actually sits in the mercy seat of God, judging every situation as it sees fit. Consequently, when mercy cannot be issued for wrongdoings, the subject remains in bondage, and the situation continues to evolve but never change. But when mercy is extended and forgiveness is given, circumstances can be rightly remedied and the cause of bondage can be removed from earth's environment. Whatever is in a believer's life extends into the world around.

In order for forgiveness to be effective, the believer has to be conscious of the ungodly deed without criticism or retribution of any kind. By lending no excuse to the offender, forgiveness can be drawn on and given out. This is the effect of the cross working in the believer's life.

Once again, these are high offices in the kingdom, and hold much responsibility as 'to whom much is given, much is required'.

One Of A Kind

There is one of all. Every one and every thing is an extension or indication of that one original existence.

There is only one love. When it is broken up and applied to objects, it is seen as many kinds of love.

There is only one fear. When it is broken up and applied to things, it is described as many kinds of fear.

There is only one faith and when it is applied to conditions, it looks as if faith is for many kinds of things.

In a way, it's called "divide and conquer" to render the 'I AM' impotent in the believer's life. Whenever it is seen and applied to many, it is partial and prejudicial.

To be impartial and pure is the divine intent of all that is original.



Overcoming

Overcoming is not meant to conquer and destroy every obstacle that hinders movement.

To overcome is to eliminate the power of a situation and the ideas that stem from it. The response to it determines whether it continues or ceases activity.

Obviously, the situation would not exist if it were possible to merely walk away from oppression, or ignore it altogether.

Overcoming difficulties in life does not require physical strength or mental brilliance. To triumph over whatever hurdles are faced simply needs an unmovable diligence to live out the plan and purpose that has been designed since the beginning.

Stay determined and stay focused.



Passion

In every nature, purpose is innate, driven by a spiritual passion and supported by gifts and talents. It can be surprisingly difficult to identify, but it will cause dissatisfaction and suffering when not recognized and pursued.

Passion is an irrational but irresistible force when focused on one specific pursuit. The passion that rules will eventually conquer reasons and doubts.

Pay attention. Wait and watch, and refuse to hunt or search. The purpose will be revealed and the passion for that purpose will bring separation from the chaotic lifestyle of the world.

This separation will cause a loss of former interests and a lack of concentration in every area, but don't be alarmed; it is part of the process to bring awareness to what is changing.

Like the purpose of any pursuit, there is a program and a process for being groomed and trained. But first, retrieve the desire for divine purpose, and secondly, recognize the necessary training process. All lessons prepare the believer for what has been ordained or predetermined by the mind of God.



Present Fear

Life is broken up into instances that help detect the presence of fear. Allow fear to be the witness that the believer is still living according to their own dictates, virtually walking outside the boundaries of the journey in the Spirit.

This is the evidence that trusting God has yet to be learned. Ask for the counsel of God that will clarify the direct route to walk in accordance with the fear of God, and begin to trust him in all situations.

There is a glorious ending, so hold fast to the truth that you have been given.



Refreshing

As each circumstance is encountered, relinquish how things were done in the past.

Surrendering the old patterns, learned habits and formed ideas allows creativity to make life a whole lot more fun and interesting for you and those around you.



Struggle

A struggle ensues when two opposing forces clash, or more readily said, “my way or the way it was meant to be”. The self-will is the aggressor that always initiates hostilities towards peace and love.

To struggle means to force one’s own way with violent effort, or to exert energy against an opposing force. Another explanation is to strive by twisting or using force to obtain a goal, usually resulting in a contest-like endeavor.

Preconceived ideas or notions strive against the work of the Spirit, yet it provides the evidence that peace is not yet a reality. The self-will constantly contends with the will of the Spirit. The power of the Spirit is natural, but the self continues in its endeavor to possess that which cannot be possessed: the Spirit of the Living God.

To rid one’s self of contention, hostility, violence, strife, unrest and conflict, surrender the will and yield to the work of the Spirit.

The way to peace and restoration is to first turn from the instincts and impulses of the old nature, and simultaneously, turn to the eternal characteristics of the godly nature that resides within each individual.



The End

When the end is near, voluntary abandonment of all selfishness gives birth to the life that can be lived. When knowing that the current life is not worth living, it's then that a new life can unfold.

As both are spiritual places, the grave allows surrender of the old ways of life, and the womb prepares the birth of a new life in the spirit. To wait in between can certainly be a difficult time, but it is part of the preparation to experience a new lifestyle that energizes heaven on earth.



