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**W**hy so many different religions in the world? No two agree. Yet I suppose most feel that theirs is the one and only **RIGHT** religion.

And then there are the millions, religious and nonreligious, who, through modern education, accept the theory of evolution. Evolution is a theory **UNPROVED**, and by its very nature **UNPROVABLE**. Therefore it is another **FAITH** or **BELIEF**, even though most of its adherents may not think of it as a **RELIGION**.

*Why do people believe what-ever they do? How did they come to believe it? Do you know that most people never stop to ask themselves those questions?*

Of course most who accept a religion were simply brought up to believe the particular religion of their parents or of their part of the world. They never made an examination of it, or of other religions, to **PROVE** whether it is true.

And that is true of most who accept the evolutionary theory of origins. That is, they were taught it in school — in college or university — and they simply went along with the others who were being taught it, and simply **ASSUMED** it to be truth.

## Something lacking

But something must be lacking in all religions! For none has really made this a better world. None has shown us the **WAY** to a lasting world **PEACE**. None has

the answer to all the poverty, the destitution, the illiteracy, the filth and squalor of the hundreds of millions in Asia, Africa, South America — or the solution to the moral degeneracy, the tragedy of broken marriages and split-up families, the crime, the violence, the discontent throughout our supposedly educated and affluent Western world.

Not one of these religions — nor the evolutionists — nor modern science — has been able to explain *why* man is *as he is* — with the almost **AWESOME** human mind that can send men to the moon and back, but can't solve humanity's problems here on earth.

Do you know that there *is* a source that *does* explain all this?

There is a source that can be **PROVED** to be true — and it is the *only* source that can give us the answers. It is the source the Christian religion is supposed to follow, but *doesn't!* It is a source not followed by the Eastern religions — a source rejected by modern science. This very **REJECTION**

is the **REASON** that modern science offers **NO SOLUTION** for humanity's greater problems — the way to lasting world **PEACE** — the way to universal happiness,

prosperity and abundant well-being.

You can **PROVE** the existence of God, the Creator of all, the Ruler of all, and the Great Educator, whose revelation of **BASIC KNOWLEDGE** is the **FOUNDATION** of ALL knowledge, understanding and wisdom.

You can prove the authenticity and the **AUTHORITY** of the revelation of that Supreme God — which revelation we call the Bible. Why not write for the free booklet titled *Does God Exist?*

Why is there so much **MISSING** knowledge? Or, why is the most **VITAL** and important knowledge **MISSING**?

And on the other hand, **WHY** is there so much **MIS-knowledge** — so many fallacies, fables, untruths



Religious holidays are not the same in countries around the world. Why are there so many differing religions, even among professing Christianity? (Photo by Nathan Faulkner)

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being taught in the guise of fact or of truth?

Let me tell you, when you really let the true answer to those questions come into your mind, you'll be on the way to understanding this whole riddle of life — and the REASON for the really terrible and sickening conditions that exist on this earth today.

## Some vital factors

Let me tell you some of the vital factors of knowledge that have been HIDDEN from this world — yes, hidden from the world's leading educators, hidden from modern science, hidden

from all religions, hidden from statesmen, heads of state and the world's rulers, hidden from the public — yes, and hidden from YOU!

One vital factor of knowledge hidden from the world is knowledge of the CAUSE of a lasting world PEACE — and, conversely, knowledge of the CAUSE of the lack of it!

Another vital factor of knowledge hidden from the world is the true MEANING of life — the PURPOSE for which humanity was put here on the earth. Another is the REASON why man can invent such marvelous machines, can fly to the moon, yet CAN'T SOLVE his own problems here on earth.

The Bible is our Maker's instruction manual — His basic revelation of necessary knowledge. And this book claims that ALL mankind, as a whole, is *deceived!* All nations are deceived. Listen! Let me show it to you. "The great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the

deceive many. And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

"For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers [various or many] places. All these are the beginning of sorrows . . . And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many . . . For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect" (Matthew 24:5-8, 11, 24, Authorized Version).

And notice the apostle Paul's warning to the gentile Corinthians: ". . . whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them . . . for Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works" (II Corinthians 4:4, 11:14-15).

