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BURNT DUST in a BILACK SKY

Or Do You Aim For The Stars?

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Are you being watched by God and all His angels in Heaven?



Is it possible that you are an actor of some importance in a drama that is performed inside a Cosmic Theater?

Do you plan to be up there With the stars of God ... or will you end up as BURNT DUST IN A BLACK SKY ?

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The world's astrophysicists have informed us that stars are still being born in our Universe, that these are born in clouds of star-gas and stardust... and that when stars die, this same kind of material is left behind. For a burnt-out sun, there remains only a residue of dust that is left behind... Many persons on Earth feel certain that this is likewise the ultimate destiny of our Solar System.

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In the case of a human being, our Earthly existence would seem to progress in a very similar fashion. For a certain span of years we live on Earth in human bodies that are full of intelligence and energy, and we radiate vitality as we burst forth in the universe — we humans seem the "stars" of the cosmic theater.

And then one day, in the final nova-explosion of death, we will become suddenly burnt-out. So then, if we are at last extinguished, our light is finally dead and gone. Our bodies turn to dust when planted in the ground. Even the "unscientific" Bible has told us that God created Man out of dust, and to dust we must return.

MacBeth said: "All our yesterdays have lighted fools the way to dusty death"

— William Shakespeare: -- *MacBeth,* circa:1606 A.D.





Will You Ultimately Be

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Dust Scattered In The Stars?



Star-dust To Star-dust... Is that all beath holds for us?

What happens after that explosion, when we are at last burnt-out? Will there be only ashes left . . . and later on, merely dust?

Is it truly to be "Ashes to Ashes, and Dust to Dust . . . ?"

Are you a person of boundless energy, still thinking that you'll never expire . . .? Do you plan to live dangerously, burn up the road, and then go out in a "blaze of glory" . . . ?

Then it's likely you think your case will be one of star-stuff to broom-stuff . . . that you start out as stellar-energy and wind up being swept away as merely burnt dust in a black sky.

It has been reported that the ashes of Gene Roddenberry, who found religious belief abrasive and "illogical," were shot up into outer space and scattered there—along with ashes of Timothy Leary, a famous "free thinker."

Was that really their final frontier, or did their spirits find another?

By the **cremation** route, you could end up being carried away in a small container as dust for the wind. Or you might prefer to be buried in the ground, so that your corpse will turn to soil and you help feed the grass. Is that really all you're good for? Well, don't treat yourself like dirt there's a better road to travel. You can end up as more than merely food for worms or dust afloat in space.

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Did you know that the Bible refers to the angels as "the stars" of God? It offers you a developmental program by which you can end up — instead — in God's glorious Heaven, right up there with His angels!

It is written in the Book of Proverbs that "The road of the godly leads upward, leaving hell behind."

You too can hold the undying light of Jesus Christ within your breast. It is a powerful, unquenchable light-source that will never die... and it will truly prevent you from perishing in the normal manner of this world. To gain this undying light, you need only ask Jesus to illuminate your mind and heart.

If you choose to make Jesus Christ the new center of your "spiritual solar system," God will no longer remember the sinful misdeeds of

Instead, God will see in you only the reflected light of His Son Jesus Christ.

your past life.

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You will then have the brilliant light of Jesus Christ standing as a fiery pillar of truth at the very center of your Universe. His holy light will ne forth in the depths of your heart. The light of Jesus Christ will shine outward through you as ou radiate his love in helpfulness to other people around you.

With the light of Jesus Christ inside you, you will have a new comprehension of the design

comprehension of the design and purpose of this vast Universe in which we live, and you will even be able to provide illumination for others who are still living in a state of ignorance and spiritual darkness.

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The brilliant light of Jesus Christ can reside inside you like an eternal sun with an eternal fuel supply, and his giant star that will never expire will be forever within you to serve as "internal guidance system" for your heart.

When you put Jesus on a throne in your heart, He provides a warm and undying "sun" for a great void in your internal universe. It burns eternally to dispel the darkness/coldness that could have consumed you.

You can do all this by placing Jesus Christ, who in the Trinity of God created our Universe, upon a throne at the center of your heart! He deserves that position and that kind of respect. He was first God The Son, but when born in human flesh he became the only sinless and righteous person who ever lived. Yet he sacrificed himself on a cross for your sake, taking all guilt and sins upon himself, in order that you and I — that all people — that whoever wishes for salvation might be rescued from the due punishment of sins.

If you choose to accept Jesus Christ and pray to receive His illumination, then His Holy Spirit will come to reside within you forever. He will be a fiery energy-force inside you that will burn eternally and give you a perpetual guidance. He will stay with you in all Earthly trials, and beyond.

By doing this, you will gain a new contentment and inner peace as you accept God's organizational plan for the Universe . . .

because you'll be letting God be the Ruler of All Things in this world . . . and in your own life.

All it really takes is a simple but sincere little prayer — one that you should make up in your own words. The prayer for deliverance and for God's leadership should come from your own heart!

