

ABOUT THE HOLY BIBLE

THE ULTIMATE TEST
FOR ITS VALIDITY

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FACT: If God is real, if God inspired the Holy Bible, and if the Holy Bible is true, then God will do what the Bible says. He will do for those who serve Him. Otherwise, the Holy Bible is the biggest lie ever perpetrated on humanity.

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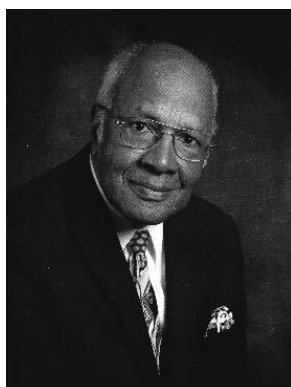
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My professional background is in automotive engineering. I own four patents unrelated to the profession.

From infancy to adulthood, except for three years in adolescence, I was a member of the Zion Congregational Church of God in Christ in Detroit, Michigan, where my mother, Lillian, was a member before I was born. Bishop Isaiah W. Winans was the founder and pastor.



The church was Pentecostal. However, unlike most Pentecostal denominations, Bishop Winans did not teach that speaking in tongues, i.e., other ethnic languages as on The Day of Pentecost, was evidence of being baptized in the Holy Spirit. [See CHAPTERS 8-10.]

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I considered him my Spiritual father. He was not a seminarian, **but his faith produced numerous miracles** [some are cited in this book], which validated him as a man of God.

For three years, I attended the Mt. Zion Church of God in Christ, where my dad, Walter, was a member. The church was in two locations: Windsor, Ontario, Canada, and Detroit, Michigan. Bishop C. L. Morton, Sr., a Spiritual father, was the founder and pastor.

I received my BA, i.e., born again experience, in my young-adult years in a service conducted by Evangelist Estella Boyd, a.k.a., Mother Boyd. Thus, I revere her as my Spiritual mother. Now a senior citizen, I am still working on my PHD: Past Having Doubt. It is a lifelong course. Certification for completion will be when Jesus Christ says seven words, i.e., well done, you good and faithful servant.

Bishop Jesse T. Stacks, Sr., succeeded Bishop Winans as pastor. Given the times he used the Holy Bible to patiently guide me through tumultuous periods, I came to revere him as “big brother.”

Although these four dearly beloved people died years ago, what they instilled in me carries me today. I mention them frequently.

I did not pursue a degree in Theology. The reason is that I knew of no one with a degree through whom God

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manifested His power as He did through the aforementioned persons, especially Bishop Winans and Mother Boyd.

They taught us that while seminaries can teach the Holy Bible academically, they generally cannot teach how to know the God of the Holy Bible experientially, which is essential to living as a Christian. Therefore, I decided to learn primarily from Bishop Winans how to know and experience the God of the Holy Bible. Bishop Morton, Mother Boyd, and Bishop Stacks, Sr., significantly contributed to my doing so, for which I am continually thankful to God.

It is a NEVER-ENDING journey, but an immensely joyous one, given my experiencing what God said in Jeremiah 33:3, "Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know."

The phrase "Call to Me" is comparable to praying to God with the same intensity as a child who has sustained a painful injury would call to a parent for help. The second phrase, "I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know," is compared to God giving me the realization that He is unwavering, no matter the trials I face or the setbacks I encounter.

Therefore, even if AI [artificial intelligence] is the root cause of any adverse circumstance, it is inconsequential in the sight and to the power of the God in the Holy Bible. Consequently, when we build our lives on Him as revealed

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in the Holy Book, all insecurity and self-doubt lose their grip.

This book's content is based principally on what I learned from Bishop I. W. Winans, foremost, and Bishop C. L. Morton, Sr., Mother Estella Boyd, and Bishop Jesse T. Stacks, Sr. I affirm that the scenarios cited are factual. I also certify that, except for Bishop James Feltus, I knew the people who experienced miraculous occurrences through Bishop Winans, Bishop Morton, Mother Boyd, and Bishop Stacks. I never met Bishop Feltus, whom Bishop Winans and his brother prayed for when he was in a coma. In answer to their prayers, God immediately awakened him.

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The target audiences for the book are Agnostics, Atheists, Skeptics, and those who, for whatever reasons, do not adhere to Biblical principles. It was written on the premise that if the God in the Holy Bible is real, if He inspired the Holy Bible, and if the Holy Bible is true, then He will do what the Holy book says He will do for those who serve Him. Otherwise, the Holy Bible is the biggest lie ever perpetrated on humanity: simple logic and the bottom line.

The age-old debate about the Holy Bible is whether it was written by a religious order to control people and collect money or whether God inspired its authors to write it for the benefit of humanity. Therefore, the ONE and ONLY resolution to the debate is to have personal experience of the God of the Holy Bible doing what it says He will do for those who serve Him.

This book explains that living by Biblical principles is foremost and a reasonable requirement, or a small price to pay, for God to reciprocate **Divine Intervention**, regardless of your circumstances or how precarious times become.

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However, achieving financial viability cannot be the reason to serve God. Instead, according to Biblical teachings, it is what God blesses one to have out of a desire to know Him experientially and, therefore, is dedicated to serving Him. Thus, adhering to Biblical principles is the **ultimate test**. Because of serving Him, no matter the circumstances, you can experience **Divine Intervention, which** would be your **irrefutable evidence** of the Holy Bible's validity, i.e., the **validation**. Such experiences will be **undeniable evidence** that nullifies all arguments against the Holy Bible's validity and invalidates all atheistic arguments about the nonexistence of God.

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Given the book's subtitle, its emphasis is on the Holy Bible's validity. The book is not preachy, no hype, just logic.

We are in unprecedented precarious times, given the pandemic's aftereffects and the impact of advancing technologies on employment. Consequently, it is not uncommon to hear working-class people [professionals, nonprofessionals, and entrepreneurs] express concerns about insufficient savings for retirement.

Additionally, college graduates working in low-wage jobs wonder whether they will ever find steady employment in the professions they spent years and money qualifying for. Additionally, there is the burden of repaying college loans and the question of whether they will ever be able to afford homes instead of renting apartments. Students have the same concerns.

Whereas the Holy Bible is commonly called the road map to heaven, the God of the Holy Bible assures His faithful that

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they will be productive on earth. Note the following two allegories:

A. Psalms 1:1-3

1. Blessed is the man [woman] who walks not in the counsel [advice] of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners [for companionship], nor sits in the seat of the scornful [engaging with mockers];
2. But his [her] delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he [she] meditates [is conscious of] day and night.
3. He [She] shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season [the time after preparation for being productive], whose leaf also shall not wither; **And whatever he [she] does shall prosper.**

B. Jeremiah 17:7-8

7. Blessed is the man [woman] who trusts in [believes strongly enough to obey] the Lord, and whose hope is [in] the Lord.
8. For he [she] shall be like a tree planted by the waters, which spreads out its roots by the river, and will not fear when heat [trouble] comes; but its leaf will be green, and will not be anxious in the year of drought [negative economy], nor will cease from yielding fruit [**being productive regardless to the heat and drought**].

Your experience of God doing what the Bible says He will do would be your **irrefutable evidence** that the Holy

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Bible is true. Whereas words alone cannot convince you of its validity, experiencing and recognizing **Divine Intervention** by God in the Holy Bible will. The reason is that personal experience is subjective and therefore a powerful source of knowledge that is not dependent on external evidence, such as scientific discoveries or others' validation.

If the target audience includes you, the book challenges you not to be presumptuous about discrediting the Holy Bible, even when authors or speakers who have never experienced **Divine Intervention** attempt to influence you to do so. Instead, the challenge is for you to embrace Biblical principles, and God, as revealed in the Holy Bible, will reciprocate with Divine Intervention when your efforts fail to resolve matters beyond your control.

The book emphasizes what the God of the Holy Bible said through Isaiah in chapter 55, vs. 10-11:

10. “For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
11. So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.”

Verse 11 unequivocally says that when the God of the Holy Bible speaks [whether it's what the Holy book says or tells you by inspiration], something is on His mind, and it

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will come to fruition. However, regarding an inspiration, you will discover what was on His mind ONLY if you obey it. [CHAPTER 3 explains the reference.]

Conclusively, if the God of the Holy Bible is real, and if He inspired the Holy Bible, and if the book is true, then He will do what the Holy Bible says He will do for those who serve Him. Otherwise, the Holy Bible would be a mere ideology.

Furthermore, given that the God of the Holy Bible said in Isaiah 45:5, “there is no God besides Me,” other deities are not real. PROOF is any sacred book believed to be inspired by a deity but contains no commitment to **Divine Intervention** for the faithful. Therefore, the book is an ideology because a nonexistent deity cannot make any commitment as the God of the Holy Bible did for His faithful and fulfill it.

Note 2 Chronicles 16:9: “For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal [fully committed] to Him.” The reference proves the God of the Holy Bible's commitment to manifesting Himself experientially to His faithful. His doing so will prove that He is Who the Holy Bible says He is.

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What has not been examined impartially has not been well examined. Skepticism is therefore the first step toward truth. Denis Diderot [1713 – 1784, Philosopher/Art Critic/Writer].

