

# A COLLECTION of COMMENTS ...

CONCISE, CRYPTIC, CANDID, CLASSIC

Looking back over 4 decades of full on Christian activity .....  
attending meetings, listening to approx 8,000 sermons, testimonies, lectures , and  
seminars, the reading of Christian books, plus countless hours of Bible reading and  
quiet times, while raising a family, running a business, etc,  
One might have been expected to have picked up a few pearls and tips along the way.  
As a collector of shells from a beach, or a scavenger of gems from off life's pathway,  
Gleanings, truisms, tips, wise sayings, succinct snippets, pearls of wisdom,  
proverbs, insights .....

Here is a lifetimes collection of some of them .....

Now these comments have come from many wide and varied sources,  
mostly unrecorded (but acknowledged where known).

Some are thoughts that have been stimulated while listening to some of God's choicest  
servants, some are sermon snippets, some have come from God's Word, waiting on God,  
others as thoughts while driving, listening to the radio, any-where and any-place and  
every-how along life's pathway you can possibly imagine.

As a pinch of salt adds spice and flavour to a meal, so a cryptic comment  
can crystallise a message, summarise a sermon, become a point to ponder,  
stimulate the spirit, .... etc

Like a sharp pointed arrow hitting its mark, quivering in its target .....  
To be remembered perhaps long after the body of the message diminishes ....

Personally, I have a great fondness for them

From me ..... to You .....

Blessings

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# A B O R T I O N

- A 1     A University class had this problem put to them by their Professor :  
" A certain man has Syphilis,   his wife has tuberculosis,  
of their 4 children, one has died and the other 3 suffer from an incurable illness  
that is considered terminal.  
The mother is pregnant again,   what do you recommend ?"  
Abortion was recommended by the vast majority of the Students.  
  
" Fine," said the Professor,     " You have just killed   Beethoven !"
- A 2     One thing that I am very, very grateful of .....  
          That my mother never aborted me !!

# The B O D Y O F C H R I S T

- B 1     To get the "Chariot"    to move .....
- If we can't     Pull it        from the Front
- We can         Push it      from the Back
- B 2     An item worth remembering .....
- The seed of the Church    was the blood of the Martyrs
- B 3     All this talk about Christian Unity ( amongst the denominations )
- All the members of the True Church ARE already United ....
- They are One In Spirit, united by the Spirit of God      Ephesians 4 : 4
- B 4     As        the Body without the Spirit is pronounced    DEAD
- So        The Church, The Body Of Christ, without the Holy Spirit is    Dead
- Eventually, a dead Church - just like a dead body
- Rigor Mortis sets in
- And     Putrefaction    -    It    STINKS    gives off a bad smell / aroma
- B 5     Someone has rightly observed .....
- The Sins and Follies of men with time, become deeply rooted among the institutions
- of men, and with the further passage of time, they become accepted,
- even by the Professing Church !
- For example    USURY
- HOMO-SEXUALITY
- ABORTION
- B 6     The River of Christianity today .....
- Is                BROAD            and    SHALLOW
- It should be    NARROW        and    DEEP !
- B 7     In most Churches .... the proportion is much the same .....
- 10 %    MAKE    it Happen
- 80 %    WATCH it Happen
- and the other 10 %    Haven't a clue    what is Happening !
- B 8     Some good advice on what to check out before joining a local Church
- Ask for        and get .....
- The Name, Address and Phone Number of the person to whom the Minister /
- Pastor is accountable
- A copy of the Churches Constitution, Creed, Statement of Faith, whatever
- A copy of the Financial Balance Sheet, for the last financial year, (audited)

- B 9      Instead of      the Church converting the world,  
Today              the world has infiltrated & converted the Church !!
- B 10     When we attend Church  
We should judge ourselves at least as much as we judge the preacher
- B 11     From observation .....
- Full-Time Christian study / Seminars are counter-productive !!  
Rather like going to your favourite restaurant, and gorging yourself solid hour after hour, day after day, without exercise !  
Food, no matter how good, must have exercise with it to aid digestion.  
Or, we simply end up as over-stuffed and lethargic.  
Far, far better the methods that Jesus used with his 12 disciples  
On the job training, the practical & ministry intertwined, mixed.  
Beware Full-Time Christian study courses, that fill the mind alone
- B 12     The Living Water              is **FREE**  
But the pipework and pump costs **MONEY**
- B 13     Where there is no outreach, nor giving out,  
a Church becomes like a swamp ~ stagnant, dead, and stinks  
Like the Dead Sea ~ No outflow
- The Church that does not reach out, will pass out
- B 14     Churches to day are full of willing people .....
- Some are willing to work  
Others are willing to let them
- B 15     God raises up Men ~~ not Committees  
Man raises up Committees to try and help God
- B 16     Programmes are for Organisations ~ Not for Living ORGANISMS
- B 17     Amongst members of the Body of Christ :  
UNITY                      in Essential things  
FREEDOM                in NON - Essential things  
CHARITY / LOVE        in ALL Things

# The CHRISTIAN LIFE

- c 1    Ever considered that .....  
The Children of Israel only saw Giants as they were going forward  
So with us .....  
If we can see Giants, it is proof that we are going the right way - onward  
We only fail to see the Giants if we turn our back on them !
- c 2    A Channel must be OPEN at Both Ends  
Inflow and Outflow are both required, and should necessarily be EQUAL  
  
The Dead Sea is dead only because .....  
It Takes IN, and Never Gives OUT
- c 3    We should be harder on Ourselves than we are on Others  
Less than this is Hypocrisy !
- c 4    We don't have to Worry about being Misunderstood  
We don't have to justify or Vindicate Ourselves  
GOD will see to all of this for US  
Leave it all with HIM ..... He is the Justifier of the Righteous
- c 5    Joseph went from the Prison to the Premiership in one day  
Psalm 105 : 17 - 22    Genesis 41 : 14, 41  
The length of his stay in the Prison prevented dizziness on the heights
- c 6    Don't try to be an Amateur Providence .....  
Don't meddle in God's working in other folks lives  
God really doesn't need or require our interference  
So, watch it,  
If God is actually moving in someone else's life ..... stand well clear !  
Resist the temptation to meddle
- c 7    We are exhorted to be Fishers of Men .....  
Consider that there are many ways of fishing .....  
Individually by Rod & Reel  
Collectively by Net a team effort (Evangelistic Crusades)  
By any means, reach some 1 Corinthians 9 : 22

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|------|---|---------------------|
| C 8  | We should never confuse<br>Physical Weariness<br>with Spiritual Weakness  |                     |
| C 9  | God does not comfort us to make us comfortable,<br>but to make us Comforters  | 2 Corinthians 1 : 4 |
| C 10 | As with new born babies .....<br>New born Christians will needs "live off" their spiritual "parents"<br>until they can learn to live off Christ for themselves<br>They need the sincere "milk" of the Word"   | 1 Peter 2 : 2       |
|      | As with new-born babes, the secret is for spiritual parents to<br>Mother not Smother  |                     |
| C 11 | Burdens were lifted at Calvary .....<br>If a Hitch-hiker with a pack is given a lift<br>There is NO NEED TO KEEP ONES PACK ON YOUR BACK !!<br>We can lower it, put it down<br>The vehicle that carries us will carry the pack also !!<br>( What a relief - and the end to anxious care & fretting ) |                     |
| C 12 | Crucified and Buried with Him !<br>Death means that "I" stops living / reigning   | Romans 6 : 4        |
| C 13 | Christian Conflict - the continual Fight within .....<br>Spirit versus Flesh<br>The New agrees NOT with the Old   | Luke 5 : 36         |
| C 14 | With Love for God,<br>comes Hate for Sin  | Romans 12 : 9       |
| C 15 | Attitudes are not just important, they are Vital  |                     |
| C 16 | There is no greater insult to Jesus than an unbalanced Christian !  |                     |
| C 17 | Get into the habit of saying " Speak Lord ....."<br>and life will become a Romance !  | 1 Samuel 3 : 9, 10  |
| C 18 | We must Let Go (of Self)  |                     |

Before we can Take Hold (of Jesus)

- C 19    Devils            Believe and       Tremble  
         Christians    Believe and       **OBEY**                               James 2 : 19
- C 20    WAITING       Is the Expression of Need  
         and       of Emptiness  
         now,    Waiting on God    can take on new meaning !
- C 21    Not    Over work  
         But    **OVER FLOW**                               Then we won't get so tired !
- C 22    Before a Christian can be    "Something"  
         They must learn to be       NOTHING  
         Only then can God make       Something out of Nothing
- C 23    Impatience ..... I'm in a Hurry, but God isn't ..... ever  
         His clock is different from ours  
         He lives in    ETERNITY,    we are locked in Time  
  
         Moses    found out that .....  
         GOD       besides having a PLAN for Us  
         Also has    A CLOCK,                               and a TIME-TABLE !
- C 24    I am Tired       " In the Work "  
         But NOT       " Of The Work "
- C 25    As Christians we aren't       Sinless  
         But            we should be       Blameless !!                               Titus 1 : 7
- C 26    We are the Temple of God                               2 Corinthians 6 : 16  
         A temple has NO reason for Existence    except to house its God  
         We are described as    earthen vessels                               2 Corinthians 4 : 7  
         As such, we are basically containers, and Nothing much else  
         Receptivity is the sole Function of a Vessel !
- C 27    Worldlings    go for Personality       Outward display  
         Christians    go for Character       Inward Integrity  
         Jesus - regarded not man's person (personality)                               Matthew 22 : 16
- C 28    Our sweetest Graces can by a slight Perversion  
         Bear the bitterest Fruit



The Sun gives Health, but Sunstrokes can KILL

C 29 When God shows us our weaknesses and vileness  
It is not for us to look at them, and be discouraged,  
But to encourage us to look away to Jesus the more  
He is our Righteousness

C 30 SIT Before God, so that we can  
WALK Before Men and  
STAND Against the Devil Ephesians 2 : 10, 5 : 2, 6 : 14

C 31 Never make a principle out of your personal experience  
Let God be as original with others as He is with us !

C 32 In this World and in the Christian life .....  
The EYE takes in more than the Ear Job 42 : 5  
When we dead and gone,  
people will remember what we did far, far more than what we ever said !

C 33 There is A Song the Dumb can Sing,  
A Light the Blind can see,  
There is A Gift the Poor can Bring,  
However Poor they be,  
There is A Star That lights the Way,  
For those that are in Despair !

C 34 If a Christian has a closed mind about Christianity,  
It is only because ..... Once it was Truly Opened !

