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God's Omnipotence

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by — Mark D. Vogt

... I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, "My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure" (Isaiah 46:9-10).

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Key Points:

God knows *everything* about *everything*.....8659 No one can teach God anything, or advise Him in anyway.....8666
If God doesn't know all things, how can He plan all things?...8666

One of God's attributes is His omniscience. The simple definition for this word is the ability to *know everything*.

The word "omniscience," as with many of the words to describe God's attributes, is not normally found in Scripture. Yet, Dr. E.W. Bullinger (1837-1913), in his rhythmical translation of Job, renders 36:4 thus,

The Omnipotent One it is Who deals with thee.¹

It is a word coined by people to express something that is patently obvious to anyone who is seeking God's revelation.

There are several Scriptures which will attest to the complete knowledge that God has.

I John 3:20 says "God knows all" (CV).



Psalm 147:5 states that there is no "enumeration" of God's understanding (CV).

Job 37:16 speaks of "the marvels of One flawless in knowledge" (CV).

The reality – and it is a glorious reality – is that, simply put, *God knows all*. He knows *everything* about *all* things. Nothing surprises

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1. [The Book of Job](#), E.W. Bullinger, Bible Student's Press (2010) originally published in 1903 (see [order form](#) under "Bullinger"); *The Companion Bible*, E.W. Bullinger, originally published 1910.



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This free electronic publication is dedicated to:

- the absolute sovereignty and deity of God (Romans 11:36);
- the proclamation of the riches of God's abundant, exceeding grace (Romans 5:20; 11:6; Ephesians 1:7);
- the affirmation that God will save all through the death, burial and resurrection of Christ (I Timothy 2:3, 4; 4:10; Titus 2:11);
- the universality of death and resurrection (I Corinthians 15:21);
- the unique gospel of Paul – which he calls "my gospel" (Romans 2:16; 16:25; II Timothy 2:8; I Corinthians 15:1-4; Acts 13-28; Acts 20:24);
- the "preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret in ages past" (Romans 16:25);
- the epistles of the present Secret Administration being Ephesians & Colossians (Ephesians 3:2, 9; Colossians 1:25);
- true freedom and liberty apart from law (Galatians 5:1);
- the organic nature of the One Body (Ephesians 4:16);
- the Secret Administration, being the operational revelation for today (Ephesians 3:9);
- the unprophesied, Celestial hope and calling of the One Body (Colossians 3:4);
- the distinct message and ministry of Paul, the apostle to the nations (Ephesians 3:1-3);
- the importance of receiving all whom Christ has received (Romans 14-15);
- the recovery of rich Biblical truth that has too long remained hidden under the veils of traditionalism, prejudice, misunderstanding and fear (Mark 7:7, 13);
- the completeness of the believer in Christ (Colossians 2:10), with:
 - total freedom from sins (Colossians 1:14);

- union in His death, burial and resurrection and ascended seated position among the celestials (Ephesians 2:6);
- adult sonship position (Ephesians 1:5).

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We are always open for discussion, but never for disputation. – André Sneidar

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Reader's Question Box #79

What Happens to Those Who Are Alive at the Consummation? by — Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr.

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Q: “Lo! a secret to you am I telling! We all, indeed, shall not be put to repose, yet we all shall be changed ...” (I Corinthians 15:51, CV). What do you do with a passage like this that says clearly that NOT ALL will be put to repose. – R.W.



A: Thank you for your great question. It is helpful to recognize that this “secret” (I Corinthians 15:51) is associated with the broader context of “the Consummation” when God becomes “All in all” (I Corinthians 15:24-28).

This “secret” is applicable solely to those who will remain alive until the time of “the Consummation,” which is still at least some 1,700 years in the future. According to I Corinthians 15:51-54, those who are alive at the time of “the Consummation” (:24) will not “sleep” (a euphemism for death throughout the Scriptures, cf. Matthew 9:24; John 11:11-13; Acts 13:36,

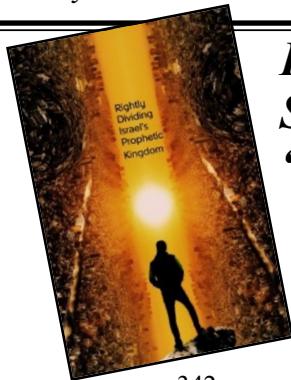
etc.), but instead they simply will be “changed.”

Ultimately God’s plan is to *remove* death from His creation in order to bestow the fulness of His life, referred to by Paul as “immortality.”

So, WHEN this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, THEN shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, “Death is swallowed up in victory” (I Corinthians 15:54).