The Right and The Wrong

When you are conscious of self rule, all actions will be judged as right or wrong, setting up the believer for torment about what was or wasn't done.

A change of behavior is not the answer because the faulty nature remains hidden, along with its habits, rituals and beliefs. The truth brings freedom and the Spirit then becomes responsible for all movement.



Turn, Turn, Turn

Repent means to change directions, re-focus, or turn from what was believed to be true to what is true. Beliefs stem from personal values and experiences that may seem real but nonetheless can be erroneous.

The belief system and its values were formed from a lifetime of personal experiences. Though temporary, it has still been the guiding force of personal activities. When the truth is known, the eternal Spirit becomes the father of a new life.



What's New

Approach all things with a clear mind. What was formerly favored or discredited is now subject to the mind of the Spirit. Now all prejudices and previous beliefs cease their influence.

Preconceived ideas, notions and thoughts that were developed by the fallen nature and birthed through the activity of the body are no longer usable and will not be utilized by the nature of God that is now inhabited by the believer.

In the new environment, all things are indistinct, but the necessary unknowns will eventually be made clear to the understanding.



Conversations



Depression

Question: What is depression? Other than a “journey symptom”, what would be causing it?

Answer: Depression is the shadow of what cannot be seen anymore or what's passing. It's caused by the feeling of the loss of identity and everything that was learned and experienced from the old life. It includes personal plans, hopes, dreams and aspirations. These are now fading and being felt because nothing yet has replaced what is in the process of being surrendered. It doesn't have to cripple, because it is meant to help us find and develop faith.

Question: I can hardly get out of bed, let alone even function.

Answer: Just be silent in prayer and wait. Move around with the realization that this is bringing about a major change and will take some time for its completion. Change can certainly be uncomfortable but cooperation with the internal work being done, not fighting against it, will be beneficial in the aid to grow and progress.

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Depression (cont'd)

Question: I've been pondering how the physical world reflects what's going on in the spirit world. Is that correct?

Answer: That's right, it is reflective. Surrender feels like death, and it does affect mind, spirit and body, and of course, reaching for a remedy prolongs the agony.

Question: I continue to experience this depression with no understanding of what it is.

Answer: Understanding will come later because obedience is what is being required right now. That's why it seems so difficult. Wait on God and trust him to finish the work because there is nothing to do but be still and cooperate.



The Handy Man

Question: Why is it so difficult for someone to take my advice?

Answer: Giving out advice is all based on one's own private experiences. Even the Spiritual Journey may differ because of individual belief systems and internal thoughts and prejudices. That is what drives behavior.

Question: If I think I know the truth, then why don't they hear?

Answer: God has already determined who and what our assignments are. Certain people will be able to hear you, others not. The person you want to hear you may be another person's assignment, even though they are a family member. This is what is meant by trespassing.

Question: Then how do I know?

Answer: Be sure to ask specifically what your responsibility is. God would not want us to force our own experiences onto another person. Taking that position can cause a person to shut down and never want to hear again. Learn to know the character and the nature of God. He is love and never acts outside that. The Spirit is the one who knows how to help each person, so develop the sense to hear him. When there is no current assignment, continue your walk with God and develop the Christ-nature in you.

Family

Question: I've been having difficulties with my family. Some relationships are non-existent, while others are strained. Some in my immediate family are uninterested in my pursuits to be closer, while others are trying to force me through manipulation and guilt to be and do what they want 'because we're family.' What is a family? I'm so frustrated.

Answer: Self effort, whether it is you do the chasing or the one being chased, always leads to frustration. All relationships are put in our lives as our earthly teachers, and we must yield to the Spirit regarding each individual relationship and what He requires of us in that relationship.

Question: But what is a family for? Why was it created, or why do these relationships exist?

Answer: Family was created for nurturing. It may not be the family you were born into; God may have it look like something else. It may be a neighbor and your dog. Or your sister and your pet goat. It might be a group of co-workers and a friend. Or some new friends and your child. Or your spouse and your grandma. It may also change over time as God directs, and look differently again based on what God knows you need. It is what nurtures you, and it may not be that immediate family that is commonly referred to.





Dreams



Dreams

Dreams and visions are methods used by earthly spiritual teachers, helpers and guides to reveal lessons, provide instruction, counsel and direction, and even warnings.

Prophetic events also occur through this medium. These teachers and guides have the authority to use whatever form the hearer can see to understand. Their assignment is to assist in bringing the believer home whereas angels guard and protect believers and intervene when necessary.

Any endeavor to communicate with the spiritual helpers is interference because they receive instruction from God and are accountable to Him alone.

