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There is still much light to break forth from the Scriptures. A.E. Knoch (1874-1965)

“Sit at My Right Hand Until I ...”

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by — Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr.

Christ is currently seated “far up above all Heavens,” at the “right hand of God.” He will remain there until God, His Father, *Yahweh*, takes decisive action. His instruction to His Son was, “Sit at My right hand, **UNTIL I** place Your enemies as Your footstool.”



The Day of Christ (the Pre-Millennial Kingdom), the Day of the Lord (the Millennial Kingdom) and the Day of God (the Consummate Kingdom) are key partitions of the coming eons.

When studying the “Day of the Lord,” it is necessary to note that the prophetic phrase of the Hebrew Scriptures was never the “Day of Adonai,” but rather the “Day of *Yahweh*.”

The “Day of *Yahweh*” is used in Scripture prophetically, while “Day of Adonai” is altogether absent. Not distinguishing this difference hinders the full recognition of the nature of this important “Day.”

Yahweh (or *Jehovah*) is the NATIONAL name given of the God of Israel. *Yahweh* fits perfectly with Christ’s Millennial reign in Israel, yet not so with the consummate, universal Day of God.

Psalm 110:1-7 tells us of the Divine Energy of *Yahweh*, in the direct establishment of Christ’s 1000-year reign on Earth.

The Millennial Day of the “LORD” is quite distinct from the Pre-Millennial Day of “Christ” in many ways, as well as from the climactic Day of God. The Day of the Lord is distinctly *Yahweh*’s operation through Israel’s Messiah. It is the Day when *Yahweh* places Christ’s enemies as His footstool (:1). It is that day when God sends His Servant’s [Adonai] scepter of strength out of Zion (:2). It is the day in which, when Israel and the Nations have seen [Adonai], they have seen *Yahweh* – a similar, yet far greater expansion to Christ’s prior earthly ministry (“... He who has seen Me has seen the Father” – John 14:9).

In the Day of Christ, Adonai is at *Yahweh*’s right hand, yet in the Day of the Lord, it is *Yahweh* Who is at Adonai’s right hand (:5, CV, HRB, WoY). The Day of the Lord is the day of DIVINE invasion through the instrumentality of Adonai’s Parousia.

Now, let’s look at Psalm 110.

[A Psalm of David.] A declaration of YAHWEH to my Adonai:

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- 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 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're just presenters, not persuaders. – Steve Martin

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Sit [Adonai] at My [Yahweh] right hand, **until I** [Yahweh] place Your [Adonai] enemies as Your [Adonai] footstool.

THE COMING DAY OF YAHWEH

Zechariah 14:1-21

Yahweh shall **send** the scepter of Your [Adonai] strength out of Zion to rule in the midst of Your [Adonai] enemies. Your [Adonai] people shall have willingness in the day of Your [Adonai] might; in the majesties of holiness; from the womb of the dawn, to You [Adonai] is the dew of Your [Adonai] youth.

Yahweh has sworn and will not repent:

“You [Adonai] are a priest for the eons according to the order of Melchizedek.”

Yahweh at Your [Adonai] right hand shatters kings in the day of His [Yahweh's] anger. He [Yahweh] shall judge among the nations; He [Yahweh] shall fill with dead bodies; He [Yahweh] shall shatter heads over much land. He [Yahweh] shall drink out of the torrent on the way; therefore, He [Yahweh] shall lift up His [Adonai] head.

The coming day of Yahweh will begin with “His feet” standing “on the mount of Olives” (:4). Of course, God, not being a man, has no feet. This is a figure of speech known as *anthropopatheia*. Yet, although Yahweh **is NOT** a man, He HAS a Man – Christ Jesus – Who is His express image and universal representative. So, as in Isaiah 59:1, Yahweh has a saving “hand,” Who is none other than His Christ. Likewise, here, He has ruling “feet” that are none other than the Man Christ Jesus. And in Him “Yahweh shall come to be KING over the entire Earth” (:9).

