The God Story

HAS THE LIVING GOD SPOKEN?



One chance in a lifetime.



Life is a curious thing.

When we are young we don't often think about transitory nature of our existence. We become very busy, often only pausing to reflect on our impermanence when birth, tragedy, or a major life event occurs.

If there is a Living God, and we have been created with a soul - wow!

This growth experience is built around the 8 minute GOD STORY video found at Fourthstream.com.

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AWAKENING

"Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done.

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

- Revelation 22:12,13 -

FOR MANY PEOPLE LIFE IS LIKE A SLEEPY DREAM.

WE PUT OFF THE ULTIMATE QUESTIONS AND EMBRACE THE JOURNEY SOMETIMES WITH CONFIDENCE - AND MANY TIMES WITH TREPIDATION.

BUT EACH OF OUR JOURNEYS WILL SURELY COME TO AN END, AND WE WILL STAND BEFORE OUR CREATOR TO GIVE AN ACCOUNT FOR OUR LIVES. I HOPE TO BE READY FOR THAT DAY.

WE HAVE ONE LIFETIME TO FIND OUR PLACE IN THE GREAT STORY,
AND TO FIND OUR SIGNIFICANCE IN HIS KINGDOM. I BELIEVE THAT UNDERSTANDING
THE GOD STORY CAN HELP IN OUR QUEST TO FIND REST FOR OUR SOULS
AND TO OBTAIN ETERNAL LIFE.

I wrote this God Story overview after carefully examining and assembling all the pieces. Understanding the sweeping "Big Story" is similar to looking at a puzzle without having the picture on the box. Through careful and sometimes painful processes I would observe and ponder each piece, and then attempt to see where each one fit with the big picture on the non-existent box.

Soon I began to become excited. The pieces began to reveal a picture, and my motivation to complete the puzzle began to overtake me. What you have here is a description of the picture on the box. I think you will find it helpful in connecting your story with the God Story. Each of our stories is unique, and His Story gives true eternal meaning to our journeys.

ENJOY!

- Dave Nadler, Fourthstream.com



In the expanse that exists outside of time an interesting conversation unfolds. "We will make them in our image, in our likeness. They will revere

and honor us. We will give them authority over every creature on the earth. They will have offspring and live and enjoy their growing garden forever - until the entire earth is filled with their generations."

Michael and Gabriel nodded as they heard their Sovereign's choices spoken into existence. They have seen it before, millennia after millennia. His intellect, His creativity, His heart, His shear power are beyond even their belief. There is simply no describing the glory of the One speaking on the throne of Light!

At the Creator's right hand the Son smiles and then looks over the churning deep - into a future that only He and His Father could conceive or comprehend. His heart bursts with love for the one who is His infinite friend. There was nothing that He would not do to bless His Father. Absolutely nothing.



Do you ever wonder why there are so many different religions? Which one is true? Are any of history's religions valid, or are they all a part of humanity's need for myth? Is there a true God Story which overlaps my personal story? Is there significance to my existence?

There are really only two religions which flow from the God Story's earliest accounts. Forever there was the Living God. From Him the Son proceeded. He never began to exist, nor will He ever cease to exist. His Son is the Beginning and the End. He created the world. He created the millions of angels and the four Living creatures. He fashioned Adam and Eve as the crown of His creation.

The other religious figurehead is Lucifer. His beauty and position as one of the three covering "archangels" made him unique. Through him the faithless religion of self entered the world. There are many permutations, but only one false religious root. This is why Lucifer (aka Satan) injected himself between the Living God and His created angels and His human race. What belonged to God would now be his. And human souls would hang in the balance.

Science has mathematically proven multiple dimensions. The reality that there are perhaps unobservable parallel realities that include angels is really quite believable. The angels probably exist in such a dimension, with concurrent access to our dimension as well. When these realities converge at the end of the age it will blow us away. Because the Living God is the Great Intellect, the Supreme Majesty, and the Unlimited Master of Creativity - heaven will be a wonder beyond our wildest imaginations.

