

You Were Born to Be a

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o you know you were put here on earth for a PURPOSE?

Do you know what that

purpose is? Are you sure?

More than three decades ago Queen Elizabeth gave birth to her first son. Everyone in Britain knew — and much of the world knew - that her son was born for a purpose. They knew he was born to become a king. From birth he has been receiving training to prepare him to be a king.

But if I should tell you that YOU were born to be a king — and a ruling king at that would you believe it? Yet I can tell you on

authority of the living Jesus Christ that you definitely were born for that very purpose!

Why has the real purpose of life been hid from the world? WHY must the world remain oblivious to the real meaning of life?

Search, in this world, for the answers! The world does not have the answers. WHY?

Quest for the truth

Go on a quest for the truth. Ask the question: Is there any PURPOSE? Is there any meaning to life?

Do we know why we are here where we are going — what is THE WAY — what lies ahead?



Prince Charles and his mother Queen Elizabeth, 16 years ago at his investiture as Prince of Wales. From birth he has been training to be king. (Youth 85 Photo)

Let's ask science. Let's ask education. Let's ask government, religion, technology, industry. Do any of them have the answers?

Dr. Fred Hoyle gave his answer in his book The Nature of the Universe. He spoke of this wholly fantastic universe in all its incredible order and precision,

yet leaving mankind with scarcely a clue as to whether there is any real significance to human existence. He wondered why the universe is as we find it, and not

> something else. Or, he wondered, why is it here at all? He says we are at present without a clue to the answers.

> This scientist stands in awe of the fact that man possesses intelligence so powerful that he can penetrate deeply into the wonderful universe, yet he is left without the smallest clue to his own fate!

Did you ever hear of the grandmother who searched over the whole house for her mislaid eyeglasses, when all the while they had merely been shoved up on her own forehead? Scien-

tists look way off in the remote regions of endless space to find the reason for their own existence, when all the while the answers are on their own bookshelves — probably covered with dust - in the one Book they never read unless in skepticism and doubt.

Let's ask the Nobel prizewinner Dr. Harold Urey. He replies: "Science gives us no purpose in living beyond having a pleasant existence in one way or another." What, then, do scientists live for? Well, they are fascinated and inspired, he says, by the intriguing and magnificent things that they study.

Yes, one can occupy his mind, for a while, with a hobby, a study or almost any interest. But it's a passing interest. It doesn't answer our questions.

But if scientists may enjoy being wrapped up, for the nonce, in the fascinating things they study, what does science give the ordinary man?

"But science," answers Dr. Urey, "does not give the ordinary man, whose daily life is often drab . . . any motive that gives him a feeling of dignity . . . One of the great needs of this age is a great interpretation which can accept the facts of science and at the same time give inspiration to fill this void."

But I wonder what he really

means by the facts of science? Science too often expresses its "facts" in terms of: "We cannot know, but we are coming to suppose thus and so . . . Or, "Many are of the opinion that . . . " Or, "It is coming to be believed ... " Or, "We may well assume . . ." Or, "Assuming such and such hypothesis to be true, it naturally follows that such and such is a fact."

Then all these speculations, hypotheses, guesses and imaginary fables are assumed to be "facts." All too often, that is so.

Of course, there are many established FACTS of science facts that have been proved facts. And if scientists only knew, the true "interpretation," which can come only from God, does completely square with the true and proven facts of science. And it does, at the same time, fill that void and inspire to joy unspeakable!

So science does not have the answers. Science turns out to be a false messiah, after all.

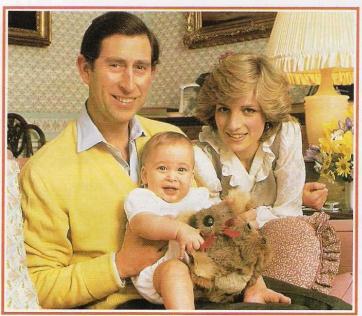
Is knowledge the solution?

Let's ask education. Thoughtful men have said that KNOWL-EDGE is the one solution to all our ills. "Give us sufficient KNOWL-EDGE," they say, "and all problems will be solved."

Look first at the colleges and universities where this education is being disseminated. Student enrollments are on a rapid increase - at an all-time high. But also there is a rapid rise in discontent, disillusionment, a sense of hopelessness and a "what's-the-use" attitude.

And there is an accompanying rise in illicit sex, in premarital pregnancies, in mental illnesses, in drunkenness and in suicides. Among students!

Plainly, the instruction they are receiving is not giving them the answers they need.



Prince Charles' and Princess Diana's first son, Prince William, was born to be a king. Did you know you were also born for a great purpose? (Photo: Tim Graham - Sygma)

Then look at the product of this world's education. The world leaders — the politicians, the scientists, the industrialists, the professional people - they are the product. They have the KNOWLEDGE.