Atheists categorically believe that there is no God. Agnostics believe that any reality, such as God, is unknown and probably unknowable. Therefore, agnostics are not committed to believing in the existence or nonexistence of God. Hence, to atheists, agnostics, and the faithful in some religions, the Holy Bible is a mere book and cannot prove God's existence. But, to the contrary, **Divine Intervention**, as the Holy book teaches, can.

Numerous sources attempt to discredit the Holy Bible's authenticity. One example is refuting Daniel, a prophet, as

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the author of the book of Daniel, in which chapter 8 prophetically depicts Alexander the Great. Even though most versions do not name him, the Amplified [Holy] Bible does parenthetically.

Chapter 8 contains a concise but descriptive prophecy about Alexander leading his army to defeat the Medo-Persian army and thus conquer the Persian Empire, his fall, and his kingdom divided into four. The details are in history textbooks and encyclopedias in schools and libraries, all of which predate the Holy Bible by about 1,900 years.

Daniel wrote the prophecy about Alexander the Great about three centuries before his birth. Note Daniel 8:3-8 from the Amplified Bible. [Ref: [wikipedia.org/wiki/Amplified Bible](http://wikipedia.org/wiki/Amplified_Bible)]:

3. And I lifted up my eyes and saw, and behold, there stood before the river a [single] ram which had two horns [representing two kings of Medo-Persia: Darius the Mede, then Cyrus]; and the two horns were high, but one [Persia] was higher than the other, and the higher one came up last.
4. I looked and saw the ram [Medo-Persia] pushing and charging westward and northward and southward; no beast could stand before him, neither could anyone rescue from his power, but he did according to his [own] will and pleasure and magnified himself.
5. As I was considering, behold, a he-goat [the king of Greece] came from the west across the face of the whole earth without touching the ground, and the

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goat had a conspicuous and remarkable horn between his eyes [symbolizing Alexander the Great].

6. And he came to the ram that had the two horns which I had seen standing on the bank of the river and ran at him in the heat of his power.
7. [In my vision] I saw him come close to the ram [Medo-Persia], and he was moved with anger against him and he [Alexander the Great] struck the ram and broke his two horns; and there was no power in the ram to stand before him, but the goat threw him to the ground and trampled on him. And there was no one who could rescue the ram from his power.
8. And the he-goat [Alexander the Great] magnified himself exceedingly, and when he was [young and] strong, the great horn [he] was [suddenly] broken; and instead of [him] there came up four notable horns [to whom the kingdom was divided, one] toward [each of] the four winds of the heavens.

Although Daniel lived in the 6th century BCE, sources say that the book of Daniel was written about 164 BCE, probably by several authors. However, Daniel's self-reference appears in several verses in the book, where he says, "I Daniel." Also, note Daniel's use of the personal pronouns "I," "my," and "me" in his account of what an angel said to him regarding a vision, Daniel 10:10-15:

10. Suddenly, a hand touched me, which made me tremble on my knees and on the palms of my hands.
11. And he said to me, "O Daniel, man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand

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upright, for I have now been sent to you.” While he was speaking this word to me, I stood trembling.

12. Then he said to me, “Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words.
13. But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia.
14. Now I have come to make you understand what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision refers to many days yet to come.”
15. When he had spoken such words to me, I turned my face toward the ground and became speechless.

Note what an angel said to Daniel in Daniel 12:4: “But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.” The logic in this verse is that if Daniel were not writing the book, the angel would not have told him to “shut up the words, and seal the book.”

Given the references cited from Daniel, if the book was written more than 400 years after he died, its author(s) could have only gotten the information from resources containing the data. Thus, the conclusion is that Daniel wrote his book, and critics plagiarized it.

Foremost, the Holy Bible contains principles by which one could have a personal Divine fellowship. It is the only

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way that knowledge of God and His Son, Jesus Christ, could transcend belief and become the faith that would manifest what God promised for the faithful. Otherwise, the Holy Bible would be nothing more than a book of ideologies.

A great debate between Christendom and science is creationism vs. evolution. However, the Christian's basis for believing in creation is experiencing what the Holy Bible says about God manifesting Himself to His faithful.

To Christians, such manifestations are irrefutable evidence that the Holy Bible is true, although some passages are vague and seemingly contradictory. Even so, if one dares to focus on the central message, he/she will experience what the God of the Holy Bible does. Otherwise, the book could be deemed a compilation of theories and conjectures, giving no expectation for experiential evidence.

Numerous books and sermons focus on heaven as the inevitable reward for those who practice Biblical principles, and they are right. But, except for televangelists with hidden motives for personal gain, there is far too little said about what the Holy Bible teaches about the faithful being successful and prosperous in life.

Thus, God wanting us to live productive lives here on earth during a volatile economy is factual. The assertion is based on the two allegories cited in the INTRODUCTION:

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2. But his [her] delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he [she] meditates [is conscious of] day and night.
3. He [She] shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season [the time after preparation for being productive], whose leaf also shall not wither; **And whatever he [she] does shall prosper.**

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7. Blessed is the man [woman] who trusts in [believes strongly enough to obey] the Lord, and whose hope is [in] the Lord.
8. For he [she] shall be like a tree planted by the waters, which spreads out its roots by the river, and will not fear when heat [trouble] comes; but its leaf will be green, and will not be anxious in the year of drought [negative economy], nor will cease from yielding fruit **[being productive regardless to the heat and drought].**

The references are comparable to what Jesus said in Matthew 6:33, “seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these [material] things shall be added to you.”

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However, Jesus did not imply that money would rain from heaven. Instead, what He said reflected Deuteronomy 28:12, “The Lord will open to you His good treasure, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand.” Therefore, God blesses our entrepreneurship and employment. [Refer to the **free download**, “Your Flash of Genius” on www.AboutTheHolyBible.com.]

James Allen, the author of “As a Man Thinketh,” said, “Men imagine that thought can be kept secret, but it cannot. It rapidly crystallizes into habit and habit solidifies into circumstance.” Thus, in reverse order, our circumstances generally result from habits produced by our thoughts.

Now, apply the scientific “IF-THEN” logic to v. 12 above in conjunction with what Allen said. Thus, IF our thoughts are about serving God by complying with Biblical principles, our thoughts would crystallize into habits that would solidify into circumstances that would be **irrefutable evidence** of what Proverbs 3:5-6 says about God directing our paths because of acknowledging Him first [by praying for directions], and what Jeremiah 17:7-8 says about our being productive regardless of the heat and drought.

Thereby, relative to having **financial viability**, we would be living proof of “that good, acceptable, and perfect will of God” in Romans 12:2 that tells us not to be conformed to this world’s ungodly mind-set, but be transformed by the renewing of our minds, [so] that we may prove what that good and acceptable and perfect will of God is.”

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The primary focus of this book is the expectation of you experiencing **Divine Intervention** and having the **fellowship relationship** with God as explained in CHAPTER 6 [Born Again: The Fellowship Relationship]. It will guide us through life according to the following two references. The first one is a quote from Jesus Christ; the second is a quote from Apostle Paul, whom Jesus taught by revelation:

- A. John 16:13 - However, when He, the Spirit of truth [the Holy Spirit], has come, He will guide you into ALL truth [everything that pertains to life and godliness] . . . and He will tell you things to come [perceptions that something is about to happen and insights for dealing with it].
- B. Romans 8:14 - For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

The references are comparable to an OT reference that too few people who profess belief in the Holy Bible practice. However, practicing must be conjoined with prayer, as explained in CHAPTER 14, Praying in the Father's Love. Note the principles in Proverbs 3:5-6:

- 5. Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding;
- 6. In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths [made while moving forward instead of standing still].

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If you have the slightest doubt about the validity of the Holy Bible, allow a proposal for how you can know if it was, in fact, Divinely inspired. Naturally, there is some deliberate repetition of Biblical references to emphasize particular points. However, have an open mind and decide if the proposal is rational. In other words, be a skeptic, as the previously mentioned Miguel de Unamuno defined.

First is a very simple supposition. Namely, if the Holy Bible is true, it must have the capability to prove itself. Thereby, the God of the Holy Bible will do what it says He will do for anyone who serves Him, thus confirming the book's validity. Otherwise, as stated previously, the Holy Bible is the biggest lie ever perpetrated on humanity.

The foremost experience is the Mighty God [Jesus in the NT] miraculously empowering one to live a disciplined life, equating to a Spiritual transformation: a Spiritual rebirth [explained in CHAPTER 6, Born Again: The Fellowship Relationship]. God would reciprocate with tangible blessings for allowing the empowerment.

The bottom line is that God wants us to know Him and recognize His presence. Therefore, consider an example typical to everyone in which we need manifestations of His presence.

For instance, this unprecedented era of science and technology has heightened our awareness of the need to approach any subject rationally. Therefore, consider a comparison between science and Spirituality.

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Various apparatuses can be used to support scientific claims; for instance, instruments can measure different forms of energy, such as nuclear fission/fusion, electricity, and solar radiation. Although energy is intangible, it can cause substantial changes in tangible objects. For example, heat boils water and melts ice. Likewise, instruments that detect specific energies must possess properties that enable them to respond.