C 35 Do we live for Convenience or Conviction !  
Just what guides us in our decision making ?

C 36 A Person is No fool .....  
Who Gives what they cannot Keep  
To Gain what they cannot Lose Jim Elliot



- C 45 It took God One Night ..... To take the Children of Israel out of Egypt  
But 40 Years ..... To get Egypt out of the Children of Israel
- C 46 People Step into the Christian Life  
But Slide back out of it - backsliding ! Proverbs 14 : 14
- C 47 How can I tell if you are a Christian, and following Jesus ?  
Just show me your Appointment Diary and your Cheque-book stubs !  
They reveal what you spend your time on, and your money  
And reveal your Priorities and Values !  
The things that feature most in these really are your God !
- C 48 What do you think about, when there's no pressure, in your leisure moments ?  
These thoughts reveal your inner / true hearts priorities  
For "as a Person thinks, so they are" Proverbs 23 : 7  
We become like our most private thoughts !
- C 49 Your Christianity .....
- If it doesn't work at Home - don't Export it !
- C 50 Having received Love Let us be Loving  
having received Mercy Let us be Merciful  
Having been Forgiven Let us show Forgiveness  
Having received GRACE Let us be GRACIOUS
- C 51 God's peace & Joy  
that the world neither knows,  
nor can give, John 14 : 27  
nor can take away,
- C 52 In the Christian life and service  
Are we Observers there are many onlookers  
or Participants there are few workers Matthew 9 : 37
- C 53 A massive lesson to learn .....
- We can be right in the letter which Kills John 6 : 63  
but wrong in the Spirit which brings Life 2 Corinthians 3 : 6

- C 54    A Christian is rather like a Car driver  
           For a safe journey, we must not only        read the Instructions  
    but also                                OBEY them
- C 55    There once was            a Historical Pentecost  
           But everyone needs    a personal    Pentecost
- C 56    The secret of fellowship        is HUMILITY  
           the reason for division        is PRIDE  
           Only by Pride comes contention                                Proverbs 13 : 10
- C 57    The price of Liberty    is        CONSTANT VIGILANCE  
           Ask a sentry on duty
- C 58    To many a Natural man  
    CONTENTMENT        is only possible in an idyllic state  
           To the Christian  
    CONTENTMENT        is an Inward state,  
    which exists in any    and indeed every    physical state
- C 59    It is by looking to Jesu        that Saves                                Isaiah 45 : 22    Numbers 21 : 8  
           but it is the Gaze of the soul        that SANCTIFIES        A W Tozer
- C 60    God    tests us            to bring out the Best    in us  
           Satan tempts us        to bring out the Worst    in us
- C 61    A Christian    is like an irrigation channel, taking living water to thirsty ground  
           But similarly    it can get silted up  
           then    it must be dredged out / cleansed through repentance
- C 62    The human heart is rather like a garden .....  
           If left unattended for long, it will produce weeds !
- C 63    A tender conscience is not really a burden  
    It is our only way to make heaven
- C 64    In a strange city, dogs bark at strangers  
           So, think it not strange, if the dogs of this world bark at us;  
    strangers and pilgrims    passing through !

- c 65    Be strong .....            but not head - strong  
  
          When a horse starts kicking,            it stops pulling
- c 66    Christianity    is not a            Religion  
                         but a            Relationship
- c 67    The Law of Nature .....        USE It   or   Lose IT  
          So also in the spiritual realm
- c 68    Don't seek    Wisdom        or    Knowledge  
          Don't seek    An experience or    The pulpit  
          Seek   GOD   and all these other things will follow
- c 69    About   Worry .....        don't let tomorrow steal too much of today  
                 Worry                is stewing, not doing
- c 70    Is the reason why some established Christians lose out .....  
                 Familiarity breeds Contempt  
          Is this also the reason why a prophet is without honour in his own home ?
- c 71    H O L I N E S S    ===            W H O L E N E S S
- c 72    Christians        shouldn't follow    Signs  
          Signs                should   follow    Christians                            Mark 16 : 20
- c 73    The exchanged life .....  
          Our    deficiencies    for His sufficiency  
          Our    reserves        for His resources
- c 74    We should seek .....  
          Not the gifts                but the Giver  
          Not the creation        but the Creator
- c 75    Many Christians are like the rivers of Alaska ..... frozen at the mouth

- C 76     Work as though all depended on you  
Pray as though all depended on God
- C 77     A man with an argument can't stand against  
a man with an experience
- C 78     God has little time for the person that looks back, thinks back, or turns back  
Luke 9 : 62
- C 79     An observation that Non Christians and the World generally  
assess and measure Christians by 2 main things .....  
          Do you pay your bills on time / when due ?  
and     Do you keep your word ?  
A Christian's testimony to the world without these 2 items seems to be paralysed,  
and even judged as hypocritical
- C 80     In the Crowd            Watch your Actions  
In Private                Watch your Thoughts  
In the Home              Watch your Words
- C 81     When burning the candle at both ends .....  
Be sure to burn the oil            and not the wick
- C 82     A Spiritual Law .....  
We become like those that we habitually admire !
- C 83     Many of our inner personal life problems come simply by .....  
Remembering the things that we should Forget            Philipians 3 : 13  
Forgetting the things that we should Remember
- C 84     Until we are prepared to die  
We are not prepared to Live !!
- C 85     I know that I'm not what I ought to be  
I know that I'm not what I'm going to be  
But thank God I'm not what I was
- C 86     If someone offends us Speak TO them  
                                 Not ABOUT them                                   Matthew 8 : 15

- c 87    The problem of Christianity is simply .....    Un-saintly Saints
- c 88    God does not comfort us to make us comfortable  
         but .....    to make us comforters                    Dr Jowett
- c 89    The surest mark of a Christian is not faith, or even love, but JOY  
   Samuel M Shoemaker  
   Acts 13 : 52
- c 90    Spiritual strength is displayed and shown    not by knowledge  
         but by being able to bear the infirmities of others

# CONVERSION

- CO 1 Christianity is the only Religion that deals with a persons PAST
- CO 2 NO REFORMATION WITHOUT REGENERATION A W Tozer  
Otherwise we are just educating devils !!  
Hitler's lieutenant Goebells of 2nd world war infamy, had a PHD degree !  
" Cleanse first that which is within .....that the Outside may be clean -- also  
Matthew 23 : 26
- CO 3 Many confess that they are Sinners  
But wont confess that they are Worthy of Hell !!!  
Repentance begins with ..... I am Not Worthy Luke 15 : 21
- CO 4 There are only 2 methods of Discovery .....  
RESEARCH Trial & Error  
and REVELATION Someone Tells us  
No amount of research could enable mankind to find out about God  
God had to reveal Himself to Us,  
Without revelation, we could not know anything about the invisible Creator God
- CO 5 Admission of Ignorance is the beginning of Wisdom 1 Corinthians 3: 18
- CO 6 LAW is for the LAWLESS  
GRACE is only for the PENITENT  
Mix these Up & the result is - Confusion
- CO 7 God is not our Father until we are born again  
Until then He is only our Creator  
By Natural Birth we are part of His Creation  
By Spiritual birth we are part of His Family and Kingdom
- CO 8 If a man will change his mind  
God will change his heart
- CO 9 To Confess Sin is one thing  
To Forsake Sin is quite another



CO 10 No person can be good without GOD

CO 11 Christianity is unique in that it must be experienced  
before it can be understood

CO 12 One thief on the cross was saved .....  
One ~ that none may despair  
One ~ that none may presume

CO 13 The ground at the foot of the Cross is ..... LEVEL  
No one is any better or worse in God's eyes than another  
All are equal ..... SINNERS in equal need of a SAVIOUR

# DEBT, MONEY, RICHES

- D 1      The old old Proverb    still holds the greatest advice on the subject .....  
Neither a debtor nor a lender be    ( and your worries will be few )
- D 2      If ever there was a Financial Golden Rule, this is it .....  
OWN    what   APPRECIATES  
RENT    what   DEPRECIATES
- D 3      Debt      often is simply .....  
Buying stuff you don't need, with money you don't have, to impress people  
you don't know !
- D 4      The Poor    need a    Hand   UP  
Instead of        a    Hand   OUT   !

# RICHES

- D 5      To be rich      is not He      who has the most  
                         but rather He    who needs the least
- Godliness with contentment is great gain
- D 6      Some Folk    are Possessed    by their    Possessions
- D 7      He is no fool    Who gives      what he cannot Keep  
                         To gain                what he cannot Lose
- D 8      It's not          what you    GATHER  
                 But rather    what you    SCATTER    that counts

Godliness with contentment is great gain

1 Timothy 6 : 6

# DISCIPLESHIP

- DI 1 "Disciple" Really means a DISCIPLINED One  
( Still interested in being known as One ? )
- DI 2 In these times of bustle and noise (and walkman radios, and car stereos).....  
To hear God's Voice still requires  
The Silence of the Soul
- DI 3 Those who suffer most, are usually capable of Yielding Most
- DI 4 Sanctified Desires  
Not Fleshly Desires  
The difference is Vital
- DI 5 God has No Sales ..... No Marked Down prices  
He doesn't sell his favour cheaply  
If it Costs NOTHING, its Worth NOTHING 2 Samuel 24 : 24
- DI 6 Everyone likes Holidays, but .....  
It's just not possible to have a Holiday from Holiness  
And so the Advantage of a Year, or even of a Lifetime  
Can be Lost in a Moment just ask Samson !
- DI 7 Corruption ( often, if not usually ) .....'  
Begins in our Greatest Blessing ! ask Samson again !
- DI 8 We are exhorted to " Deny Self " Luke 9 : 23  
Not Deny our natural body, flesh & blood  
There's a vast difference between what is spiritually called Self ~  
The old carnal nature, the "I want" part of us  
and what is our natural body
- DI 9 Only disciplined people have changed this world for the better !!
- DI 10 Our old natures heart is Stony Ezekiel 34 : 26  
And Stone must be CRUSHED to be usable  
(Our new Natures heart is Flesh - soft and Yielding)

