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An Open Letter from the Staff...

JUST NOW, as I write, I have been reading a sort of abbreviated editorial-lead article in one of the mass-circulation weekly magazines. The caption caught my eye instantly. It was about the real PURPOSE for being alive.

This is not only the most important -- it also is the LEAST UNDERSTOOD question in the whole world. Here was the very first page of reading -- on the inside front cover -- of a magazine with a circulation of many million copies, read by MILLIONS of people. I wondered. Would the author of this short-short article really KNOW -- would the publishers of this magazine be able to TELL their millions of readers -- this great TRUTH that almost NOBODY knows?

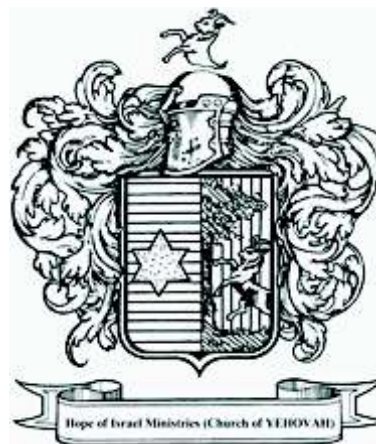
What the average mother would want for her child, he assumed, is "to be happy." But the author viewed "happiness" as a myth -- or perhaps what he really meant was that the average CONCEPT of happiness is a myth. He described it as "this idiotic thing, 'fun.'" He sees today's world in frantic pursuit of "fun." He views it as seeking desperate escape from the self. He explained that the word "fun" is derived from the old English word "foe" which meant "fool." Of course all this is a perverted definition of true HAPPINESS.

But this writer saw the world's conception of "happiness" or "fun" as freedom from trials, troubles, uncertainties, pains -- as an EASY life. He spoke of the "dignity of occasional depression." He flatly stated that being HAPPY is NOT the purpose of life. He remembered the time when most parents wanted their children to AMOUNT TO SOMETHING.

"The purpose of life," he then said dogmatically, "is to MATTER, to be productive, to have it make some difference that you lived at all."

Now what's wrong with that?

Simply that this writer did not KNOW the real purpose of life at all! He saw nothing beyond this fleeting wisp of existence. He saw nothing of a CREATOR, who is working out a PURPOSE here below -- and who had PURPOSE in designing and making MAN, and that there is a potential DESTINY for man of which he was in total and abysmal ignorance.



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A Few Words Before You Start...

YEHOVAH God is the Supreme Personal BEING, of supreme intelligence, wisdom, total knowledge and power -- the Almighty, the Creator and Ruler of the entire universe. YEHOVAH is also perfect, holy, spiritual CHARACTER.

YEHOVAH's PURPOSE is to reproduce Himself -- to CREATE in us, with our free choice and effort, His very own righteous character, and ultimately to endow us with His own glory and supreme POWER.

That is why YEHOVAH God made man in His own IMAGE, physically, and endowed him with MIND like YEHOVAH's -- except limited and fallible.

Righteous spiritual CHARACTER is the ability, in an intelligent separate entity of free moral agency, to come to the knowledge of the true as distinguished from the false, to CHOOSE the right instead of the wrong, to WILL to DO the right, exercising self-discipline, guiding the mind and the self in the RIGHT WAY, SO that this person may safely be entrusted with greater and SUPERNatural powers.

To come to the knowledge of the TRUTH -- to come to KNOW YEHOVAH GOD -- to recognize and yield to HIS PURPOSE -- to submit to HIS WILL in the understanding that it is the way that is right and good for us -- to overcome our human natures -- to GROW spiritually in the knowledge and way of YEHOVAH God and the Messiah -- to develop this righteous spiritual character, or, more properly, to CHOOSE to yield to YEHOVAH's CREATING that character within us, with our own free and right choice, our supreme effort in that direction, and our FAITH and total reliance on YEHOVAH's power to carry us through -- all that is the development and creation of right CHARACTER.