It is hard for us to grasp living eternally and needing nothing to complete us. And yet this is who the Living God is. His eternal relationship with His Son is perfect in every way. Their synergy is seamless because they are One. The Eternal Father, the Eternal Son, and the Eternal Spirit. The fanciful notion that God created the world and everything in it because He was bored or lonely is biblically absurd. His sole purpose for creating mankind was to display His magnificence to all of His creation.

What about this EXPANSE discussion is new to you?
EXPANSE: THINK IT THROUGH The Expanse reflects the bible's teaching on our origins and the sweeping and very personal relationship between good and evil.
If there are only two religions, what are the implications for humanity?
How does such a two-religion premise line up with your current beliefs? How does it differ?
What do you believe concerning good and evil in the world?

CHECK THESE REFERENCES.

What does each one add to our **EXPANSE** observations?

Psalm 2
Why would this Psalm talk about the Son when Jesus will not even be born for hundreds of years?
Deuteronomy 18:18
This is the Prophet whom Islam believe's to be Mohammed and the Gospels and the apostles believe to be
Jesus. What do you believe about the "prophet?"



Hebrews 1:1-14
What is it that makes the Son different than any other person in history?
Genesis 1-2
What observations do you have about our beginnings?
Job 1-2
What do you learn about the key persons in the "big story"?
Ezekiel 28
Do you think there is anything prophetic here concerning Lucifer?
Isaiah 14
Do you think there is anything prophetic here concerning Lucifer?



And it all happened just as the Living God had spoken. The creation was breathed into existence. Time means nothing to the Father of all living. The infinite galaxies are His playground. The imprint of life - the very building blocks of life are just the tip of the Designer's mind - a mind that knows no limits.

As the world is birthed another angel looks on. Inside he seethes with masked contempt for what is unfolding before his powerful eyes. He is one of only three - Gabriel, Michael, and himself. He is Lucifer. Son of the morning. He is one of the three who covers. His beauty and power are eclipsed only by the Two who are on the Throne. Deep within his great heart cancerous seeds are growing bitter roots. He will find a way. One day his glory will bring him the throne that he so deeply deserves.



Can you imagine the extent of the power necessary to bring about stars, galaxies, DNA molecules, life systems, and the delicate balance we see at every level of scientific inquiry? The sheer complexity and immensity are mind-numbing! If time has been imposed upon earthly existence, and if there is a Living God Who is not subject to the strictures of time - wow!

His power and majesty would be beyond anything human reasoning could comprehend! And if this "bible God" is really as awesome as He reveals Himself to be, what does that say about me, my pride, and the special privilege of being made in His image?

In the last decade or so discoveries in macro science through Hubble's peering further into space than we have ever seen before are incredible. Other advances have allowed us to observe beyond the atom to the very building blocks of life. The Living God appears to be unbound by space or time - or anything for that matter. We have found no end to the billions of galaxies and to date have discovered no planet which can sustain life as we know it.

Yet we are an integral part of a very real struggle. The epic battle between the forces of Good (the Living God) and the forces of darkness (Satan and his fallen angels) is bound with our story but eclipses our story as well. It appears that Lucifer was one of only three beings who covered the holiness of God. And in the midst of such privilege, seeds of evil took root in his heart.

As creation unfolded, as Adam and Eve were created - a cancer of envy overtook the beautiful, pure heart of Lucifer, son of the morning. Something about the creation of the world and the human race appear to have set him off. Perhaps it was the expanse and beauty of the Living God's new work. Perhaps it was Satan's envy over Adam and Eve, and their creation in the image of God.

As human beings it is easy to make the fatal mistake of thinking that all things revolve around us, when the bible's reality makes it clear we were created to bring more glory to our Creator, and not the

What about the EPIC ROOTS discussion is new to you? What is familiar?
THINK IT THROUGH
Do you feel your sense of wonder is robust (or puny)?
What helps your sense of wonder to expand, and why is this good for your soul?
What are the reasons is it so difficult for us to acknowledge a Sovereign Lord over our lives?

other way around. This makes it hard for humans to find our place in the God Story, for most of our per-

sonal pursuits occur to bring pleasure, recognition, and power to ourselves.