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|-------|--|---|--------------------------|
| DI 11 | Natural Men ~<br>Spiritual Men ~   | SELF INDULGENT<br>SELF DENIAL   |                          |
| DI 12 | Jesus said<br>The big question therefore is                                    | All of Mine is Yours<br>Is All of Ours HIS ?  | 1 Corinthians 3 : 21     |
| DI 13 | Self denial<br>Denying ourselves   | especially includes ....<br>the right to do wrong !   |                          |
| DI 14 | Jesus<br>Many Christians<br>(For a "quiet time",                               | Rose from the grave .....<br>cant even get themselves out of bed in the morning !<br>prayer time, scripture reading etc ) |                          |
| DI 15 | Discipleship<br>intense personal devotion                                      | first and foremost surely is .....<br>loyalty to Jesus Himself  |                          |
| DI 16 | Discipleship<br>the rewards are also   | If the cost is great .....<br>the rewards are also  | 1 Corinthians 2 : 9      |
| DI 17 | Fallow ground<br>Fruitful ground<br>The difference is                          | or .....<br>ground<br>Allowing God's plough to work the ground !  |                          |
| DI 18 | People don't just drift into Virtue  | or into good habits !   |                          |
| DI 19 | The Christian life is like a marathon race<br>Endurance is the chief attribute |   | Matthew 10 : 22, 24 : 13 |
| DI 20 | Not<br>But   | Freedom from discipline<br>from discipline comes Freedom  | Motto of a local school  |
| DI 21 | We should be   | TEACHABLE but not GULLIBLE  |                          |

# ETERNITY - HEAVEN & HELL

- E 1      May we never lose the Vision .....  
Of what it means to be Eternally Lost
- E 2      In Heaven there will be .....  
Many Eyes Opened and Mouths Stopped  
But, why wait till then ?
- E 3      Nothing is so Precious .....  
             as that which has been Lost                                  Luke 15 : 3 - 10
- E 4      Our last Robe The Shroud has NO Pockets !!
- E 5      After the Death of a Friend, someone was asked ...  
             " How much did He leave "                                  "  
The Answer ..... EVERYTHING !
- E 6      If you were in a row boat, just above Niagara falls,  
What would you have to do to bring about your destruction ?  
Answer ..... Nothing, absolutely NOTHING !
- Likewise ... in the things that matter most ..... Eternity  
To end up in Hell  
Just do ..... Nothing, absolutely NOTHING
- No one will ever Drift into Heaven !
- Any paddock or field, left to itself will soon turn to Weeds !
- We must needs Repent, Change, TURN AROUND
- E 7      Heaven Is A Prepared Place for Prepared People  
Jesus .... I go to Prepare a Place for You                                  John 14 : 2
- E 8      H E L L            If we take Hell out of the Pulpit  
We will have more Hell in the Pews
- E 9      The greatest proof of Hell

is mankind's great fear of Death  
Self - Preservation is Mankind's greatest instinct !

E 10 In Nature ..... Nothing disappears without a Trace  
Nature knows nothing of Extinction  
only of TRANSFORMATION  
What then of our Spirit / Soul and its destiny ?

E 11 " Maggie, are you afraid of dying ? "  
" No ..... my Father owns the land on both sides of the river ! "

E 12 Consider the Spice Myrrh  
It is Sweet to the Smell Heavenly  
But also Bitter to the taste Earthly  
It was one of the gifts the Wise men brought to the baby Jesus  
Son of God the sweet smell of Fragrance  
Son of Man the bitter taste of his death mission  
To me God has pre-ordained both  
Our death is the mere transfer into His presence  
The changing of rooms, beneath our Fathers care

E 13 HOME is where Mother is someone once said  
HEAVEN is where Father is  
(where Jesus is ..... 'tis Heaven there the old song goes )

E 14 Death for the natural man is the ultimate defeat  
But for the Christian is the ultimate VICTORY

E 15 Non Christians have a Hopeless End  
Christians have an Endless Hope

E 16 He is no fool Who gives what he cannot Keep (his life)  
To gain what he cannot Lose (his Soul)

E 17 We can only take our CHARACTERS into Eternity  
Not our Careers

E 18 Aim at Heaven, and you will get earth thrown in  
Aim at earth and you will get neither

# EVOLUTION

- EV 1 From GOD to You, by way of a ZOO ?!
- EV 2 Evolution ??  
Imagine a Computer evolving No way !  
And we are far more complex than the most complicated computer

# CREATION

- EV 3 To have a watch, you must necessarily suppose that there is ..... a Watchmaker  
Otherwise conduct an experiment .....  
Put all of the unassembled parts of a watch into a can, shake it around for ever  
Will it somehow all be assembled into a functioning watch ?  
Not likely .....  
For a watch to be assemble and function properly, there must be .....  
Hands / Tools / Power ..... and an Intelligence  
That supreme Intelligence of Creation is revealed to us as GOD  
And that watch was made for a purpose  
So with Creation  
And it comes with an Instruction Book, that we would do well to follow

If all the watch parts in the can were to be shaken around for ever, the watch would not assemble itself, but instead the parts by rubbing together would wear out, and degenerate, and in time become dust !  
So, Creation NEVER improves or regenerates  
It naturally degenerates, deteriorates, becomes simpler  
It takes life to show growth and development

- EV 4 Man was made .....  
a little lower than the Angels Hebrews 2 : 7  
but also a little higher than the ants  
That makes mankind / us  
Somewhere between Ants and Angels

# FAITH

- F 1      FAITH    = F orsaking                      GRACE    = G reat  
                                  A ll    R iches  
                                  I    A t  
                                  T rust    C hrist's  
                                  H im    E xpense
- F 2      There are distinct differences between .....  
                          Knowing ..... of the mind  
                          Believing ..... of the heart  
                          Even Satan believes in God    James 2 : 19
- F 3      FAITH ..... alone is what God responds to,    it honours HIM
- F 4      Pharisees      If we see      we will believe                      John 4 : 48  
                  God says      If we believe    we will see                      John 20 : 29
- People say      Seeing is Believing  
                          but the opposite is really true  
                  Christians      Believing is Seeing
- F 5      Beware lest      Faith gives way to    Presumption                      Psalm 19 : 13
- F 6      Launch out into the Deep    Luke 5 : 4  
                  But that's also where the waves are the highest !  
                  And the denizens of the deep roam,      and the wind roars  
                  It takes Courage      to swim there
- F 7      FAITH              dares to WAIT              for God's Time  
                                  just ask Moses              he waited 40 years
- F 8      Its just 1 of God's basic Spiritual Laws .....  
                  FAITH              must be TESTED or Tried  
                  Ask any of the past people of God
- F 9      FAITH              Though He Slay me    yet will I trust Him    Job 13 : 15  
                  Perhaps also      Though He Ignore me yet will I trust Him !



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| F 10 | Faith for Healing is just the same as for Salvation .....      |
|      | Believe in the Heart   |
|      | Confess with the Mouth   |
|      | Don't doubt if you have No feelings or if symptoms remain      |
|      | Act as if its a Fact !   |
| F 11 | FAITH                Turns Promises into Prophecies            |
| F 12 | Depend            on Man            and get what Man can do    |
|      | Depend            on God            and get what God can do !! |
| F 13 | VICTOR or VICTIM ?   |
|      | The Choice is ours alone                                       |
|      | VICTOR = FAITH In Action                                       |
|      | VICTIM = UN-BELIEF Operating                                   |
|      | One Attitude will rule your life                               |
| F 14 | Faith is active belief, not passive                            |
|      | Faith without works is dead                                    |
|      | James 2 : 17   |
|      | Faith and Obedience cannot be separated                        |
| F 15 | Many people hold a belief,                                     |
|      | but with how many does the Belief hold them !!                 |
| F 16 | When there is nothing to defend                                |
|      | there is nothing to believe                                    |
| F 17 | Those who claim to believe Nothing                             |
|      | Will generally fall for Anything / everything / every Lie      |
| F 18 | Unless what we believe changes our life                        |
|      | It is not a Belief at all,                                     |
|      | Only a Pious Wish  |
| F 19 | You cant Obey Promises they are to be believed                 |
|      | You cant believe Commandments they are to be Obeyed            |
| F 20 | There are 2 types of Faith .....                               |
|      | 1 A form of knowledge about God                                |

2      A trust and belief                      in God

F 21    A little Faith in a strong plank      will carry me across the ditch  
         A great Faith in a rotten plank      will land me in the ditch

F 22    Only those      who have seen the invisible  
                         will perform      the impossible

F 23    Faith means standing on the stuff you used to sink in      (Walking on water)  
         It      means going from talking about the presence of God  
                         to walking in the provision of God      Bob Gass

F 24    He who loses money                      loses much  
         He who loses friends                      loses much more  
         He who loses FAITH                      loses ALL

( from my Mothers autograph book

# GENERAL

- 6 1 CHANGE ..... the only thing constant is CHANGE  
CHANGE is here to stay !  
CHANGE is constant
- 6 2 Its not the strongest of the species that survive, nor the most intelligent,  
but the one most responsive to CHANGE Charles Darwin
- 6 3 This may be a Changing World .....  
But Values don't change. (or shouldn't )  
Morals don't change  
Sin doesn't change (as far as God is concerned)  
God Himself NEVER changes  
Neither does His dealings with the Human race and individuals
- In a changing world ..... 3 things never change .....  
GOD, Satan, Sin (and its consequences)
- 6 4 Better a Shack on the Rock  
Than a Palace on the Sand
- 6 6 Recreation should really be pronounced RE - CREATION
- 6 6 When faced with important decisions, remember .....  
A Mariner, to accurately fix his position, needs to get a fix on 3 beacons  
( 2 beacons will only give distance, not height )  
So with us - the Christians 3 beacons are :  
The written Word of God  
Circumstances around us  
Inner conviction  
Plus Counsel of experienced and spiritual Christians  
Heeding ALL of these will generally avoid error and folly
- 6 7 FIRE does one of 2 things .....  
It either Refines Or Consumes  
The same Sun .....  
That Melts the butter Also Hardens the Clay  
All Sunshine makes a DESERT !! Arabic Proverb

- G 8     Some folk have a     Wish bone  
        Instead of     a     Back bone
- G 9     The World says .....  
            God helps them     that Help Themselves,  
        But the Truth is really     that .....  
            God helps them     that Help OTHERS                     Acts 20 : 35
- G 10    Most Vices are rooted in the Future .....  
            Fear, Avarice, Lust, Ambition, Greed     but  
            Gratitude     looks to the Past  
            Love     looks to the Present  
            ( Leave the Future to GOD )
- G 11    The Present is the Point at which     Time touches Eternity
- G 12    When there is a Tragic Death, the circumstances don't make the Tragedy,  
        but the fact that probably the person wasn't ready to meet it, nor their Maker
- G 13    Errors, Misconceptions, & downright Lies  
        if they are repeated often enough     get to be accepted as Truth  
        The silent Power of REPETITION
- e.g. ....     God helps those who help themselves  
            When really     God helps those who help Others
- That is how the big Delusions have been accepted i.e. ....  
                    That God is too good to send anyone to hell  
                    That Abortion is the best for the Mother  
                    That there are White Lies & Black Lies ( when every Lie is Black )  
                    That the End justifies the Means  
                    Etc, etc, etc
- G 14    To Err     is Human  
        To Forgive     is DIVINE
- G 15    Good Health is not basically a gift  
        but a Reward for good eating habits
- G 16    It is not always possible for us to do great deeds  
        But it is always possible for us to do small deeds with great love  
    Mother Teresa
- G 17    The vast difference between Sympathy and Compassion .....

