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Chapter 2 : Full text of "Historical Introductions to the Symbolical Books of the Evangelical Lutheran Church"

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Originally the surname of the Julian gens thus, Caius Julius Caesar ; afterward a name borne by the Roman emperors. In the New Testament the name is definitely applied to Augustus Lu 2: The "Caesar" to whom Paul appealed Ac The form is perpetuated in "Kaiser" and "Czar. These words occur in the epistle which Paul wrote from Rome near the end of his first imprisonment there, probably in the end of 61 AD, to the church in Philippi. They give us most interesting information in regard to the progress made in the propagation of the gospel in Rome. How is it that the gospel, which at the first chiefly advanced among the poorer classes in the Empire, made its way at a bound into the very palace of the Caesars? The slaves of the imperial household formed a host in themselves. At a time when many a private citizen in Rome owned several hundreds of slaves, it need not surprise anyone to know that there was a vastly larger number of such persons in the palace of the emperor. This was a period when the city of Rome and the court of the Caesars swarmed with Asiatics, many of whom were Jews, and many of them would be in slavery, or in employment, in the imperial court. Of course they were not all slaves: The domus or familia Caesaris represented by the Greek oikia Kaisaros included the whole of the imperial household, the meanest slaves as well as the most powerful courtiers. On the character and constitution of this household we happen to possess more information than perhaps on any other department of social life in Rome. In the list of offices filled by members of the imperial household were also such functions as those of keepers of the wardrobe or of the plate-chest; even the "tasters" formed a separate class of servants under a chief of their own. And, first, there is no need at all to suppose that the gospel was unknown, even in the palace, previous to the arrival of Paul in Rome. For in that numerous household of the emperor there would be Jews, perhaps many of them; and all the Jews were at that time filled with Messianic hopes, and thus were ready to listen to the gospel. The Gospel Advances in the Palace: But the propagation of the gospel received a great impetus and help forward, when Paul arrived in the city. For although he was a "bound prisoner," his wrist fastened by an iron chain, day and night, to the soldier who guarded him, he was able to "preach the kingdom of God and to teach those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him" Ac Immediately after his arrival in Rome, Paul had put himself in communication with "the chief of the Jews"â€”probably the rulers of the synagogues in Romeâ€”and many of them came to him in his lodging and conferred with him. Those chief men of the Jews expressed their great desire to hear from him what his thoughts were in regard to the hope of Israel Ac The Jewish community in Rome had for years past been permeated with the hope of the coming of the Messiah; indeed successive rumors of false Christs had kept them in a fever of excitement, which, on one occasion at least, had broken out in tumult, so strong was their hope of His speedy appearing. Thus it would come about, as a matter of course, that the gospel would reach all the Jews in Rome, and from this knowledge of Jesus, whom Paul proclaimed, the Jews who were in the service of the emperor could not possibly be excluded. But besides this, the fact that Paul was in daily contact and intercourse with the soldiers who guarded him could not fail to lead to the introduction of the gospel into Gospel the regiment. He reviews the names of the persons to whom Paul sends greeting in Ro 16 and compares them with the names of persons who lived at that time, and which have been found in monumental inscriptions on the columbaria or places of sepulture exhumed on the Appian Way. Many of the occupants of those columbaria were freedmen or slaves of the emperors, and were contemporaries of Paul. In the household of the emperor there were necessarily many persons of high rank. Her daughter Portia also shared in the same punishment of exile. The charges brought against all three were atheism and inclination to Jewish customs: Paul the Traveler, etc. The ancient name in the Arabic form Qaisariyeh still clings to the ruins on the sea shore, about 30 miles North of Jaffa. With his usual magnificence Herod lavished adornments on the city. He erected sumptuous palaces and public buildings, a theater, and amphitheater with prospect to the sea; while a spacious system of sewers under the city secured cleanliness

