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

Pre-Expectancy:

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The Unique Hope of the Secret Administration

by — Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr.

> That we should be for the laud of His glory, who are pre-expectant in the Christ (Ephesians 1:12, *CV*).

The *pre-expectancy* of Ephesians 1:12 is the *out-resurrection* toward which Paul pressed in Philippians 3:11.



This is the **one-hope** (one-expectation) of the sevenfold unity of the Secret Administration (Ephesians 4:4).

This pre-expectancy was an absolute secret.

> *the prisoner of Christ Jesus for you, the nations* (Ephesians 3:1, *CV*),
>
> [For] *the secret of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in bonds* (6:19-20).

Thus, our pre-expectancy is ***not*** the resurrection hope found in I Corinthians 15 or I Thessalonians 4.

This is not the expectation (hope) of the Hebrew Scriptures.

Not the expectation of the Gospels.
Not of the Acts Administration.
Not of epistles written during the Acts Administration.

All before Acts 28 was the *"expectation of Israel."*

Paul summarizes his early teaching ministry during the period of years covered by the book of Acts as *"the expectation of Israel,"* or *"the hope of Israel."*

> *For on account of **the expectation of Israel** this chain is lying about me* (Acts 28:20, *CV*).
>
> *For **the hope of Israel** I am bound with this chain* (*KJV*).

Paul's Roman imprisonment began for "*the hope of Israel*" by which he was "*bound with this chain*" (Acts 28:20, *KJV*), BUT it ended with him as,

Ours is ***not*** the hope of the *Parousia* – the presence of His coming – the literal physical earthly messianic Kingdom coming of God's Anointed.

Paroosia (παρουσία) at its base means "personal presence," and is used for the official presence of Christ on Earth during the Millennial Kingdom. The *Paroosia* is initiated by Christ's Second Advent.

This expectation had different aspects:

different *classes* of hope … (continued on page 9585)

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- 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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different *timings* of hope …
different *glories* of hope.

To proceed forward in this realization, we must consider three critical truths:

1. **The Scripture *must* be rightly divided, or correctly partitioned:**

   Endeavor to present yourself to God, qualified, an unashamed worker, ***correctly partitioning the word of truth*** (II Timothy 2:15, *CV,* 1930).

2. **Things that differ *must* be distinguished**:

   That you may ***distinguish between things that differ,*** *that you may be sincere and without offense until the day of Christ* (Philippians 1:10, *MKJV*).

3. **The absolute secret of the present administration *must* be acknowledged**:

   … The Administration of the Secret, which has been ***concealed from the eons in God*** *… The secret which has been* ***concealed from the eons and from the generations,*** *yet* ***now*** *was made manifest to His saints* (Ephesians 3:9; Colossians 1:26).

Christ had to be **first** in resurrection to immortality (vivification), AND as His Pleroma (*complement*), we have to be first as well (*pre-expectant*).

Christ is our Champion – the firstborn from among the dead. Thus, we are likewise pre-expectant in Him.

the expectation of glory (Colossians 1:27, *Concordant Version, DT*).

Whenever Christ, our Life, should be manifested, then you also shall be manifested together with Him in glory (Colossians 3:4).

out-resurrection from among the dead (Philippians 3:11, Greek text).

Our "*Pre-Expectant*" hope involves Christ's manifestation in the Super Heavens, far above all of the Celestials, and our co-manifestation with Him there.

(*see* PRE-EXPECTANCY, *last page*)

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Pre-Expectant in the Christ: The Unique Hope of the Secret Administration *(A Compilation)*

Surely the baseline hope of Scripture is resurrection on a restored Earth. This was the *"hope of Israel"* that Paul taught and was imprisoned for during the Acts period. Yet, God has a much bigger plan than just the restoration of the Earth … He has in His plan the restoration of the Universe. This is at the center of Paul's later revelation: What God is going to do about the Heavens. This is what he referred to as the *"out-resurrection"* (Philippians 3:11), and being *"pre-expectant in the Christ"* (Ephesians 1:12).

While Israel will be the instrument of earthly restoration, we have a *"high calling"* as instruments of the restoration of the heavens. This was not revealed before the Secret Administration. We have as our expectation, not merely to be *"Christ's at His coming"* (*i.e.,* His coming to Earth, I Corinthians 15:23), but an earlier, higher hope, when Christ, Who is our life, is manifested on His throne (Colossians 3:4) at the right hand of God (Ephesians 1:20) in Glory, far above all Heavens (Ephesians 4:10; 1:21, *i.e.,* in the Super-Heavens), that we, too, will be manifested (appearing) with Him there. Authors include:

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Once Again, Romans 8:28

by — Dean Hough

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Yet we have perceived that – to the perception of those who are loving God, God is working all together for good, to the perception of those who are being called according to the purpose (Romans 8:28, *CV*, 2026 Edition).