Some important elements that you might include are:

- 1) your desire to turn away from the wrongness or evil of your past life, your remorse over the sins of your previous life,
- 2) your desire for God's forgiveness and mercy through the act of sacrifice of His Only Begotten Son (Jesus Christ),
 - 3) your desire to know God's leadership in your life,
- 4) your desire to learn more of God's truth through Bible study,
 - 5) your desire to find fellowship with genuine believers.

God visited planet Earth when He walked upon our world in the human body of Jesus Christ.

God traveled to the Earth so that He could show us the route to Heaven.

His Light has lived among us.

Jesus said of the people of God that "The kingdom of heaven is like a net that God has cast into the sea, and it gathers of every kind: When it is full, it will be pulled up on the shore, where they will sit down to sort the catch, and they will collect the good fish in baskets, but the bad things will be thrown away. This is the way it will be at the end of the world: The angels shall come forth, and they will separate the unrighteous persons from among those justified by God . . . "

Excerpt from the Book of Matthew, who was a constant companion of Jesus and his devoted disciple [13:47-50].

It's also important for all of us to remember this:

- 1) WE SPEAK TO GOD by our prayers.
- 2) GOD SPEAKS TO US by the words of Holy Scripture.

So we must try to read His words and His Book just as often as we possibly can!!

God wants to bless you for all your long efforts to understand this very confusing and difficult Universe in which we live — so let Him reward your search with the grace of His forgiveness and enlightenment!

A Letter From The Sponsor

In 1979, I spent two months in Nepal. During November, I did the Pokhara-Muktinath Trek with my travel-buddy, a Swiss adventurer named Werner Baumgartner. Later, in December, we would also do the Everest Trek together.

For the first trek, we hiked day after day — all day, every day — through the mountains of Nepal... until we finally reached our destination at Muktinath. There we saw the goal of this trek.. what was called "The Temple of Miraculous Fire." It was an old building which was situated on a mountaintop.

In many ways, it was a very inspirational trip, but the "miraculous fire" that we found in that temple was just a little bit disappointing. When the altar curtain was pulled back by a Buddhist monk, we were given a chance to see the miniature wonder contained inside this Nepalese temple.

We saw then what the Temple of Miraculous Fire was all about. There was a tiny stream of water coming up through the ground, and it made a miniature waterfall behind that curtain. But there was more to it than that. An endless supply of natural gas was also gushing out of the ground, and it was kept lighted by the monks... so there was a flame of fire floating over the waterfall, one that seemed to burn eternally. That was the miracle of this temple, and the Buddhist pilgrims who travel there are greatly impressed by this combination of fire, water, earth, and air... the four basic elements in their cosmogeny.

Imagine — a fire that floats on water — seemingly forever! Well, it is a rather unusual thing for a trekker to discover in this world, as you might guess.

Six months later, I came to the Pacific Island of Guam, where I would be living and working for the next five years. Soon after I got there, I became a genuine believer in Jesus Christ, and finally I became a diligent student of the Bible. My arrival on Guam brought me to a new comprehension. I understood that "miraculous fire" becomes a reality for a human being when God puts His Holy Spirit into a believer. This comes only through faith and a prayer to Jesus Christ. Then the human being becomes a temple for God's Holy Spirit. Amazing as it may sound, a mere human being is able to become a "Temple of Miraculous Fire." The fire of God's Holy Spirit will then burn in you eternally!

And what is more, Jesus Christ will also give you an endless supply of "living water," which will become in you a spring of Eternal Life.

The Christian believers of our Earth are all engaged in a great Journey to the East... the trek to a New Beginning and a New Earth. I hope you'll join us.

Our army is still growing, and we are looking for new recruits. That is a good thing, because it's what Jesus wants us to do. And as Rev. Richard Wurmbrand has aptly stated in his book *Reaching Toward The Heights:* "If we become a larger party climbing together, we may succeed better."

I became a believer in 1980, right after I settled down for a while on the island of Guam. I didn't know it, but my Swiss pal Werner also became a believer in Christ during this same year, by an independent route.

I learned from his letters that Werner eventually studied theology at a Bible College in Switzerland. My old trekking buddy, the congenial baker from Switzerland, the pal with whom I had traveled so extensively during our globetrotting days... ended up becoming an evangelical pastor for the Reformed Free Church in Switzerland. He also became a missionary evangelist, working to this very day as a "church planter" in the more rural and unreached areas of his native country. He starts new churches there.

It's not surprising that we both became believers and followers of Jesus Christ. We traveled for many months inside a great many countries of this world, and we could both see how much this Earth is in need of God's Son.

I became a believer because Jesus Christ is our Gateway to the Truth of God. He is the Guardian of God's Absolutes, and He is the Announcer of God's Truth! When we see His face, we see the face of the Father in Heaven. When we hear His words, we hear the Truth about Heaven and Earth. The voice of Jesus Christ is the voice of God. Clothed in perfect righteousness and purity, He is eternally the Son of God.

The Devil has too many children already, but the Father in Heaven could use some more. If you become a child of God, you'll be proud to declare that you have become a member of His Family... and a brother to Jesus Christ!

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