and health. But "the greatest and most laborious work of all" was a magnificent harbor "always free from the waves of the sea," which Josephus says was not less than the Piraeus: It was of excellent workmanship, and all the more remarkable because the place itself was not suitable for such noble structures. The whole coast line, indeed, is singularly ill-fitted for the formation of harbors. The mighty breakwater was constructed by letting down stones 50 x 18 x 9 ft. The mole was ft. Part was surmounted by a wall and towers. A promenade and dwellings for mariners were also provided. The work was done in ten or twelve years. It became the residence of the Roman procurator. It passed into the hands of Agrippa I; and here he miserably died Ac Here dwelt Philip the Evangelist Ac 8: Thrice Paul passed through Caesarea Ac 9: Terrible cruelties were practiced on the Jews under Felix and Florus. Here Vespasian was hailed emperor by his soldiers. Titus here celebrated the birthday of his brother Domitian by setting 2, Jews to fight with beasts in the amphitheater. Eusebius was bishop of Caesarea AD. The city passed into Moslem hands in In the time of the Crusades it fell, now to the Christians and now to the Moslems; and was finally overthrown by Sultan Bibars in AD. The cathedral stood on the site of a temple built by Herod, where the ruins are seen today; as are also those of two aqueducts which conveyed water from Nahr ez-Zerqa. The landward wall of the Roman city was nearly 3 miles in length. At the Southwest base of Mt. Hermon, on a rocky terrace, 1, ft. It was a center for the worship of Pan: It is possible that this may have been the site of ancient Baal-hermon; while Principal G. The district was given by Augustus to Herod the Great 20 BC, by whom a temple of white marble was built in honor of the emperor. Paneas formed part of the tetrarchy of Philip. He rebuilt and beautified the town, calling it Caesarea as a compliment to Augustus, and adding his own name to distinguish it from Caesarea on the coast of Sharon Ant. From Bethsaida Jesus and His disciples came hither, and on the way Peter made his famous confession, after which Jesus began to tell them of His coming passion Mt Some think that on a height near Caesarea Philippi Jesus was transfigured. Agrippa II renamed the town Neronias Ant. The ancient name however outlived both Caesare a and Neronias, and survives in the Arabic form Baniyas. The modern village, built among the ruins, contains inhabitants. The walls and towers of which the remains are seen date from Crusading times. The castle, ec-Cubeibeh, crowns the hill behind the town, and must have been a place of strength from the earliest times. Its possession must always have been essential to the holding of the valley to the west. Immediately to the north of the town, at the foot of a steep crag, the fountain of the Jordan rises. Two niches cut in the face of the rock recall the idolatries practiced here in olden times. A shrine of el-Khudr stands on the west of the spring. With the rich soil and plentiful supplies of water, in a comparatively temperate climate, average industry might turn the whole district into a garden. As it is, the surroundings are wonderfully beautiful. Ewing CAGE kaj kelubh; phulake: The earliest known form of cage made to confine a bird, for the pleasure of its song or the beauty of its coloring, was a crude affair of willows or other pliable twigs. Later cages were made of pottery, and now they are mostly made of wire. References in the Bible make it very clear that people were accustomed to confine in cages such birds as they especially prized for pets, or to detain them for market purposes. James indicated that cages were common when he wrote Jam 3: Or wilt thou bind him for thy maidens? Jeremiah compared the civil state of Judah to a "cage crate full of birds" Jer 5: The sale of sparrows as an article of food still continues in the eastern markets. Jesus referred to this Mt Caiaphas was the surname of Joseph, a son-in-law of Annas compare Joh Caiaphas took a leading part in the trial and condemnation of Jesus. It was in his court or palace that the chief priests Sadducees and Pharisees, who together constituted the Sanhedrin, assembled "that they might take Jesus by subtlety, and kill him" compare Mt The regal claims of the new Messiah and the growing fame of His works had made them to dread both the vengeance of imperial Rome upon their nation, and the loss of their own personal authority and prestige compare Joh But Caiaphas pointed a way out of their dilemma: The commentary of John upon this Joh The advice of the high priest was accepted by the Sanhedrin Joh After being led "to Annas first" Joh Mr and Lu do not refer to Caiaphas by name. His conduct at this preliminary trial of Jesus Mt False witnesses were first called, and when Jesus refused to reply to their charges, Caiaphas asked of Him if He were "the Christ, the Son of God " Mt Upon this charge was Jesus found "worthy of death" Mt Caiaphas is also mentioned in Ac 4: He becomes "a tiller of

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the ground," and brings to Yahweh an offering of the produce of the soil, his brother Abel, the shepherd, bringing at the same time the fat of the first-born of his own flock. From Cain and from his offering Yahweh withholds the sign of acceptance which he grants to Abel. That the ground of this difference of treatment is to be found so Heb Under the just rebuke of Yahweh he hardens his heart and is further confirmed in impenitence.

Chapter 3 : Full text of "The Aeneid of Virgil"