Conversely, given that God is a Spirit, there are no physical instruments to detect His presence. However, people generally accept His existence as fact, even in the absence of tangible evidence. Therefore, the only way to prove His existence is experiential.

The fact is that one cannot sincerely want to know God and not experience Him. Therefore, to prove God's reality, something about the person must be comparable to devices that detect energy, which is the human spirit.

The Holy Bible is the fundamental basis for believing in God. Therefore, if He inspired it, He must have given it the power to prove itself, which He did: principles to live by that will precipitate His blessings, i.e., manifest what the Holy book says He will do for those who serve Him.

The experiences will transcend doubts by affecting awareness in the human spirit that God is real. Thus, the human spirit's experience of God would be comparable to instruments that respond to energy.

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Albert Einstein once said, “Ethical axioms are found and tested not very differently from the axioms of science. Truth is what stands the test of experience.”

Science systematically acquires knowledge of the physical or material world through observation and experimentation. For example, physics is the science from which observation and experimentation teach gravity.

With all things being equal, the law of gravity is that what goes up must come down. Thus, a falling object is consistent with the law of gravity. Given that example, we could conclude that physical realities are universally consistent with physical laws. So, likewise, we can expect Spiritual realities to be consistent with Spiritual laws.

Given what Einstein said, the bottom line is that if the argument about the Holy Bible presented herein is TRUTH, it will stand the test. It is where the rubber meets the road, as the idiom says.

The premise of the test is primarily the commitment Jesus made in the book of St. John 14:21; He said, “He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.” [Although the pronouns he and him are in the reference, it is not gender specific.] What Jesus said is comparable to an OT reference: 2 Chronicles 16:9, “For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him.”

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The operative word in v. 21 is manifest. So, to paraphrase what Jesus said, the individual who knows and obeys His teachings reveres Him. And for this, Jesus promised to initiate experiences that would be evidence to validate Him as being Who the Holy Bible says He is.

However, to refute His Deity without compliance to the condition for which He said He would manifest Himself is a gross injustice. Doing so would not exemplify the integrity that one innately possesses.

Recall what Einstein said about ethical axioms being tested not very differently from the axioms of science. Whereas he spoke of ethical axioms, allow the proposal for testing a Spiritual axiom. Namely, obedience to the teachings of Jesus Christ is comparable to testing scientific axioms. Thus, obedience is the prerequisite for experiencing Jesus Christ manifesting Himself.

The book of James 4:8, in the NT, says, “Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.” An example of drawing near to God would be your obedience to Biblical principles based on the teachings of Jesus Christ. Thus, your obedience would be the magnetism that draws Him to you, which would be evident by His manifestations: what He does for you.

I sometimes use magnetism to illustrate a point about God. I ask individuals if they understand the science of how a magnet attracts metal. The answers are usually no, which means they are ignorant of the science. I continue by saying

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that I want to use the word ignorance respectfully. I then ask, does your ignorance of the science preclude a magnet from attracting metal objects? The answers are no.

I then comment that just as your ignorance of the science of magnetism does not stop it from working, so likewise, you and I not understanding the mystery of God does not stop Him from working. I conclude the illustration by saying that just as you cannot see magnetism but only see its manifestations, you cannot see God but can only experience His manifestations. The illustration has proven to be thought-provoking.

Likewise, your experiences of God manifesting Himself in your life would be **irrefutable evidence** that He is Who the Holy Bible says He is. Additionally, the strength of your experience is that you would know its reality regardless of the strongest contradiction. Therefore, obeying God and not experiencing His manifestations would invalidate the Holy Bible.

What has been referred to as Jesus' mission statement is in Luke 4:18-19. It depicts how He will not allow the PAST to control the PRESENT or dictate the FUTURE:

18. The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He hath anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,
19. To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

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Consider brief commentaries on the two verses:

- To preach the gospel to the poor: give hope to all who feel no self-worth, without any sense of direction, or having accumulated tangible assets, have academic achievements, climbed the corporate ladder, have social recognition and numerous accolades for other accomplishments, but still feel unfulfilled.
- To heal the brokenhearted: grief over past actions and bad experiences, whether the perpetrator or the victim.
- To proclaim liberty to the captives: a new lease on life for one seemingly trapped in adverse circumstances.
- Recovery of sight to the blind: new insight for having a fulfilled life.
- To set at liberty those who are bruised: to remove the pain from any past hurt.
- To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord: the time for humanity to experience the Spiritual rebirth.

Jesus fulfilling His mission statement in one's life would be the **ULTIMATE TEST** to distinguish Him from other deities and so-called higher powers. Namely, the fulfillment would prove Him to be Supreme unless other deities or higher powers made comparable commitments to their

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faithful and initiated experiences for them that equal or exceed what He does.

However, if they cannot equal or exceed what Jesus does for His faithful, their failure would prove He is Who the Holy Bible says He is: the REAL God that does REAL things for people who are REAL with Him. And, He WILL NOT refuse anyone who sincerely invites Him to be her/his God, regardless of the person's life history. [I think you will agree that is a reasonable supposition.]

The previously mentioned evidence also pertains to what we experience throughout our life journeys. For instance, there are times that we face adverse circumstances for which agnostics, atheists, philosophical religions, and nonreligious persons might attribute overcoming them to positive thinking, which no one should refute. However, when making decisions that allow no margin for error, positive thinking cannot ensure that they will produce the best results.

Acting on our decisions would be risks we take that will have positive or negative consequences on our futures. The following are four examples of decisions typically made:

- i. financial planning and business matters
- ii. medical decisions based on consultations with doctors
- iii. young adults choosing the best vocations and the right colleges
- iv. traveling for vacations and other reasons

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Predicaments, such as medical or financial, can occur in which making the right decisions is vital: no margin for error. Otherwise, the outcomes may be devastating and without any possibility of recovery. They could cause catastrophic, irreversible consequences that can even affect future generations. However, if the Holy Bible is true, we can rely on its principles for making the right decisions.

In the NT, Apostle Paul said in Romans 15:4, “whatever things were written before were written for our learning that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.” Paul referred to things written in the OT: more than 400 BCE. Therefore, I’ll refer to the OT for principles about making decisions.

Two are in the book of Proverbs. The first one is in chapter 3:5-6, cited previously:

5. Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding;
6. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.

Acknowledging God means praying to Him, thereby demonstrating our dependence on Him. Given that Jesus said that we pray in His name, we always end our prayers by saying, “in the name of Jesus,” before saying, Amen, which is our affirmation to the Father that we submit to His Son’s teaching.

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The second principle is in Proverbs 16:3, “Commit your works to the Lord, and your thoughts will be established.” According to this principle, the Omniscient God could infuse Divine knowledge and wisdom into our minds, thereby directing our paths, as the first principle teaches.

Consider a quote by Napoleon Hill as a basis for continuing the example of decision-making and include God directing our paths. Hill is the author of “Think and Grow Rich.” The book is among the top 10 best-selling self-help books of all time. One of his famous quotes is, “whatever your mind can conceive and believe, it can achieve.”

I understand Hill’s point and agree. But, for the sake of argument, assume that his statement is an unequivocal truth. If that be so, Hill undoubtedly limits a potential achievement to only what a person’s mind has the capacity to conceive.

However, a person who acknowledges the Omniscient God by asking for His guidance in her/his decision-making processes, in the name of Jesus Christ, is complying with the previously cited Proverbs 3:5, “Trust in the Lord with all your heart . . .” Consequently, God would, at the right moment, respond by infusing the person’s mind with Divine knowledge and wisdom as inferred in the previously cited Proverbs 3:6, “. . . He shall direct your paths.” Therefore, by complying with the Holy Bible, the Omniscient God would enable one to achieve infinitely more than her/his mind can conceive.

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So then, contradictory to Hill's opinion, the individual's achievement WOULD NOT be limited to only what her/his mind can conceive, which is supported by Ephesians 3:20-21 in the NT:

20. Now to Him [God] who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,
21. to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever.

In this instance, the power that works in us is manifestations of the Omniscient God's presence working in our minds to make decisions that could produce results that exceed our intellectual capabilities. Therein, we would experience what Jesus said: "I will manifest Myself," and what God said in the previously cited 2 Chronicles 16:9 about showing Himself strong on behalf of "those whose heart is loyal to Him."

Note what Apostle Paul said in the book of 1 Corinthians 1:27 about what the Omniscient and Sovereign God does: "God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty."

Consider this example, and please know that the analogy is not intended to be offensive but to make a point. First, in verse 27, apply "foolish things" and "weak things" to the uneducated. However, they live by Biblical principles and, therefore, practice those cited in Proverbs 3:5-6. Next, apply

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“the wise” and the “mighty” to graduates with doctorate degrees from Ivy League colleges, even if the most powerful version of AI [artificial intelligence] is available to faculty and student body.

Given the language in verse 27, together with the principles in Proverbs, the God the Holy Bible speaks of can infuse the minds of the uneducated with Divine knowledge and wisdom, enabling them to make business decisions that astound graduates with doctoral degrees in business. The results of those decisions could become record-breaking success stories. And, such results would be prime instances in which the God in the previously cited 2 Chronicles 16:9 would “show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him.”