CHECK THESE REFERENCES.

What does each one add to our **EPIC ROOTS** observations?

Psalm 24 Where do our roots begin and end?
Isaiah 40
What is comforting about this passage?
Micah 7:13-20 What is the relationship between justice and mercy in what God communicates about Himself?
Revelation 4 Why would our Creator reveal how all things will end in such specific terms?



What happened in the Garden was terrible on a huge scale. Adam and Eve took the bait offered by the Lucifer serpent. No longer would they walk with the Father in the cool of the day. No longer would the master plan for cultivating the earth occur. Now access to the eternal tree in the Garden would be denied to the sons of Adam. Life would yield pain and thorns and death. Animals died. Blood was shed. Coverings were made.

As the deep dark moved over the souls of men the Son set His face to do what needed to be done. Now His relationship with His eternal Father would exact a huge price. Sinless, holy, pure and righteous God would now have to experience the unthinkable. He would now need to build a bridge back from death. If not, ALL of the Sons of Adam would be eternally separated from their Creator. The cost to humanity had been incalculable.

The four living creatures and the twenty-four elders around the throne lifted up their voices. As the innumerable angels joined in - the sound was so massively intense that it shook heaven like an earthquake. Now billions of eyes prepared to watch, pray, and engage in the War. Lucifer had claimed his kingdom - The Living God would buy them back with His own blood.



LISTEN TO THE BRIDGE OF LIGHT VIDEO

How do you feel about friendship? Are friends important to you? Who are your friends? Do you have a best friend? God's Son is His friend, and we are friends of His Son when we believe in His Word about Himself.



The One True Gift to all of the Living God's creation is the privilege to walk in friendship with Him. To be a friend of God is the ultimate purpose and privilege of life. Satan had begun to consider this trash compared to his own self-actualization. He looked at the beauty and power of the Living God's Creation, the elevation of humanity as the crown of His creation, the beauty of Adam's completion in Eve - and he interposed himself between God and man. His envy boiled into hatred and death.

There is a very specific reason why Eve was targeted in the temptation and not Adam. Satan wanted to wreck what was happening. He targeted the very root of the Creator's work. He envied Adam and Eve, and he began the hideous process of dismantling the Creation's purpose. When Adam and Eve disobeyed God's command through following the word of the tempter, death reigned where life had previously flourished.

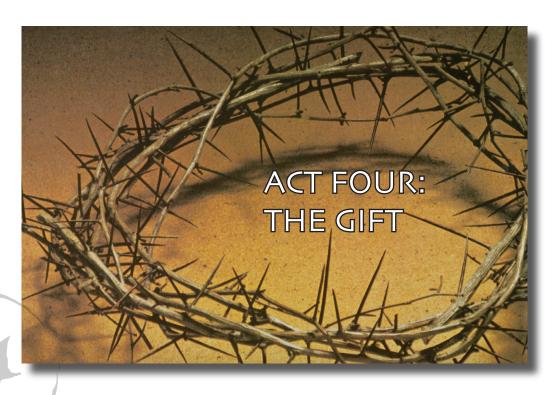
Now the beauty of work would be turned into hard labor, and access to the eternal tree of Life would be cut off. If access to this everlasting fruit were not broken, every soul that would ever live would be doomed to eternal separation from friendship with God. We would literally become slaves for eternity. Hell on earth would be never-ending.

Remember, the Son has always existed. He created the world. He is His Father's ultimate, complete friend. And because they exist outside of time, nothing can take them by surprise. Think about this for a moment. The plan to Create included the risk and knowledge of temptation and sin. The plan for blood covering for sin was also known in advance.