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A Sermon Lately Preached by Dr. By their fruits ye shall know them. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but the corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth, good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Therefore by their fruits ye shall know them. Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doth the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy by thy name, and by thy name cast out demons, and by thy name do many mighty works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: The true and false doctrines always run contrary to one another. How the power is given to all Christians in this warning to be judges of all doctrines. How this warning will completely overthrow the claims of the Papacy and Councils. A Christian should be assured of his faith and not build on human authority. The councils and decisions of the Papists. They can give no foundation or consolation in time of death. How the Papists seek to confirm their councils and decisions, and the answer to give them. How and why we should not believe these councils and decisions. It is nonsense, if the Councils wish to determine how we are to believe. In how far the decisions of the Councils are to be received. Who the true Judges are in spiritual matters. That the Papists are false prophets is proved: By the false doctrines they teach. How this warning points out the fruits by which we should know the false prophets. What is demanded here is to determine from these fruits whether any one is a false prophet. The nature of these fruits. The fruit of the spirit by which we can know the pure doctrine. Our good works do not condemn us, neither do they save us; but faith saves and unbelief condemns. Before good works can be done, faith must first be present. There is no greater sin in the world than unbelief. Christ warns us of the teachings of Satan, who will come speaking lies in hypocrisy, 1 Timothy 4: Peter in 2 Peter 2: Therefore the folly of these misleading teachers shall be manifest unto all men, 2 Timothy 3: Lord, Lord, have we not cast out devils in thy name? Have we not in thy name done many wonderful works? These are the ones of whom Christ warns us, to whom he will say in the last day in terrible judgment: I never knew you: Because they sought such works and through them they thought they were pleasing to God. As the Lord in the three previous chapters, the 5th, 6th and 7th, explains the commandments of God, he finally concludes with these words: This is a Christian doctrine, and the sum total of all Christianity. Immediately follows this Gospel lesson, in which the Lord exercises the office of a good shepherd and teacher, and warns us to beware of false prophets. As though he would say: Now you have heard the truth, from henceforth therefore beware of other doctrines. For it is certain that false teachers and false prophets will arise wherever this Word is preached. We must boldly consider the two kinds of doctrine, the true and good, and the false and erroneous, and that they will always accompany each other, for thus it has been from the beginning, and thus it will continue to the end of the world. Hence it will not do for us to creep along in silence, and resort to a safe and secure manner of life. The evil teachings of men and the doctrines of devils, and all our enemies oppose us without ceasing, and hence we dare not think that the issue is settled. We are not yet across the river. Therefore the Lord diligently warns us and says: We should well consider this passage, for Christ our Lord here commands and gives all Christians the power to be judges of all doctrine, and he gives them power to judge what is right and what is not right. It is now well on a thousand years that this passage has been perverted by false Christians, so that we have had no power to judge, but had to accept what the Pope and the councils determined, without any judgment of our own. Now this Gospel here overthrows the very foundation of popery and of all councils, for we are not bound to keep what the Pope commands and men decree. Therefore I say again, firmly grasp what this Gospel teaches, for the authority has never been given either to the Pope or councils, or anyone else, to sit and determine what is faith. Christ says

we have the right to judge all doctrines, and whatever is proposed for us to keep or to reject. Here the Lord does not speak to the Pope, but to all Christians. And as the doctrine is proclaimed to all: Hence I can say: Pope, you together with the councils have resolved, and now I have to decide whether I may accept it or not. Because you will not stand and answer for me when I die, but I must see to it myself how I stand before God, so that I may be certain of my fate. Even though all men should come, yea, even the angels and all the world, and pass a resolution, if you cannot grasp it and decide for yourself, you are lost; for you dare not base your decision on the Pope or anyone else; you must yourself be prepared so that you can say: For when you are about to die, and you rely on the Pope and the councils and say: The Pope said this, the councils have resolved that, the holy fathers Augustine and Ambrose have thus determined, then the devil can easily lint a hole in your drum and insinuate: What if this were false? What if they had erred? And when such a temptation enters your mind, you are already overcome. For this reason you must act conscientiously, so that you can boldly and defiantly say: Peter also means when he says in his first Epistle 1 Peter 4: Paul says in 1 Corinthians 2: Then they began to say: This we must learn from the Pope and the councils. Very well then, let them conclude and say what they please, yet I will reply, you cannot put your confidence in that nor thus satisfy your conscience, for you must determine this matter yourself, for your very life depends upon it. Therefore God must speak to your heart: But our bishops, Caiaphas, Pilate and Herod insist upon it and rage so terribly, that a person must think them insane. They bring forth St. I would not believe the Gospel, if the honor of the church did not move me; and think they have already won. What does it concern us whether St. Augustine or Jerome, St. And God commands this Word to be told you through men, and especially has he permitted it to be proclaimed and written for you by the Apostles; for St. Hence no one shall draw me from the Word which God teaches me. Of this I must be as certain as two and three make five, for this is so certain, that if all the councils would say otherwise, I know they lie. Again, that a yard is longer than a half a yard is certain, even though all the world denied it, I still know that it cannot be otherwise. Who shall determine this for me? No one but the truth alone, which is so entirely and wholly certain, that no one can deny it. Therefore you must come so far as to say: This is true, no man shall persuade me differently. Thou shalt not kill; and again: Thou shalt do to others as you would have them do to you; then you must know in the face of all councils, that this is the teaching of Christ, although all men said otherwise. So also this doctrine: You cannot help yourself, but Christ is your Savior, who has obtained for you the forgiveness of your sins; this you must know and confess in your heart that it is true; and if you are not conscious of it, then you have no faith, and the Word only hangs about your ears and swims on your tongue like foam on water, as Hosea the prophet says, Hosea All this I say therefore, in order that we may return to the Gospel and observe where the foundation has its source, that ye must be judges, and have the power to judge over all things that are offered you; hence I can and dare not build on any man, for I must answer for myself when death comes. Consequently do not allow yourselves to be persuaded that you must believe what the Pope says or the councils decree. When you know God, then you have the proper rule of judgment, the measure and rule by which you can judge all the doctrines of the fathers; namely, when you know that Christ is your Savior, who rules us sinners. So when one now comes and says: You must become a monk, and do so and so, if you want to be saved, for faith alone is not sufficient for salvation; then you can truly and assuredly say: You lie, your doctrine is false; for whoever believes in Christ shall be saved. Who teaches you this? Faith in your heart, which believes this alone and nothing else. Therefore no one can beware of false doctrine unless he be spiritual. For Paul says this in 1 Corinthians 2: Hence it is very foolish for the councils to wish to determine and establish what a man must believe, when there is often not a single man present who ever tasted the least of the divine Spirit.