Sympathy      Poor You  
     Every one has mistreated You  
     You are the Victim of Circumstances etc etc

Compassion      I love you, so much that  
     I cannot leave you as I found you  
     You should change your ways ..... starting now

G 18    COMPUTERS ..... On a Computer  
           There is One button that You / We should NEVER Press  
           The CONTROL Button  
           That button is for GOD Himself to Press, Not Us

But there is also One button that we should Press frequently  
The DELETE Button

"Forgetting the things that are past ..... Phillipians 3 :13, 14

G 19     An observance .....

5%	of the people	MAKE	Things happen	
15%		WATCH	Things Happen	while
80%			haven't a clue as to what is happening !	

G 20    Courage is not the absence of Fear  
             but the conquest of Fear

G 21 Mistakes are INEVITABLE  
Misery is OPTIONAL

G 22	Knowledge	Puffs Up		
	Love	Builds Up	..... Edifies	1 Corinthians 8 : 1

6 23 Our basic approach to life is to choose  
Whether To be a CREATOR Or a CRITIC  
To be a Lover Or a Hater  
To be a GIVER Or a TAKER

There is basically only 2 types of people in this world  
GIVERS and TAKERS

G 24 Failure is a Universal Sickness always originating from the complexes of either ANXIETY, GUILT, or INFERIORITY  
The 3 basic emotional problems recognised by most students of psychiatry

- G 25 NEVER put anything in your mouth that is burning at the other end !
- G 26 A Jet planes speed mankind's scientific progress  
A Tortoise speed mankind's MORAL progress
- G 27 Peace ..... to the world is the absence of War  
to God & mankind it is tranquillity of heart & mind  
Peace is Jesus gift to us John 14 : 27
- G 28 Exactly what would you do if you could do anything you liked,  
and get away with it ?  
That's what we really are like ~ all the rest is camouflage !
- G 29 In this age of accelerated learning  
There is increased Knowledge  
and increased Problems  
and increased Crime & immorality  
So, sin can't be the result of ignorance  
Education doesn't make saints !!
- G 30 Children do only what they feel like doing  
Not what is the best for them  
Adults have the responsibility to choose between what they like and what is best  
when the 2 conflict
- G 31 People are FREE  
But freedom brings responsibility  
People today want Freedom, without restraint  
People are Free to swing their arm .....  
but Freedom stops where someone else's nose starts !
- G 32 Liberty without Obedience leads to Confusion  
Obedience without Liberty leads to Slavery
- G 33 Todays Generation .....  
The Art is Junkyard  
Theatre is Pornography  
Dancing is Convulsions  
Music is Noise
- G 34 The New Morality is merely  
The Old Immorality with a new cover

The "New Morality" is neither New nor Moral  
Just re-packaged old fashioned immorality / sin

G 35 Reputation ~ our Status as seen by Man  
Character ~ our Status as seen by GOD

G 36 Those who cannot remember the past  
are doomed to repeat it

History teaches us, that History teaches us ..... very little  
Each generation seemingly repeats the mistakes of previous ones

G 37 In this world, with all its trouble and woe  
are we part of the problem ?  
OR part of the SOLUTION

G 38 They say that puppy love is not for real  
but at least it is real for the puppy

G 39 Oliver Cromwell's motto .....  
Trust in GOD, and keep your powder dry

G 40 A bottle of poison marked poison is dangerous,  
but surely not as dangerous  
As a bottle of poison marked COUGH MIXTURE  
Now that is really lethal  
And so with all the enemies concoctions ..... Poison labelled "Having Fun"

G 41 ADDICTION is simply ..... the inability to say NO

G 42 We should never pull down that which  
we could never rebuild

G 43 Profanity ..... is just feeble minds trying to express themselves forcibly

G 44 A saying of the ancient Greeks .....  
"Whom the gods would destroy they first make mad"

- G 45 All that is necessary for the triumph of evil .....  
Is for good men to do nothing
- G 46 YES Some Christians indeed do go cranky, but  
Because someone drowns does everyone stop swimming ?  
because someone is poisoned, does everyone stop eating ?  
because many die in car accidents does everyone stop driving ?
- G 47 If you don't stand for anything chances are  
you will fall for anything
- G 48 Rivers become crooked through taking the line of least resistance  
Likewise people !
- G 49 Spiritual sense is way better than Common sense  
But one thing about Common sense, It doesn't seem to be all that common at all
- G 50 Better to be a piece of crushed jade, than an unbroken tile  
an old Chinese saying
- G 51 Of all the words of tongue or pen  
The saddest are ..... It might have been
- G 52 Sow a thought Reap an Action  
Sow an action Reap a Habit  
Sow a habit Reap a Character  
Sow a Character Reap a DESTINY
- G 53 A burden shared is a Burden Halved  
A Joy shared is a Joy doubled
- G 54 Information can only Inform not Transform  
Education can only educate not Re - create  
Only the Spirit of God can create effective and lasting change
- G 55 Sometimes we should think twice, before we speak once  
  
Make sure the mind is engaged before the mouth is operated



We have been given 2 ears and 1 mouth  
We should use them in the proportion to which they have been given !!

"I never learned much, while I was doing the talking" Larry King

G 56 "A person convinced against their will  
Is but the same opinion still "

Winning an argument is basically ineffectual, unless ..... the heart is touched

G 57 The Legitimate Way of Obtaining ~ Pay before experiencing, enjoy  
The illegitimate Way ~ Obtain illegally ~ Pay later in sorrow

G 58 When we start trying to play God  
We end up acting like the Devil

G 59 Many would rather deny the sickness  
than take the Medicine

G 60 The darker the night, the brighter the stars shine

G 61 Just as we cannot ignore the laws of Diet and remain Healthy  
So, we cannot ignore the laws of God and remain Happy

G 62 To become a Father is not difficult  
But To BE a Father is Very difficult German Proverb

G 63 When bad men combine, the good must associate, or fall one by one.  
The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil, is for good people to do  
nothing Edmund Burke

G 64 One is never too Old to Grow  
One is never too Old to Change  
The only people who do neither are DEAD

G 65 Experience will usually show you that most people are either .....  
Hung up about the past ( Guilt )  
Anxious about the future  
Lonely or all 3



There is a SEASON for every action  
Inappropriate Timing can make even a good action Wrong in practice  
It takes Wisdom to know the correct Timing for our Actions

6 77 LOVE to a child is spelt T ...I... M... E ....

6 78 Being wise is the art of knowing what to overlook William James

6 79 If someone hurts you once it is their fault  
If it happens twice or again it is YOUR fault

6 80 Great minds discuss ideas  
Average minds discuss events  
Small minds discuss people

6 81 Yesterday is HISTORY  
Tomorrow is MYSTERY  
Live one day at a time

6 82 We tend to Judge ourselves by our INTENTIONS  
and Judge others by their WORST ACTIONS

6 83 The rest of your life can surely be ....  
The best of your life

6 84 Ham and Eggs, a common meal, but of huge difference to the parties involved ...  
To the Hen it's a CONTRIBUTION only  
To the Pig it's a COMMITMENT totally

6 85 History teaches us, that History teaches us ..... NOTHING  
Why else do people make the same mistakes over and over again ?  
Indeed ....  
Those who forget or ignore History, are doomed to repeat it

6 86 For the Foolish Old age is a Wilderness  
For the Wise It is a harvest  
An old Chinese saying

6 87 The URGENT does not need as much attention as the IMPORTANT

## Some **B U S I N E S S** T I P S

- GB 1    When considering doing **BUSINESS** with **FRIENDS**, just stop and ponder long ....  
Choose one or the other .....  
Choose which one you would sooner keep .....  
Because, you invariably cannot keep both .....  
Like oil and water, they just **DO NOT MIX**
- GB 2    A rule of Business :  
The 3 criteria            **QUALITY**        **TIME**            **PRICE**  
Or rather            High **QUALITY**    Short **TIME**    Low **PRICE**  
**CHOOSE 2, but ONLY 2**  
You cannot have the **THREE** together
- GB 3    A profound observation concerning the workplace .....  
Employment is usually gained on the basis of **Technical** competence  
Promotion is gained on the basis of **Emotional** competence  
How True !
- GB 4    **WORK WISE** .....  
Its Not the **HOURS** that are put in  
But    **WHAT IS PUT INTO THE HOURS** that matters
- GB 5    Generally speaking .....  
People don't get what they deserve  
But ..... what they can **NEGOTIATE**  
So, one of the most important skills to acquire is the skill to negotiate  
with other people, in business and privately

G O D

- 60 1 The presence of God inevitably brings with it the consciousness  
of a Sinful Nature  
and Sins in the Life  
usually focussing on 1 particular Sin at a time Isaiah 6 : 5  
if we deal with that then growth and development will follow
- 60 2 God's Presence invariably makes  
Man speechless  
Mouths stopped (everyone's actually) Matthew 22 : 12  
What will you say ? Romans 3 : 19  
Jeremiah 13 : 21
- 60 3 God Blesses and Forgives .....  
Not because of What We Are  
But because of What HE Is  
  
God Loves us .....  
Not because we are Lovable  
But because it is His Nature to Love  
  
There is NOTHING we can do to make God love us more  
There is NOTHING we can do to make God love us less
- 60 4 God Himself will perform the thing that is appointed for me Job 23 : 14  
And that spares us the effort .....  
SELF effort, cannot and never will please God  
Or bring His will into being  
Scripture is a chronicle of God doing His own bidding  
Our part is Prayer, Trust and Obedience
- 60 5 Time is nothing to the One who dwells in ETERNITY  
It is only a bother to Us, who are locked into Time  
One day ..... Time shall be no more
- 60 6 How can we have the Brotherhood of man  
Without first the Fatherhood of GOD !
- 60 7 As God is Faithful to His promises  
So He is to His warnings and predictions of consequences  
What an awesome thought to ponder

- GO 8 Contrary to common belief .....
- There actually ARE 3 things that God cannot do !
- |                       |                               |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Lie                   | He is absolutely Holy         |
| Learn                 | He is Omnipotent, all knowing |
| and Make you love Him | Our Freedom of Choice         |
- But, God actually does have one need ..... for spiritual fellowship  
Why else where we created ?
- GO 9 God has a Father's arm Isaiah 40 : 11  
But a Mother's heart
- HE who knows us the best  
Also Loves us the best
- GO 10 To experience GOD :
- |                    |                |              |
|--------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Know Him           | with the Mind  |              |
| Taste Him          | with the Mouth | Psalm 34 : 8 |
| See Him            | with the Eye   | "            |
| Touch / Handle Him | with the Hands | 1 John 1 : 1 |
| Hear Him           | with the Ears  | "            |
- GO 11 If I cannot actually prove GOD to you by showing Him to you  
You cannot disprove Him  
Which leaves You a CHOICE ..... Faith
- GO 12 Numbers don't really matter to God  
1000 blind men can't see any further than 1 blind man  
300 times nothing is still nothing
- One with God is a Majority just ask Elijah
- GO 13 No peace No God  
Know peace Know God
- GO 14 The First Point of the WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM written in 1647  
asks  
" What is the chief end of man ? " then answers .....  
" Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him forever "
- GO 15 God says If you will look after My business (first)  
I will look after your business
- GO 16 It's a spiritual Law .....

that we take on the character and attributes of the God that we habitually worship  
whatever they may be .....