A careful reading of the entire chapter of Zechariah 14 will confirm that this is indeed “**THE** Day of Yahweh” (:1) – not merely “**A**” Day of Yahweh (cf. HRB; DAR; KJV; EB; GB; GLT; WOY), and neither will the chapter's context allow for *the Day of God*.

For example, take the reference of *Egypt* in the passage (:18-19). In *Rightly Dividing Israel's Prophetic*

(see [STT](#), last page)



1st Ed., A4 (8.3" x 11.7"), 87 chapters, with charts and appendices, from 22 authors.

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.

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.

God's Plan for Evil and Sin

Chapter 2 (of 4): God's Surprising Plan:

The Purpose Behind the Pain

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by – Steve Martin

God has a powerful and loving reason for allowing evil and sin into His creation. In this chapter we will see how these negative experiences are not cosmic accidents, but are instead essential tools that God purposefully uses to achieve a glorious and loving ultimate end.



the memory of cold clouds and night.

- We wouldn't see the glory of the stars without the deep darkness of the night sky.
- We cannot understand light without darkness, love without hate, or joy without misery.

WHY YOU CAN'T KNOW GOOD WITHOUT EVIL

The key to unlocking the problem of evil lies in a simple but profound principle: all knowledge is based on contrast. We cannot truly know or appreciate something without experiencing its opposite.

Before they sinned, Adam and Eve were surrounded by good. They enjoyed perfect health, abundance and fellowship with God. Yet, they had no true *knowledge* or *appreciation* of this goodness. The name of the forbidden tree itself tells us its purpose: "*The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.*" Its fruit was necessary for them to truly understand goodness.

This principle is all around us:

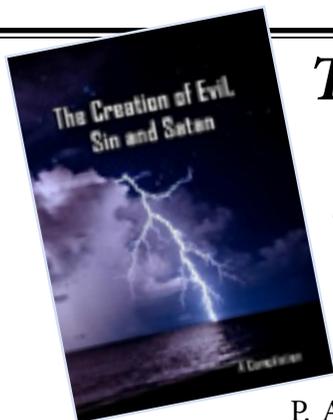
- We wouldn't appreciate the sun's warmth without

God's ultimate goal is to receive the genuine, unforced love and praise of His creatures. This is possible only if they have experienced what it is like to be without Him and His goodness. Only by tasting evil can they truly appreciate the good. Only by experiencing alienation can they respond with heartfelt affection when He becomes their Savior. The temporary experience of evil is the very process that equips creation to know and love God for all eternity.

If evil is necessary to appreciate the good, God's plan goes even further, using humanity's greatest mistakes to achieve His greatest triumphs.

HOW GOD USES SIN FOR A GREATER GOOD

One of the most radical and surprising principles in Scripture is that God actively uses sin to accomplish His righteous purposes. He often uses one "wrong" to correct another. This principle ([see PLAN, page 9341](#))



The Creation of Evil, Sin and Satan

(A Compilation)

The truth laid forth in this work should help us greatly in our dealings with others, especially those who have failed in some way which may bring dishonor on His Name, or cannot accept His truth, or even oppose it and us, especially mature teachings such as is put forth in the pages of this book. It contains 19 authors, 49 works, spanning 150 years. Authors include: Arthur

P. Adams, E.W. Bullinger, Alan Burns, Edward Clayton, John Essex, H.W. Fry, Vladimir Gelesnoff, Norman P. Grubb, Donald G. Hayter, A.E. Knoch, William Mealand, André Piet, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., Ray Van Dyke, William H. Walker, and James Webb.

Creation and Materialism

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Course 2: Creation / Unit 2: Creation Repudiates Satanic Philosophies / Lesson 9: Creation and Materialism

by — Mark D. Vogt

In the beginning God created the Heavens and the Earth (Genesis 1:1).

Most people – including many believers – aren't aware of how deeply they're influenced by the philosophy of **Materialism**. Yet it quietly shapes the modern world more than almost any other worldview, except perhaps **Evolution**.



This means that **there is no immaterial reality** – no God, no afterlife, no divine source.

A VERY OLD LIE WITH A MODERN TWIST

This idea isn't new.

Materialism isn't just about owning stuff. It's a **philosophical belief system** that says **matter is all there is**.