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tranquil action; the other, a turbulent passion: I can go no further in my explanation: The Samaritan word rendered as D m , belongs to the root fS, the image of darkness, united to the root WB, which develops all ideas of inflation, of vacuity, of vanity. The word Dm, which is formed from it, signifies an enormous excavation, and also a savage, voracious animal. He had been given faculties for the development of thought, reason and will, yet immediately he acts on this own initiative he discovers that he has absolutely nothing in himself to replace the omniscient wisdom of Elohim, which had hitherto guided al his activities. He had qualities far higher than any possessed by the animal world, but he had everything to learn in the use of them. As a man he was far more helpless than the animals. An animal knows all it needs to know from the moment it is born. At first they had been invested with those glorious crowns which gave them protection and exemption form death. When they sinned, they were stripped of them, and then they know that death was calling them, that they had been deprived of their exemption, and that they had brought death on themselves and on all the world. Nakedness is its lower aspect is "A symbol of a state of ignorance, a lack of ideas and opinions clothes. As all external states have analogous reference to internal states, this condition is emblematic of an empty state of soul. Ram sign of Aries. Note that the Greek letter Upsilon K is similar to the sign Aries. The ram or Aries, is the lamb of Gnostic Christianity. Note that the first 2 Greek letters of Ram are equilavant to K. This gives a plain intimation that the founder of the Rosicrucian order, Brother C. Thus this letter was the symbol of the way of life, and here we may remind ourselves that God the son, or Jesus Christ, who is also represented by the letter Upsilon, is reported to have said: It is treated by the world with contempt and reject by it. As it grows, it becomes divided into two branches, white and red, both springing from one root "Y". The text from which this is quoted [Secret Symbols] shows the Pythagorean Y, or Upsilon, with the alchemical symbol for Sulphur above the left-hand branch of the letter, and the symbol for Mercury above the other branch. Wine symbol of Life. All doubt as to this is removed by the passage in Ephesians 5: Vinegar symbol of death. The vinegar given to Jesus on a "reed" while on the cross. The potential sign united to that of sympathy and of reciprocity, constitutes a root which develops the relations of things to themselves, their mutual tie, their sameness or selfsameness relative to the universal soul, their very substance. This root differs form the root IN in what the former designates as the active existence of being, I, and what the latter designates as the passive or relative existence, thee. IN is the subject; FN is the object. M that which serves as character, type, symbol, sign, mark, etc. If you are now thinking that you have understood the given elements of the problem, you are on the wrong track. You have only the idea of it, and the idea is not the thing. The problem, reduced to its essential equation, is: For as Alpha and Omega are respectively the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, so are Aleph and Tau of the Hebrew. The "two extreme paths" are the crown, Kether, and the kingdom , Malkuth, the first and tenth Sephiroth, the highest and the lowest, Macroprosopus, and the queen. If the reader turn to the introduction, to the Table showing the Sephiroth arranged in three pillars, he will see that Malkuth is, as it were, the antithesis of Kether; and hence it is said that "Malkuth is Kether after another manner. On the magical plane the divinatory power manifests in the irrational, thus the greatest masters of Manick traffic constantly with the energies of the i lth kala.