The God of the Bible    loving,   merciful,   kind,   longsuffering,   peace,

The God of Islam        vengeful,   harsh,   cruel,   dispassionate,   vindictive

# The HOLY SPIRIT

- H 1     The Holy Spirit and the Flesh ( self life ) .....  
One only lives at the Expense      of the Other !!
- H 2     The Presence                  of the Holy Spirit  
The Power                        of the Holy Spirit  
The Conviction of the Holy Spirit  
They are              Impossible to separate  
We simply            can't have one without the others
- H 3     Ever considered that .....  
God is more anxious to fill us with His Holy Spirit  

than we are to be filled

  
He is more anxious to bless Us            than we are to be Blessed  
So what is the problem ?                  Guess
- H 4     To Orthodoxy .....  
The Holy Spirit is                  a Doctrine  
Instead of                                  a Person  
with all the attributes of a real person  
He should become                  our Best Friend
- H 5     The Holy Spirit is to the Church  
what the Soul is to the body  
as the body without the soul                  is Dead                  James 2 : 26  
so the Church without the Spirit is likewise DEAD
- A Church with the Holy Spirit moving                  is a                  **MOVEMENT**  
A Church without the Holy Spirit moving                  becomes a                  **MONUMENT**  
Which one is yours ?
- The saddest sight to be seen .....  
The Holy Spirit having left a Church and nobody notices !  
The Holy Spirit left Samson and he simply wasn't aware of it Judges 16 : 20
- H 6     Before there can be Fullness  
There must be                  EMPTINESS  
The Holy Spirit is Poured out - into empty clean hungry vessels
- The Holy Spirit Works                  IN Us  
What Jesus Did                          FOR Us



H7 The Greek word for Spirit in the New Testament Means Invisible force

The Holy Spirit is either a Force in us  
or a Farce

H 8	The Holy Spirit has always existed of course, but	
	In the Old Testament days He came upon	Judges 14 : 19
	In the New Testament time, after Jesus went away	
	He sent Him To abide within us	John 14 : 17

At Salvation	the Holy Spirit purchases us	buys the house
At Pentecost	the Holy Spirit indwells us	
He takes up residence, moves in		
He takes possession of his purchased property		1 Corinthians 6 : 19, 20

H 9 Pentecost is not an intensification of ability in the able  
Rather it is the imposition of power upon the utterly impotent  
Andrew Murray

H 10    Only the Holy Spirit can create a spiritual atmosphere  
           Natural means are useless to do so  
           Yet how many try to do make it happen  
           Holy Spirit fire            versus "Strange fire"            Leviticus 10 : 1    Numbers 3 : 4

H 11 If you have the Spirit without the Word you'll **BLOW UP**  
If you have the Word without the Spirit you'll **DRY UP**  
if you have the Spirit and the Word you'll **GROW UP**

H 12 The Holy Spirit is the cure for fanaticism  
Never the cause of it

H 13      Tonques is the only code that Satan can't crack      David Wilkerson

H 14 Romans 8 ..... A quickened Spirit in a Dead Body !

H 15      A survey of American students revealed that their main inner desire  
Was to experience Love, Peace and Joy  
But these are the FRUIT of the Holy Spirit within                          Galatians 5 : 22  
Unfortunately, many people seek them in the wrong places - in alcohol, drugs etc

# The INNER LIFE

- I 1     The Heart of the Matter   is   The Matter of the HEART
- I 2     Our Greatest Assets :  
         An Enquiring Mind,  
         A Teachable Spirit,  
         A Soft Conscience
- I 3     Fretting        only Heats       the Bearings  
         It doesn't     Generate       the Steam !
- I 4     It isn't the Gale  
         But the set of the Sail  
         That determines which way we go !  
         (Yachts go up-wind, in spite of the storms or gales that blow)
- Its not what happens TO US  
         But    what happens IN US        that really counts
- I 5     VIRTUE    is merely the outworking of a persons Habitual Actions
- I 6     CONSCIENCE    is the remains of God's Image   in Us        Andrew Murray
- I 7     We cannot Think Wrong and Live Right !  
         We really are the sum of our Thoughts  
                ( Scary eh ! )
- We are not    what we think we are  
         But                what we THINK ..... we are                Proverbs 23 : 7
- I 8     In our Witnessing & Sharing  
         If        the Heart is Empty  
         Then the Head doesn't matter, it won't convince
- People wont care how much you know  
         Until they know how much you care !
- I 9     Solitude is refreshment for the soul

Matthew 6 : 27

Abiding in Christ is a Spiritual operation  
Not a Mental one

I 11	To have a meaningful	Quiet time with God
	Find a	Quiet place apart
	Cultivate a	Quiet heart

I 12    The constant Inner struggle .....

CONVICTIONS                  Versus                  CORRUPTIONS

The Renewed nature Versus                  The Old Fallen Adamic nature

J E S U S    C H R I S T

- |     |   |                                     |
|-----|---|-------------------------------------|
| J 1 | Our hearts will still burn within us<br>As He talks with Us and opens the Scriptures to our understanding   | Luke 24 ; 32                        |
| J 2 | What Adam Lost Jesus more than Regained   |                                     |
| J 3 | Look to Jesus every day<br>As You walk the narrow way<br>Without ceasing Watch & Pray<br>Pray, PRAY Again   |                                     |
| J 4 | One way to identify which "side" suggestions come from .....<br>Jesus LEADS His sheep<br>Satan DRIVES his !   |                                     |
| J 5 | A Good Shepherd is never far from His Flock<br>Therefore when seeking the Shepherd<br>Keep close to the Sheep, the Shepherd will always be nearby !   |                                     |
| J 6 | The way of the Cross is the ONLY way to the Throne  |                                     |
| J 7 | The wages of Sin is Death .....<br>Jesus never sinned, therefore Jesus did not have to die,<br>He should still be walking around, having never sinned<br>But he did offer himself and died of His own volition<br>His Death was different from any others - Unique<br>Men fight against Death<br>But Jesus fought to "accomplish" his Death | Matthew 26 : 37 - 30<br>Luke 9 : 31 |
| J 8 | When Jesus went to a funeral<br>He turned it into a resurrection  | Luke 7 : 12                         |
| J 9 | Its NOT through Holiness to Christ<br>But through Christ to Holiness<br>Get it Right or we are back under Law again   |                                     |

- J 10    Jesus gives me .....  
           JOY    in place of    SORROW  
           LOVE   that cats out   FEAR  
           OIL    instead of    MOURNING  
           BEAUTY for            ASHES            Here !
- J 11    SALVATION is faith in Christ    PLUS Nothing ....  
           GRACE            is the Unmerited favour of God  
           If any thing, ANYTHING at all is added to the finished work of Christ on Calvary,  
           then His work was not complete in the First place,  
           and we are Guilty of insulting God
- J 12    Jesus is no            security against storms,    but  
           He is a perfect security in storms
- He has never promised us a easy passage  
    only            a safe landing
- J 13    Jesus Christ the Rock of Ages            to the Christian  
    the Rock of stumbling to the World
- J 14    It is one thing            to know Jesus            as Saviour  
           but quite another thing to know Him            as Master & Lord of our life
- Unless Jesus is Lord of ALL,    He is not Lord at all
- J 15    Jesus is everyman's contemporary  
           He is contemporary to every age and generation  
           From everlasting to everlasting, the first and the last
- J 16    Many Christians  
    Talk as though Jesus is alive  
           but    Act    as though He were dead
- J 17    The Universe was            cursed by Satans            Pride  
           The World was            blessed by Jesus'            Humility
- J 18    Yet Another Name for Jesus    The MAN with the PLAN    (for our lives)

J 19      JESUS .....      John 14 : 6

The WAY	that we might not be Lost
The TRUTH	that we might not believe a Lie
The LIFE	that we might escape Eternal death

J 20    In Nature    we see God's hand  
          In History    we see God's footprints  
          In Jesus       we see God's heart revealed

J 21 Jesus' Trial .....

Most trials are over what a person has done / committed

Jesus trial was over what HE was ~ GOD in the flesh

J 22    Jesus came    to comfort the afflicted  
                 and    to afflict    the comfortable

J 23      Salvation                  is                  Free  
But it certainly wasn't      Cheap  
It cost God plenty !