You and I are born into a world at war whether we believe it or not. Just like our parents Adam and Eve were targeted by the kingdom of darkness, so are we. Our journeys are a once in a lifetime chance to find the Bridge of Light. Escape from eternal death, and entrance into eternal life. The stakes could not be higher. Our story is more dramatic than the Lord of the Rings and more breathtaking than any Matrix. We are in a life and death struggle over the souls of men and the glory of God. Wow!

THINK IT THROUGH
Why would the Living God design such a risky and complex plan for bringing life back to the world?
How do you feel about this picture of life? What do you dislike about it? What intrigues you?
CHECK THESE REFERENCES. What does each one add to our BRIDGE OF LIGHT observations?
Genesis 3 What do we learn about humanity's need for Light? The impact of darkness?

Romans 5 What is Adam and Eve's specific relationship to us?
Hebrews 12:18-29 From a glory perspective - what kind of Light is in our destination?
Trom a giory perspective - what kind of Eight is in our destination:
Ezekiel 1
What does this vision reveal about the glory of God?
Revelation 20
What does this passage teach us about to end of time and beginning of eternal life?



The time would come soon for the Gift - centuries of preparation began. The Living Father created a people from one man to prepare the soil until the appointed day. He set His affection upon a man called Abraham and his wife Sarah. Through their descendents would come the Human King - the Deliverer of the souls of the sons of Adam.

This people would see His glory, know His Name, and show His Life to the rest of the world. He gave them the God-Story to care for and give to the rest of the world. He sent them kings and prophets to tell them the truth about themselves and invite them to the Bridge of Light.

As this nation grew 2/3's of the Angels led by Michael and Gabriel watched the affairs of men and fought the beginnings of the War with Lucifer. His power among men became great - the earth was his his kingdom seethed with satisfaction. His glory was growing. His Day was coming.



How would you go about designing a plan to bring billions of lost souls back to your original intention, when to do so by fiat would violate the very essence of who you are? Who would you include in such a plan? What price would it exact? How could you be sure it was foolproof?

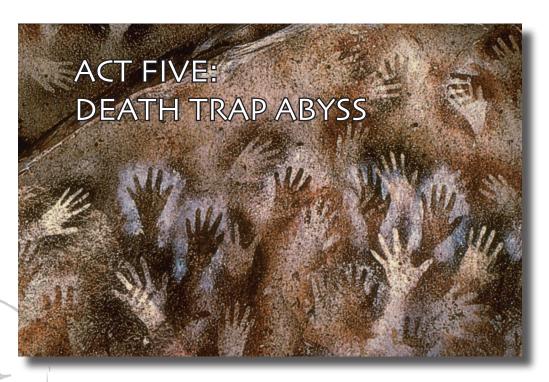
To proceed with a plan birthed in heaven for a world lost in darkness presents interesting challenges. You are Almighty God with Sovereign authority over everything, and yet You have designed an environment where Your creation must choose You over the satiating kingdom of self.

Enter God's Chosen People - the Hebrews (Jews). The Living God's plan to buy back lost souls would unfold through a chosen instrument, a favored human: Abraham. Abraham was not a Jew. He was the father of the Living God's Chosen people. He was one man from among those who had been scattered at the tower of Babel. His qualifications? He was willing to call upon the Lord Almighty's Name and to go where this all-powerful Being told him to go. He was a man of faith.

It is important to understand that what made the Jews special was the Creator's favor upon their nation. They would be His beautiful carrier of the Good News. Through their offspring would come the Deliverer, the Messiah (Savior) of the entire earth.

As this nation grew toward the appointed day when they would kill the Son of God, the rest of the earth would wander aimlessly, far from the One who had given them life. All the while the stranglehold of Lucifer became tighter upon the throat of the human race. Satan (Lucifer) and his demons (fallen angels) engaged in their deceptive work that had begun with Adam and Eve.