And THAT is the PURPOSE of life. THAT is our only right GOAL, and mission in life. IF we do that, in obedience and in faith, YEHOVAH God will change our vile human

bodies instantaneously, at the Messiah's coming, and convert or CHANGE US from mortal to immortal; from human to divine; from flesh and blood (matter) into SPIRIT.

But this process follows the WAY that leads, through this life, to maximum possible REAL happiness, to joy, to even economic success, to the full, abundant life. It is the way to peace of mind, to security, to a vigorous, busy, active life of ACCOMPLISHMENT.

It is the ONLY way in which one's life may have really MATTERED -- the ONLY kind of AMOUNTING TO SOMETHING that really counts -- or can last on past this life.

It's the only way that PAYS -- here and now, through THIS life, as well as for eternity!

Lesson 21

Church Vs. Ecclesia: A Confusion of Terms

- The Messiah and his apostles were persecuted
 - because they took up arms against Rome.
 - because of their teachings regarding government.
 - because they refused to observe the holy days of the Judeans.
 - for arousing the people against King Herod.
- The ecclesias were made up of
 - upper class Pharisees only.
 - a mixture of Essenes and gnostic Greeks.
 - descendants of the 10 tribes only.
 - individuals called "saints."
- The Greek word *ekklesia* has been CORRECTLY translated as
 - church.
 - called out ones.
 - congregation.
 - public divine worship.

4. Why did YEHOVAH God choose Israel out of all the nations of the earth?

- A. To be a holy nation.
- B. To rule with a rod of iron over all the surrounding nations.
- C. To counteract the expanding power of Rome.
- D. For a special purpose.

5. The English word “church” is an acceptable evolution of the Greek word

- A. *kuriakon*.
- B. *ekklesia*.
- C. *hagios*.
- D. *soma*.

6. To what sort of relationship does Paul compare the *ecclesia*?

- A. Father and son.
- B. Mother and daughter.
- C. King and kingdom.
- D. Husband and wife.

7. Much of the New Testament is composed of letters written to

- A. the Roman emperor.
- B. many different *ecclesias* whose members were addressed as “saints.”
- C. many different *ecclesias* whose members were addressed as “Nazarenes.”
- D. ferment rebellion against the Roman Empire.

8. The word “elders” refers to

- A. older, wiser men who were looked upon as “leaders.”
- B. “positions” or “offices” in some “church” organization.
- C. young men seeking to rise through the ranks to evangelist or pastor.
- D. overseers in Simon Magus’ church.

9. The “body” (*ecclesia*) of the Messiah is compared to

- A. the pagan mystery religions of the day.
- B. the fledgling Roman Catholic Church.
- C. the human body with its various parts.
- D. the Old Testament church in the wilderness.

10. Who is the head of the *ecclesia* or “called out ones”?

- A. YEHOVAH God the Creator.
- B. Yeshua the Messiah.
- C. Peter the apostle.
- D. The pope in the Vatican.

11. In Greek culture the term “*ecclesias*” referred to

- A. governmental assemblies.
- B. the city-states of Athens.
- C. the oracle at Delphi.
- D. Roman freemen in their guilds.

12. The term “church” refers to

- A. the “called out ones.”
- B. a building for public worship.
- C. clergy in a “Christian” assembly.
- D. the political assembly of citizens of an ancient Greek state.

Lesson 22

YEHOVAH’s Law and Our Neighbor

13. What does the FIRST half of the 10 Commandments focus on?

- A. Satan’s part in causing worldwide misery.
- B. The relationship of man to YEHOVAH God.
- C. The way to govern a nation in today’s world.
- D. How to set up a penal code in the World Tomorrow.

14. What is the GREATEST of all the commandments?

- A. To honor your father and your mother.
- B. Not to bear false witness against your neighbor.
- C. Not to commit adultery.
- D. To love YEHOVAH God with all your heart.

