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The Herald of His Grace

Presenting every man perfect in Christ Jesus. Colossians 1:28

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Fait Accompli

by — Dr. A.J. Roddy (1919-1997)

He made us to sit together (Ephesians 2:6).

God set Christ at His Own right hand in the Heavenlies (Ephesians 1:20). Paul affirms that we shared in this as objects of lavished grace.

He made us alive in union¹ with Him (by grace you are saved), and He raised us in union with Him, and caused us to sit in the superheavenlies² in union with Christ Jesus (Ephesians 2:6).



the victors, we are objects of the Victor's interests; our role in this enterprise is a passive one. God made us alive in union with Christ and so raised us up in union with Him. It was God Who lifted Christ to the Heavenlies and caused Him there to be seated, so He lifted us also into that realm and set us there. All of this has as its purpose the displaying of the excelling wealth of His grace, in His kindness upon us, in union with Christ Jesus.

This is, of course, a *fait accompli*.³ Far from being ourselves

1. [Editor:] For more information on *Identification* and *Union* (i.e., "Positional" Truths), see:

- Stablished – Strengthened – Settled, E.W. Bullinger, *Bible Student's Notebook* #96, also available as a separate article [online](#);
- The Believer's Standing and State, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., *Bible Student's Notebook* #161, also available as a separate article [online](#);
- The Believer's Union and Identification in Christ, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., [Bible Student's Notebook #237](#);
- *I Am! Who and What God Says I Am!: The Divine Reckoning of the Renewed Mind*, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., (book, see order form), also in *Bible Student's Notebooks* [#259](#), [#260](#), [#261](#), [#262](#), [#263](#) as a 5-part study with the same title;
- *Being OK with Not Being OK: Embracing God's Design for You*, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., (book, see order form).

2. [Editor:] For more information about the celestial realm, see:

- The Heavenly Realms, John H. Essex; Ruling the Celestials, A.E. Knoch; Opposition Among the Celestials, Donald G. Hayter, [Bible Student's Notebook #519](#);
- Our Realm: Inherently Celestial, John H. Essex, [Bible Student's Notebook #520](#);
- Blessings Among the Celestials, John H. Essex, (Part 1, [Bible Student's Notebook #611](#); Part 2, [#612](#));
- *God's Celestial Purpose (Paul's Letter to the Ephesians)*, John H. Essex (see order form).

3. *Fait Accompli* comes from the French, meaning an "accomplished fact."

"Something that has already happened or been done and cannot be changed" – *Cambridge Dictionary*;

"A thing that has already happened or been decided before

Were this some doing of ours, its future might be subject to some contingency, but inasmuch as it is His doing, there is no fear about its enduring. There can no change befall it. Complete⁴ in Him, seated with Him far above all, we are secure unfailingly.

Paul does not suggest the possibility of the loss of this wondrous position in coming either to our *walk* or to our *warfare*. Observe that it is not said that, in raising us to the Heavenlies, we are bidden to be seated. He who delights in the impossible has Himself triumphed over all of our weakness in His ►

those affected hear about it, leaving them with no option but to accept it." – *Oxford Dictionary*

4. [Editor:] For further information about the believer's completeness in Christ, see the following:

- Complete in Christ, William B. Hallman, [Bible Student's Notebook #182](#).

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matchless strength and has set us as objects of grace in union with Christ in a context of unchanging security. He picked us up and set us down.

Removing every ground of glorying from beneath us, Paul asserts that from first to last this is the gift of God. We did not even sit down: He sat down, and He⁵ seated us. How more forcibly could God have shown our inability to respond than in the figure of the second chapter? You (the word is in a most emphatic position, as though to say “*even you*”) being dead by reason of those transgressions and sins of yours – in this condition you became the objects of the working of resurrection, ascension power.

Oh, glorious revelation! So passively we are acted upon! So completely un-acting objects governed by the Majestic Agent in His quickening, His raising, His causing to sit! Is it not ever true that it is those who “*stand still*” who *see* the Lord’s salvation?