These passages represent Satan the devil as the archdeceiver of mankind. Probably most people today are deceived into thinking there is no devil. The very archdeceiver has deceived the world into thinking he doesn't exist and untold millions into thinking that God doesn't even exist.

## Once peace on earth

Another important fact the knowledge of which has been hidden from the world is that there was once peace on this earth — peace worldwide — happiness, joy!

Originally this world was populated with angels — not humans. And that's another bit of knowledge hidden from most people today. So let us now notice the very first verse in all the Bible: "In the beginning God created  
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Devil and Satan, who *deceives the whole world*" (Revelation 12:9).

Notice Jesus' warning: "For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall

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the heavens and the earth” (Genesis 1:1).

The Hebrew words in which Moses originally wrote that sentence imply a perfect creation — not one in chaos and confusion, as described in the second verse. Many scriptures in other parts of the Bible reveal great world-shaking events that occurred between the time of the first and second verses of Genesis one.

In the book of Job the original creation is described as so perfect and so beautiful that the angels shouted for joy. God the Creator is described as asking Job: “Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding . . . When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?” (Job 38:4, 7).

There was worldwide peace on earth for some time after the earth was first created, because the government of God was being administered here then. For how long a duration is not revealed. It could have been millions of years. In any event it lasted until about 6,000 years ago.

When this earth was first created, God, the Creator-Ruler of the universe, set one of two highest-ranking archangels — a cherub — who was thoroughly experienced in the administration of God’s government, as king to administer the government of God over the earth.

And all that, too, is knowledge hidden from the world today. And that involves also another important bit of hidden knowledge — the very ORIGIN of this Satan, the devil.

Notice what Isaiah reveals about this Lucifer or Satan. “How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations! For you have said in your heart: ‘I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the

mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.’ Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, to the lowest depths of the Pit” (Isaiah 14:12-15).

This superarchangel who became Satan (see Ezekiel 28:12-17) led one third of all the angels — the whole earth’s population — in his war of aggression. And he is deceiving the whole earth today!

As a result of this colossal earthwide mutiny and rebellion against the government of God, a physical destruction put this whole earth into chaos and darkness, and that’s what we find described in Genesis 1:2: “The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.”

### Renewing the earth

Then in six days God RENEWED the face of the earth: “You send forth Your Spirit, they are created; and You renew the face of the earth” (Psalm 104:30).

So now, notice the first thing God did in *renewing* the face of the earth: “Then God said, ‘Let there be light’; and there was light” (Genesis 1:3).

It was on the sixth day of renewing the face of the earth that God created the first HUMANS — when MAN was first put here on this earth — for a tremendous purpose that also has been WITHHELD from public knowledge. “Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in *Our* image, according to *Our* likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth’” (Genesis 1:26).

Satan DECEIVED the first woman and got to Adam through his wife. Adam rejected God’s revealed knowledge — just as humanity has been doing ever since — disobeyed the govern-

ment of God, allowed the SAME ATTITUDE that Satan had to enter his heart — the self-centered attitude of vanity, lust and greed, of selfishness, of resentment against authority — especially the authority of God — of total unconcern for the good or welfare of others, of jealousy, envy and hatred.

And all humanity, under the sway of this active Satan, is traveling that way of life still. And that is the very CAUSE of all humanity’s ills and evils in this sick, sick world today.

Happily, the time is coming, SOON, when this whole world is going to be jolted into waking up to this vital knowledge, so long HIDDEN from a sleeping and sick world! □

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## Your Future

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tion. Summer jobs and vocational education classes are also good ways to learn about careers.

### Putting it all together

You must have this knowledge to make wise career choices, but it is not all you need. You must also learn how to use this knowledge to make good decisions. Good decision making requires looking at all the information about yourself and how well you would fit into different careers.

List the different careers you are interested in, examining the pros and cons of each one. Ask your parents and other adults for help in your career choice process. They have known you for a long time and have a lot of experience in making important decisions. After you have done all this, you will be able to make a well-informed choice.

Choosing the right career doesn’t happen overnight. Wise career decisions require many hours of learning about yourself and the world of work. Don’t “run into a brick wall” like Joe did. Put these lessons into action now. It will help you make the right choice later. □