The example is just one instance of how the God of the Holy Bible could work in the minds of the uneducated [who do not have access to AI] to completely dumbfound the educated, especially those who do not practice Biblical principles. So then, our IQ levels, from the lowest to the highest, are inconsequential. Because, by inviting the Omniscient God to be involved in our decision-making processes, by Him infusing our minds with Divine knowledge and wisdom, our achievements could far exceed what our minds ordinarily have the capacity to conceive. Thereby, we would be evidence of God doing REAL things for people who are REAL with Him.

A FACT ABOUT AI: Geoffrey Hinton, a.k.a. the father of AI, said on 60 Minutes that AI could conceivably become

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more intelligent than humans. Watch the interview on YouTube by searching for "Godfather of AI" Geoffrey Hinton: The 60 Minutes Interview.

Even if he is right, the God in the Holy Bible is not intimidated in the least by AI, and His intervention on our behalf is not in the least deterred by it because it is completely meaningless to Him: less than nothing.

I refer to the scenario in the OT in which Joseph's brothers sold him into slavery in Egypt for twenty pieces of silver, as recorded in Genesis 37:28, which was evil. However, in Genesis 50:20, about 39 years later, during a famine, when Joseph's father and brothers came to Egypt for help, Joseph told his brothers that what they meant for evil, God meant for good because Pharaoh had promoted him to a position in which he had the authority to help them.

Given that narrative, no matter how powerful AI is or becomes, or even if there is a hidden agenda for creating it, the Omniscient and Almighty God in the Holy Bible could inspire you to use AI to accomplish something of great value. The achievement could be the result of DIVINE INTERVENTION, conceivably exceeding anything you could have done without AI.

With that in mind, no one committed to serving the Almighty God in the Holy Bible should be fearful of it. AI could ultimately be an enormous blessing in disguise, given that the previously cited 2 Chronicles 16:9 says that God would "show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart

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is loyal to Him,” and the previously cited Proverbs 5:6, “In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.”

Experiencing DIVINE INTERVENTION would result from the fellowship relationship defined in CHAPTER 6. The experiences would be **irrefutable evidence** convincing Christians to believe in creation rather than evolution, as previously cited. Thus, Christians treat Darwin’s Theory of Evolution as what it is noted to be: a mere scientific theory, a mere speculation. [Refer to CHAPTER 2, Analytic Reasoning: The Catalyst for Evidence.]

As previously stated, decision-making is necessary in everyday life, with full awareness that acting on those decisions will have positive or negative consequences. And, given that we cannot see the future, we need God’s guidance in making decisions about everything. The reason is that if we don’t exercise humility and pray first, we could later plead for God’s help in desperation.

Personal Experiences

My background is in automotive engineering. Even so, I had an idea for an online advertising medium for small businesses, which I am convinced was inspired by God. However, I knew only two things about the Internet: how to spell it and use it.

Although I had seen nothing to compare to the concept, I intuitively knew it would be a decisive advertiser. But, more

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importantly, learning to use it would be a small learning curve for computer-illiterate proprietors.

Given that the idea was outside the box for me, I bought a “For Dummies” book and learned the basic language of the Internet. Then I acknowledged God by praying for directions. Therefore, He directed my mind to develop a facsimile of my concept, which I put in PowerPoint. It demonstrated searching for a product.

I presented it to professionals who signed confidentiality agreements. Their rhetorical question was, “how did Google and Microsoft miss this?” I facetiously replied that the big technology companies focused on proving the capabilities of their technologies rather than on simplicity, which the public generally wants. After seeing the demonstration, they predicted that the two companies would ultimately try to outbid each other to acquire it once it became operational.

The only explanation I can give is that I practice the principles in Proverbs. I live by the teachings of Jesus Christ. And, I pray earnestly for His help when I feel vulnerable to temptations. Furthermore, when my attitude or words are offensive, I do not justify myself. Instead, I ask the individual and God for forgiveness. Thus, with His help, the project is destined to come to fruition.

The fact is, without experiencing manifestations of God’s presence in my life, I would have no evidence or basis for believing that the Holy Bible is true. Life’s experiences inspired CHAPTER 2.

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Another instance occurred on a Monday when I was 21. I was admitted to one of the highest-ranking hospitals. As one doctor explained, I had a disease that was causing my body to shut down. Doctors began testing me to determine why I was sick, being the strong young man I was.

The next evening, Tuesday, was a mid-week service at church. The following day, one of my peers from infancy, named Selara, came to visit me. When he got to my bedside, he said that after our pastor, the late Bishop I. W. Winans, had finished teaching and sat down, someone announced that I was in the hospital. Selara continued by saying that Bishop Winans reacted by silently facing downward and slightly shaking his head, which was typically his body language when he heard something distressing.

When I was about seven weeks old, Bishop Winans held me in his arms and said a prayer dedicating me to God as he did Selara and others in our peer group. So, in a sense, I was like one of his children. And, hearing that I was in the hospital distressed him.

Selara did not say that Bishop Winans prayed for me. But something undoubtedly was communicated between him and the Holy Spirit that caused him to raise his head and say categorically, “he’ll be back.” Therefore, based on what Selara told me, I knew that whether or not Bishop Winans prayed, my recovery was inevitable by him saying, “he’ll be back.”

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[Bishop Winans had a mild-mannered demeanor. Nevertheless, he had the reputation of being God's instrument for miraculous healings. A few instances are in CHAPTER 8, Evidence of the Holy Spirit, and CHAPTER 9, Speaking in Tongues - Not Evidence of the Holy Spirit.]

A team of doctors continued trying to diagnose my illness. However, after several days of testing me, they were still indecisive about a protocol for treatment. Then, on a Monday, my primary doctor told me that the findings from the battery of tests had mystified the team about the onset of the disease and my recovery.

The next day, I was discharged from the hospital. And, against the doctor's orders to remain home on bed rest for a few days, I went to church for the mid-week evening service. So, as Bishop Winans said, "he'll be back," I was back at church. I have had no residual effects from the illness. I am now decades older.

Think about this. An indisputable fact is that no one is exempt from experiencing the vicissitudes of life. All of us are included, from the most impoverished to the wealthiest, the most illiterate to the most intellectual, and the least known to the most famous. In some instances, not all the money in the world can buy the help needed. Therefore, the bottom line is that we need God's help, guidance, and protection all day, every day. Because without His intervention, a single catastrophic event can permanently change my life or yours in the blink of an eye. I am just being realistic.

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However, I am also realistic in saying that if you have already experienced such an occurrence, obtaining HELP to deal with the effects [whatever they are] is not beyond the capability of the REAL God who does REAL things for people who are REAL with Him. Absolutely nothing is impossible for Him.

Confucius once said, “a superior man may be made to go to the well, but he cannot be made to go down into it.” Therefore, I can only invite you to read this book with an open mind, but let skepticism be the first step toward truth. It is based on logic, not hype. Then, if you decide that you genuinely want to know, begin setting aside time to pray, as explained in CHAPTER 14, and expect subsequent experiences initiated by God that will eradicate all doubt about the validity of the Holy Bible.

God inspired me to offer a general prayer for everyone who doubts the Holy Bible’s validity but considers my argument in this chapter valid. Given my personal experiences, which I know are real and are the results of praying in the name of Jesus, I have no reluctance about publishing the prayer.

If you accept it, you will honor the Almighty God because He inspired me to publish it. Moreover, I offer the prayer in the spirit of humility because you and I, at various times, experience virtually the same vicissitudes of life. Thus, I am only obeying the inspiration.

The Prayer

Holy Father in heaven, I honor you as the Omniscient, Omnipresent, and Omnipotent God: the Almighty God. The Holy Bible teaches us that in the name of Jesus, we can come boldly to Your Throne of Grace to receive Your help in our times of need, no matter the circumstances.

My brother/sister is honoring You by reading this prayer because You, Almighty God, inspired me to publish it. Therefore, if he/she has the slightest doubt that You are the incomprehensible God of the Holy Bible who CAN NOT be defined by scientific laws or confined to them, cause him/her to realize that You are. Also, cause him/her to know that You can exceed the bounds of logic to do what seems impossible.

Therefore, if he/she is dealing with –

- personal health challenges or those of a family member
- business matters that require making decisions
- a circumstance that he/she cannot manage alone

- show your great compassion and do the miraculous. Holy Father, Your intervention would be the reward for the humility he/she demonstrates by accepting this prayer.

If he/she is a parent with children in public or private schools, I pray for Your protection and blessings on the students and the teachers. Give the children the courage to resist peer pressures to engage in what the Holy Bible

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classifies as sin. Bless them to pursue their education, mature into adulthood, and become highly successful and productive citizens.

Holy Father, quarantine bullies that harass or threaten students for resisting peer pressure. You know how to isolate every bully and even remove them from schools. I ask that you do it.

I also pray that You protect students from physical and verbal abuse by teachers. And, remove abusive teachers from school systems permanently, and cause them to be convicted of their crimes to the fullest extent of the law. I pray that You do it, Almighty God, for the children's sake.

Holy Father, keep your mighty hand of protection on children wherever they are. And bring runaways back home and restore the family bonds.

Lastly, given Your Omniscience, You know the reader's innermost feelings. He/She may be conflicted by a deeply personal matter. If so, you know exactly what it is and how to resolve it completely. Therefore, I pray that You show Your great compassion and do the miraculous, Holy Father. Do it as a gesture of Your love for my brother/sister, given the humility he/she demonstrated by accepting this prayer.