5. [Editor:] For more information on “God’s Sovereignty,” see:

- Now We are Aware [Romans 8:28], James Coram, [Bible Student’s Notebook #510](#);
- God in Everything, William Sibthorpe, [Bible Student’s Notebook #527](#);
- God Determines, Not Permits, Norman Grubb, [Bible Student’s Notebook #528](#);
- What God Wills, Happens; What He Wills Not, Won’t, George Howe, [Bible Student’s Notebook #334](#);
- What a Sovereign God Will Do and Will Achieve, Peter Feddema, [Bible Student’s Notebook #335](#);
- Daily Goodies book, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr. April 28-May 28 (see order form).

What then about our walking worthy (Ephesians 4:1)? Here our pride may ensnare us yet. “Here at last,” weak flesh shouts joyfully, “is something for me to do.” However this is, to the contrary, also the working of the indwelling Christ. From beginning to end it is not out of works, lest we should boast (*or* fear).

The *sitting* and its duration are bound up in the accomplished, finished work of Christ, not in the *walking* of the believer. The sitting is the cause, the walking the effect. To “*walk worthily*” is directed to those who are *seated*. The sitting does not depend upon the walking; the walking depends upon the sitting.

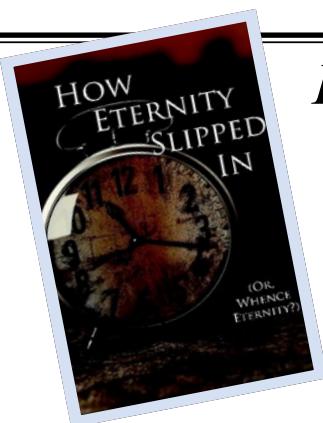
— *The Hoplite of the Heavenlies*
Excerpt

(edited & abridged)

Dr. Roddy was Professor of Greek and Hebrew at New Orleans Baptist Seminary, and Chairman of the Department of Modern Languages at California Baptist College (Riverside). He was the author of *Though I Spoke with Tongues* (see the order form, under *Biographies*).

TOPICS:

Major: Celestial; Ephesians; Identification
Minor: Sovereignty



58 pages, PB

See order form.

How Eternity Slipped In (Or, Whence Eternity?)

by — Alexander Thomson (1889-1966)

The inspired Scriptures never speak of “eternity.” They describe nothing as eternal. They contain no term which in itself bears our time sense of “everlasting.” As eternity is not a subject of revelation, our present object is to discover how and when this unscriptural term gained entrance into theology with most disastrous results. As this is really a historical investigation, it will be necessary to allude to a considerable number of historical events, and to quote from a number of by-gone translators and their versions. It is hoped that such a study, along with an examination of various primitive words dealing with time, will dispel any doubts in the minds of those who do not feel thoroughly assured regarding the use of the word eonian in place of eternal.



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2. out of print and,

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Authors & Titles:

Though there are specific titles that we are looking for in this section of the list, we are also interested in any other titles that these authors may have written. If we already have any books by an author we will list them as a footnote.

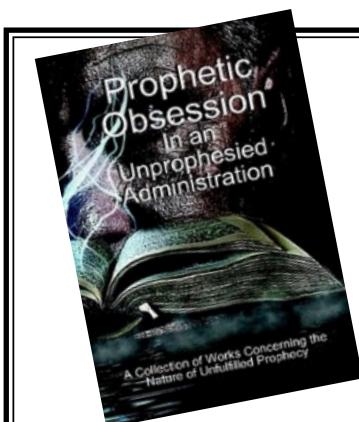
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George Aldridge	<i>Spiritualism Tested by Revelation</i>
George Aldridge	<i>Theosophy: Its Theories vs. Bible Truths</i>
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T.A. DeSilva	<i>The Baptism of the Holy Spirit ...</i>
M.L. Dodds	<i>The Wider Gospel</i>
Joseph A. Fox	<i>Pre-Millennial Perspective</i>
H.W. Fry	<i>God's Plan of the Bible</i>
Arthur Charles Lamb	<i>The Glory Of The Happy God</i>
Kenneth McKay	Various ²

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2. Here are titles that we are aware of by this author:

- Grace, Glorious Grave, for the Present;
- Universal Reconciliation at the Consummation;
- Justification – the Assurance of It;



Prophetic Obsession in an Unprophesied Administration

(A Collection of Works Concerning the Nature of Unfulfilled Prophecy)

List of authors contained in this work are: Sir Robert Anderson (1841-1918), Cecil J. Blay (1906-1976), A.E. Knoch (1874-1965), J. Vernon McGee (1904-1988), Andrew Miller (1810-1883), Sir Isaac Newton (1642-1727), Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., Otis Q. Sellers (1901-1992) and C.R. Stam (1909-2003).