THINK IT THROUGH What strategy would you have used to reverse the effects of Adam and Eve's rebellion?
Why was it necessary for the Son of God to die?
CHECK THESE REFERENCES. What does each passage add to THE GIFT observations?
Genesis 12:1,2, Exodus 32:13 How was the GIFT promised and delivered?
Ephesians 6:12 Why do we need a GIFT?
1 John 2 What do you learn about the GIFT from this passage?
Hebrews 9:23-28 What did God's work through the Jewish nation teach us about the GIFT?



Four thousand years mankind multiplied - nations were birthed - and men, women, and children were dying. The Garden had become a death-trap abyss. Each generation would find renewed opportunity to find light and each generation rejected the light.

And the cycle of life and death was only broken by men and women who found the Living God and the Bridge of Light. When the final prophet had spoken his last words Heaven became silent for 400 years, according the prophecies of His spokesmen.



LISTEN TO THE DEATH TRAP ABYSS VIDEO HERE.

Again, what strategy would you have used to redeem or "buy back" humans from earthly and eternal death? What price would be enough to bring such a sweeping and personal plan into action and to ensure success?

In this brief section of the God-Story we see a simple and straightforward explanation of the plight of mankind. God had closed access to the tree of life in the garden of Eden to protect all nations from living eternally evil. Think about it - no end to life - no end to being lost - no end to becoming experts in oppression and hate!

Now every child born was not only birthed into a war, but into a death trap with no remedy. If the seeds of Light were not permanently sown into the world, there would be no hope. The darkness would reign forever. God gave the Jews to the world to protect and care for the God Story, so that all nations would have access to Light, redemption, and deliverance. He sent them Moses, King David, and judges and the Prophets to explain the Light. Each phase of the Hebrew story revealed more about Light and darkness, and pointed the way to a Deliverer who would emerge from the sons of Israel, the people of God.

The entire Jewish story culminated in the promised Messiah. He was the One Who would save humanity from the abyss. But the God-Story identifies this Person as none other than the Son of God, incarnating in the form of sinful man, to live, die, resurrect, and return to His place at the right hand of the Living God. His "good news" was that even though all humanity was spiritually dead, some would live. Those who believe in the Name of the One Whom He has sent: the Son, Jesus (Yeshua) Messiah, Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. His own Son's blood would make this possible.

THINK IT THROUGH Do you believe that the earth is a dead place and that apart from supernatural intervention, no soul will find life?
What is it that you see in human nature that would argue differently?
How can the Son create the world and also be birthed into the world?
CHECK THESE REFERENCES. What does each one add to DEATH TRAP ABYSS observations?
Genesis 3 Why is this story so epic for the human race - as well as our personal lives?
Psalm 139 What does this passage teach us about the transference of sin and separation?
Exodus 3 What does this chapter teach us about the Living God? About us?

John 8 There is a lot here about how Jesus is addressing the DEATH TRAP ABYSS. What do you see?
Luke 2 Why are Simeon and Anna so important to this story? How do they address the issue of spiritual death?
Hebrews 1:1-4 Why is Jesus (Yeshua) so important in addressing the issue of spiritual death?
Isaiah 7/Matthew 1:23 Why is this prophecy an important one in preparing us for the human birth of the Son of God?
John 3 What does Jesus say will allow any man or woman to escape eternal spiritual death?



Already the Father's hand had moved and His Son had stepped forward. A chosen young Jewish woman was implanted with the seed of God. The Holy Spirit did His work. The sacrifice had to be brought into the world. Without God's blood the Sons of Adam were hopelessly lost. Without Jesus' blood forgiveness could not be won.

The price was more than anyone in heaven could have dreamed. Michael and Gabriel looked on in awe: God's Son was going to die.

Lucifer waited expectantly for the birth of the Son - child. He would have to be killed, of course. There could be only one king over the earth. When the child was born - he would be there. And the Sonchild would surely die.



It is really quite marvelous when you think about how much story is a part of Who the Living God is. Such personal aspects and complexities teach us a lot about the nature of our Creator!