# HIS SECOND COMING

J 24 Christ's FIRST coming the Hope of the world  
His second coming the Judgement of the world

The second coming of Jesus Christ .....  
Is The HOPE of all Christians  
And the Judgement of the World

J 25 Cranks announcing the end of the World  
Are just like the boy who cried "wolf, WOLF"  
When the real thing comes, they will just laugh. but too late

J 26    There is a Vast difference between  
The doctrine of Christ's second coming  
and     the hope     of His return                               A W Tozer

J 27 I've no idea when Jesus is coming back ....  
I'm on the reception committee, not the planning committee  
Tony Campolo

# J U D G E M E N T

- JU 1 Of all earthly appointments that we arrange but may not keep  
Only one is for certain ..... Death  
Actually there are 2 appointments that we must keep .....  
DEATH  
and after death  
JUDGEMENT ! Hebrews
- JU 2 It isn't the send-off that we get here  
But the welcome we get on the other side that really matters !
- JU 3 God asks of US Now  
What will you do With JESUS ?  
But One day WE will ask of Him  
What will YOU do with ME ?
- JU 4 When we stand before God .....  
He will look not for Medals, but for Scars Galatians 6 : 17  
(of the Self life having been put to death !)
- JU 5 "Life is a short and fevered rehearsal for a concert that we cannot stay to give"  
A W Tozer
- JU 6 At Death the Curtain goes UP  
We then appear ON STAGE  
Our lives are basically spent preparing for Death & the Curtain Call
- JU 7 God is absolutely Just .....  
If he sends someone to Hell, it will be because it is the only place they are fit for  
In Heaven they would be awkward and out of place  
Like a ragged beggar who found himself in a Palace !
- JU 8 There are actually 3 Judgements :  
Sinners Calvary ..... the Finished work of Christ Past  
Sons Chastening ..... the daily corrections & reproofs Present  
Servanthood The trial by fire of our works ..... hay or metal Future
- JU 9 No man knows the day nor the hour of our death Matthew 24 : 36  
The last day is hidden, that every day may be regarded Augustine

JU 10    Considering all the In-justice that has happened in this world  
          There HAS TO BE a JUDGEMENT  
          Or     In-justice wins  
          There must be a sort - out     either here or in Eternity  
          God would be Unjust     not to do that,  
          being Just, He MUST Judge actions

JU 11    No man knows the day nor the hour of our death                    Matthew 24 : 36  
          The last day is hidden, that every day may be regarded       Augustine

JU 12    Besides teaching people            how to live  
          We should also teach them     how to die !

Charles Wesley when asked as to the effectiveness of Methodism,  
replied "Our people die well"

JU 13    Noah in 120 years only had 7 converts (his wife and family)  
          Then the ark door was shut, and the rain started to fall  
          and in 1 day he got millions of converts, everyone suddenly believed,  
          but ALL TOO LATE, God Himself had shut the door

It pays to remember that .....  
The rain hadn't started to fall when Noah started building the Ark !

JU 14    The wicked may flourish for a time, but are undone for ever



# LIFE, LIVING, LEARNING

- |     |  |               |
|-----|--|---------------|
| L 1 | Man was made to live in a Garden                             | Genesis 2 : 8 |
|     | with light work, as the Caretaker                            | 2 : 15        |
|     | Through Sin, he was cast out into the Wilderness             |               |
|     | The ground was cursed for his sake, hard work was the result | 2 : 17 - 19   |

People dream of light work and leisure, pleasure, self pleasing, etc  
But this inevitably means that there is so much more time for the fallen nature  
to produce evil, with spoiling and a bad result, the opposite of the desire  
This is a fallen world,  
Paradise is not to be realised down here but in Eternity !

- L 2      Its easy to forget    that .....  
It was in seeking for Knowledge        that Man fell  
It was in the pride of knowledge        that heathenism had its origin
- Romans 1 : 22

- L 3 Knowledge on its own will never redeem Mankind

Educating a sinner will only produce an Educated Sinner

Gobbels - Adolph Hitler's right hand man, and Executioner of untold Jews  
had a Doctorate of Philosophy

- L4      Do we Live to Work  
         Or      Work to Live  
         The difference is Vast and Vital - get it right !

- L 5    The Natural soft living man today .....  
       If at First you don't succeed  
       The hell with it,        Give up !

- L 5      Don't let your past rob you of your Future !  
             After it is repented of, and forgiven .....  
             Close the door & move on with God  
             Forgetting the past, I press on ....."
- Phillipians 3 : 13

- L6 No one can make us feel Inferior except with our Permission

- L 7      The World's Golden Rule :  
           "The man who makes the gold, makes the rule "
- L 8      To be Distressed      Look Within  
           To be Defeated      Look Back  
           To be Distracted      Look Around  
           To be Delivered      Look U P !!
- L 9      3/4 of the world is starving to death,      while  
           the other 1/4 are eating themselves to death,  
           with obesity, and wrong diets
- L 10     They who try to      deceive God  
                                  only end up      deceiving themselves
- L 11     The T V is no substitute for Family Life !
- L 12     As we don't necessarily have to take poison to know that it Kills  
           so we don't      have to sin      to know its results  
           Jesus never sinned, yet knew what was in every man John 2 : 24, 25
- L 13     Instead of people      Denying themselves      and pleasing God  
           These day, people      Please themselves      and Deny God
- L 14     These days      Is it      the high cost of living  
                                  OR      the cost of living high      ..... think about it
- If ( as the saying goes ) we are all trying to keep up with the Jones  
           Just who are the Jones's keeping up with ?
- L 15     People advise us to be open minded  
           But most people have their minds open ..... at both ends !!  
           they hold Nothing  
           and believe Nothing  
           and will fall for just about Anything
- L 16     Life is not      a series of Chances  
           But instead      a series of Choices

- L 16    The advertisers say that smoking and drinking  
                                  separates the men from the boys  
 Well, It also separates the living from the dead  
  
 We should never cultivate a habit that we are not willing to have master us
- L 17    Better a true Enemy                    than a False Friend
- L 18    The hardest truth to face    is the truth about ourselves
- L 19    When man is deceitful  
          He himself will be    deceived
- L 20    Not being Loved            is the Ultimate sickness                    Madame Teresa
- L 21    Only a fool learns from their own experiences  
          The wise learn from the experiences of others                    Woodrow Wilson  
 (We simply do not have enough years or time to make every mistake for ourselves)
- L 22    The advertisers say that smoking and drinking  
                                  separates the men from the boys  
 Well, It also separates the living from the dead  
  
 We should never cultivate a habit that we are not willing to have master us
- L 23    If you are going NOWHERE any road will take you            Chinese Proverb
- L 24    When something unfortunate happens to you  
          The first time that it happens you are                    a VICTIM  
          The next time it happens                    you are                    a VOLUNTEER
- L 25    Our earthly body            just remember .....  
          Its LEASEHOLD            Not FREEHOLD                    we are just "a passing through"

# MARRIAGE

M 1     A single person .....  
           is like someone trying to stand on One leg  
           so hard to keep balance  
           That's what a helpmate brings - BALANCE

M 2     Love is Blind, but Marriage is an Eye - Opener !  
  
           Before marriage, it would pay to keep ones eyes fully open  
           After marriage, it is best to keep them half shut !!

Benjamin Franklin

M 3     To be successful,  
           A Marriage should        be made in Heaven  
           Before                        it is made on Earth  
           ( Usually its the latter only )

M 4     "It is not good for a man to be alone "  
           I will make for him a HELP MATE - NOT a BED MATE !

M 5     Pray together        -        Stay together

M 6     As Without a Keystone an Arch will collapse  
           Without Jesus so a Marriage is in danger of collapse  
           Jesus        Is the Keystone

M 7     Why some Marriages are in a Mess .....  
           If Christ isn't the Head of the Man  
           The Man won't be the head of the Woman  
           The result Dis-order, and confusion

Ephesians 5 : 23

M 8     Adam had a relationship with God before he had one with Eve  
           Adam learned how to relate to Eve - only after he had learned to relate to God  
           One partner cannot satisfy the others spiritual needs !  
           And the basic reason why some find marriage to be unfulfilling

M 9     EVE ..... Was Not  
           taken from Adam's foot that he might trample on her  
           Nor from his head        that he might be superior to her  
           But from his side        that he might Love and cherish her

M 10    The trick is  
          Not to            impose our preferences  
          But rather to accept our differences !

M 11    Marriage        D U E T        or        D U E L !!

M 12    And as for **DIVORCE** .....                    (From a Counsellors experience)

Life will change more than is realised .....  
Dividing assets isn't always equitable.  
Instead of 2 parents, the custodian becomes the bread-winner, spiritual advisor and disciplinarian.    Stress levels become staggering.  
You ache as you watch your children doling out their time in an effort trying not to alienate either parent.    And the hassles don't end when your children grow up and marry, they continue with your grandchildren.

Life won't be more carefree .....  
Every birthday, holiday, wedding or funeral is a potential nightmare.  
Emotional wounds pop up when least expected.  
You are seldom free from the effects of that broken first marriage.

It affects more than just you .....  
Friends who don't want to pick sides distance themselves.  
Relationships with those who remain loyal - change.  
Family members who loved and cared for your EX are forced to "divorce" as well.  
Blending children from other marriages brings problems.  
Life's more complicated than ever

It takes hard work to turn short-term pain into long-term gain  
Bob Gass Word For Today 02.07.06

# MINISTERS & Their MINISTRY

- MI 1 In a fallen world .....  
The premise of a Man of God is simple .....  
EVERYTHING IS WRONG - Until God puts it right  
Any other premise is a wrong foundation !
- MI 2 John the Baptist was a Voice -  
Heard, but not seen, (Self was subdued)  
He basically had a 1 word message - **RE P E N T**
- MI 3 Ministers should be A Flame of Fire Hebrews 1 : 7  
Not the organisers of Church Bazaars !  
  