62 pp, PB

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William Mealand	<i>Christ and God; This Era of Grace</i>
J.G. M'Vicker	<i>Selected Letters with Brief Memoir</i>
George (Geo.) L Rogers	<i>Dispensational and Other Studies</i> ³
W.B. Screws	<i>Handbook for Beginners</i>
T.J. Silva	<i>God's Perfect Plan</i>
Dansey Smith	<i>The Eons and the Reconciliation</i>
Stewart Speers	<i>Follow After Divine Love</i>
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Thomas Whittemore	<i>Modern History of Universalism</i>
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J.F. Witherell	<i>Partialism Shaken and Removed</i>
George H. Wulfken	<i>Let There Be Light!</i>

<i>The Messenger of Grace</i> ¹⁴
<i>Our Faith</i> ¹⁵
<i>The Pilgrim's Messenger</i> ¹⁶
<i>The Promise</i> ¹⁷
<i>Reconciliation</i> ¹⁸
<i>The Religious Iconoclast</i> ¹⁹
<i>The Revelator</i> ²⁰
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<i>The Spirit of the Word</i> ²³
<i>Study-Prove-Teach</i> ²⁴
<i>The Torch</i> ²⁵
<i>Treasures of Truth</i> ²⁶
<i>The Word of Truth</i> ²⁷

Periodicals (of interest):

*The Babbler*⁴
*The Bible Gazette*⁵
*The Christian Fundamentals Magazine*⁶
*The Differentiator*⁷
*Echoes of Grace*⁸
*Freedom*⁹
*The Investigator*¹⁰
*Grace and Glory*¹¹
*Grace and Truth*¹²
*The Lantern*¹³

– Conciliation – the Enjoyment of It;
 – Is Annihilation the Teaching of Scriptures?
 – Is Everlasting Punishment a Truth of Scripture?

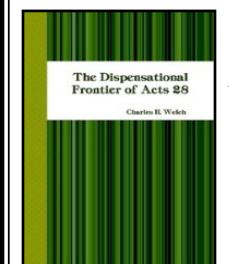
3. We do not know how many lessons that there were in this series, but we have *Series One, Number One* and *Series One, Number Three*. We are looking for all of the rest. We also have his *Studies in Romans and Grace Tabernacle Studies*.
4. Published by H.A. Harrop.
5. Published by James Webb from August, GA.
6. Published from Los Angeles, CA.
7. Published by E.A. Larsen (Tacoma, WA), Alexander Thomson (England).
8. Published by George Addair, Phoenix AZ. We have issue #4 and #5.
9. Published by L. H. Cracknell in England.
10. Published by H. L. Carver, Kissimmee, FL.
11. Published by Alan Burns.
12. First published in New York, NY (by Leon A. Bynoe), then in England (by John H. Essex).
13. Published by R. H. Bigg and S. V. E. Clark from London.

Authors (of interest):

The authors we are looking for are dealing solely with scripturally related topics. We have found that there may be authors with the same names, but their books are on other topics.

A. (Arthur) P. Adams²⁸
 George Addair²⁹
 George Aldridge³⁰
 Tom Ballinger³¹
 Cecil J. Blay³²
 Anthony M. Bruno
 E.W. Bullinger³³
 Howard N. Bunce

14. By William Rebmann from Zion, IL.
15. Published in Rock Island, IL, later in Seffner, FL, by Harold L. Carver.
16. Published by W. B. Screws from Glennville GA.
17. Published by G. (Gustavus) E. Hiller.
18. By Joseph E. Kirk. We have Volume 1, Number 1 through 10. We are looking for any other issues.
19. Published from Grand Rapids, MI
20. Published by Louis Finley in Kansas City, MO
21. By Wesley J. Ladwig in Milwaukee, WI.
22. Published by Victor Vernon Gager in Hopkins, MN.
23. Published by A. P. Adams. We have *Volume 1* (1886). We are seeking the remaining 20+ volumes.
24. Published by A.J. Borrello in Fredonia, NY.
25. By Frank Neil Pohorlak from Waxahachie, later Fort Worth, TX.
26. Published by Cecil J. Blay and Melvin E. Johnson. We have a complete set of the years 1971-1974 (Installments 1-12). We have a handful of other random ones. We are looking for a complete set.
27. By Otis Q. Sellers. We are unsure how many volumes and issues that there were of this periodical. We have a complete set of Volume 12. We are looking for the other volumes.
28. We have *The Spirit of the Word, Bible Harmony, The Purposes of God, The True Basis of Redemption, Judgment and the Doctrine of Eternal Hell, and Truth vs. Orthodoxy*.
29. We have *The (Absolute) Sovereignty of God*.
30. We have *Baptism in the New Testament*.
31. We have *The Believer's Hope Today, The Gift of Tongues, A Study on Pentecost, and A Study on Right Division*.
32. We have *It is Written and Treasures of Truth (Volume 1)*.
33. We have a large number of Bullinger titles, see his list at EWBullinger.com.