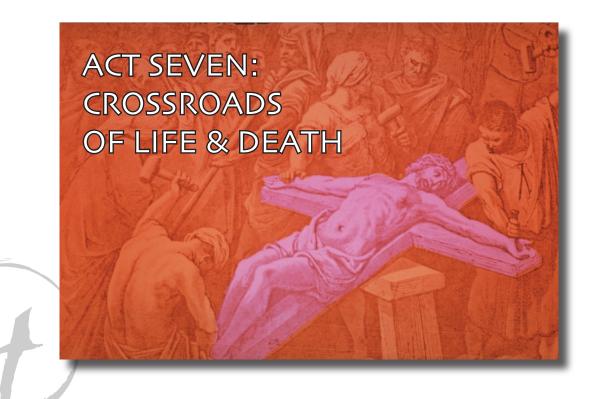
We know that He is sacrificial, willing to give Himself to benefit undeserving others. We know He is long-suffering, willing to endure the insults and hatred of a creation who has rejected Him. We know He is a "weaver" of story, and has the capacity to include every creature ever created within the beauty and risk of the living tapestry that will grace His glory forever!

It is quite curious that such a story would be constructed as it is. In fact, I am fascinated to understanding why He chose this approach - one of many questions I will ask when I see Him face to face! Why the need for blood? Why His Son's blood? The only conclusion I can come to is that the offense was so great that it required God to sacrifice Himself. Not because Satan demanded it, but because His righteousness and His perfection required nothing less than His own blood covering. A mystery for sure, but one very clearly represented in the Word of God.

This is apparently why angels "long to look" into all things human and redemptive. It simply is something that escapes their already incredible reality. It is hard for any human to imagine absolute evil that would wait for the Son of God to incarnate for the express purpose of killing Him. And he knew He was the Son of God! The blood of the babies living around Ramah at the time of Jesus' birth eternally speak to the treachery in the heart of Lucifer, son of the morning, fallen creature and creator of hell itself.

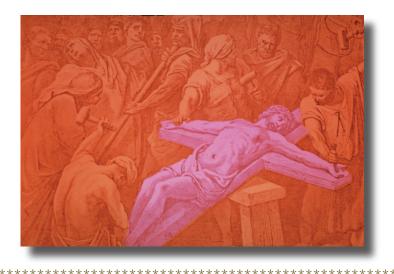
THINK IT THROUGH
Why was it necessary for Mary to be a virgin?
Why do you think that the shedding of blood is necessary to cover sin?
Why was it important for Satan to destroy Jesus?
CHECK THESE REFERENCES. What does each one add to these BLOOD COVENANT observations?
Isaiah 7:14 Who is the coming One?
Luke 1:34 What is miraculous about this Child's birth?
Matthew 2:16-18 Why did these babies need to die?

Hebrews 9:22 Why does God think the shedding of blood is necessary in any legitimate plan of redemption?
John 6:53-56 Why is there such a focus on the flesh and blood of Jesus and what does it say about Who He is?
Revelation 12:4 What does this account teach us about the big picture on the BLOOD COVENANT?
1 Peter 1:12 How can we count on any human words about what is true and what is not?



The Son's 34 years on earth were complete. He looked to the heavens and in intense anguish He said "It is finished." Michael and Gabriel looked on silently as the Father turned His face from His Sonchild on the cross.

The veil of death and holiness between the Father and all mankind was torn from top to bottom. Heaven's door was now opened at the end of the Bridge of Light.



LISTEN TO THE CROSSROADS OF LIFE & DEATH VIDEO HERE.

If you were God and came to earth, what would you do? What would your life look like? What would you do to influence all the souls who had ever lived or who ever would live? If you were the eyewitnesses to this "incarnation," what would you think? What would it do to your heart and life to see the things you saw, and to hear the words you heard?