15. Without the proper relationship of man to YEHOVAH God

- A. men are incapable of having a proper relationship with their fellow man.
- B. means that human governments can still function satisfactorily at this time.
- C. means that domestic tranquillity takes a little longer to attain.
- D. human organizations such as the UN must step in to maintain the peace.

16. Ultimately YEHOVAH God allows us to

- A. set up our own standard of personal conduct.
- B. say what type of punishment shall be meted out to those who violate the law.
- C. follow His laws, statutes and judgments ONLY.
- D. choose some of His laws to incorporate in our own legal system.

17. Under the law mentioned in **Numbers 35:24-33**

- A. a nation is fully justified in executing the murderer.
- B. a nation is guilty itself for taking the life of a murderer.
- C. the land will become filled with violence if the legal system itself has blood on its hands.
- D. the nation that refuses to carry out the death penalty is GUILTY of failing to administer justice in the land.

18. A vigorous, prosperous, healthy nation

A. results when the national economy is well funded .

B. depends upon a healthy and virtuous family life.

C. has absolutely nothing to do with the morality of its people.

D. can result even though its leaders are not virtuous in their personal lives.

19. A person can divorce his or her mate if

A. adultery has been committed.

B. there are money difficulties in the marriage.

C. no children result from the marriage .

D. if he or she falls in love with another person

20. According to YEHOVAH God, what is the penalty for kidnaping?

A. Incarceration for a period of ten years.

B. Incarceration for five years followed by community service for two years.

C. Twenty years of hard labor.

D. The death penalty.

21. What is YEHOVAH's penalty for stealing money?

A. The money must be repaid in double.

B. The offender must spend time in jail.

C. The offender must perform community service for a period of time dependent on the amount of money stolen.

D. The same amount of money that was stolen must be repaid, along with jail time.

22. Which of the following statements is TRUE?

A. Swiftmess of justice is a part of YEHOVAH's method for punishing criminals.

B. Violence and blood have filled the earth as a result of keeping the first commandment.

C. It is not legal, under YEHOVAH's law, to kill someone who invades your home at night.

D. It is not possible to bear false witness by using body language.

Lesson 23

The Last Great Day -- A New Beginning!

23. The term Hoshana Rabbah refers to

- A.** the seventh and final day of the Feast of Tabernacles.
- B.** the seventh and final Holy Day of YEHOVAH's year.
- C.** Shemini Atzeret.
- D.** the days between Passover and Pentecost.

24. What day of YEHOVAH's month is the Last Great Day observed on?

- A.** The 15th.
- B.** The 22nd.
- C.** The 21st.
- D.** The 10th.

25. The Last Great Day always falls on

- A.** a Wednesday in the Gregorian calendar.
- B.** a day before the autumn equinox.
- C.** the weekly Sabbath.
- D.** a Sunday -- the "Day of the Lord."

26. In what form has YEHOVAH God resided on this earth in the past?

- A.** In the form of Yeshua the Messiah.
- B.** In the form of Melchizedek -- King of Salem.
- C.** As the archangel Gabriel.
- D.** In the form of the Shekinah Glory.

27. Which day, in YEHOVAH's plan, represents the Great White Throne judgment?

- A.** Pentecost.
- B.** The 7th and last day of the Feast of Tabernacles.

C. Shemini Atzeret.

D. The Day of Atonement.

28. Following the Millennium, what will YEHOVAH God use to cleanse the earth?

- A.** The Lake of Fire.
- B.** Meteors from outer space.
- C.** A worldwide flood.
- D.** Another great ice age.

29. YEHOVAH God's great plan is to

- A.** have those who die serve Him forever in Heaven.
- B.** destroy this earth and make another planet His headquarters.
- C.** send unrepentant sinners to Hell to suffer forever.
- D.** continue reproducing beings in His very likeness and image -- His own sons and daughters -- forever.