Dreams and visions can range from severity to humorous, depending on the dreamers attention to the spiritual journey. Life's purpose determines intensity and frequency of the dreams. Corresponding events always follow a dream or vision and may transpire immediately, or be scheduled for a later time. Either way, the natural desire to know can allow the imagination to distort or confuse the message being conveyed by the forms or images.

Any desire to remain in the survival mode will cause the believer to twist what has been seen or heard. Asking, waiting and listening with careful deliberation will eventually clarify the nature of any spiritual message and its outcome.

Air Sick

I was flying in a little plane and was in the back seat. I took this flight daily and was comfortable with the pilot who only flew high and straight. Then this particular day the pilot was different and began to fly along power lines, close to the road, up and over telephone lines, back down close to the ground.

Interpretation: Since you became accustomed to flying at this altitude, it's safe and comfortable. It's when the pilot changed that you became uneasy. Your personal journey will now take you to places that are unfamiliar and uncomfortable.



Those Old Familiar Faces

I am having many dreams over a long period of time that includes people and places from the past. Some may be high school friends, former co-workers, neighbors, family, social acquaintances, prior experiences or places where I spent time.

Interpretation: The dreams imply that memories are stored up, remain active and depend on that for present-day judgments and determinations. A lot of their activity shows up in prejudices. When they do show up, you'll recognize them, and be able to dislodge them and their activity from your life. Once you begin the process of elimination, those kinds of dreams will cease.

Futile Ends

In this dream, I was looking for a property to purchase, not a big farm, but just a small piece of land. Every place I looked at had a red barn, but there was something wrong with each one. One had the roof that collapsed; the next was leaning off to one side. Another was completely laid over, and the following one had been all but destroyed by fire. Every property I looked at had a big red barn that wasn't usable. I couldn't find a property where the red barn was intact.

Interpretation: You can always find what you are looking for, but it will never be the quality that divine selection brings. The dream is saying that you can't get the divine by 'looking' for it. This is operating out of the old way—there's a new way on the horizon. What you need will be provided and what you like will be brought to you as determined by God himself. He is the only one who knows what you need and what those little heart hopes are. Rest assured in His plan.



What Can I Say?

This dream was about two woman I know well who came to visit me. They were familiar with my home and walked in without ringing the doorbell. After we exchanged pleasantries, they began telling me what I needed to with situations and people in my life. They also got angry and told me I needed to talk to my mother about her will, in which I told them if they had a problem, they could speak to her directly. I didn't get angry or mad, but just tried to respond to them reasonably in which they would get meaner. It continued until I finally walked away. After a short time, I realized they had left. I also saw they had stolen some things from my house on their way out.

Interpretation: Your responses were based on your normal response when faced with things that arise that are familiar. Reasoning, defending, arguing are all familiar responses.

Listen to God, and let him guide you as to what to say in all situations. Avoid using your own history, feelings, knowledge or arguments. Don't be afraid to say nothing, remain quiet, and ask for guidance. The words He gives you may not even make sense to you, but the words will contain complete power and authority which will cause those situations to disintegrate.



On Shaky Ground

In my dream, two of us were driving on a country road. The ground started moving and opening up along the sides. I could not control the car and it went into a deep crevice. I screamed to get out, and we both jumped. I grabbed hold of a large fence post that was up a steep embankment. My passenger grabbed onto a dirt clod but it tumbled. He would then grab a weed and slip. He would reach for a piece of wire and slip again. Whatever he grasped couldn't sustain him, and he continued to look at me with immense fear. I was screaming to grab the post right above him. "Grab the post and hang on", I kept yelling. After continuing to watch me in fear, he heaved himself up and took hold of the post. I kept thinking: his life is in peril, why doesn't he grab the post? Why does he grab those things that cannot hold him?