Even the most pitiful human recognizes the contribution of Jesus Christ for sheer influence in history. He is without a doubt the most pivotal figure in all of human story. Even a brief review of the accounts of His coming, His teaching, His miracles, and His death and resurrection paint a most remarkable picture. How could the Father turn His face away from His Son? What would possess a dad to sacrifice his only son for the benefit of another, especially when that other deserves only death? There is only one possible answer. God is Love.

The Hebrew (Jewish) story provides an earthly context for everything that happened in Heaven in order to set Adam's lost ancestors free from eternal death. For instance, within the "Law" (the Ten Commandments) and within the sacrificial system (animal blood) was a very clear picture of how blood would be shed in order to cover sin and buy back the human race, and more specifically, you and me! Through the Tabernacle and the Temple, the Law and the sacrifices, the Living God provided a blueprint for salvation. Wow!

THINK IT THROUGH

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Why did (and does) the Living God require blood to cover sin? (Leviticus 17:11)
How can a Deity be Love and kill His only Son? (1 John 4:16)

If Jesus the Son was the Living Word made flesh, what are the implications for all religions?	
CHECK THESE REFERENCES: What does each one add to our CROSSROADS OF LIFE & DEATH observations? Hebrews 1:3	
Who is Jesus Christ?	
Colossians 1:15-20 Who is Jesus Christ?	
Matthew 27:51-54 Who is Jesus Christ?	
What do you believe about the Son of God?	



Now the silence around the throne was deafening beyond human comprehension. Three days later in the stone grave the figure in grave clothes began to move. Michael and Gabriel stood by as the breath of life began to sustain Him once again. Though the body was no longer dead the deep scars were as plain as the light of day on the Risen Son's hands and feet. Lucifer had failed.

Death had been cheated in a huge way. The 4000 year old kingdom of Satan had begun to crumble. Graves were opened. Dead God-followers came to life and walked the streets of Jerusalem. The Son Jesus appeared to hundreds of men and women and demonstrated His supreme power over life and eternal death.



LISTEN TO THE KING & KINGDOM VIDEO HERE.

What if resurrection from death to life is real!? And what if there is only One Way, One Person through Whom souls may find such never-ending life? If Jesus has been given Kingship over the earth by His Living Father, He is much more than a teacher sent from God!

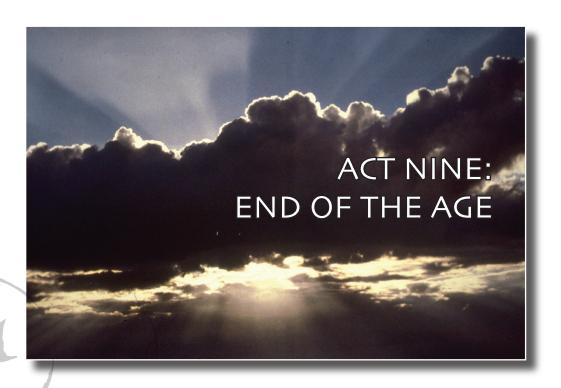
The resurrection is the single-most important event of human history. Without the resurrection mankind would die in our sins. Without the Story of Redemption, we would all be lost. Only time will reveal the details around the Living God's choice to kill Himself - His only Son.

We do know that we have been birthed into an epic situation, where we not only experience risk, but we share in glory. It is easy to think that our reality is the only reality, but the bible teaches us that there is much, much more than we can currently see.

So this "Big Story" is our story, and we are inseparably linked to Someone more powerful and more kind than we can ever hope to imagine in this life. And yet God has spared nothing in giving us a Story that not only tells us who we are, but which reveals who we will become!

THINK IT THROUGH Do you believe that rising from the dead is possible?	
Do you believe that Jesus did rise from the dead?	

Do you believe that you will raise from the dead?	
CHECK THESE REFERENCES. What does each	one add to our KING & KINGDOM observations?
Matthew 27,28	
What are the striking aspects to the resurrection a	nd the events of these two chapters?
Acts 2:22-27	
What are the outcomes of the resurrection in the l	ives of the first Christ-followers?
Revelation 22	
How does this snapshot of the end of time make y	ou feel? What strikes you as appealing? As scary?