An Anglican Bishop said .....  
"Wherever the Apostle Paul went, there was either revival or a riot / revolution  
Wherever I go, I get offered a cup of tea ....."
- MI 4 It is not our love for Souls that moves God,  
But God's love for Souls that moves Me  
Not Us using God 2 Corinthians 5 : 14  
But God using Us 1 John 4 : 10
- MI 5 True love Will deal with SIN  
GOD is indeed LOVE  
But ..... He loves us too much to leave us as He found us !
- MI 6 The work of the Author, Poet, Playwright and the Preacher  
Is simply to make people S E E  
  
Light first of all requires Sight  
the brightest Light - the most powerful searchlight is Nothing to a Blind Man
- MI 7 The Entrance to the Ministry is .....  
The door of UTTERANCE Colossians 4 : 3  
Only the Holy Spirit gives that Acts 2 : 4
- MI 8 As Water cannot rise above its own level .....  
So No Minister can lead others beyond their own Experience

- MI 9      The Hall mark of virtually all Modernist Preachers  
Is basically a denial of the Power of God
- MI 10    The real test of any Preacher .....
- is not just      Preaching the Gospel  
but              Washing the feet of the Disciples              Oswald Chambers
- MI 11    A World War 2 General said .....
- " Teach people to Hate - for what they hate, they will fight "  
So in the Christian life - we have to learn to hate Satan & Sin
- MI 12    Only      Crucified preaching can give Life  
And      Crucified preaching comes from Crucified Men  
E M Bounds
- MI 13    The Preacher holds an Awesome Responsibility .....
- He holds the keys  
But      He may Lock as well as Un-lock              Matthew 23 : 13
- MI 14    We can soon tell if God has spoken through us  
or if it was just Ourselves speaking  
If God speaks - things don't remain the same  
things are changed, for the better  
(or for the worse if resisted)  
When Self speaks, then Nothing is really Changed
- MI 15    If I leave You as I found You - I am Not Christ's Minister .....
- Smith Wigglesworth
- MI 16    Ever considered that as the saying goes .....
- Some Minsters don't (really) know WHAT they are talking about  
don't (really) know WHO they are talking about  
( They aren't Born-Again, and don't know Jesus / God personally )  
Tragic
- MI 17    A Person's      Public Life      depends on their  
Private Life  
The Public Life is only the echo of the Secret place  
and the      Private Life

- MI 18 Christians First need an Evangelist - for Birth  
Then They need a Shepherd - a feeder for Growth!
- MI 19 The Ministry should be a CALLING  
Instead of a PROFESSION as so often in Churchianity today
- MI 20 The Gospel should be Proclaimed ~ addressed to faith  
not Explained ~ addressed to reason
- MI 21 3 Ministers delivered sermons, the comments were :  
1) what a marvellous sermon  
2) what a terrific orator  
3) what a wonderful Saviour Jesus is  
Which one do you think God was pleased with ?
- MI 22 The letter Doctrine without Love  
The Spirit Love backed up with God's Word
- MI 23 Spreading the Gospel is rather like  
One beggar telling another beggar Where to find bread
- MI 24 God is looking for ..... Labourers  
He already has more than enough Advisers
- MI 25 Christian Ministry should indeed be .....  
Personal, Practical, Pointed
- MI 26 Soul Winning .....  
When fruit on a tree is ripe, it falls to the ground of its own accord  
without anyone's assistance, ( just get ready to catch it )  
So, Wait until the fruit ripens, don't pluck it while it is still green  
And the reason why so many new Christians fall by the wayside,  
green un-ripened fruit  
Plucked by well meaning Evangelists before they are really "Ripe"
- MI 27 Meetings of Christians should be an occasion for growth in Holiness
- MI 28 Jesus said "Feed My Sheep"  
Not "Amuse the goats"



MI 29 When people are  
 "Cut to the heart" ~ sawn asunder, Acts 7 : 54  
 filled with spite, malice and revenge, hatred and anger  
 "Pricked in their heart" ~ remorse with repentance Acts 2 : 37  
 Quite a difference

MI 30 The Word must needs be spoken in the Spirit ~ Unction  
 But it must needs be heard in the Spirit also

MI 31 Anointing ..... where the In-finite meets the Finite

MI 32 Programmes are for Organisations .....  
 NOT for Living ORGANISMS  
 And the reason why they are often so ineffective

MI 33 **GO AND PREACH THE GOSPEL ...**  
**AND IF NECESSARY ..... TALK**

## M I R A C L E S

MI 1 It is impossible to properly honour God's word and Not see Miracles.  
 Even an atheist professor will edge into crowd to watch a Miracle.  
 All natural people crave the Supernatural.  
 Christianity alone is the Miracle Life.  
 Christianity without the Supernatural & Miracles is but a Religion, dead.  
 Jesus ..... His Conception, Birth, Life, Ministry, Wisdom,  
 Deeds, Death, Resurrection, Appearances, & Accession  
 were All Miracles T L Osborne

MI 2 No Christ No Miracles  
 No Miracles No Christ  
  
 Know Christ Know Miracles

## PRAYER

- P 1      Prayer is a 2 way conversation  
Imagine a conversation with 1 person doing all the talking !
- We should not only ask of God, but allow Him to ask of us
- P 2      Prayer until Prayer merges into     Praise  
Such is the only way that true Prayer should end !
- P 3      People who are Prayerless on Earth  
             will be Unheard in Hell    Luke 16 : 23 - 31
- P 4      Prayer is not getting our will done by Heaven  
But getting God's will    done            on Earth !
- P 5      Did you ever hear of a person in love    that didn't tell the other person so
- P 6      If Prayer is not a FORCE  
It will be                    a FARCE
- P 7      The Christian on his knees sees more than  
the Philosopher on his Tip-toes
- P 8      Prayer is connecting to God's willingness  
not                    overcoming His reluctance

# QUESTIONS for Pondering

- Q 1 If God knows everything  
about us, and our needs, etc  
about our circumstances,  
about the future,  
And has all power, is everywhere, indeed He fills the Universe  
Then WHY BOTHER TO PRAY at all ?

Answer

He desires Intimacy / fellowship  
As any Father does of his children

Otherwise we may as well post our Shopping List to the heavenly Santa Claus

- Q 2 Just What is mankind's greatest need ?  
Food, Clothing, Peace, Happiness ? NO !  
Answer Spiritual Salvation before our Journey here is over

- Q 3 What is the main Reason for our Existence on Earth ??  
Just why were we born, placed on this Earth ?  
What is the Chief End of Man (in the words of the Presbyterian Catechism)

Answer To Know God, to fellowship with Him  
and Enjoy Him forever ! WOW

- Q 4 What is Christianity's greatest Enemy ?  
Answer RELIGION Refer to "Religion" section

Just exactly what is the difference between RELIGION and CHRISTIANITY ?  
Answer They are diametrically opposed to each other  
The difference is the same to God as the difference between heaven and hell !

- Q 5 Is a glass Half Empty  
Or Half Full ..... ?

The answer is absolutely Vital ?  
'Half Empty' People always look on the negative side of life  
they get frustrated about what they don't have  
'Half Full' People are thankful for what they have  
they count their blessings and praise God for His gifts

Attitudes are important, even life governing !

# RELIGION

- R 1      The word "Religion" is found only in one passage in the Bible,  
and its meaning is as far from today's usage as chalk from cheese !  
It is to care for the widows and the fatherless                          James 1 : 27
- R 2      Babylon        Dead bricks        instead of        Living Stone  
                         Slime                instead of        Mortar                Genesis 11 : 3
- R 3      The subtlest form of bondage can be Religious Beliefs  
e. g.     The Pharisees of Jesus day  
Some things never change                Likewise these days !
- R 4      The "Once Saved - Always Saved" doctrine  
Can be simply just a licence for Sin
- R 5      Check .....
- Often The Gospel of Faith in Christ       has been replaced  
By       The Gospel of Good Works !
- Often the unconscious reason for good works  
             is simply to atone for past misdeeds and wrongs  
The only Motive that God accepts for good works is  
             Faith & Love for our Fellow men
- Thus .....
- Churchmen are not necessarily Christians  
Philanthropists are not necessarily acceptable to God  
Our own righteousness is as filthy rags in God's sight  
We must be BORN AGAIN !!  
Religious folk invariably have the greatest difficulty with this concept,  
             as did Nichodemus
- R 6      Consider The Corinthinans .....
- In everything enriched in Christ, in all utterance and knowledge,  
coming behind in no gift, abounding in everything by Faith  
YET ..... Lacking LOVE
- R 7      The Challenge to every Christian and Church ....
- RITUAL Or REALITY !  
RELIGION or RELATIONSHIP (with God)

- R 8      Orthodoxy substitutes          Bible KNOWLEDGE  
  for   Spiritual Wisdom

R 9      Some people will ADMIT that they are Sinners  
But            won't CONFESS their actual sin  
Nor will they       FORSAKE their sin

R 10     Christians today usually want to be  
                 The OBJECT of His Blessing                    instead of  
                 The CHANNEL of His Blessing                   big difference !

Once it was the Blessing, now I the Blessor know

R 11     John The Baptist's Message was           " REPENT "  
Many modern Preachers Message is       " RELAX "

R 12     The crucial test of Religion is simply that .....  
                 RELIGION Breeds PRIDE  
                 CHRIST Brings HUMILITY

R 13     The Christians constant battle .....  
                 W O R D S Versus W O R K S                                   Matthew 6 : 20

R 14     The old rugged cross                   has been changed to  
The modern smooth cross  
The original OLD cross                was a terrible instrument of an agonising death  
The modern NEW cross                is a symbol often worn as a necklace !!

R 15     Is our religion a FORM            ( or a FARCE )  
                 or                   a FORCE                   in our lives

R 16     You can be a CHURCHMAN  
Without being a Christian       There's such a vast difference !

R 17     Labels aren't important ~~ Contents are

R 18     The Virgin Church ~ the BRIDE of CHRIST  
The Harlot Church ~ the Bride of Antichrist

- R 19    Orthodox Religion today  
           Has substituted       Religious activity  
               for                    Personal holiness
- R 20    God requires faithfulness to his Son Jesus  
           Not to dead apostatised denomination  
           Instead of this He calls individuals to serve HIM
- R 21    Religion is of 2 Types  
           Inward            Transforming, renewing  
           Outward         a cloak put on over the old man  
                               just evil dressed up
- R 22    Instead of the church transforming society  
           society is        transforming the Church  
           Instead of the Church lifting the world to its level  
           it has descended to the world's level ..... alas !
- R 23    Many so -called Christians have been inoculated with a mild dose of Christianity  
           which has made them immune to the real thing
- R 24    Unity at the expense of Truth ..... is Treason                    Spurgeon
- R 25    It its NEW    Its not TRUE  
           If its TRUE    Its not NEW  
           (Referring to the Gospel, and false Cults)

# S A T A N

- S 1     Satan   D. D. D.             still uses the same tricks .....
- DOUBT did God really say that ?
- DENIAL             no, what he meant was .....
- Then came the Lie ....
- DELUSION, &   DECEPTION                             Genesis 3 : 3
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- S 2     That old Devil, Satan   our adversary
- Is used by God   to train us for his ultimate defeat
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- S 3     Satan always says             Tomorrow
- God always says             TODAY                             Hebrews 3 : 7
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- S 4     If Satan   can't make us BAD
- He will             make us BUSY
- ( Beware   Fleshly   or mere Religious Activity !)
- Someone has spelt Busy as .....
- B         Being
- U         Under
- S         Satan's
- Y         Yoke
- 
- S 5     To be Unmolested by Satan is No evidence of Blessing !
- ( This old world is a Spiritual Battlefield )
- 
- S 6     Only     by Permission from Heaven
- does     Hell   break loose                             Job 1 : 9 - 12
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- S 7     Satan   wanted to be as God             and Fell
- Jesus, was God   became a Man             and was highly exalted
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- S 8     The greatest trick of an Enemy is to convince people that   he doesn't exist
- or that   he's a figment of the imagination
- If there isn't a devil, then exactly   WHO   is doing his work for him ?
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- S 9     Darkness comes on horseback             quickly
- But             goes   on foot             slowly