For some time, a number of articles (along with sermons and studies among our fellow believers) have taken the position that the two prepositional phrases of Romans 8:28 and beyond do not modify the key statement *"God is working all together for good,"* but rather expand on the opening words, *"Yet we have perceived."* Paul is not limiting God's operation of all for good to believers only, as may be implied by the usual renderings, including that of the *CV*: "*that God is working all together for the good* ***of*** *those who are loving God, (that is, for the good of those) who are called …*" The apostle does not use the genitive "of" here, but rather the dative "to."

This is recognized to some extent in some modern translations, which use the preposition *"for,"* which is sometimes used to express the dative. But this does not change the usual understanding. And even to use the preposition "to" can be taken as a limitation of God's working for good *to* the believer.

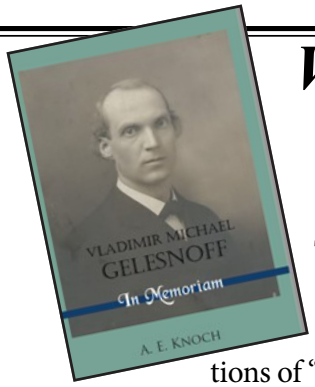
It is certainly true that God is working all together for good for the believer who is loving God (Who loves us with that particular love in that while we are still sinners Christ dies for our sakes, God sparing not His own Son). He is indeed working all together for good for those who are called according to God's purpose that we shall be conformed to the image of God's Son, justified and glorified. Much joy and peace come to us from this fact, joy and peace in the midst of our *groanings* (:23).

Nevertheless, Paul's view is much broader and more glorious in accord with the context. Starting with Romans 8:18, the apostle has been led from the reference to *"suffering together"* in :17 to expand on the fact of sufferings as they relate to us, but not only us, but *"the entire creation."* And here he brings in the verb *"perceive"* in the "complete" tense four times within seven verses (Romans 8:22-28).

This can be arranged as follows:

A. What we have perceived (Romans 8:22-25).
  B. What we have not perceived (Romans 8:26).
  B. What God has perceived (Romans 8:27).
A. What we have perceived (Romans 8:28).

The entire context, of course, is more extensive, including all of the revelations of the first eight chapters of Romans, but most immediately, the context leads from the reference to *"suffering together"* in :17 to the triumphal shout of :38-39.



Vladimir Michael Gelesnoff (1877-1921): In Memoriam

by — A.E. Knoch (1874-1965) *et al*

This is a crucial historical account of one of the true unsung heroes of the rediscovery of Scripture truth. Gelesnoff was a true pioneer in themes of the Universal Reconciliation, as well as those of the Secret Administration. One of the rare exceptions of "not many wise … not many noble" (I Corinthians 1:26), he was of British and Italian aristocratic, as well as Russian nobility. 54 pages, paperback.

Perception

From its first edition of 1926 to its most recent edition (that of 1976), the *CV* has rendered the form of the Greek verb *eidon* used here by the English term *"aware."* The *AV* used the verb *"know"* as did its predecessors going back to Tyndale in 1534 (the earliest complete English version, that attributed to Wycliffe, used the old English term *"witen"* which conveyed the sense of knowing). It is not that A.E. Knoch thought the verb *"know"* was mistaken, for he defines *eidon* as "get knowledge by any or all the senses" (*Keyword Concordance*, p. 221). But in accord with "Concordant principles," he wished to distinguish *eidon* from the frequently occurring Greek verb *ginosko* (*Keyword Concordance*, p. 169).

Consequently, while *ginosko* is given the "standard" KNOW and is always translated by a form of "know," *eidon* is assigned to the "standard" PERCEIVE and translated by several variants (including "*aware*") but never by "know" in the *CV*. It is as an attempt to maintain a distinction between *eidon* and *ginosko* that we plan to use *"perceive"* for *eidon* in the *CVNT* (still not finished), as we do here in Romans.

The Two "A" Passages

Romans 8:22-23 tell of a deep-seated evil that affects the entire creation, including us who have the firstfruit of the spirit. All that God has created is groaning (and travailing) *together*. This is in accord with Romans 5:12, which declares that through one man sin enters into the *world* (the entire *system* of things as created by God), and through that sin death enters and passes through into all humans, on the basis of which all sin (that is, all miss the mark of perfection).

Romans 8:28 tells of God's glorious good purpose for, and end to, all suffering and groaning. It accords with Romans 5:18-19, which declares that even as it is through one offense (that of Adam) for *all humans* for condemnation, thus also it is through one righteous response (that of Jesus Christ) for *all humans* for life's justifying.

And again, even as through the disregarding (of God's instruction) of the one human (Adam) the many (humans) are constituted sinners, thus also through the listening (of faith) of the One (Jesus Christ) the many (humans) shall be constituted righteous.

But as noted above with regard to the word *"world,"* Paul has more than humans in view, as he does here in Romans 8 by reference to *"the entire creation."* It includes the groanings and the travailings and sufferings (Romans 8:17-18) and the subjection to vanity of the creation (Romans 8:20). All of this is *"for good"*!