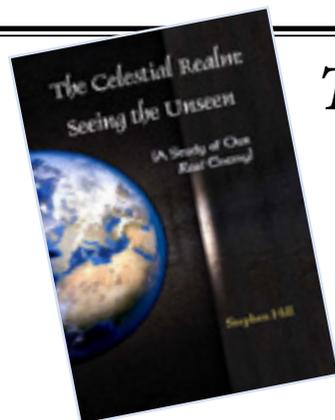
WHAT IS MATERIALISM?

Materialism teaches that:

- **Everything that exists is made of matter**, or dependent on matter to exist.
- Even **thoughts, emotions** and **consciousness** are seen as the result of material processes.
- There is no room for spirit, soul or God – just atoms, chemicals and neurons.

- Greek philosophers like **Democritus** and **Epicurus** taught that the Universe was nothing more than **atoms in empty space**.
- During the **Enlightenment**, men like **John Locke** helped usher in an age where **empirical science** replaced **supernatural explanations**.

Over time, this led to a growing confidence that **everything could be explained by science** – and that there was **no need for God** in the equation.



70 pages

The Celestial Realm: Seeing the Unseen (A Study of Our Real Enemy)

by — Stephen Hill

God's creation is infinite and unfathomable, and the grandeur of the universe leaves us in awe and with many questions as we live our lives on earth and seek out answers about our future, celestial home. Are we alone in the universe? Is there any merit to the notion of other gods and religions? Are Hollywood's depictions of Satan and demons accurate? Is there more to the meaning of salvation and Christ's victory than we've been led to believe?

These questions and more are answered in this book, which reveals much about the celestial realm that comprises the vast majority of the Father's creation and awaits us as our true and final habitation. You are likely to be both challenged and enlightened as you read through this short book, and the end result will be a much greater understanding of the cosmos, the "big picture," and your own role as a participant in The Most High's plan.

MATERIALISM AND EVOLUTION: CLOSE FRIENDS

Materialism is the philosophical backbone of **evolution**.

- It claims that life emerged from non-life.
- That DNA, ecosystems and the diversity of life are all results of random material interactions over time.
- That **natural selection**, not divine design, explains everything.

Materialism also pairs naturally with **atheism**. Since God is not material, He's excluded from the conversation. Science becomes the new savior.

THE SCIENCE OF GOD – OR THE GOD OF SCIENCE?

Many early scientists were **believers** who used the **scientific method** to study God's creation. But over time, science became **separated from its Source**.

Today, science is often viewed as a **replacement** for faith.

- People look to science to explain love, morality, identity and consciousness.
- Even fields like **neuroscience** and **artificial in-**

telligence are shaped by materialism – trying to reduce the mind to molecules or reproduce consciousness in machines.

Materialism turns **spiritual realities** into **chemical reactions**.

MORE THAN SCIENCE: A FULL-SCALE WORLDVIEW

Materialism goes far beyond science. It shapes:

- **Politics** – like Marxism, which builds its theories around material conditions.
- **Ethics** – where right and wrong are judged by utility or biology, not divine revelation.
- **Economics** – where value is tied to things, not people.
- **Education** – where students are taught that they're nothing more than highly evolved animals.

It touches everything. And most don't even see it.

WHAT MATERIALISM GETS WRONG

Materialism claims to explain the world **without God**. But here's the truth:

All is out of Him and through Him and for Him ... (Romans 11:36).



The Deity of God

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Creation cannot help itself that all of its achievements are futile because of the slavery of corruption, but we take immense comfort from the fact that, in spite of all of its present “groaning and travailing,” it was subjected to vanity in expectation of the eventual realization of that glorious freedom which is now already being enjoyed by the children of God.

It is in the prison epistle of Paul to the Ephesians that we find the most absolute expression of the Deity of God in relation to the points we have been considering. Here we find the phrase which puts all other Scriptures into their perspective:

According to the purpose of the One Who is operating all in accord with the counsel of His will (1:11).