The Dispensational Frontier of Acts 28
 by — Charles H. Welch
 (1880-1967)
 62 pages, PB (See order form.)

A survey of the significance of Acts 28 to dispensational truth.





Alan Burns³⁴
 John Butler³⁵
 Leon A. Bynoe³⁶
 John J.R. Caldwell
 Eugene Charles Callaway³⁷
 Charles Chauncy³⁸
 E.H. (Edward Henry) Clayton³⁹
 Edgar Lewis Clementson
 L.H. Cracknell
 E. Lynwood Crystal⁴⁰
 Bernard Davies⁴¹
 Gordon K. Edgar⁴²
 John H. Essex⁴³
 Louis Finley
 A.D. Foster
 Glennard Gartong
 Robert M. Giles⁴⁴
 Victor Vernon Gager
 Robert A. Hadden
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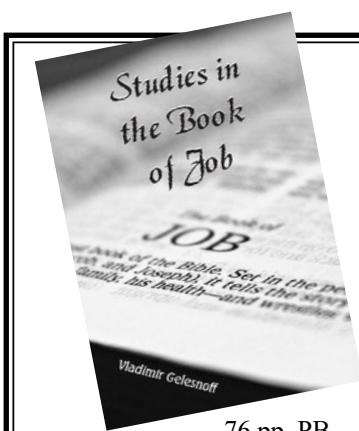
34. We have *The Rich Man and Lazarus*.
35. We have *The Sabbath in Scripture*.
36. We have *God, All in All; A Manual of Bible Doctrine*.
37. We have *Harmony of the Eons and The Harmony of the Last Week*.
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40. We have *Grace Tabernacle Studies*.
41. We have *God's Righteousness and The Rich Man and Lazarus*.
42. President, *The Institute of Dispensational Theology*.
43. We have *God's Dwelling Place, The Deity of God, The Place of Humanity in God's Purpose and God's Celestial Purpose*.
44. We have *The Lord's Table*.
45. We have *The King and the Kingdom in History and Prophecy and Complete in Christ*.
46. We have *Bible Proofs of Universal Salvation and A Cloud of Witnesses*.
47. We have *The Great Question, A Believer's Critique of the Bible*,

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 Ralph Isbell
 Victor E. Jacobson
 Melvin E. Johnson⁴⁹
 John H. Kessler⁵⁰
 Joseph E. Kirk⁵¹
 Wesley J. Ladwig
 E.A. Larsen⁵²
 Adlai Loudy⁵³
 Erasmus Manford⁵⁴
 Guy Marks⁵⁵
 C.E. McLain⁵⁶
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 William R. Newell⁵⁹
 J.C. O'Hair⁶⁰
 Charles J. Peart⁶¹

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and *The Christian Family*.

48. We have *The Outcome of Infinite Grace and The Harmony of Passion Week*.
49. We have *The Image and Likeness of God and Treasures of Truth (Volume 1)*.
50. We have *Forgotten Truths Reaffirmed, The Church Which is His Body and The Bride the Lamb's Wife*.
51. We have *Death, Resurrection, Immortality*.
52. We have *What is Sectism?*
53. There were 40 lesson books in this series. We currently have lessons 1, 2, 3, 4, 15, 19, 20, 26. We are looking for the rest of the series. In addition we have *God's Eonian Purpose, How to Scripturally Study the Scriptures, and The Gospel of Our Salvation*.
54. We have *150 Reasons for Believing in the Final Salvation of All Mankind*.
55. We have *Pillars of Truth*.
56. We have *Rethinking the Acts; Elijah's Coming; Place of Race; The Pristine Creation; The True Birthdate of Jesus; and Conspiracy*.
57. We have *Growing in the Realization of God*.
58. We have *Questions and Answers, The Virgin Birth of Christ – Fact or Fiction?, Was Peter the Rock Upon Which Christ Built His Church?, and The Revolt*.
59. We have all of this author's major works. We are looking for any possible rare titles of which we are unaware.
60. We have *Unsearchable Riches, Lost Precious Gem, From Melita to Miletum, Bible Study for Bereans* (October 1936).
61. We have *God's Rules for Scriptural Interpretation and Man's Place in God's Purpose*.