We who are believing God's evangel and coming to love God — we who are called in accord with God's purpose for His Son to be Firstborn among many brethren have come to *perceive* this: that God is working all together for good! It is not that God is working all together for good for the elect only (or for those only who exercise their "free will" to choose to be saved), but that God, Who spares not His own Son but gives Him up for the sake of us *all*, is working *all* (both *all* things and *all* that happens) together for good!

The Two "B" Passages

The two "B" passages direct attention to God, Who has purposed that which we have not perceived. We have not perceived many of the things that "*must be*" (are "binding" to occur), so that we are not perceiving how to harmonize our prayers with that fact. But "*the spirit*" which God has given us is aiding us in this infirmity by pleading for us with inarticulate groanings. It is God, Who is searching the hearts, Who has perceived these inarticulate groanings of spirit, for in accord with Him it is pleading for us.

God has perceived all of the groanings of the entire creation, including the inaudible pleadings of the spirit, and He is working all together for good. May it be that we come to perceive this evangel more and more clearly, so that our prayers may more and more accord with it. BSN

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Editor's Desk

Study Bible Project:
One Body Bible

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I remain dedicated to the study of Ephesians. As we progress in the work of the Study Bible Project, our proposed path becomes clearer. The entire Bible will be called the *Bible Student's Study Bible*.

However, the material will be released in various installments as they are prepared and ready for publication. As these portions are released, they too will be individually named as well.

The first section published will be the epistles of the Secret Administration: Ephesians and Colossians. This segment of the *Bible Student's Study Bible* will be entitled: *One Body Bible*.

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"One Body Bible" Edition
Epistles of the Secret Administration

Subsequent installments will similarly reflect their content. The plan is to move outward from Ephesians and Colossians:

(1) Paul's Acts Epistles
(2) The Circumcision Epistles
(3) The Book of Acts
(4) The Gospels

Thank you for your continued encouragement and support in this work.

Clyde

Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr.

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OBITUARY.

Andrew Maclarty

1943-2026

by — Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr.

Andrew Maclarty of the UK has died. He was a man of peacefulness and humility. He devoted his life to the truths of God that were so precious to him.

He was the longtime editor of *Grace & Truth* magazine (1991-2026), continuing the extensive work that the previous editors had also faithfully conducted – Leon A. Bynoe (1895-1983) and John H. Essex (1907-1991).

His dedication to God's Word correctly partitioned was known throughout the world, especially in the UK, USA, Germany and the Philippines.

Good night, dear brother. We will see you in the morning.

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Divine Seminary

A poem by — Robert Kosharek

Acts 4:13, I John 2:27

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Called to divine seminary,
not of human hands, earthly institutions, or denominations —
"unlearned men" as referenced in Acts[1].

Rather individually called by Father,
to behold, to be enlightened, to come to realization.
Quietly, in solitude, minding my own business,
considering all else dung.

Considered strange by most I know,
but so were others,
as Jesus said, "What is that to you?"[2]

Urgings, promptings, vocation,
yearnings, desires, mindset,
all pointing to Christ.[3]

Matthew 4:19 when Jesus called the disciples, Philippians 3:14, I Thessalonians 4:11-12, Mark 1:35

Dwelling not in a building of hands;
the church, the pillar of Truth!

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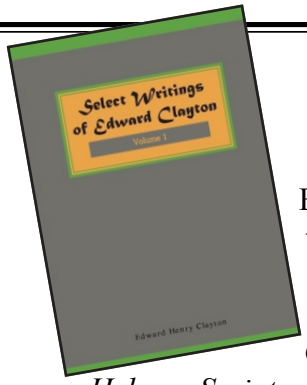

Select Writings of Edward Clayton

Volume 1

Edward Henry Clayton (1887-1972) of Sheffield England was a great scholar of the Greek and Hebrew languages. His close association with A.E. Knoch dated from the very earliest days of the *Concordant Publishing Concern*. He did substantial work in the long and involved process of compiling the *Concordant Greek Scriptures*. He then spent half his life working full-time on the *Concordant Hebrew Scriptures*. He authored many articles that appeared in *Unsearchable Riches* and *Grace and Truth* magazines. 58 pages paperback.

Pre-Expectancy (*continued from page 9585*)

This is a brand-new expectation revealed by Paul that takes place prior to *"the Expectation of Israel."*

This **advanced expectation** for the One Body of the Secret Administration has **NOTHING** to do with a hope on the Earth, and therefore has no earthly signs or timeframes associated with it.

At the end of his life and ministry, E.W. Bullinger (1837-1913) wrote,

> We quite understand, and fully sympathize with those who, like ourselves, have spoken or written on I Thessalonians 4 as being the great charter of our hope of the Lord's coming. But we ought thankfully to relinquish it when we find we have a better hope, which we can enjoy all the more because we need not reproach ourselves with having robbed Israel of their hope, which is only postponed, and will yet have a wondrous and literal fulfillment for them. BSN
>
> — *Foundations of Dispensational Truth* (1913)[1]

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>
> — SIR ROBERT ANDERSON (1841-1918)



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Thanks for your ministry and the time you put into this work. – ***TX***

Interesting, instructive and faith building. – ***Canada***

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