God is the captain of the ship of the universe; all of His creatures are its passengers. He is guiding the vessel across the ocean of time from the port that is called “*All in God*” to the haven that is termed “*God in all*.”

- **God** set up the Universe.
- **He** created the rules of chemistry, physics and biology.
- **He** is the **First Cause** and the **Only Cause**.

Materialism observes the **results** of God's work – but fails to acknowledge the **Author**.

GOD HIDES ON PURPOSE

Some might ask: Why doesn't God just prove Himself? Scripture gives us the answer:

Surely You are El, concealing Yourself... (Isaiah 45:15, CV).

It is the glory of Elohim to conceal a matter, and the glory of kings to investigate a matter (Proverbs 25:2, CV).

God hides Himself – not out of cruelty, but out of **purpose**. He wants people to **seek** Him – not stumble upon Him like a math equation. And in the end?

God locks up all together in stubbornness, that He should be merciful to all (Romans 11:32, CV).

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finds a most powerful illustration in the life of Joseph.

1. **The Sin:** Joseph's brothers committed a terrible sin, driven by jealousy and hatred, when they sold him into slavery.
2. **The Suffering:** Their act caused immense suffering for Joseph, who was wrongfully imprisoned, and for their father, Jacob, who believed his beloved son was dead.

God's Purpose: Yet, God used their sinful act to place Joseph in a position of power in Egypt, where he would ultimately save their entire family and nation from a devastating famine.

The Revelation: When Joseph finally revealed himself, he explained God's hidden plan behind their sin: *"So it was not you that sent me hither, but God."* Their evil intention was overruled to fulfill God's good purpose.

FINAL THOUGHT: MATTER ISN'T THE MASTER

Materialism says:

- "Everything is made of matter."
- "There is no God, no soul, no spirit."
- "What you can see, touch and measure is all there is."

But the Word of God says:

By faith we are apprehending the eons to have been adjusted by the saying of God, so that what is being observed has not come out of what is appearing (Hebrews 11:3, CV).

Reality is **more than molecules**.

The **seen** was made by the **unseen**.

And the One behind it all is **not material**, but **spiritual** – the living God. **BSN**

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Major: Creation; Materialism; Science

Minor: Evolution; Faith; False Teaching; Philosophy

This incredible story is the perfect foreshadowing of the ultimate example: the cross of Christ. The crucifixion was, from a human perspective, the most terrible sin ever committed. Humanity, in its ignorance and hatred, murdered the Son of God. Yet, in God's perfect plan, this *sin of sins* is the very act that provides the solution for all sin. God used humanity's greatest mistake to accomplish His greatest act of love and redemption.

To fully grasp this incredible plan, we must now look at the specific roles that God, Satan and humanity play in this cosmic drama.

Evil and sin are not random tragedies that disrupt God's plan; they are purposefully woven into the very fabric of it to ultimately reveal His profound wisdom and unconditional love. **BSN**

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Kingdom,¹ on pages 201-202 Melvin E. Johnson writes:

There is to be a time yet future – which necessarily becomes a **pre-Millennial time – when Egypt and Assyria**, two of Israel's ancient and relentless oppressors, are to be blessed jointly with Israel, and when they as three friendly nations will be faithful to the Lord, so the three of them will be equally blessed because of Israel (see Isaiah 19:24-25). This is not to be mistaken for a **subsequent Millennial time when Egypt** as a nation has reverted to her former hostile ways after Israel's apostasy. Then we are reminded that Egypt will need the discipline of threatened drought by the withholding of rain so that she will be *constrained* to come up and keep the feast of tabernacles at Jerusalem (Zechariah 14:17-18). The reason for this is quite apparent. Egypt and other hostile nations who then first have been friendly to Israel until she begins to apostatize will turn hostile again and they will contribute to Zion's last affliction, but for this **they will bear the consequences of Millennial judgments** after God in His mercy has delivered Israel as a nation then born in one day (Zechariah 3:9). Still, it is Israel, the favored nation of prophetic destiny, who will first degenerate into apostasy and thus lose the good will she enjoys for a time from friendly nations in the ear-

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lier part of a pre-Millennial era, in the future from our own day. **BSN**

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