Studies in the Book of Job

by — Vladimir Gelesnoff (1877-1921)

Contents: Correct Principles of Exegesis; The Great Lesson; Antiquity and Majority Are Not Divine Evidence; Education and Erudition Are Usually in Error; Human Merit Is Inadequate; Job's Answer; The Friends' Failure; Evolution and Involution; Elihu; "God Is Greater than Man"; The Storm Rises; The Storm Ceases; The Speech of Deity; Infinite Sympathy; The Creator's Care; The Father's Care for the Groaning Creation; God's "End" Is Glorious.

See order form.



God Is Love

by — A.E. Knoch (1874-1965)

We are never told that God is justice, or God is power, or God is wisdom.

These are His *attributes*, not His *essence*. The distinction is of vital import in the conflicting maze of reasoning concerning God's ways and words. Justice and power and wisdom are *relative*, but love is *absolute*. **He is never so just as when He justifies the unjust, for that is in line with His love.** He is never so strong as when His weakness overpowers human strength, for that links it to love. He is never so wise as when His foolishness confounds the wisdom of men, for that glorifies love.

All of His attributes appear and withdraw at the beck of love. All serve it and never go counter to its commands. We cannot reason that God will do thus and so because



He is just, or strong or wise. Love may not give leave.

But we can safely lay our heads on the bosom of His love and there learn the great lesson that He is love, and has both the power and wisdom to carry out the dictates of His affection. What clearer proof can be given that all that He has done and is doing is leading up to that grand ultimate when He will be All in all, and love will rest in being loved?

— *Concordant Commentary*, page 371
(edited)

TOPICS:

Major: God; Love

Minor: Salvation of All

Presenting Every Man Perfect

by — I.T. Watkins (former Primitive Baptist pastor)

Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus (Colossians 1:28).

My mind wanders out into the universe. I can see the great love of our heavenly Father. Why did He make the universe, and what is His goal for it? Christendom tells us that many of mankind will dwell endlessly in misery and woe, because they have not had the gospel and have not accepted Christ.

Our text presents every man perfect (or mature)¹ in Christ. Paul says that “*the free gift came upon all men unto justification² of life*” (Romans 5:18). Adam,

1. [Editor:] For more information on “spiritual maturity,” see:

- The Uniqueness of Your Journey; The Stages of Spiritual Life; The Long Process of Spiritual Growth; Beholding and Becoming, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., [Bible Student's Notebook #273](#);
- Christ’s Lordship and our Maturity in Christ, William W. Bentley, Jr., [Bible Student's Notebook #291](#);
- The Irony of Spiritual Maturity, Stephen Hill, [Bible Student's Notebook #449](#).

2. [Editor:] Justification is not mere forgiveness, it to be constituted or made righteous. “Forgiveness” is at the core of religious teaching and activity; and at the root of forgiveness is *guilt*. The followers of religion seek to obtain forgiveness through some means – concerted effort, confessions, prayers, penance, resolutions, etc.

by one offense, brought us all into condemnation; Christ is the One Who brings justification. Again he says, “*For as in Adam³ all die, even so in Christ shall all⁴ be made alive*” (I Corinthians 15:22).

When Christ was born the messengers brought tidings
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What Paul taught went well beyond that. The revelation given to him involved “*justification*” which, instead of being rooted in guilt, is rooted in “*righteousness*.” For further study about this grand theme of justification see:

- The Ultimate Freedom from Sin: Justification! by Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., [Bible Student's Notebook #296](#);
- Video: [Are You Forgiven or Justified?](#) by Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr. (40 minutes).
- 3. [Editor:] For a further look at this, see:
 - The Undoing of Adam – and “Much More,” Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., [Bible Student's Notebook #541](#);
 - The Undoing of Adam – Supplementary Notes, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., [Bible Student's Notebook #542](#);
 - Christ, Greater than Adam, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., [Bible Student's Notebook #631](#).
- 4. [Editor:] for a comprehensive study of the many inner-connected doctrines in this topic, see:
 - *The Salvation of All*, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr. (see order form).