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day-to-day rush of grinding out the latest project, however, few experts take the time to share what they have learned. Consequently, programmers may have difficulty finding a good source of programming information. The techniques described in this book fill the void after introductory and advanced programming texts. After you have read Introduction to Java, Advanced Java, and Advanced Advanced Java, what book do you read to learn more about programming? But this is one of the few books that discusses programming per se. Other books generally neglect such practices, which is why this book concentrates on them. The information in this book is distilled from many sources, as shown below. Professional experience Other software books Programming language books Construction Technology references Magazine articles Key Benefits of This Handbook Whatever your background, this handbook can help you write better programs in less time and with fewer headaches. Complete software-construction reference This handbook discusses general aspects of construction such as software quality and ways to think about programming. It gets into nitty-gritty construction details such as steps in building classes, ins and outs of using data and control structures, debugging, refactoring, and code-tuning techniques and strategies. The book is designed to make it easy to find the specific information that interests you. State-of-the-art information This handbook describes some of the most up-to-date techniques available, many of which have not yet made it into common use. Because this book draws from both practice and research, the techniques it describes will remain useful for years. Few practicing programmers have the time to read through the hundreds of books and journal articles that have been distilled into this handbook. Absence of hype Some software books contain 1 gram of insight swathed in 10 grams of hype. You know the demands of your particular project better than anyone else. This book provides the objective information you need to make good decisions about your specific circumstances. Numerous code examples The book contains almost examples of good and bad code. I think other programmers learn best that way too. The examples are in multiple languages because mastering more than one language is often a watershed in the career of a professional programmer. Once a programmer realizes that programming principles transcend the syntax of any specific language, the doors swing open to knowledge that truly makes a difference in quality and productivity. To access information related to Code Complete, 2d ed. These website references appear throughout the book. Why This Handbook Was Written The need for development handbooks that capture knowledge about effective development practices is well recognized in the software-engineering community. A report of the Computer Science and Technology Board stated that the biggest gains in software-development quality and productivity will come from codifying, unifying, and distributing existing knowledge about effective software-development practices CSTB , McConnell a. The board concluded that the strategy for spreading that knowledge should be built on the concept of software-engineering handbooks. The Topic of Construction Has Been Neglected At one time, software development and coding were thought to be one and the same. But as distinct activities in the software-development life cycle have been identified, some of the best minds in the field have spent their time analyzing and debating methods of project management, requirements, design, and testing. The rush to study these newly identified areas has left code construction as the ignorant cousin of software development. Discussions about construction have also been hobbled by the suggestion that treating construction as a distinct software development activity implies that construction must also be treated as a distinct phase. Construction Is Important Another reason construction has been neglected by researchers and writers is the mistaken idea that, compared to other software-development activities, construction is a relatively mechanical process that presents little opportunity for improvement. Nothing could be further from the truth. Construction accounts for about 75 percent of the errors on small projects and 50 to 75 percent on medium and large projects. Any activity that accounts for 50 to 75 percent of the errors presents a clear opportunity for improvement. Chapter 27 contains more details on these statistics. Some commentators have pointed out that although construction errors account for a high percentage of total errors, construction errors tend to be less expensive to fix than those caused by requirements and architecture, the suggestion being that they are therefore less important. The claim that construction errors cost less to fix is true but misleading because the

cost of not fixing them can be incredibly high. Researchers have found that small-scale coding errors account for some of the most expensive software errors of all time, with costs running into hundreds of millions of dollars Weinberg , SEN An inexpensive cost to fix obviously does not imply that fixing them should be a low priority. Requirements can be assumed rather than developed; architecture can be shortchanged rather than designed; and testing can be abbreviated or skipped rather than fully planned and executed. The need for a book about how to program effectively seemed obvious. But I found that only a few books had been written about construction and then only on parts of the topic. Some were written by professors who were not working on production code. The professors wrote about techniques that worked for student projects, but they often had little idea of how the techniques would play out in full-scale development environments. When art critics get together they talk about Form and Structure and Meaning. When artists get together they talk about where you can buy cheap turpentine. The discussion needed to be brought up to date for current programming languages, object-oriented programming, and leading-edge development practices. It seemed clear that a book about programming needed to be written by someone who was knowledgeable about the theoretical state of the art but who was also building enough production code to appreciate the state of the practice. Author Note I welcome your inquiries about the topics discussed in this book, your error reports, or other related subjects. Please contact me at stevemcc@construx.com. Microsoft Press provides corrections for books through the World Wide Web at the following address: A second edition is even more a collective undertaking. Hundreds of readers sent comments about the first edition, and many more sent individual comments about the second edition. Thanks to everyone who took time to share their reactions to the book in its various forms. Special thanks to the Construx Software reviewers who formally inspected the entire manuscript: I was truly amazed at how thorough their review was, especially considering how many eyes had scrutinized the book before they began working on it. Thanks also to Bradey, Jason, and Pamela for their contributions to the cc2e. Working with Devon Musgrave, project editor for this book, has been a special treat.

Chapter 6 : Full text of "Jesus and what He said;"