# SCRIPTURE

- SC 1    Only the Holy Spirit can interpret Scripture  
After all He caused it to be written, He was the Author  
Therefore, unless He is in us, we will Not interpret the Word correctly
- The Bible needs be read with the same Spirit wherewith it was written
- SC 2    Incasol the famous Atheist, once wrote a book on "The mistakes of Moses"  
I would prefer to read Moses book on "the Mistakes of Incasol"  
Perhaps now, Incasol could write a book on "The Mistakes of Robert Incasol"
- Why so many people are against the Bible .....
- Is simply because ..... the Bible is against their life style
- SC 3    It is hard to find any book 100 years old without dozens of mistakes in it -  
what with science and knowledge develop so fast  
But the Bible is thousands of years old and perfect,  
Without 1 "mistake" discovered yet !!  
Yet    written by 40 different Authors  
over 3,000 years  
by Kings to peasants, fishermen, tax collectors, doctors  
in widely different languages, countries, ages  
Amazing !
- SC 4    Abe Lincoln said of the Bible .....
- " What I can understand I accept by reason,  
The remainder, I accept by FAITH "
- SC 5    The only thing we can take with us into Eternity  
Is that which is everlasting ..... The Word Of God
- SC 6    The Book of Acts shows a succession of .....
- REVIVALS    or    RIOTS  
Not much else !  
So    Don't be afraid of bad reactions
- SC 7    Many Christians have the Written Word - The Bible  
But how many have the living Word - John 1:1 abiding  
We need both, we can't fly straight without 2 wings  
With only the one wing, a plane will soon crash





That man is lost ..... but not abandoned A W Tozer

SC 14 The Word of God .....  
is not for our consideration  
but for our Obedience

SC 15 The same Word of God  
that is Seed to the Sower  
is also Bread to the Eater Isaiah 55 : 10

SC 16 These days there is a subtle undermining of Gods Word  
Instead of being blatantly contradicted ~ obvious  
It is being modified ~ subtle

SC 17 These days there are many fancy words  
For what the Bible simply calls SIN

SC 18 The Bible is not just Medicine for Emergencies  
but Food for daily needs

SC 19 Time never makes the Bible out of date  
but just makes it easier to be understood

SC 20 We can never break God's laws ( only fulfil & prove them )  
We can only break ourselves upon them

SC 21 The very best commentary on the Bible, is the Bible itself  
Compare Scripture with Scripture 1 Corinthians 2 : 13 Acts 17 : 11

SC 22 The OLD Testament the NEW Testament  
Promises Fulfilment  
Preparation Possession  
The Holy Spirit from without The Holy Spirit from within

SC 23 Defending the Bible is rather like defending a caged lion  
Just loose it and it will defend itself

SC 24 A sharp sword needs no polish S Chadwick  
Neither does the Word of God ~ the Sword of the Spirit

SC 25 The Word of God merely reflects that which God has placed in all men's hearts

SC 26 The Scriptures are shallow enough for a babe to come and drink  
without fear of drowning, and deep enough for theologians to swim in  
without ever touching the bottom St Jerome

SC 27 Through the Word of God  
we get to know the God of the Word

SC 28 In the OLD Testament we find the NEW concealed  
In the NEW Testament we find the OLD revealed

SC 29 Taking any TEXT  
Out of CONTEXT 2 Peter 1 : 20, 3 : 36  
Will become a PRETEXT 1 Corinthians 2 : 13  
And how the Cults establish so much of their doctrine

SC 30 The Bible TRUTH  
The Da Vinci Code FICTION

Personally .....

I'm more interested in the "Divinity Code", than in the Da Vinci Code  
I'm more interested in the CRUCIFIXION, than in a piece of FICTION

SIN, SORROW, EVIL

- Ezekiel 16 ; 49
- SI 1 The sins of SODOM are listed .....  
PRIDE  
PLENTY ( Fullness of Bread )  
PLEASURE / LEISURE ( Idleness )
- SI 2 The Father of the Arts, Farming, Manufacturing  
was a Murderer ..... Cain Genesis 4  
God bypassed him and appointed a replacement spiritual son ..... Seth
- SI 3 We need to keep in mind that .....  
Sin is only for a Season  
But its results are for Eternity
- SI 4 Sins are of 2 types COMMISSION & OMISSION  
These ought you to have done Matthew 23 : 23  
Letting a drowning person go down without any attempt to save them  
is an example of an act of OMISSION
- SI 5 Self Righteousness .....  
Is like a man who stops beating his wife, to show her how good he is
- SI 6 Time is NO cover for Sin  
Repentance and forgiveness is the only remedy
- SI 7 There are 2 ways of going through our problems and difficulties  
We can either Worry through them  
or TRUST through them
- SI 8 Immoral people can't make moral decisions
- SI 9 These days there are many fancy words  
for what the Bible calls SIN
- SI 10 Being a Christian does not deliver us from sinning .....  
it merely takes the pleasure out of it Dr E Stanley Jones

# SPIRITUAL VISION

- SP 1 Where Gods Finger points,  
there God's Hand will Provide and make the Way
- SP 2 We can see furtherest on the Mountain top  
than in the Valley  
Beware the decision made while in the Valley experience, or while depressed  
Only make far-reaching crucial decisions from a Mountain Top  
  
God shows Us the pattern on the Mountain  
But He carries it out in the Valley
- SP 3 No Person Lives beyond their Spiritual VISION  
( Guard it, develop it )
- SP 4 We speak of our Spiritual Vision  
But what of God's Vision of Me .....  
"For every person, there is the ideal person that God sees in them,  
the person they could be, the person He would have them be "
- SP 5 The Vision of the "Brotherhood of man "  
The answer to the question ....  
" Am I my brother's keeper " Genesis 4 : 9  
Is still YES
- SP 6 We cannot attain to a Vision .....,  
We must live in the inspiration of it, until it accomplishes itself.  
Waiting for the Vision that tarries is the test of our loyalty to God.  
Oswald Chambers
- SP 6 The pure in heart shall see God  
Therefore VISION depends on PURITY ! Matthew 5 : 8
- SP 7 Spiritual Eyesight improves as physical Eyesight declines Plato

# TOUGH TIMES

- T1 Tough Times don't last Tough People do
- T2 Ever noticed that .....  
really Bad Times  
and really Good Times  
both only last for a really Short Time
- T3 When tragedy strikes Don't look at what was LOST  
But at what is LEFT
- T4 We all met the Storms of Life ..... but consider  
How fresh and clear and simple everything is after a Storm passes by !
- T5 Here is a Fact .....  
That should help you fight a bit longer  
The things that don't actually kill you outright  
Actually make You stronger !
- T6 COMPARISON will quickly ruin CONTENTMENT !  
We are often content with our lot until we see someone else with something better  
Immediately ..... discontentment & dissatisfaction sets in !  
And all because of COMPARISON !  
  
When comparing we need take the wider general view .....  
We are vastly better off than millions of others, than most of the world  
35,000 people will die today through starvation !  
1/3 of the worlds population will go to bed hungry tonight !  
So what then about those better off than us ..... !  
  
When comparing, the Rule therefore should be .....  
Compare DOWN wards not UP wards !!!!
- T7 PERSISTENCE .....  
Nothing, but nothing will take the place of PERSISTENCE and Perseverance  
Education will not ..... There are countless educated failures  
Talent will not ..... The world is full of derelicts with abilities untapped  
Persistence, and quiet perseverance always Wins  
PRESS ON Regardless !  
An American President
- T8 Failing does not make you a failure, just experienced ..... !

To become a failure, is when, after falling,  
you refuse to get up just one more time !

T 9 Sir Winston Churchill's famous Speech .....  
NEVER, Never, never, never never, never, never, never, never, never never,  
never, never, never, never, never never, never, never, NEVER GIVE UP !

T 10 ADVERSITY Introduces us to Ourselves

Pressure from circumstances, or "without" Us,  
merely exposes what is within US

T 11 In a fallen World Pain & Suffering is Inevitable  
but Misery is OPTIONAL

T 12 It often takes many years to realise that .....  
Outward circumstances really cannot affect the Inner Life  
It is only our Reaction to them that harms us  
Paul in Prison at Midnight ..... sang praises Acts 16 : 25

T 13 Suicide is surely a permanent answer for a temporary problem !

T 14 The word LUCK is not in the Bible

T 15 Forget the Things that are behind Phillipians 3 : 13  
Take No care for the Morrow Matthew 6 : 34  
So that just leaves TODAY  
Therefore Live One Day at a Time !

T 16 The great thing is to suffer without being discouraged Fenelon

# The WORLD

- W 1     Paul     hated the World   System  
          Therefore     the World   hated Paul
- W 2     The Worlds greatest Problem .....  
          Is Not     Famine,   Pestilence,     War  
          Nor     The Population   Explosion  
          Nor     Communism,     nor any other ISM  
          It is still   S I N     and for the Christian -   WORLD LI NESS
- W 3     We can't deal with the Problems of this old World  
          Until we   have dealt with our own Problems   first  
          ( The Blind can't lead the Blind, or the ditch awaits !)
- Have we   the Answer to the World's problem  
          Or are we   just a part of the Problem !!  
          Are we   OVERCOME BY   or OVERCOMERS OF
- W 4     LAW     is for     the LAWLESS  
          GRACE is only for   the PENITENT  
          Mix these up & the result   is   CONFUSION
- W 5     The World   ~     Might is Right  
          The Christian ~     Right is Might
- W 6     What about the truth of Advertising .....  
          Consider CIGARETTES for example :  
          They   give you a better body  
                 give you healthier lungs  
                 make food taste better  
                 make your clothes smell sweeter  
                 gives you better breath  
                 helps you save money  
          Each puff     adds 16 minutes to your life
- HA HA HA  
          Yeah ... Right !
- W 7     Power corrupts,     and  
          Absolute Power     corrupts absolutely



W 8    Rich to men                    or        pauper to men  
       Rich to God                   or        pauper to God

W 9    There are many of the rich .....  
              Who have plenty of this world in their hands  
              But none of    the next world in their hearts

W 10   When God made men  
              He made them all different  
       But    He made them all equal

W 11   Instead of        the Church converting the world,  
       Today                the world has infiltrated & converted the Church

W 12   SECURITY        as the World knows it, and seeks it    is an ILLUSION  
  
       Only in GOD is our Eternal and Temporal security                Psalm 121

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