Pay close attention to the “when” and “then,” as these two key words provide the timing of this “secret.” Also notice that this “secret” (:51) is prophetically associated with the fulfilment of the passage Paul quoted (:54) from Isaiah:

He swallows up death permanently. And my



Rightly Dividing Israel's Prophetic Kingdom – With Special Emphasis on The Overlooked Pre-Millennial Kingdom of the Heavens” (A Comprehensive Compilation)

Editors: Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., André Sneidar

There are enormous amounts of prophecy that were given to Israel in the Hebrew Scriptures that are yet to be fulfilled. Most believers simply follow some version of Christendom’s eschatology, futilely attempting to force the enormity of Israel’s prophetic scene into a few extremely abridged time periods. From this shallow vantage point, it is believed that more time has passed in God’s ages than remains. This couldn’t be further from the truth. Multiplied millennia remain, more than have yet transpired, for the fulfillment of all of the glorious plans that God has revealed in His Word. Far from being near the “end” of something prophetic, the span of God’s eonian plan is immense, and our placement is early in its timeline. Much more of God’s prophetic program remains than man’s feeble eschatologies allow.

342 pages
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The intention herein is to present an alternative view to the confusing message of the traditional Evangelical concept of prophecy, thus opening the door to a consideration of the idea of a Pre-millennial Kingdom as the fulfillment of many of God’s promises to Israel to have their kingdom in the Earth.

All of the material in this book, taken together, is a wonderful resolution to the confusion of the conventional religious theology that has muddled the minds of sincere Bible students for centuries. While we may live in the Secret Administration, that doesn’t necessarily mean that God’s Word regarding His plans for Israel must be a mystery to us.



Lord Yahweh will wipe every tear off of all faces
... Isaiah 25:8, CV).

As we see contextually, this “secret” is associated with Yahweh “swallowing up death permanently” and “wiping every tear off of all faces.” This takes place at the Consummate “Day of God.”

And He will be brushing away every tear from their eyes. And death will be no more ... (Revelation 21:4).

Thus, the fulfillment of Isaiah 25:8 is fixed for us at the end of “*the Day of the Lord*” (Christ’s Millennial reign), and the beginning of God’s Day.

The Hebrew word for “swallow” in Isaiah 25:8 is “to cause a thing to disappear and be no more” (E.W. Bullinger, *The Companion Bible*). Thus, at the beginning of the Day of God, Yahweh “swallows up death permanently” (CV).

As long as death reigns, ALL die; but once death is abolished, it no longer exists, being “swallowed up in victory.”

Let me illustrate. You may have an appointment with the doctor, but if the doctor dies, the appointment is no longer valid. The death of the doctor simply invalidates the appointment.

Likewise, the abolishing of death invalidates death’s claims (its “appointments”). Thus, not everyone will meet death’s final end (*i.e.*, the cessation of physical life and loss of consciousness at life’s end). However, death, whether the process or its end result, is a reality for everyone *up until* the Consummation.

Thus, those who are alive at the Consummation, while

having been susceptible to mortality, will NOT experience the grave, the end of the process of mortality.

God’s removal of death at the Consummation will result in the resurrection of all of those who are dead (in the grave), and the vivifying of all of those once dead, along with those who are still living:

We shall ALL be changed (:51).

Paul uses the pronoun “we” here, since when he wrote I Corinthians he had not been given the pinnacle of his revelations. All of the resurrections and classes in chapter 15 are doctrines prior to that excelling revelation of “*the Administration of the Secret*.” So, of course, the prophetic “secret” of :51 does not apply to the One Body, for Paul reveals in Ephesians, Philippians and Colossians a far greater expectation.

We “*who are pre-expectant in the Christ*” (Ephesians 1:12, CV) attain to the “*out-resurrection*” (Philippians 3:11, CV), and will be roused and vivified some 1,700 years *prior* to the Consummation. Along with Christ our Head, we will be the **only** ones vivified *prior* to the Consummation.

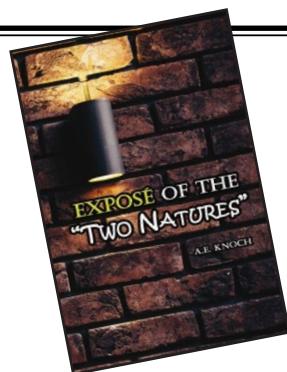
What all of this means is that our Secret Expectation predates *all* prophetic hopes and resurrections. Our expectation comes hundreds of years *before* the Great Tribulation and the Antichrist, and thus precedes the so-called “Rapture” (or “Snatching Away”) of I Thessalonians 4, as well as all of the resurrections associated with Israel’s Pre-Millennial Kingdom (“*the Day of Christ*”). As glorious as all of these hopes surely will be, let’s not sell ourselves short of our advanced exception.