Over two millennia had passed. The first Christ-followers had fulfilled their assignment. The good news had taken root and grown in the world.

The Bridge of Light had seen a steady stream of millions of souls. As the last living soul crossed the Bridge the heavens ripped back like a scroll.



LISTEN TO THE END OF THE AGE VIDEO HERE.

"Here is how the time Story ends and eternity begins! According to the bible, there is a new heaven and a new earth. After a 1000 year reign of Christ on earth, the entire creation is renewed. The sheep (children of true faith) are separated from the goats (faithless followers of the religion of self).

And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war. His eyes are a flame of fire, and on His head are many diadems; and He has a name written on Him which no one knows except Himself. He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.

And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses. From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."

- Revelation 19:11-16

"Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds.

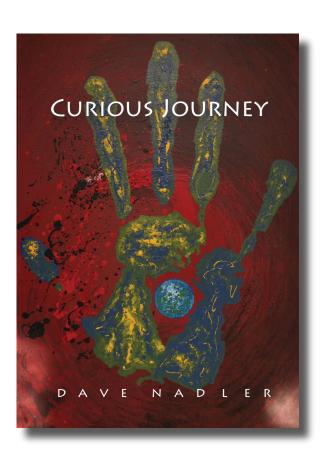
And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and the grave gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds. Then death and the grave were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire."

- Revelation 20:11-14

This is a "big picture" sketch of the God story - the picture on the box. If this story rings true to you - find out more! If it seems like a fairy tale, you might want to ask the Living God to open your heart to the truth revealed in the God Story. If you are unsure, read on! The impact for your soul is almost unimaginable.

The Bridge of Light is found in Jesus alone. He is the Living God's Son, and is God Himself. According to Jesus, there is only one Way to come the Father, the Living God. Through the sacrifice and life of the Son!

THINK IT THROUGH
If this God Story is true, what does it say about the significance of your life?
Do you find this Story exhilarating, scary, hopeful, unbelievable, or sad?
CHECK THESE REFERENCES. What does each one add to our END OF THE AGE observations?
John 3:1-21
How does a person find life beyond this life?
1 John 5:1-12
How does a person become "born of God?"



ACT TEN:

JOURNEY REQUIEM

Little captures our imagination more than a good story. What is it about a great movie that draws you in and inspires your replay button - hours and even days after you have returned to your own every day!? The "classics" endure because they are able to cross-culturally ignite minds over multiple generations.

A real modern tragedy exists in that we reject our own stories as "average" or "too ordinary" to matter to anyone else. We are robbed of our sense of wonder at an early age and slip into a tepid mediocrity created by special effects, highly paid actors and actresses, and million dollar ambient budgets. We believe we have nothing to offer because we have come to believe that story must be dramatic and "big" in order to matter. But nothing could be further from the truth.

Each of our stories is the REAL story, and the special mark upon each one of our lives is of huge human value. Our story is one that unfolds with uniqueness, beauty, and meaning – whether we believe it or not. It is time to become story-tellers once again! It is time to listen, laugh, cry, and experience one another as we impart our uniqueness within the isolating world around us.

LISTEN TO THE JOURNEY VIDEO HERE.

Some day not too far away Kingdom warriors from every nation under heaven from every century since the dawn of time will gather before our Captain and give an account of our stewardship. We will not assemble to gather medals, recognition, or payback for what we have sacrificed.

We will gather for one purpose – to lay the glory of our battles at the feet of our King. Our Fusion will be complete, and the beautiful tapestry of our lives will be presented as a part of the eternal glory of Jesus and His Father. The messiness of the work-side of the tapestry will be forgotten...and we will live as a part of the Father's Shining forever!

The God Story - Our Story

May your curious journey fuse with the Voice Who is everything. And may you find the reward of a true Kingdom life. Now THAT is something to live for! - David Nadler

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Finding Authentic Kingdom Faith