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It can refer to anything between remote time and perpetuity. No general word exists for time in Hebrew, nor for ideas like past, present, future, and eternity. Of these, the first references the Tree of Life: Let me alone, for my days are a breath. May your hearts live forever! Behold, I will make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, and I will make of thee a company of peoples; and will give this land to thy seed after thee for an everlasting possession. Who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings? From what I can tell, the context seldom helps; mostly you must decide on the basis of your theological bias. I know of no such commitment on the part of God to an individual in the Old Testament. David wanted to build a house for God Temple and God wanted to build a house for David dynasty. David warns his son Solomon as he is about to turn his kingdom over to his son: If you seek him, he will be found by you; but if you forsake him, he will cast you off for ever. If the latter, then David does not amplify by telling us the object of his hope or that he has an eternal hope. Ezra — Ezra, possibly the first scribe,[] was commissioned of God to get the Temple rebuilt after Cyrus decreed that the Jews could return to the Promise Land. Upon laying the foundation of the Temple, the people rejoiced: No individual expresses hope in spending eternity with God and God does not offer eternal life to any individual. Nehemiah — The book of Nehemiah follows the same pattern as Ezra with the exception that God commissions Ezra with the task of rebuilding the Temple, Nehemiah with rebuilding the wall of Jerusalem. At no time does he refer to heaven as the place where people go. Blessed be Thy glorious Name, that is exalted above all blessing and praise. As with Ezra, I cannot find any individual expressing even a desire to be with God in heaven forever, nor can I find God making such an offer to an individual. God did not say anything in the OT, that I can find, that suggests the need for propitiation. I tie the propitious death of Christ to an eternal hope, for without an eternal hope, why would the death of Christ be necessary? Can we say, for example, that the temporal circumstances of Israel were more favorable than those of ancient Midian, Moab, Philistia, Greece or Rome? God killed her husband and two sons. Why would Ruth consider the worship of Yahweh superior to that of the gods of Moab? When the OT Hebrew committed willful sin, no redemption remained open to him; he was either executed or exiled. Grateful for the hope of heaven, May, Part 8 Introduction As we noted in the last issue, no general word exists for time in Hebrew, nor for ideas like past, present, future, and eternity. From this we noted that the context seldom helps; mostly you must decide on the basis of your theological bias. Beginning with this issue we will briefly look at the book of Esther, and then the devotional literature of the Old Testament — Job through Ecclesiastes. You find no mention of God in the book. You find no reference to relating to God, either as a nation or as an individual, much less expressing an eternal hope. God had expressly forbidden Jews marrying outside of their race, as so forcefully illustrated in both Ezra and Nehemiah. Nothing about Mordecai affirms that he followed Yahweh in any meaningful way. Esther makes no reference to her own faith in God. The most you can say about her is she obeyed Mordecai, her authority figure. Reflections on Job Although the authorship and date of Job remain a mystery, the following can be deduced from internal evidence: Job wishes to engage God in conversation, expecting such to be possible, and shows no surprise when God at last comes to him. You find a highly developed moral code throughout the book; the author makes frequent reference to not abusing the widow, orphan and poor. We see in the book that Job was not deceitful and walked in integrity, and considers adultery wrong. How can he who is born of woman be clean? Behold, even the moon is not bright and the stars are not clean in his sight; how much less man, who is a maggot, and the son of man, who is a worm! No reference is made to the Mosaic Law, and Job offers sacrifices for his family. Still, you find no unclean animals such as pigs in his flocks, nor are any mentioned in the book. One of the most familiar passages in Job dealing with an eternal hope comes from the mouth of Job himself: My heart faints within me! Keil-Delitzsch seems to give

the best interpretation: All the days of my service would I wait, till my relief should come. This is a wish that Job marks out for himself. The reality is indeed different: No, there is no life after death. It is, however, none the less a craving of his heart that gives rise to the wish; it is the most favorable thought, "a desirable possibility," which, if it were but a reality, would comfort him under all present suffering: The argument of Bildad, Zophar and Eliphaz centers on the idea that Justice demands accountability and that right verses wrong is more than an abstract concept in the mind of man. Job does not argue against such reasoning, but rather that you cannot guarantee that you can find it in this life. The Law of the Harvest[] requires an afterlife where the just and unjust reap what they have sown. If Job in fact had an eternal hope, evidenced from these verses, it seems to me that its significance would have been so overwhelming that he would not have ignored it through the rest of his discourses. Still, he appeals to his conscience when defending himself against Providence, and uses this in rebutting his three friends. When Elihu enters the dialogue late in the book, he says: He cometh before men, and saith: For years I assumed the presence of an eternal hope in the Old Testament based on passages such as those discussed above. When I strip my mind of all assumptions, seeking to resist reading back into the Old Testament the hope proffered in the New Testament, I find the eternal hope evaporating. As stated in the first issue, Hebrews 11 clearly teaches that the Patriarchs had an eternal hope. Man has always perceived that he can escape the temporal consequences of his behavior, if he does not overdue it. What person has not exceeded the speed limit? Of course, the more successful you are in escaping such consequences, the more bold you become in stretching your luck. You can see why, to the degree that a person does not believe in eternal consequences for temporal behavior, he will make morality relative in his own life, committing all manner of evil. This appears to be the case with the Hebrews in the Old Testament. Their behavior was not all that different from that of their pagan neighbors, simply because they saw no temporal benefit from obeying God. Seeking to be His obedient servant, July, Part 9 Introduction In our study of Genesis through Job we note that God never offered to the individual the promise of spending eternity with Him, and no individual expressed the hope of eternal life. God committed Himself with a gracious covenant to the nation of Israel, and He gave the Law, through Moses, establishing the basis on which the nation should be governed. When He gave the Law, God did not entertain the possibility that the individual could not meet His expectations, and thus He offered no expiation followed by restoration. He takes for granted that punishment is the ineluctable consequence of sin. True, he asks for reconciliation cf. Consequently, no one thought of relating to God on the basis of grace rather than works. Up to this point, only Moses breaks the Law without forfeiting his relationship with God. When the church embraced the view that it replaced Israel, you can easily see how they incorporated into their dogma a works-righteousness as the path to salvation. The first is the way of self-help. This was the point at which monasticism, as already indicated, afforded the greatest opportunity. As contrasted with life in the world, any form of monasticism appeared more rigorous and worthy of reward. Otherwise, what does the Old Testament Church look like?

