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The aims of people will soon be engaged in space travel. From world to world, star to star, system to system, they will explore a universe. This is something better than the fantastic dreams of the writers of science fiction. It's more certain than all the scientific research for those who are planning space travel. Back of these plans to explore the universe is the Creator of the universe. The evidence for this is not some fantastic religious idea, not some theological speculation. But the evidence, the clear, convincing evidence, is available for all who wish to investigate it.

Would you like to look at that evidence? First, we look at the universe itself. Everywhere I look, I see evidence of a plan—a design.

As I look at a snow crystal, I see more than a six-sided figure. I see beautiful lace-work patterns. In each one of all the millions and millions that fall each winter, each one is a separate pattern, a different design.

They tell me that some of the lace makers in Switzerland get their patterns from these snowflakes. They're always sure of something new.

But that's only the beginning. If I look at a flower, whether with the naked eye or under a microscope, I see a design—a plan. If I look at the human body, whether I study the bones or the muscles or the nerves, the stomach or the heart or the lungs, I see a wonderful arrangement with part to part, system to system.

If I look out at the universe around me, the starry heavens, I note that all is arranged in a wonderful order. Each star comes on time. You know we get our time by the stars. And being reasonable beings, you and I must always conclude that every design has back of it a designer.

This watch didn't just happen. The fact that it can tell me the time shows that somebody with a mind that could tell time planned it. And so, everything in the universe tells me that there's a plan and a planner, a design and a designer.

The Creator of this universe has a plan. But the best part of it is, for me, is that this plan includes me. In fact, it's arranged for me.

Again look at nature. What is all this food supply for? Why are thousands of different plants so arranged that they give me the fuel I need to run my human engine, the food that I need to build up my muscles, bones, teeth, and all the rest? How does it

happen that growing from the earth, those plants produce the very things that I need? The Creator must have been thinking of me.

I look into the body itself, and I discern wonderful evidence of a plan to take care of not only routine but emergencies. Millions of white blood cells circulate in my bloodstream on police duty, watching for invaders, and ready to attack them, and thus save my life.

There are thousands of other evidences that the plan of this universe includes me, and that it is being run for my benefit.

Something, shall I say still more interesting, not merely my needs are provided for, but a great many things that I could live without: the beauty of the sunrise; the glory of the sunset; the color in a thousand flowers, and the lovely songs of the birds. All these things you and I could live without, but they're thrown in for good measure, shall I say precious evidence that the Creator of the universe is interested not only in our survival but our joy, our happiness, our supreme satisfaction. That makes me more and more interested to know that the One who planned all this, and who planned it for me, He must love me. And the very fact that He has a great universe to think of, and yet has thought enough about me to plan all these things for me, makes me know that He has a great heart of love.

But now, how shall I get in touch with Him? How will He get in touch with me? How will I know how to cooperate with Him?

It's evident as I look around me that while there's a great plan, there's also evidence that human beings here in this world can seriously interfere with those plans. I see war where there ought to be peace. I see disease where there ought to be health. I see dissatisfaction where there ought to be contentment. It's evident that while the Creator of this great universe has a great plan, that there's a place where you and I fit into it according to our choice—it must be an intelligent choice. And so somewhere, some way, there must be a plan for Him to communicate with you and me, and let us in on the great design of the universe so that we can intelligently cooperate with Him.

Now that's exactly what the Bible claims to be, just such a revelation. It claims to be a message from the Creator of the universe. It claims to bring us His plan for the universe, for this world, and each of us personally.

The Creator doesn't ask us to believe that without evidence. In fact, He doesn't want us to believe without evidence. We could easily be led astray on any program of that kind. There are many things in the world that profess to be revelations. The Bible itself invites us to reason.

“Come now, and let us reason together, says the LORD...”  
Isaiah 1:18.

And so having looked first at this evidence in the universe around us that there is design and there is a Designer, a plan and a Planner, let us look now at the Bible and examine its claims to be a revelation from that Creator, designer.

I wish you'd think about this a minute. If you were trying to give men a book with evidence that was an inspired revelation from God; if you were in God's place, and you wanted to give to the people of this world such a revelation, what kind of evidence would you put into it that would make them know that it was from God? Think about that. Think about the problem. Shall I say that God is up against? How can He give men a book and make them know that that's a revelation from His own wonderful mind?