Holy Father, the reader may have no challenges and, therefore, perceive that all is well. If so, help him/her to realize that accumulating tangible assets, having academic achievements, climbing the corporate ladder, making

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notable contributions to society, or other reasons for recognition can bring numerous accolades that could bring fleeting moments of happiness. But, help my brother/sister recognize that no accomplishment or celebration can bring the level of fulfillment or the depth of peace to the human spirit that serving You would.

Heavenly Father, hear my prayer. Thereby, the reader will experience the power of Your **Divine Intervention**. Furthermore, such an experience will be **irrefutable evidence** that nullifies ALL arguments against the validity of the Holy Bible and invalidates ALL atheistic arguments about the nonexistence of God. The experience would also be Your gesture of love to get her/his attention and possibly a commitment to serving You.

Heavenly Father, this petition is obedience to the inspiration You gave me. Therefore, I ask that you grant it in the Name of Your Son, Jesus, Amen.

Conclusion

I would dare say that by accepting the prayer, you, my brother/sister, realize the importance of God of the Holy Bible manifesting His presence in your life. So, right now, ask Him to forgive your sins in the name of Jesus Christ. He will do it instantly. It is what being “born again” is, as explained in CHAPTER 6. More specifically, it is learning and living by Biblical principles based primarily on the teachings of Jesus Christ.

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Secondly, my brother/sister, search for and pray for God to lead you to a church with a pastor whose teachings focus on what the Holy Bible says about how the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ will bring blessings in our earthly lives and assure us of being with Him in heaven after we die. Thus, the sermons would not comprise religious ideologies or philosophical concepts.

Having a Bible-teaching pastor is crucial. You would recognize an anointed pastor because the sermons would resonate in your psyche: the human spirit that hungers for the fellowship-relationship with the God of the Holy Bible.

Some pastors are deeply passionate about ministering. And, of course, some have been exposed by news media as being continual hypocrites and criminals. But think of them in this sense: Jesus had Judas, and we have them. So, given that Jesus had Judas, we can expect hypocrites too. But, your quest for real ministry would cause you to discern a true pastor.

Given that unpredictable calamities can affect our family lives and the world scene, I cannot overemphasize the necessity of having a Bible-teaching pastor. One teaching would be that God enabled the authors of the Holy Bible to look through tunnels of time, as it were, and to prophesy in general and specific terms, signs that would precede the second coming of Jesus Christ.

The little controversial Middle Eastern country, Israel, and its capital, Jerusalem, is one prophecy in the OT. A

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pastor who understands Israel's relevance to Biblical prophecies would elaborate on the subject in light of current events on the world scene. However, if a pastor does not, you should continue praying for and searching for a pastor who does.

A prophecy in the NT is what Jesus said in Matthew 24:22, "And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened." Whereas numerous pastors have taught that the shortening of days was numerical, others are making another point worth considering. Namely, the shortening meant compressing time. For example, seconds are not as long as they once were, affecting every other time increment: minutes, hours, days, weeks, months, and years.

For instance, if you get up at 6:00 a.m. and begin your regular routine, it's 12:00 p.m. before you know it. Then, amazingly, it's 6:00 p.m. You think about what you accomplished during the day, and it seems to be very little. Then, you think to yourself, where did the time go?

When asking college students if they accomplish as much in a day now as they did in past years, they generally say no. Then, when suggesting that God is compressing time, their responses are not contradictory. Instead, they indicate that they are somewhat stunned at processing the thought that time is being compressed.

So, amazingly, it is not only seniors who think time is going fast. Youngsters also recognize that something was

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happening with time, but, until I mentioned it, they gave no thought to it being compressed. Thus, time compression could be what Jesus had in mind when He prophesied that He would shorten the days. It is something to consider.

Reports on Google in July/August 2022 say that Earth's rotation around the sun is speeding up. However, there is no decisive reason for this. Also, what it holds for the future is unknown. However, it could be the beginning of what Jesus said about shortening the days, as previously cited in Matthew 24:22.

In conclusion, and given my limited experience, I am convinced that whatever is required of me to obey Biblical principles, as taught by Jesus Christ, is **a small price to pay** for what He brings to my life. I dare say that your experiences from doing the same would bring you to the same conclusion.

Recall two quotes cited previously:

1. Diderot: "What has not been examined impartially has not been well examined. Skepticism is therefore the first step toward truth."
2. Einstein: "Ethical axioms are found and tested not very differently from the axioms of science. Truth is what stands the test of experience."

Also, realize that the man, Jesus Christ, was the God of the OT manifested in the flesh. Therefore, what He said in

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the OT's book of 2 Chronicles 16:9 about showing Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him coincides with what He said about manifesting Himself to those who love [revere] Him in the NT's John 14:21. Therefore, the OT and NT cite God's commitment to reciprocate **Divine Intervention** for serving Him wholeheartedly.

Lastly, the **ultimate test** to validate the Holy Bible is to apply to it what Diderot said about doing impartial examinations with the logic Einstein inferred, i.e., "Truth is what stands the test of experience." Thus, being committed to knowing the God of the Holy Bible, as the remaining chapters teach, would produce **irrefutable evidence** that **nullifies ALL** arguments against the validity of the Holy book and would validate Jesus Christ as the REAL God who does REAL things for people who are REAL with Him. [NOTE: CHAPTER 4 explains the Trinity Of The ONE God.]

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Although there are numerous studies about consciousness, there is no definitive biological or psychological conclusion to define it or subconsciousness fully. Neither one is a source of knowledge like an information database.

Some studies conclude that consciousness comprises information acquired through the senses: hearing, sight, touch, smell, and taste. Sight and hearing are the primaries.

Subconsciousness consists of knowledge forgotten over time or acquired unknowingly by inadvertently hearing or seeing something. Therefore, individuals have limitations on what consciousness or subconsciousness has accumulated. However, meditation or hypnosis could perhaps access either.

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Being overwhelmed with despair from feeling vulnerable to life's challenges could cause one to pursue higher consciousness through Transcendental Meditation [TM], Yoga, and other meditation practices. Wikipedia.com defines higher consciousness as the consciousness of a god or "the part of the human spirit that is capable of transcending animal instincts." However, anxiety and utter hopelessness could manifest when a pursuit cannot provide what an individual requires to overcome feeling vulnerable.

Positive thinking is encouraged when facing adversities. While positive thinking can offer alternative perspectives on problems, it cannot provide specific directives that guarantee resolutions to all of them. Thus, the person would recognize the need for an infallible solution, and the search could begin.

People pay hundreds of dollars for lifetime access to highly-rated dynamic meditation courses to learn mind control. And, some people attribute the ways they feel, think, live and phenomenal accomplishments to applying meditation techniques they learned from the courses. Some report repeatedly winning multi-million-dollar lotteries because of deep concentration to pick winning numbers. There are no contradictions to the claims.

However, no meditation course can teach one to foresee life's overwhelming vicissitudes. Neither can a course teach how to avert or overcome them. Also, no degree of meditation can tell an individual not to believe a diagnosis or prognosis of a disease for herself/himself or a family

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member. But, the God of the Holy Bible, through the Holy Spirit, can. Instances are cited in this book.

Religion

Numerous people already embrace their respective religions. However, countless others might be deciding which beliefs to embrace, if any.

It is logical for people to seek a religion in which they can experience the deity's manifestations, thereby strengthening their faith in the deity. More specifically, they would want a religion in which they could be assured that the deity would guide them in everyday life and be present to help in times of trouble.

One example would cover several Sundays after the unforgettable September 11, 2001. That calamity heightened the reality of vulnerability to levels of awareness that citizens of the United States of America [USA] had never experienced. For several Sundays following, churches nationwide were at capacity, presumably because of fear. The attendees undoubtedly sought Spiritual assurances for their well-being.

A logical assumption would be that there would be evidence if a religion's deity were provable. Conversely, if a deity is unprovable, the religion would be merely an ideology, as previously stated.

One thing that would distinguish an ideological religion from one in which the deity is provable is a book inspired by

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the deity that contains commitments to those who adhere to its teachings. The deity's commitments should include the following:

- initiating a fellowship relationship with the faithful
- intervening when the vicissitudes of life threaten one's well-being
- guidance when making crucial decisions
- answering prayers by bringing petitions to fruition

Experiencing the manifestation of such promises would unequivocally prove a deity's reality. Moreover, such experiences would produce "faith," enabling the faithful to embrace life's difficulties with courage that ideology could never provide.

This book is from the Christian perspective without opinionating other religions. The basis is the Holy Bible, which Christians believe contains God-inspired principles. Whereas practitioners of deep meditations seek guidance from higher levels of consciousness, the following are just two principles on which Christians depend, cited previously in CHAPTER 1:

A. Proverbs 3:5-6

5. Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding;
6. In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

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B. Jeremiah 33:2-3

2. Thus says the Lord who made it [the world], the Lord who formed it to establish it (the Lord is His name):
3. ‘Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.’