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The first and foremost testimony establishing His truth is His own Self. Next to this testimony is His Revelation. For whoso faileth to recognize either the one or the other He hath established the words He hath revealed as proof of His reality and truth. The Reality is the Truth, and truth has no division. These attributes of truth are also human virtues inspired by the Holy Spirit. So let us one and all hold fast to truth, and we shall be free indeed! The foundation of the divine religions is reality; were there no reality, there would be no religions. Muhammad was the Messenger of reality. Reality is one; it does not admit multiplicity or division. Reality is as the sun, which shines forth from different dawning points; it is as the light, which has illumined many lanterns. Therefore, if the religions investigate reality and seek the essential truth of their own foundations, they will agree and no difference will be found. But inasmuch as religions are submerged in dogmatic imitations, forsaking the original foundations, and as imitations differ widely, therefore, the religions are divergent and antagonistic. These imitations may be likened to clouds which obscure the sunrise; but reality is the sun. If the clouds disperse, the Sun of Reality shines upon all, and no difference of vision will exist. The religions will then agree, for fundamentally they are the same. The subject is one, but predicates are many. Material virtues have attained great development, but ideal virtues have been left far behind. If you should ask a thousand persons, "What are the proofs of the reality of Divinity? If you should ask further, "What proofs have you regarding the essence of God? This is due to the fact that development of the ideal virtues has been neglected. People speak of Divinity, but the ideas and beliefs they have of Divinity are, in reality, superstition. Divinity is the effulgence of the Sun of Reality, the manifestation of spiritual virtues and ideal powers. The intellectual proofs of Divinity are based upon observation and evidence which constitute decisive argument, logically proving the reality of Divinity, the effulgence of mercy, the certainty of inspiration and immortality of the spirit. This is, in reality, the science of Divinity. Divinity is not what is set forth in dogmas and sermons of the church. Ordinarily when the word Divinity is mentioned, it is associated in the minds of the hearers with certain formulas and doctrines, whereas it essentially means the wisdom and knowledge of God, the effulgence of the Sun of Truth, the revelation of reality and divine philosophy. Philosophy is of two kinds: Natural philosophy seeks knowledge of physical verities and explains material phenomena, whereas divine philosophy deals with ideal verities and phenomena of the spirit. The field and scope of natural philosophy have been greatly enlarged, and its accomplishments are most praiseworthy, for it has served humanity. But according to the evidence of present world conditions divine philosophy—which has for its object the sublimation of human nature, spiritual advancement, heavenly guidance for the development of the human race, attainment to the breaths of the Holy Spirit and knowledge of the verities of God—has been outdistanced and neglected. Now is the time for us to make an effort and enable it to advance apace with the philosophy of material investigation so that awakening of the ideal virtues may progress equally with the unfoldment of the natural powers. In the same proportion that the body of man is developing, the spirit of man must be strengthened; and just as his outer perceptions have been quickened, his inner intellectual powers must be sensitized so that he need not rely wholly upon tradition and human precedent. In divine questions we must not depend entirely upon the heritage of tradition and former human experience; nay, rather, we must exercise reason, analyze and logically examine the facts presented so that confidence will be inspired and faith attained. Then and then only the reality of things will be revealed to us. The philosophers of Greece—such as Aristotle, Socrates, Plato and others—were devoted to the investigation of both natural and spiritual phenomena. In their schools of teaching they discoursed upon the world of nature as well as the supernatural world. Today the philosophy and logic of Aristotle are known throughout the world. Because they were interested in both natural and divine philosophy, furthering the development of the physical world