True, He can send a messenger from Heaven and have the prophet down here in this world write out that message. That's what He has done in this Book. True, He can have those men as they write down the message say God showed me these things. God revealed these things to me. God told me to write them down. And all that has happened. But all that, my dear friends, if that is all there is to it, leaves us at the mercy of the whims and fancies of various human beings who may conclude that they too have some revelations which are of value.

So, there must be something more than the testimony of the prophet that he has seen a messenger from Heaven, and that he has written down a message from God. There must be something in the message itself which you and I can prove.

And that's exactly what God has done. He has put into this Book something wonderful, something marvelous, something that no human being can duplicate. What is it? It is the evidence of fulfilled prophecy.

With all man's wisdom there is something which he cannot do. He cannot tell what the future is. Men may guess. Men may flip coins and guess how many times it will come up heads and how many tails. Men may investigate the weather, and they may tell us whether it's going to rain tomorrow or not. But we've all had the experience that sometimes they hit it, and sometimes they don't. No, men may either guess or speculate about forecasting. But to absolutely and accurately foretell the future is something that man has never been able to do. God has not given him that gift. God has reserved that for Himself.

In the Bible, written hundreds and thousands of years ago, He has put predictive prophecies which, with the passing centuries, would give us ever-increasing evidence that it was God who wrote it. The men who wrote down these predictions, many of them did not live to see the fulfillment of their prophecies. But you and I, as we look back through the centuries, we can see that the things that they wrote came to pass.

Let's take an example of that. Turn in your Bibles to Daniel 2, this wonderful prophecy that I never get tired of looking at, for it's one of the most amazing examples of God's ability to foretell the future.

Daniel, you remember was a young man from Jerusalem who was captured, by Nebuchadnezzar, along with others in his conquest of the world. Daniel was brought down to Babylon, and with other young men was given a training there to be among the king's wise men.

In the second chapter of this book of Daniel, we're told of a remarkable dream that this king of the world was given by God. And the purpose was exactly what we're studying. It was to give to that man, and on down through the ages to you and me, the evidence that God foretells the future.

"But there is a God in heaven that reveals secrets, and makes known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days..." Daniel 2:28.

So that was the purpose of it. Now there was an interesting thing that happened in connection with this. The king was given a dream, but he forgot it, yet it impressed him.

The wise men of the realm, those that were trained in all the skills and sciences of that time, were given an opportunity to help the king in his problem. They failed miserably, you can read the story there, and the king was so disappointed, so frustrated, so angry because of their failure, in spite of their previous pretension, that he commanded them all to be killed.

But when young Daniel hearing of the problem, asked time that he might seek his God for the answer; this time was given. And as we see him here, he comes in before the king, humble, yet confident, telling the king that God will give him the answer. Then he gives him the dream.

He tells the king of a great image with a head of gold, breast and arms of silver, thighs of brass, legs of iron, and feet part of iron and part of clay. As in the dream that image stands there with its various metals, a stone is seen hurled through the air. It hits the feet of that image; it breaks the whole image to pieces. It's ground into fine powder and carried away like chaff. Then that stone, wonders of wonders, becomes a great mountain and fills the whole earth.

What could it mean? The One who had given the dream gave the interpretation. Men might speculate as to the meaning of the dream, but the interpretation is given in the plainest, simplest language.

Daniel tells the king you are the head of gold. After you, will arise another kingdom, inferior, and then another third kingdom of brass which shall bear rule over all the earth; then the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron. And what about those toes of feet of clay? Ah, the kingdom shall be divided.

“And whereas thou saw the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou saw the iron mixed with miry clay. And whereas thou saw the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou saw the iron mixed with miry clay. And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly broken. And whereas thou saw iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay” Daniel 2:41–43.

There, in brief and rapid outline, the history of the world from Daniel's time is given to us. What are the great features?

First, four great universal empires, and history tell us that's exactly what we had. Babylon, which was ruling then, followed by Medo-Persia—the silver kingdom, Greece represented by the brass, and then what? Rome represented by iron. And given the infidel historian, echoing the very words of this prophecy, speaks of the iron monarchy of Rome.