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TOPICS:

Major: I Corinthians 15:51; Consummation; Day of God; Resurrection, Secret of

Minor: Death; Expectation; Mystery; Out-Resurrection; Pre-Millennial Kingdom; Prophecy



Expose of the “Two Natures”

by — A.E. Knoch (1874-1965)

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42 pages

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The Final Age ~ The Consummate Day of God:

Key Points for the Consummation Being After the Day of the Lord

by — Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr.

- The “*Consummation*” comes when Christ gives the Kingdom to His Father (I Corinthians 15:24, CV).
- Death will be abolished (I Corinthians 15:26; Revelation 21:4) because death and hell have already been cast into the Lake of Fire, the second death (Revelation 20:14).
- At this time God becomes “*All in all*” (I Corinthians 15:28).
- All things will be made new (Revelation 21:5),
- resulting in a new Heaven and new Earth (Revelation 21:1), and a new Jerusalem (Revelation 21:2, 10ff.).
- These will then be the dwelling place of righteousness (II Peter 3:13).
- God will dwell with mankind (Revelation 21:3),
- with tears, death, sorrow, crying and pain all re-

- moved (Revelation 21:4),
- with earthly overcomers assuming their full sonship position and enjoying an allotment (Revelation 21:7).

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For more on this theme, read:

- The Consummation & Christ’s Consummate Rule, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., [Bible Student’s Notebook 957](#);
- [Rightly Dividing Israel’s Prophetic Kingdom – With Special Emphasis on The Overlooked Pre-Millennial “Kingdom of the Heavens” \(A Comprehensive Compilation\)](#), editors: Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., André Sneidar, Bible Student’s Press (on the [order form](#) under “Compilations”).

TOPICS:

Major: Consummation; I Corinthians 15; Day of God

Minor: Death; Hell; New Earth; New Heaven; New Jerusalem

So, this is an updated list.

This list is alphabetical, and not in order of what we would consider as their importance within the list. We trust that this list will prove helpful.

In the tie of peace,

Clyde

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The Top 100 Recommended Books

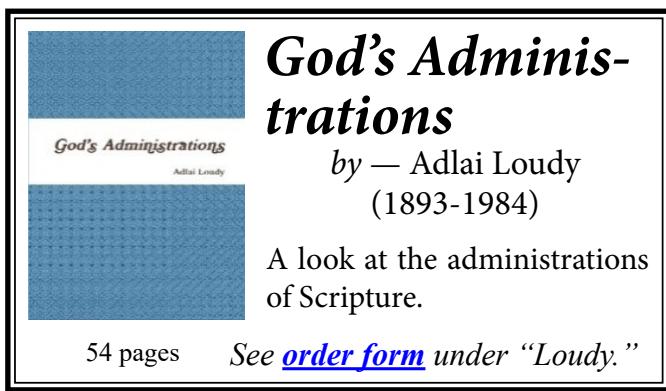
We’re often asked to recommend books. Since we offer around 800 titles as resources for various aspects of study, on multiple themes, we decided to go through these books and narrow them down to a “Top 100.” We consider these books to be the “cream of the crop” and not mere “aids” or “resources.” We first released this list a little over a year ago. Yet, things change: we grow, and new works are added.

Believer's Hope Today (Ballinger)
Body of Christ, or The Church Which Is His Body? (Compilation)
"Christ Jesus" and "Jesus Christ" (Compilation)
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God's Administrations
by — Adlai Loudy
(1893-1984)

A look at the administrations of Scripture.

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I really enjoy your input and your material. ... I appreciate you and all that you're doing. – **ID**

I know I have expressed it before, but I cannot emphasize enough how helpful the honest explanations surrounding [Things I Misunderstood](#)¹ have been. If most were upfront about it, I'm sure they would say "I made the same mistakes by being misinformed or influenced by traditional teaching" ... It is so refreshing to read someone who just wants to understand. I told [a pastor] one time: "I'm not so interested in marrying or burying people, I just want to know the Bible"; his response was immediate "It goes with the territory" ... by that time in his life the main thrust was proliferation first and understanding second. The proliferation was that of which he currently understood to the detriment of growing beyond what he currently MISunderstood ... just like we all do in some way or another. I'm so grateful for the precious gift of edification over time with its refreshing effect. – **IN**

Thank you so much for your timely response. I am so thankful and heartened by it. I read your smaller book yesterday about salvation for all of us and I am

just not sure what I think. ...

I have struggled with the "church" my whole life, Christian schools, graduated from ACE school, headed to BJU, left after one year, hated the guilt and legalism. It was oppressive and I have been trying to find truth, my Savior's love and how to show Him my love back ever since.

I left church in March 2020 and have not returned except a few visits a few places that confirmed I am done with any Western style, Roman Catholic, creed style church based on man theology, traditions and business structures or 501 3 c government entwined status.