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Frank Neil Pohorlak⁶²
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G.T. Stevenson⁶⁸
Alexander Thomson⁶⁹
James A. Webb
Thomas Whittemore⁷⁰
Elhanan Winchester⁷¹

Publishers (of interest):

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Bible Truth Press⁷²
Biblical Information Bureau
Buffalo Bible Institute

62. We have *The Faith of Christ*.
63. We have *Is Hell Eternal?* and *Treasure Thoughts*.
64. We have *The Bible in Brief*.
65. We have *Some Writings of F. H. Robison, and Are Bride and Body Identical?*
66. We have *Standing & State (Ephesians)*.
67. We have *The Dispensation of the Grace of God, Christian Individualism, The Glory of the One Baptism, The Rich Man and Lazarus, The Sabbath and the Sunday Question, This Do In Remembrance, and Acts 28:28*.
68. We have *Time and Eternity*.
69. We have *Whence Eternity (or How Eternity Slipped In.)*
70. We have *100 Scriptural Proofs that Jesus Christ is the Savior of All; Modern History of Universalism Volume 1*.
71. We have *The Universal Restoration*.
72. From New York City.

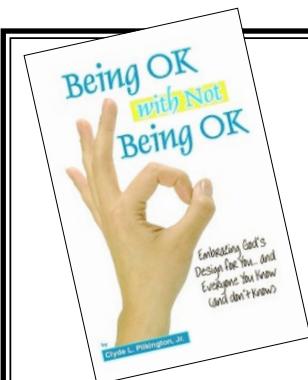
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Pittsburgh Bible Institute
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Scripture Research Society
Scripture Studies Concern
Scripture Study Ecclesia
Sacred Literature Concern
Truth Research Fellowship
Union Bible Class
Universalist Publishing House
Yours for our rich heritage,
Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr.

Pilkington Abbey
Paint, PA

TOPICS:

Major: Facsimile Project; Editorial
Minor: Ministry

73. From Boise, ID.
74. From Kalamazoo, MI.



134 pp., PB

See order form.

I have read it completely three times. I always refer back to certain chapters. – FL

When I read it, it was like I could breathe again. Your calming words lead me to a greater realization. – OH

Being OK with Not Being OK – Embracing God's Design for You ... and Everyone You Know (and Don't Know)

by — Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr.

For now, you're broken, and you aren't going to be "fixed." Granted, you may have some days that are better than others, some circumstances that seem to indicate that you are "OK," but the wearisome cycle simply will recur.

Thus it is by design – by divine design. Father is bringing you to a place where you are OK with not being OK, where you simply rest in His current purpose and plan in your training and development for that grand and magnificent culmination that He has so wonderfully and skillfully designed especially for you – in your next life.

Thank you for this! It brought such peace and rest to me, and brought a greater understanding of God's great love for all His creation. That He alone is in control of everything is mind boggling to say the least! – NM

So fantastic! Such peace!! – Australia



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which they declared should be “*good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people*” (Luke 2:10). All people? Yes. Well, if some were never to be saved, the message of the Christ would never be good tidings to them.

Not all are justified as yet, but they shall be. Not all hear the gospel message with gladness, but they shall. Not all men are yet perfect. Some will not be, until the consummation,⁵ but the gospel presents them

5. [Editor:] For more information on the consummation, see:

- The Consummation, Bob Evely, [Bible Student's Notebook #603](#);
- The Consummation of the Eons, A.E. Knoch, [Bible Student's Notebook #221](#).

perfect. In other words, the gospel message is to the effect that all mankind shall come to maturity in Christ Jesus. This is the way all are now presented mature.

— *The Pilgrim's Messenger*, Volume XV, Number 9, April, 1936

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[Notebook #656](#):

- God in Consummation, A.E. Saxby, [Bible Student's Notebook #221](#).

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— *Concordant Commentary on the New Testament* (Ephesians 6:10), page 294

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