But now, there is to be a change. No longer is one king to rule the world. No longer is one nation to dominate everything. After centuries of rule, first by Babylon and Persia and Greece and Rome, we come to a change. And this says the kingdom shall be divided. History tells us that is exactly what happened to Rome. No dictator came along to seize the scepter of universal empire from the Caesars.

Rome was broken up into 10 parts. Between the years 351 A. D. and 476 A. D., there in Western Europe, on the ruins of the Roman Empire, arose those nations, those kingdoms which have continued on down to our present time as England, France, Italy, Germany, Spain, and the rest. There they stand there today, evidence of the fulfillment of this wonderful prophecy.

But there is still more of interest. This indicates that they would try to weld those parts together, but it says they would not succeed any more than you can weld iron and clay together. That's exactly what has happened. Over and over again, men have arisen to try to weld Europe together. Charlemagne tried it. Charles V tried it. Napoleon tried it. In our own day we've seen Hitler try it.

How many have succeeded? Not one. Those seven words of Daniel, the words of God to king Nebuchadnezzar 600 years before Christ was born, those seven words have stood out against all the military genius and the diplomatic planning of scores of the brightest minds of Europe. They shall not cleave one to another.

It even indicates that intermarriage would be brought in—they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men, but they shall not cleave on to another. You all know how that many a time marriages have been formed in Europe, in order to seek to draw together the various nations, and their crowned heads. In 1914, when the first World War broke practically all the crown heads of Europe were either related by blood or marriage. But did it keep them from strife? Not at all. So the prophecy has been accurately fulfilled right up to the minute.

We stand right now with greater opportunity to prove how this evidence has come to pass than any other generation in the past. In other words, this is the kind of evidence that grows greater with each passing century.

And now we look with interest to see what the next act in this drama is; what's the next event? This brings us right up to date; this is just as up to the minutes as this morning's newspaper.

What will come to pass? What is the stone that will smite the image on its feet? Daniel answers: and in the days of these kings, these that tried to weld Europe together and failed:

“And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever” Daniel 2:44.

That is the next act. Addressing king Nebuchadnezzar there on the throne of Babylon, he says:

“Forasmuch as thou saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure” Daniel 2:45.

That's where we stand. That's the next act the setting up of God's everlasting kingdom.

Something more about how that's to be done, and how that relates to space travel, we'll take up in our next study. But now, there's another great line of evidence which I must just introduce, and leave with you at this time. When I studied chemistry, the professor used to come in at 7:00 o'clock in the morning, day by day, and lecture to us. He'd put things on the blackboard. We looked at the textbook. He would explain things to us.

But after we had an hour of that, do you know what happened? Why, he would send us over to the laboratory, and there under the guidance of another professor, we

took things out of bottles and put them into test tubes. We took things out of cans and boxes and mixed them.

What were we doing? We were proving out what we had been listening to in the lecture and reading out of the textbook. And evidence based on demonstration in the laboratory is hard to beat, isn't it?

So, my dear friends, when you and I have looked at the universe around us and have seen the great evidence of the great Creator's design, when we've examined this book, the Bible and have seen the wonderful evidence that God foretells of the future and therefore know it is God who is speaking, then it is our privilege to go into the laboratory of our own hearts and lives and let God work for and in us, and with us, and we with Him, in proving these things true for ourselves. He invites us to. He says:

“...taste and see that the LORD is good...” Psalm 34:8.

And each one of us here, as we listen to what we have studied together, it is our privilege to go alone with God and down on our knees say, Dear Lord, make this demonstration in my life. Show me Your love. Reveal Your truth to me. Help me to see that You love me as the Bible says. Change my heart and life, and help me to fit into Your plan.

As we do that, my dear friends, each of us can have evidence in his personal life that is without controversy.

In our next study, we shall continue. Let us bow our heads in prayer.

Our dear Father, we thank Thee this morning, for the wonderful revelation of Thy love in nature and through Thy Word, and to each of us personally. To the best we know, we yield our lives to Thee that we may fit into Thy wonderful plan for us and the universe.

Forgive our sins for Jesus' sake that died for us, and lead us further and further into Thy great plans, that we may share with Thee the joy of eternal life, for Christ's sake. Amen.

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