Spiritual Laws vs. Laws of Physics and Civil Laws

Parallels exist between Spiritual laws, physical laws, and a country’s civil laws. The following paragraphs will prove that physical and civil laws fortify the expectations of Spiritual laws.

Physical laws have been in effect since the beginning of time. They were discovered and confirmed by experiences and experiments. The respective sciences depended on devices and environmental conditions by which physical laws could manifest the expected results; thus, the confirmations. Otherwise, they would still be hypotheses.

Comparably, for anyone to experience the God of the Holy Bible, he/she must live by Spiritual laws. If he/she does not, it will equate to having a contaminated environment, which would preclude experiencing their manifestations.

Consider this. Physical realities are always consistent with physical laws. For example, everywhere on earth, a falling object is a physical reality consistent with the law of gravity. Comparably, metal drawn to a magnet is a physical reality consistent with the law of magnetism. Therefore, as

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physical realities are consistent with physical laws, Spiritual realities must also be consistent with Spiritual laws.

Extend reasoning to include a country's civil laws created and administered by its government. Civil law defines procedures for administering justice. In addition, civil laws regulate the behavior of the country's citizens and impose constraints on non-citizens and illegal aliens.

Another scenario would apply to a country's citizens born in foreign countries. If they reside in territories owned by the country in which they have obtained citizenship, its civil law unequivocally frees them from the laws of the countries in which they were born.

So, likewise, being a practitioner of Spiritual laws, i.e., Biblical principles, would equate to the faithful residing on Jehovah-God's territory where His law is Supreme, and therefore capable of exacting what the Holy Bible teaches concerning what He will do for them. Thus, manifestations of Spiritual laws would be the ultimate tests to validate the Holy Bible.

GPS technology gives instructions for navigating from points A to B. If a turning instruction is disobeyed, the GPS would instruct the driver to make the first legal U-turn, and return to the designated point for making the prescribed turn. If the U-turn instruction is disobeyed in early GPS models, they would audibly say "recalculating route."

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However, unlike them, God will NEVER say “recalculating route” to incorporate preferences that deviate from the Spiritual laws He made for our journey to Heaven. We will go to Heaven through obedience to what God prescribes, or we will not go there [CHAPTER 17, Eternal Security - The Misconception, gives an in-depth explanation].

Even if one should continue practicing what the Holy Bible defines as sin, the longing in the human spirit for supernatural guidance would likely continue being in effect during distressful times. The highest realization will be if a terminal illness or an insurmountable life trial precipitates emotional distress. Then, the longing and desperation could cause one to seek help and guidance from philosophical religions: ideologies in which the deities have limited or no communication with the human spirit. And therefore, they cannot guarantee positive outcomes for anything the desperate ones perceive as instructions.

Some philosophical religions do have undeniable physical and Spiritual manifestations. Consequently, they attract members of every nationality and socioeconomic level. Even so, a comparative analysis of religions should consider two fundamental points:

- i. if there is a holy book wherein the faithful can identify promises of what the deity would do for them

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- ii. if the deity's commitments equal or excel what the Holy Bible says that Jesus Christ will do for His faithful

If the God of the Holy Bible is indeed the Almighty and Infallible Jehovah incarnated in Jesus Christ, nothing can stop the performance of His Spiritual laws. However, the conditions must be faithfulness to obeying His Spiritual laws, demonstrating humility and faith [trust] in Him. Consequently, if necessary, God would transcend physical laws and logic to perform what He promises for being committed to Him.

Analytic reasoning in a volatile economy

The Holy Bible predicts an inflation that will undoubtedly be the worst ever because of when it occurs.

Whereas an entrepreneur who does not live by Biblical principles hopes to succeed in business, an entrepreneur who obeys them has confidence that the God of the Holy Bible obligates Himself to bless a business. Again, note the previously cited two comparable references that are the basis of the confidence:

A. Psalms 1:1-3

1. Blessed is the man [woman] who walks not in the counsel [advice] of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners [for companionship], nor sits in the seat of the scornful [mockers];

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2. But his [her] delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he [she] meditates [is conscious of] day and night.
 3. He [She] shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season [the time after preparation for being productive], Whose leaf also shall not wither; **And whatever he [she] does shall prosper.**
- B. Jeremiah 17:7-8
7. Blessed is the man [woman] who trusts in [believes strongly enough to obey] the Lord, and whose hope is [in] the Lord.
 8. For he [she] shall be like a tree planted by the waters, which spreads out its roots by the river, and will not fear when heat [trouble] comes; but its leaf will be green, and will not be anxious in the year of drought [negative economy], nor will cease from yielding fruit **[being productive regardless to the heat and drought].**

The reference from the Psalms admonishes the godly about companionship with the ungodly. The warning compares to what Apostle Paul in the NT, 1 Corinthians 15:33, said to the Christians in Corinth, Greece, “do not be deceived: evil company corrupts good habits.”

The reference from the Psalms and Paul’s point is about social seduction. Namely, the godly cannot avoid being negatively affected by ungodly associates: unequivocally impossible. Relative to starting what could become a

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successful business, one could be so conflicted by an ungodly relationship that he/she may not discern God's inspiration for creating one.

It would be ludicrous to imply that great ideas and success stories are attributed only to practitioners of Spiritual laws. However, the reference from Jeremiah assures them that God will strengthen their viability even if the economic barometer is down.

Conversely, non-practitioners of Spiritual laws do not have that assurance. Instead, they attribute their increase to luck, i.e., by chance, and timing for launching their enterprises. However, practitioners refer to success as blessings: deliberate acts of God after all preparation for running their businesses is completed.

The Holy Bible further teaches that being submissive to God ensures our blessings, as inferred by the word "prove" in v. 2 of Romans 12:1-2:

1. I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice [abstaining from what we know displeases God], holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.
2. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

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The next three paragraphs are cited from CHAPTER 1. They also apply to this chapter.

James Allen, the author of “As a Man Thinketh,” said, “Men imagine that thought can be kept secret, but it cannot. It rapidly crystallizes into habit and habit solidifies into circumstance.” Thus, in reverse order, our circumstances generally result from habits produced by our thoughts.

Now, apply the scientific “IF-THEN” logic to v. 12 above in conjunction with what Allen said. Thus, IF our thoughts are about serving God by complying with Biblical principles, our thoughts would crystallize into habits that would solidify into circumstances that would be **irrefutable evidence** of what Proverbs 3:5-6 says about God directing our paths because of acknowledging Him first [by praying for directions], and what Jeremiah 17:7-8 says about us being productive regardless of the heat and drought.

Thereby, relative to having **financial viability**, we would be living proof of “that good, acceptable, and perfect will of God” in Romans 12:2 that tells us not to be conformed to this world’s ungodly mindset, but be transformed by the renewing of our minds, that

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we may prove what that good and acceptable and perfect will of God is.”

Reading the Holy Bible would not affect one who chooses to be agnostic or atheistic. To her/him, it would be just a mere book.

However, if one attends a Bible-teaching church and learns and practices Biblical principles, this would demonstrate a genuine desire for a fellowship relationship with the God of the Holy Bible [explained in CHAPTER 6, Born Again: The Fellowship Relationship]. Consequently, God’s Paternal love would cause Him to manifest Himself by doing what the book says He will do for anyone who serves Him. Thus, the slightest doubt about Him being the Almighty God, the heavenly Father, would be eradicated. Note the following references:

- James 4:8, “Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.”
- 1 Peter 5:5-6, [5] “. . . God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble. [6] Therefore, humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.”

To paraphrase v. 8, the desire to know God’s reality is the magnetism that draws Him to a person because of His love for the person. Thus, there would be no doubt that He is the steadfast guide through the perils of life that we all face:

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physical health, economic, domestic, etc. By demonstrating humility and dependence on God, the grace He gives will transform an adverse circumstance into a positive one, as 1 Peter 5:6 infers.

Given the content of this chapter, analytic reasoning, coupled with the practice of Biblical principles, is the catalyst for **irrefutable evidence** that God is Who the Holy Bible says He is. The bottom line is that He wants us to know Him through personal fellowship, which comes only from adhering to pastors' teachings that explain Biblical principles rather than philosophical ideologies. [CHAPTER 18, About A Pastor, gives the Biblical mandate for such pastors.]

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God's Word: Its Infallibility

Hebrews 1:1-2, “God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son . . .

The reference reveals that God spoke in the OT days by the prophets: Amos, Daniel, Ezekiel, Habakkuk, Haggai, Hosea, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Joel, Jonah, Malachi, Micah, Moses, Nahum, Obadiah, Samuel, Zechariah, and Zephaniah. And, in the NT, God spoke to us by His Son, Jesus, given that Matthew, Mark, John, Paul, James, Jude, and Peter communicated what they learned from Him. However, Luke, the author of his gospel and the book of Acts, wrote what he learned from the apostles. Although the author of Hebrews remains unknown, it is speculatively Paul, given the writing style. Even so, the basis of the central message of Hebrews is what Jesus taught. Thus, God spoke through Jesus in the NT.