of mankind as well as the intellectual, they rendered praiseworthy service to humanity. This was the reason of the triumph and survival of their teachings and principles. Man should continue both these lines of research and investigation so that all the human virtues, outer and inner, may become possible. The attainment of these virtues, both material and ideal, is conditioned upon intelligent investigation of reality, by which investigation the sublimity of man and his intellectual progress is accomplished. Forms must be set aside and renounced; reality must be sought. We must discover for ourselves where and what reality is. In religious beliefs nations and peoples today are imitators of ancestors and forefathers. A gentile or an idolator follows the religious footsteps of his father and ancestry. This is absolute imitation. The requirement in this day is that man must independently and impartially investigate every form of reality. Reality is the love of God. Reality is the knowledge of God. Reality is the oneness or solidarity of mankind. Reality is international peace. Reality is the knowledge of verities. The foundation of progress and real prosperity in the human world is reality, for reality is the divine standard and the bestowal of God. Reality is reasonableness, and reasonableness is ever conducive to the honorable station of man. Reality is the guidance of God. Reality is the cause of illumination of mankind. Reality is love, ever working for the welfare of humanity. Reality is the bond which conjoins hearts. This ever uplifts man toward higher stages of progress and attainment. Reality is the unity of mankind, conferring everlasting life. Reality is perfect equality, the foundation of agreement between the nations, the first step toward international peace. How to Perceive Reality: God is My witness, O people! Accuse Me not of having transgressed against God. Behold Me, not with your eyes but with Mine. At that hour will the Mystic Herald, bearing the joyful tidings of the Spirit, shine forth from the City of God resplendent as the morn, and, through the trumpet-blast of knowledge, will awaken the heart, the soul, and the spirit from the slumber of heedlessness. Then will the manifold favors and outpouring grace of the holy and everlasting Spirit confer such new life upon the seeker that he will find himself endowed with a new eye, a new ear, a new heart, and a new mind. He will contemplate the manifest signs of the universe, and will penetrate the hidden mysteries of the soul. Gazing with the eye of God, he will perceive within every atom a door that leadeth him to the stations of absolute certitude. He will discover in all things the mysteries of Divine Revelation, and the evidences of an everlasting Manifestation. With fixed and steady gaze, born of the unerring eye of God, scan for a while the horizon of divine knowledge, and contemplate those words of perfection which the Eternal hath revealed, that haply the mysteries of divine wisdom, hidden ere now beneath the veil of glory and treasured within the tabernacle of His grace, may be made manifest unto you. Open Thou, O my Lord, mine eyes and the eyes of all them that have sought Thee, that we may recognize Thee with Thine own eyes. I entreat Thee, O Thou Who art my Companion and my Best-Beloved, to lift the veil that hath come in between Thee and Thy servants, that they may recognize Thee with Thine own eye and rid themselves of all attachment to any one but Thee. In this station he pierceth the veils of plurality, fleeth from the worlds of the flesh, and ascendeth into the heaven of singleness. With the ear of God he heareth, with the eye of God he beholdeth the mysteries of divine creation. Blind thine eyes, that thou mayest behold My beauty; stop thine ears, that thou mayest hearken unto the sweet melody of My voice; empty thyself of all learning, that thou mayest partake of My knowledge; and sanctify thyself from riches, that thou mayest obtain a lasting share from the ocean of My eternal wealth. Blind thine eyes, that is, to all save My beauty; stop thine ears to all save My word; empty thyself of all learning save the knowledge of Me; that with a clear vision, a pure heart and an attentive ear thou mayest enter the court of My holiness. The Hidden Words, Persian 11 Know thou that the passages that We have called "ambiguous" appear as such only in the eyes of them that have failed to soar above the horizon of guidance and to reach the heights of knowledge in the retreats of grace. For otherwise, unto them that have recognized the Repositories of divine Revelation and beheld through His inspiration the mysteries of divine authority, all the verses of God are perspicuous and all His allusions are clear. Such men discern the inner mysteries that have been clothed in the garment of words as clearly as ye perceive the heat of the sun or the wetness of water, nay even more distinctly. Gems of Divine Mysteries, paragraph 34, p. Know verily that Knowledge is of two kinds: The one welleteth out from the fountain of divine inspiration; the other is but a

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reflection of vain and obscure thoughts. The source of the former is God Himself; the motive-force of the latter the whisperings of selfish desire. The one is guided by the principle: And the splendor of that light is in the hearts, yet it is hidden under the veilings of sense and the conditions of this earth, even as a candle within a lantern of iron, and only when the lantern is removed doth the light of the candle shine out. To whatever heights the mind of the most exalted of men may soar, however great the depths which the detached and understanding heart can penetrate, such mind and heart can never transcend that which is the creature of their own conceptions and the product of their own thoughts. The meditations of the profoundest thinker, the devotions of the holiest of saints, the highest expressions of praise from either human pen or tongue, are but a reflection of that which hath been created within themselves, through the revelation of the Lord, their God. Whoever pondereth this truth in his heart will readily admit that there are certain limits which no human being can possibly transgress. Every attempt which, from the beginning that hath no beginning, hath been made to visualize and know God is limited by the exigencies of His own creation—a creation which He, through the operation of His own Will and for the purposes of none other but His own Self, hath called into being. Immeasurably exalted is He above the strivings of human mind to grasp His Essence, or of human tongue to describe His mystery. No tie of direct intercourse can ever bind Him to the things He hath created, nor can the most abstruse and most remote allusions of His creatures do justice to His being. Through His world-pervading Will He hath brought into being all created things. He is and hath ever been veiled in the ancient eternity of His own exalted and indivisible Essence, and will everlastingly continue to remain concealed in His inaccessible majesty and glory. All that is in heaven and all that is in the earth have come to exist at His bidding, and by His Will all have stepped out of utter nothingness into the realm of being. How can, therefore, the creature which the Word of God hath fashioned comprehend the nature of Him Who is the Ancient of Days? Knowledge is of two kinds. One is subjective and the other objective knowledge—that is to say, an intuitive knowledge and a knowledge derived from perception.

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