Is, then, KNOWLEDGE the solution? Will KNOWLEDGE solve all

the problems, end the world's ills? The KNOWLEDGE acquired by these people has not brought world peace. It has not ended hunger and want. It has not brought health, happiness and joy.

Take a few specific examples at random. The more doctors we have, the more sickness and disease there is to be treated. The more psychiatrists, the more mental cases to be treated. WHY? Do the doctors cause sickness, the psychiatrists the mind-slippage? No, of course not. But, neither do they deal with and prevent the causes. They treat the effect, while they let other commercial outlets increase the CAUSES.

So, science cannot give the answers.

Education has gone materialistic and does not have the

answers.

The world has tried about every form of government the human mind can devise - but none has brought world peace, universal prosperity and economic security or given us the real MEANING of life.

Technology, industry, the world of business have never provided the answers.

What about religion?

And religion? None of this world's religions know WHY mankind is here, what is his potential destiny, how to achieve it or to be happy

along the way.

Do you know WHY none of the world's religions has the answers? It is because NOT ONE of them has for the SOURCE of its religion THE TRUE AND PURE WORD OF Gop!

People suppose their religion came out of the Bible. I supposed that what I was taught as a boy in Sunday school came out of the Bible. Then, more than 50 years ago, when I was angered and challenged into my first real

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STUDY of the Bible, I was shocked with amazement to see that I had been taught the diametric OPPO-SITE of the teachings of the Scriptures!

The Bible teaches that man's potential is to BECOME A KING — an actual ruling KING! It teaches that he is going to rule people right here on this earth.

When Jesus Christ returns to earth in all the POWER and GLORY of the eternal GOD, and takes the reins of government from men, setting up the WORLD-RULING KINGDOM OF GOD, David — the ancient King David of Israel — resurrected to immortal life, shall be king, under Christ, over all the nations descended from the 12 tribes of Israel (Ezekiel 37:15-25, 34:23, Jeremiah 30:9).

And who will be the kings over each of the 12 tribes — then, of course, actually 12 powerful nations? Jesus has promised those positions to the original 12 apostles (Matthew 19:27-28).

The way to peace

In the world tomorrow — soon to dawn on this world — we shall have WORLD PEACE. Soon there will be universal prosperity. There will be happiness — JOY!

There is, truly, a PURPOSE being worked out here below, as a former Prime Minister of Britain, Winston Churchill, said before the U.S. Congress.

To make Possible a perfect UTOPIAN condition, God created and set in actual living, inexorable motion, a great invisible SPIRITUAL LAW. The law is THE WAY OF LOVE. And LOVE is an outgoing concern for others. It is LOVE toward God — and love toward fellowman.

The BIBLE is the INSTRUCTION BOOK for peace, happiness, prosperity, security, joy. Jesus said man should live by EVERY WORD

of the Bible. Sin is the transgression of the great LAW. And all have sinned.

The world has rejected God's LAW — God's WAY. It has gone the WAY that has brought every curse on mankind. The WORLD TOMORROW will change all that. It will be RULED BY GOD'S LAW!

To QUALIFY to become a king — a RULER in the KINGDOM OF GOD — you must come to really KNOW that law. And the WHOLE BIBLE is a magnification — an elaboration — of its principles.

It is ONLY those who REPENT of their transgressions of God's great spiritual law — the Ten Commandments — and who surrender to and accept as Savior JESUS CHRIST, who can become begotten children of



Prince Charles at age 20 received some of the symbols of rulership. Living God's way will train you to someday receive your crown. (Keystone Photo)

true Christian until he has received THE HOLY SPIRIT of God (Romans 8:9).

That is God's gift. It imparts the very LIFE of God. It renews and opens the MIND to comprehend spiritual knowledge. It bestows the LOVE of God — divine, spiritual love. It imparts

POWER. It instills FAITH.

Yes, you were born to BE A KING!

There IS tremendous PURPOSE for human existence. There IS stupendous meaning to life!

In the beginning God devised, created, set in actual, invisible MOTION, a living, spiritual LAW. This LAW is a way of LIFE. It is THE WAY God devised to produce peace, well-being, happiness, prosperity, joy.

Then God made MAN. He made man a free moral agent. Man must *choose* WHETHER to obey God, follow THE WAY that will bring him every blessing, or turn to THE WAY that may *seem* right, but that brings only curses.

God created man in His very own likeness — same form and shape.

But God is a spirit, and He formed man out of MATTER. Thus if man rejects the WAY to every blessing for his happiness — if he makes a choice to go the WAY that brings on him unhappiness, suffering and curses — he can be destroyed.