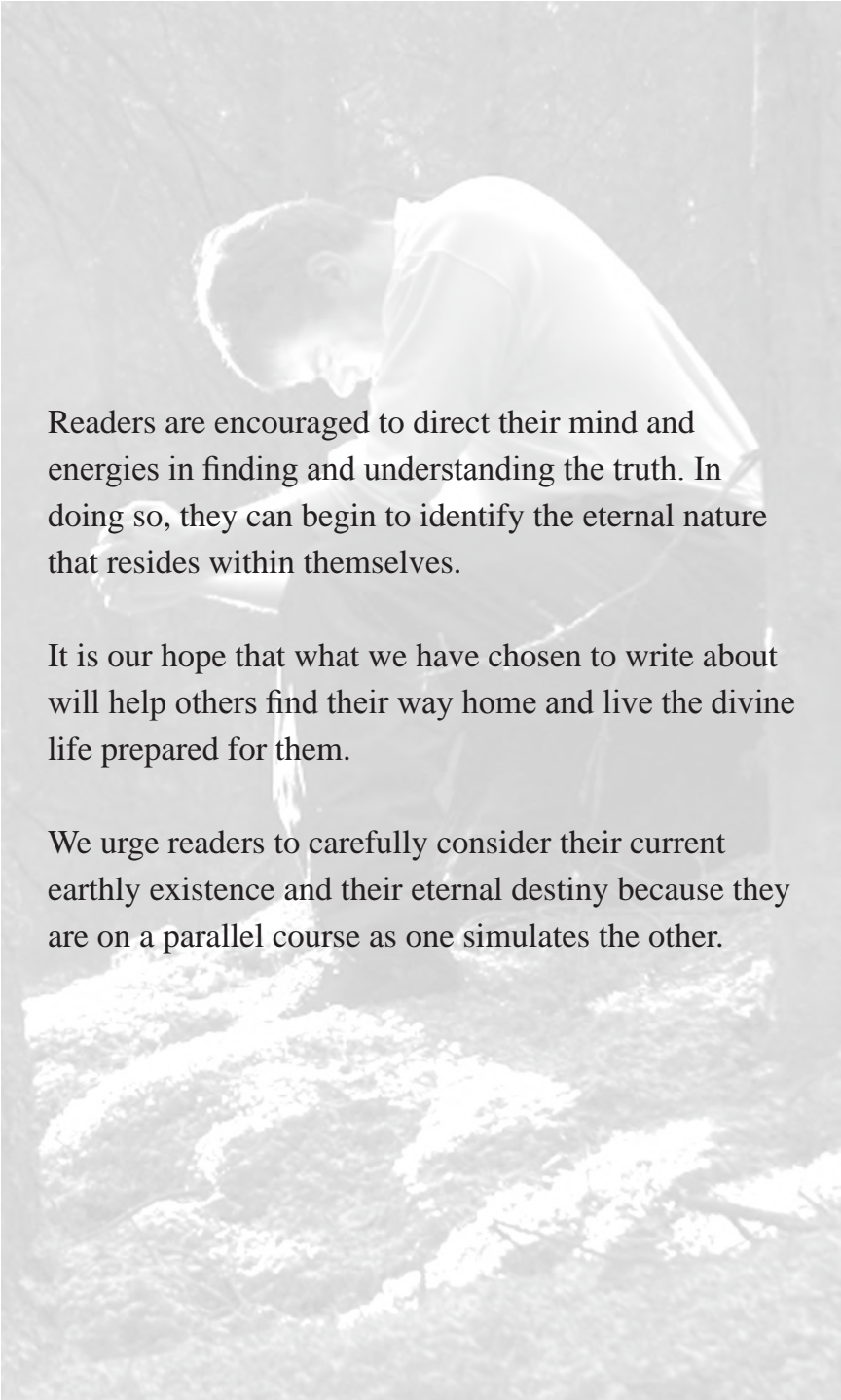
Interpretation: This dream means that you can help people because you will see from higher ground; the entire picture, the whole scene, above and below. Your passenger couldn't see what was right above him, so you had to help him. Although it may feel uncomfortable at first, you will get used to people looking to you for help. When it is time for them to learn to help themselves, they will. Your character shows up in this dream, also, by how you act in the middle of a catastrophe. This dream also says that 'when you are safe, you can help others.'





Author's Note





Readers are encouraged to direct their mind and energies in finding and understanding the truth. In doing so, they can begin to identify the eternal nature that resides within themselves.

It is our hope that what we have chosen to write about will help others find their way home and live the divine life prepared for them.

We urge readers to carefully consider their current earthly existence and their eternal destiny because they are on a parallel course as one simulates the other.



In Memoriam: E.A. Wilhelm



On a wintr'y day late in March,
you left without a word.
Angels singing and orchestras playing
were the only sounds I heard.

To leave in peace was your only wish,
interference was there ne'er.
In solitude with light and joy,
God lovingly honored your prayer.

“Welcome home” Jesus said,
as you stood in all His glory.
“Your perfect place has been prepared,
now, let's talk about your story.”

Ev'ry question you had is answered,
and all the secrets have been told.
You're right at home with Lord Jesus,
a magnificent thought to behold.

I am forever and humbly grateful,
is what I always pray.
As one you helped upon the earth
continues on The Way.

~d.wilhelm



Notes