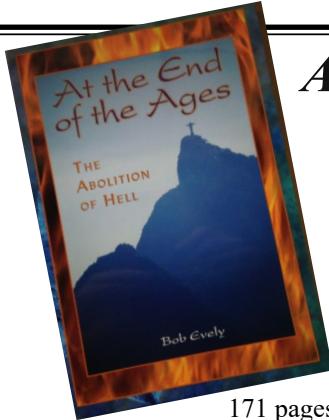
I have been so happy to leave and read My Father's Scriptures over and over which taught me more than I ever learned at churches. ...

I trust my Father better than I ever have, now that I don't focus on a man in a pulpit anymore. HE is so good, and HE teaches me through His Words. I just want to love all who call upon His Name and not be divided or a part of factions as all churches are today. – **VA**

Books like Louis Abbott's [An Analytical Study of Words](#),² that clarify the original meanings of key words in the KJV are such a breath of fresh air for those who have been led to open this door to Universal Reconciliation. They are a "fear not," as we delve deeper into the Scriptures. ... "Prove all things, hold fast that which is good" (I Thessalonians 5:21). – **NE BSN**

1. See on the [order form](#) under "Clyde Pilkington."

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At the End of the Ages: The Abolition of Hell

by — Bob Evely

Is hell forever? Most say that the righteous go to heaven, and the wicked to hell, forever! Is this what the Bible teaches?

This book presents evidence that the Bible, in the original languages, reveals that, one day, *ALL* mankind will be saved. Through time our Bible translations have become biased through the official teachings of "The Church." The author argues that teaching about an eternal hell slanders God, and it prevents many from having faith because the arguments in support of an eternal torment are illogical.

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Would a God of love keep many souls alive *forever* just to torment them because they failed to "accept Jesus Christ" in this lifetime? The author shows that the Bible does not teach this. The purpose of "the eons" (i.e., "the ages," often mistranslated "eternity") is to bring *ALL* mankind to the point where every knee bows before Him. This work is written with the average reader in mind.





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God; nothing has surprised Him in the past, nor will anything surprise Him in the future. This is because He is all-knowing, or omniscient.

How could anyone think that God does not know everything since *ALL* has proceeded out of Him (Romans 11:36)?

Ephesians 1:11 tells us that God “*is operating [energeō] all in accord with the counsel of His will.*” How can God do this unless He knows all things? If He doesn’t know all things, how can He plan all things when something may happen that He didn’t know about which could in turn thwart His will?

In fact, He has absolute knowledge of “*all things*” and has previously predestined all things “*in accord with the operation [energeia] of the might of His strength*” (Ephesians 1:19, CV), “*operating in us*” (3:20, CV), through which He is able “*even to subject all to Himself*” (Philippians 3:21, CV).

If God does not know everything our future is not assured, and then God’s promises become unsure. Yet, His omnipotence (see Lesson 3) and His seal (Ephesians 4:30, CV), assures our hearts and minds that we and our celestial allotment are secured beyond any other power in His Universe. In Romans 11:33-36 Paul the Apostle gives the believer the most complete four verses in the entire Bible:

O, the depth of the riches and the wisdom and the knowledge of God! How inscrutable are His judgments, and untraceable His ways! For, who knew the mind of the Lord? or, who became His adviser? Or, who gives to Him first, and it will be

repaid Him? Seeing that out of Him and through Him and for Him is all: to Him be the glory for the eons! Amen! (CV).

Mankind tries to bring God down to their level, but He is so far above our level that it is unfathomable. He is all-knowing; no one can teach Him anything, no one can advise Him; no one can know His mind unless He reveals part of it, and His knowledge and judgements are “*inscrutable*,” and His ways are “*untraceable*.” **BSN**

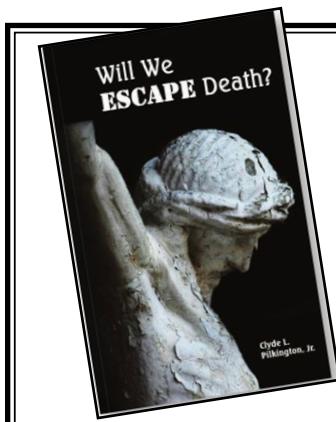
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TO HEAL THEM.

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Will We Escape Death?

by — Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr.

The plight of humanity is mortality and death. In every age the believer’s hope has always been resurrection from the dead and the glory which lays beyond. It was Satan who first introduced the idea, “*Thou shalt not surely die.*” So, what makes anyone think that Satan was right – that we are actually not going to die? What makes someone expect that, of all of the people who have ever lived before them, they will somehow be the ones who will *escape* death? The answer, in one word: tradition.

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