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Given that this chapter is about the infallibility of God's word, I propose, as said in the INTRODUCTION, that the most significant reference in the Holy Bible is Isaiah 55:11. However, to put it in perspective, v. 10 must be considered:

10. For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
11. So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it SHALL accomplish what I please, and it SHALL prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

God explained in v. 10 that rain and snow are to moisten the earth so that produce would grow to sustain its life forms; thus, the purpose for rain and snow. Therefore, He has a purpose for speaking according to what He said in v. 11, i.e., to bring what He has in mind to fruition. So, for example, God said, "let there be" in the creation, and everything He called for came into existence. And, amazingly, scientists are forever discovering the perfections in what God created.

The principal reason for Isaiah 55:11 being the most significant verse in the Holy Bible is if God's word fails, it will invalidate the book. Therefore, if the Almighty God indeed inspired the Holy Bible, and if the book is true, He will do what He says He will do for those who serve Him. Otherwise, the Holy Bible is the biggest lie ever perpetrated on humanity, as emphasized in this book.

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The lesson in this CHAPTER begins with Jesus Christ being born in a manger, not a palace befitting a king. The environment was germ-infested, i.e., contaminated. Animals undoubtedly drooled on the hay where He lay, and feces and urine were on the ground. Yet, regardless of the environment, Jesus was born a healthy baby.

Today, His Spirit may or may not visit worship services in churches built in His name. It would depend on whether He or a personality was the focus of a service. Thus, if Jesus is the focus, His Spirit would be present. So, whether it is a storefront church in an poor neighborhood or a megachurch in wealthy suburbia, either is good to attend if evidence of our Lord's presence manifests there.

However, it was in a storefront church in a poor community that the Holy Spirit gave me an admonishment that inspired this chapter. The setting was a prayer meeting. I was on my knees. There may have been 10 in attendance, including me.

The Holy Spirit made me understand that when I was in challenging situations, I would research the Holy Bible and find scenarios that were comparable to what I was dealing with. I would study what the Bible says about how God resolved them. Then, I would proceed to claim what God did in those instances as His promises to bring resolutions to my circumstances. For example, if I were ill, one Scripture verse I would read aloud is Isaiah 53:5, concentrating on the last phrase, “. . . by His stripes we are healed.” Then, I would claim the verse as God's promise to manifest my healing.

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Thus, I would say to God that His Word CAN NOT lie and, therefore, CAN NOT return to Him void. By saying that, I was in a sense endeavoring to force God to perform a healing miracle for me.

Given the pain I would be experiencing, I would virtually ignore that the same Holy Bible that says, “by His stripes, we are healed” also says in Hebrews 9:27, “it is appointed for men/women to die once.” So, the reality is that if God healed every sick person, no one would die from an illness.

Consider the account of Lazarus of Bethany, who was sick and died. Jesus qualified the illness in John 11:4 by saying, “this sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” Thus, the illness was “for the glory of God” because Jesus knew He would resurrect Lazarus, proving He is God’s Son. Therefore, He qualified Lazarus’s illness as not terminal, whereas some are by deduction.

What would make Isaiah 53:5 God’s promise to heal me is, for example, if I picked up my Holy Bible and it happened to open to the verse and my eyes inadvertently fell on it. Then, I could take that occurrence as God controlling the opening of the Holy Bible and what my eyes saw as His strategy to speak to me. Then, I would know that my healing is inevitable. [I have had such experiences regarding other matters.]

The Holy Spirit continued speaking to my psyche. He said that if I am praying for God to do something and He

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gives me an instruction that has absolutely nothing to do with what I am asking, my obedience could bring my petition to fruition.

The biblical proof is forthcoming. But first, remember that God's name is Jehovah in the OT. Now refer to Matthew 1:20-23 in the NT. The reference says that the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said that his wife, Mary, would have a child and that His name would be Immanuel, translated God with us. Therefore, given that God's name is Jehovah, it is justifiable to say that Immanuel could also mean Jehovah with us.

The reason is that Jesus was the incarnation of Jehovah, the One who said in the OT that His Word will not return to Him void. Therefore, Jesus could be called the NT's Jehovah. [See CHAPTER 4, The Trinity Of The One God.]

Previously, I said that when the Holy Ghost/Spirit gives me an instruction that has nothing to do with what I am praying for, my obedience could bring the petition to fruition. For proof, note three examples of the NT's Jehovah giving instructions and what obedience manifested.

The first occurrence is during a wedding that Jesus, the disciples, and His mother, Mary, attended. Before the celebration ended, the guests consumed all the wine [juice from crushed grapes]. Then, Mary told Jesus. After telling Jesus, she told the servants to obey whatever He told them. Note John 2:7-10:

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7. Jesus said to them, “Fill the waterpots with water.” And they filled them up to the brim.
8. And He said to them, “Draw some out now, and take it to the master of the feast.” And they took it.
9. When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom.
10. And he said to him, “Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the guests have well drunk, then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!”

Note the following references that teach that it was Jesus Who made all things [Refer to CHAPTER 4.]:

- John 1:3, All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.
- John 1:10, He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.
- Colossians 1:16, For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

Given that Jesus was the creator, He could have easily said to the water pots, “be filled with wine.” But instead, He changed the subject from wine to water. He instructed the

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servants to fill the pots with water and take some to the master of the feast.

There is no inference that Jesus prayed for the water to become wine. But, after the servants obeyed Him, the water became wine before it was given to the master of the feast. Jesus knew that it would happen because His word could not return void: His word had to bring to reality what was on His mind, i.e., wine, although He changed the subject to water.

Secondly is the ten lepers in Luke 17:12-17:

12. Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off.
13. And they lifted up their voices and said, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!”
14. So when He saw them, He said to them, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed.
15. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God,
16. and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan.
17. So Jesus answered and said, “Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine?”

We see that the men asked Jesus to heal them. But, note that in Jesus’ reply, He again changed the subject. Instead of healing them, He told them to go show themselves to the priest. And, as they obeyed by starting toward the priest, the healings manifested.

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In v. 16, one returned to Jesus to thank Him for the miracle. But, while he was there, Jesus said in v. 17, “were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine?”

Note that if Jesus had not known that ten were cleansed, He would not have said, “where are the nine?” Given that He was the NT’s Jehovah that said in the OT no word that went out of His mouth would return to Him void, He knew that they were also cleansed without seeing them. Thus, obedience perpetuated the healings.

The last example is Peter walking on water. But, before going to that scenario, we must consider the instance about Jesus and water in Matthew 8:23-26:

23. Now when He got into a boat, His disciples followed Him.
24. And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves. But He was asleep.
25. Then His disciples came to Him and awoke Him, saying, “Lord, save us! We are perishing!”
26. But He said to them, “Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?” Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.

The point to remember is that Jesus rebuked the wind and the sea, and there became a great calm, which had to occur. The reason is that He was the incarnation of the OT’s Omnipotent Jehovah and His word had to accomplish what was on His mind, i.e., calmness.

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Now, note the instance of Jesus and Peter walking on water. Jesus was walking toward the boat in which His disciples were sailing to the other side of the sea. Note the text in Matthew 14:24-32:

24. . . . the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary.
25. Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea.
26. And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear.
27. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid."
28. And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water."
29. So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus.
30. But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"
31. And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"
32. And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

Given that Jesus was the incarnation of the OT's Omniscient Jehovah, He knew the disciples were terrified at the thought of Him being a ghost. So, in v. 27, He identified

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Himself. Then, Peter replied, “Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water.”

Given that it pleased the NT’s Jehovah for Peter to walk on water, He said in v. 29, “come.” However, note that He did not rebuke the storm as in Matthew 8:26 above. Jesus knew that given the Supremacy of His word, the storm would have no adverse effect on Peter if he obeyed.

So, having heard Jesus say “come,” Peter ignored the storm, stepped out of the boat, and proceeded to walk on water toward Him. Conclusively, Peter’s obedience necessitated the miracle that defied science, i.e., the water sustained him.

However, between the time Peter started toward Jesus and got to Him, the high wind and the waves distracted Peter, and he was overcome with fear. Thus, fear caused Peter to lose concentration on the fact that Jesus called him out of the boat, and Peter began to sink.

Consider this. The moment you hit the water you sink. You do not begin sinking like it is a process. It is instantaneous. You sink, as it were, like a rock, whether you are overweight or underweight. Either way, you sink instantly. But in the instance with Peter, the more he lost concentration on Jesus’s word by rationalizing his environment, the more he sank.

The references cited herein apply to us today, especially economically. We know that the economy is unpredictable, and it is unpredictable globally, causing civil disturbances in

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other countries and threats of war. Thus, whatever happens in one major nation's economy affects every nation's economy.

Even so, obey an inspiration to start a business and ignore pessimistic forecasts about the economy, just like Peter ignored the storm when Jesus called him out of the boat. And you, as it were, step out of the boat, your comfort zone, in obedience and pursue the business or an idea for an invention God inspired. Keep focused on the inspiration regardless of any opposition. Your obedience will necessitate the miracle[s] necessary to achieve the success God had on His mind for you when He inspired you.

Like Jeremiah 29:11 says, "I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope." In this verse, evil denotes hardship, and hope means success. Therefore, your success would be inevitable only if you obeyed your inspiration.