But God provided for man's salvation. Even if man starts out the WRONG WAY, he can repent, turn around to go the RIGHT WAY of God's law. The SIN of having gone contrary to that law can be forgiven. Christ paid the death penalty for us. We can be reconciled to God, through Christ.

Happiness forever!

And then God has promised to actually beget us, by His Spirit, to be BORN AGAIN—next time born of GOD, as HIS CHILDREN, into HIS VERY DIVINE GOD FAMILY! Then we, too, shall BE SPIRIT. If man will choose THE WAY that produces full, abundant, joyful HAPPINESS, he may enjoy it FOREVER! But he may not suffer self-inflicted curses forever.

God marked out a 7,000-year duration to work out HIS PUR-POSE in having put humans on earth. The first 6,000 years are allotted for man to be allowed to go the way that, in his deception,

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the same mistakes that have caused her so much pain.

Darlene wishes you all would listen to your parents' warnings, but she knows she didn't and she is still suffering as a result. She doesn't want you to have to suffer like she is.

"They really care"

"If you want guidance from someone that cares, talk to your mom and dad. They are there for that purpose. If you are going to take anyone's advice, take that of your parents. They really care about you and what happens to

"If they didn't, they wouldn't have put up with a lot of the things that you have done — whether you are 6 or 16...I found that to be open with your parents was to be open to yourself."

Darlene said she was just thankful to God that her parents were there to help her to understand her feelings.

For Darlene, it has been a swift and painful change from being a youth to being an adult. Why? Because she tried to hurry up the process. She made decisions she wasn't experienced enough to make and her mistakes were major ones.

The changes we go through to grow up can be traumatic at times, but trying to rush through them won't make the process go any easier.

And that's what parents are there for. They've been through those teen years and they've learned many lessons — some of them the hard way too.

If you're unhappy and you've got problems that seem to be overwhelming, go for help to the people who love you the most, the ones who really care about what happens to you.

Listen to what Darlene says and don't try to grow up too fast. "Remember, if anyone can help you, with God's help, your parents can."

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looks right — contrary to God's law.

Under Satan's sway, man has set up his human society — human forms of government, contrary to God's government. He has set up his own world — with its Satan-influenced, human-produced systems of economic, political, scientific, educational, religious life. Man has REJECTED the way to peace, happiness, prosperity and joy.

But the few who repent, turn to God and His way through Jesus Christ, study and learn God's way, live that way with God's help, converted by God's Spirit, are, in this life, actually learning to be kings whom Christ will use, in the seventh thousand years, to rule the world with God's form of Government.

For 1,000 years there will be a different system of GOVERN-MENT. It will be GOD'S GOVERN-MENT. Jesus Christ will return, having received the KINGDOM from God Almighty the Father. He will set up WORLD GOVERN-MENT. It will be the GOVERN-MENT OF GOD. Its laws are found in your Bible.

Christ will assign some, who have *learned* and *lived* HIS WAY— the WAY of His government, during this life— to rule over one city, or perhaps five, 10 or 100 cities.

But THIS LIFE is the training period. It is *only* those who are UNDER and OBEDIENT TO the authority of God's government *now* — who learn its LAWS, who overcome every other (and false) WAY — whose *real* citizenship is now reserved in heaven, who *then* will be assigned A POSITION OF RULE.

Christ is going to rule the whole world — WITH A ROD OF IRON!

The world has had nearly 6,000 years of Man's governments — Man's education — Man's industrial, commercial and economic systems — Man's social customs

— MAN's religions. Man has written the lesson in human blood — in suffering, frustration, anguish — in wars, failures — in discontent and emptiness.

Soon he will be forced to start a 1,000-year period under God's Government — with God's religion, God's education, God's social customs, God's economic, industrial and merchandising system.

Man is going to be forced, against his will — to be happy!

The real and true *Christian life* is, simply, the way of God's Government. It trains the true Christian to administer that government. It trains him to BECOME A KING!

Yes, you were born to be a KING! □

Ring, Ring

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order to have a proper conversation.

Ever answer a call only to hear a telephone slammed down in your ear? Misdialing is easy to do, but don't bang the receiver down when you realize your mistake. It eases the irritation of a wrong number if the person apologizes genuinely and nicely.

Positive answering

To sharpen your telephone answering skills, test yourself by asking: If someone really important had called me, what would his or her reaction be to how I answered the telephone? Impressed or dismayed?

You can make a good impression on others with your telephone manners. Remember, when you call people, to help them out by clearly identifying yourself. And when the telephone rings for you to answer, give a bright, clear "hello" as a positive response.

The telephone can be a convenience or a frustration. Using telephone courtesy can help make both the calls you make and the ones you receive more pleasant.