30. Shemini Atzeret, or the Last Great Day, is

- A.** when all those who obey YEHOVAH God will be transported up to Heaven.
- B.** the last day for repenting before the Day of Atonement.
- C.** a new beginning -- the next phase of YEHOVAH's plan.
- D.** the last day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

31. The New Jerusalem

- A.** will descend to earth during the Millennium.
- B.** will represent the Holy of Holies -- the very throne of YEHOVAH God.
- C.** will be the dwelling place of those nations left after the Millennium.
- D.** will be built on Mount Moriah when the Messiah appears the second time.

32. The "bride" of the Messiah will be

- A. divorced by the Messiah at his coming.
- B. in the first resurrection.
- C. residing in Heaven with YEHOVAH God.
- D. in the second resurrection.

Lesson 24

DEATH -- Where Is Your Sting?

33. The doctrine of the immortality of the soul arose from

- A. the teachings of pagan Greek philosophers who acquired it from Egypt and Babylon.
- B. the teachings of the Old Testament.
- C. the writings of the apostle Paul.
- D. the Protestant reformers who were the first to teach such a doctrine.

34. YEHOVAH God formed man at creation

- A. out of spirit.
- B. out of the dust of the ground.
- C. as an immortal spiritual soul encased in a material body.
- D. out of incorruptible and immortal flesh.

35. Man is

- A. not subject to death.
- B. an immortal soul that continues to live on after death.
- C. a living soul subject to death just like the beasts of the field.
- D. not like an animal in the sense that he does not die as do animals.

36. Which ONE of these four statements is FALSE?

- A. Life can come only from previously existing life.
- B. All living matter is composed of protoplasm.
- C. The life of all living matter on this earth is temporary.
- D. The life of plants and animals is distinct

from and INDEPENDENT of the materials composing these plants and animals.

37. Which ONE of these four statements is FALSE?

- A. To give the first man life, YEHOVAH God breathed air into his lungs.
- B. The source of the physical life in both animals and man is the same -- oxygen in the blood.
- C. When man's breathing stops, life ceases and the man dies.
- D. In addition to breathing air into the first man's nostrils, YEHOVAH God placed within him an "immortal soul."

38. Eternal life

- A. is the gift of YEHOVAH God, who has eternal life inherent in Himself.
- B. is inherent in all men from birth.
- C. is always given to people immediately upon their "confessing Christ."
- D. is a fable held by those who are "religious."

39. The pagan Greek philosophers

- A. believed life always ended in death.
- B. did not have any influence on the Catholic Church.
- C. quoted from the Bible as their authority.
- D. used human reason to prove that man must have an immortal soul.

40. Physical science

- A. can prove the existence of immortal souls.
- B. can disprove the existence of immortal souls.
- C. has no tools whereby it can determine or deny the existence of spiritual things.
- D. can reveal all the laws concerning the spiritual world.

41. Science has proved

- A. that physical life is a property of protoplasm which composes the human body.
- B. that the soul leaves the body at death.
- C. that there can be no resurrection.
- D. that man was not created, but rather evolved from warm ocean slime.

42. Which ONE of these four statements is TRUE? The famous poet Dante Alighieri, popularized

- A. scientific thinking.
- B. the law of biogenesis.
- C. Luther's teachings.
- D. the pagan concepts of hell, purgatory and paradise.

Articles to Read –

The Mystery of SHEMINI ATZERET -- the "Eighth Day"

The Annual Holy Days Reveal the Awesome Plan of YEHOVAH God!

Does It Really Matter *What Days We Keep?*

The *Sleep* of Death!

All About the Resurrection from the Dead!

Heaven, Hell and the Hereafter

Is There a "Spirit in Man"?

Reincarnation -- Fact or *Fable?*

Answers to Questions in Lesson 24:

1. The dust of the ground. 2. No 3. Through a resurrection from the dead.
 4. Yes. 5. The cessation of life. 6. Dante Alighieri. 7. No 8. No 9. Yes.
 10. No 11. Nephesh. 12. Yes. 13. No
 14. No 15. Absolutely not! 16. Yes.
 17. Yes.

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