Jeremiah 17:7-8 is an allegory repeated in this book to drive the point. It is about how God reciprocates trust and hope in Him. Namely, He gives assurance for success regardless to how precarious times are or become:

7. Blessed is the man [woman] who trusts in [believes strongly enough to obey] the Lord, and whose hope is [in] the Lord.
8. For he [she] shall be like a tree planted by the waters, which spreads out its roots by the river, and will not

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fear when heat [trouble] comes; but its leaf will be green, and will not be anxious in the year of drought [negative economy], nor will cease from yielding fruit [**being productive regardless to the heat and drought**].

Given that the OT's Jehovah was speaking in Jeremiah and Jesus is the incarnation, you would experience what the verses promise, i.e., Jesus manifesting Himself by blessing you economically. Also, if you lose focus on the inspiration by rationalizing a volatile economy, you sink, i.e., go down; fail, comparable to Peter in Matthew 14:24-32 above.

Know that your acts of obedience are demonstrations of faith. Thus, God will bring to fruition what was on His mind when He gave the inspiration, namely, your success.

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This narrative is an amazing and heart-touching occurrence in the life of Maude Batie [1929-2012]. She was affectionately called "Mother Batie" because of her caring and giving spirit.

She was not a college graduate. However, she personified "faith." She conducted a prayer meeting every Friday morning at 9:00 at home. About six people were regular attendees. I was one. Attending them was some of the richest moments of my life.

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Mother Batie would occasionally be inspired to share some of her experiences to assure attendees that DIVINE INTERVENTION would occur when we face circumstances that we could not resolve without it. The most memorable one was her testimony about an avalanche of trouble that blindsided her in her younger years when her husband abandoned her and their six children. Even so, she esteemed God to be greater than her circumstances.

She testified that one day, while taking her children for a walk, her attention was drawn to a large, empty building diagonally across the intersection from where they were. Auto mechanics had previously used it for storing automobile parts. She said God spoke in her spirit and told her to inquire about the building.

Mother Batie saw a man working on a car across the street from the building. So, she approached him and asked if he knew who owned the property. He said yes, Mr. Stevens owns it. She then said, “I want to inquire about the building.”

[It is important that in the remainder of this narrative, you remember what God said to the OT prophet, Isaiah, regarding His Word in the book of Isaiah 55:11, “. . . it shall not return to Me void, but it shall **accomplish** what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.” Therefore, everything that was said and done after Mother Batie inquired about the building, DIVINE PROVIDENCE orchestrated to bring to fruition what God had on His mind for her to accomplish.]

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The man responded, “don’t just inquire about it, lady. Ask to buy it.”

Mother Batie said that she was en route to Mr. Stevens when she heard that inner voice say, “offer him \$19,500 and no more.” That was when she was convinced that God spoke through the mechanic and wanted her to buy the building.

During the meeting with Mr. Stevens, Mother Batie asked for an approximate price for which he would sell the property. She said he replied, “I won’t sell it for under \$28,000.” She responded, “the Lord told me to tell you \$19,500 and no more.” She testified that he replied, “well, lady, if that is all you will give me, I will take it.”

Mr. Stevens was oblivious to the fact that his response was the only one he could give. Otherwise, God’s Word to Mother Batie about what price to pay would have been meaningless, i.e., returned to Him void, which was/is IMPOSSIBLE.

Even so, Mr. Stevens had not heard the last thing that Mother Batie had to tell him. Namely, she said, “I do not have a job.” He then told her not to worry about being unemployed. Instead, he said creative financing, leasing with the option to buy, would be the solution. So, one or two days later, they went to a bank, created the contract, and she became the new owner of the building: DIVINE PROVIDENCE.

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Mother Batie said she had no idea what she would do with the building. However, after she and some volunteers cleaned it, God inspired her to open a soup kitchen from which she would pay herself a moderate income. Thereby, she would and did get off SW.

Another scenario occurred that taught an invaluable lesson about obeying God's inspirations. That instance was when the building once caught on fire one night around 1:00 a.m. for no known reason and sustained damage.

The sounds of the fire trucks naturally awaken neighbors. Being concerned about Mother Batie, some came outside to be with her even after the firemen had extinguished the fire.

Mother Batie was supposed to prepare and serve about 500 meals the following day, but didn't see how she could do it. In her bewilderment, she said she suddenly and loudly called for someone to bring her a pail of soapy water and rags so she could begin washing the tables. She testified that, to her surprise, onlookers began spontaneously volunteering to perform various tasks essential to her serving the meals. Finally, they completed the work and the meals were served on time.

Neighbors volunteering to help Mother Batie were acts of kindness. However, there is another point to consider. Namely, Isaiah 55:11 says that God's word cannot return to Him void but would accomplish what He pleases. Thus, God moved on the helpers because completing the work was necessary for serving meals.

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What is evident from this scenario is that when we obey God-given inspirations, He will cause the right person[s] to volunteer to do what is essential for us to accomplish what He intended when He inspired us.

God's strategy at a crucial time

October of 2011 was a memorable month for Mother Batie. The kitchen was facing closure because corporate and private donations had stopped. But, given that God's Word could not return void, He strategically orchestrated a sequence of events to sustain the operation.

Around 2010, a lady named Lynn became a Born-again Christian and joined the same church Mother Batie attended. Lynn was unemployed when she accepted the Lord. However, during her quest to find employment, the Holy Spirit led her to the Detroit Rescue Mission [DRM], a ministry that houses the indigent, rehabilitates substance abusers, facilitates the reentry of released prisoners back into society, and ministers the Gospel of Jesus Christ to them during the process.

DIVINE PROVIDENCE caused DRM to hire Lynn and assign her to a workstation close to where a conversation would eventually occur. That conversation occurred months later about Mitch Album, a famous columnist in Detroit, Michigan.

Lynn overheard the conversation from her workstation. She heard [Jennifer], a member of Album's staff, say he was looking for another project: a story to write about in his

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column. Lynn thought about Mother Batie without knowing the precarious situation with the soup kitchen. She told Jennifer about Mother Batie, and Jennifer informed Album.

The short story is that after Album learned about Mother Batie, he scheduled an interview with her for 1:00 pm on Wednesday, 19 October 2011. [She invited me to attend and asked me to arrive by noon.] Mother Batie gathered the volunteer workers at noon that day to inform them that corporate, government, and private-sector contributions had stopped. There was no more money in the treasure. She told them, “if the LORD does not do something by Friday [21 October 2011], the kitchen will have to close indefinitely.”

Her statement triggered memories of the many times I heard her testify that God had miraculously given her the soup kitchen. I then raised my hand to ask for permission to speak. [I knew that most of her staff were non-believers in Jesus Christ, so I took this opportunity to be deliberate with my vocabulary to challenge their thinking.] Mother Batie acknowledged me and allowed me to speak.

I said, Mother Batie, your testimony is that God spoke to you and instructed you to only inquire about this building when you had no money. So, you asked the mechanic working on a car if he knew who owned the building. Your inquiry set DIVINE PROVIDENCE in motion for this day because God foresaw it coming.

I mentioned that according to Isaiah 55:11, God said that no word that goes out of His mouth would return to him void,

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but would accomplish what He pleases [the building becoming a soup kitchen] and the thing [the soup kitchen] that He addressed will prosper. I concluded my remarks by saying very emphatically, if God lets this kitchen close, it will invalidate the Holy Bible, which He WILL NOT allow. Therefore, something will happen to keep it open.

Fast forward: go to YouTube.com and search for **Mother Batie's Kitchen gets a 100 grand donation**. It is a video directed by Glenda Lewis of ABC TV-7 in Detroit, Michigan. It is part of a news report by her summarizing what happened three to four weeks after Mitch interviewed Mother Batie.

The point is that DIVINE INTERVENTION will help us in miraculous ways when we dare to follow what God inspires us to do, even if it's about recovering from being laden with debt. A cliché in Christendom is “For every God-given vision, He makes provision.”

Therefore, I encourage you not to ignore an idea for an invention or an aspiration for a business. Either is likely to exceed your intellectual and/or financial capabilities because God will NEVER place you in a position in which you would not have to pray for His guidance. If you don't obey the inspiration, the opportunity might NEVER come your way again.

The FACT is that when God inspires us to do something, He knows what we have, what we don't have, what/who we know, and what/who we don't know. If none of that bothers

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Him, let's not let it bother us. Moving forward without having what we need will necessitate a miracle because God's word CANNOT return to Him void, i.e., not accomplishing what was on His mind for us when He gave the inspiration.

Remember Romans 2:11, “. . . there is no partiality with God.” Thus, what He did for Mother Batie is comparable to what He would do for anyone who obeys Him by initiating the process to bring what He inspires to fruition.

Although I cited it in previous chapters, it cannot be stressed enough: Proverbs 3:5-6, “Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding [your logic]; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.” **NOTE THIS** – No one can make a path standing still. One has to go forward, i.e., taking action, which would give God something to direct, i.e., to inspire us with directions.

Until her death at 82, Mother Batie was involved in the soup kitchen's operations. It stands today as a monument to her faith in God and was ultimately named “Mother Batie's Kitchen.”

When God inspired Mother Batie to inquire about the building, He was fully aware of her financial situation, her lack of knowledge of real estate contracts, and every adverse circumstance that would arise. However, when she took the first step and made the inquiry, God was obligated by His Word to initiate the process for acquiring the property and its prosperity, or His word would have returned to Him void.