

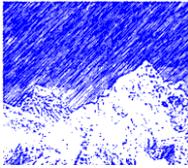
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A Reality That Is Absolute

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One of the strangest occurrences from the time of the two full months (Nov. & Dec.) of 1979 which I had spent living in Nepal... is the fact that I had a clear premonition—almost a waking "vision," in fact—that I would later be traveling onward to the island of Sri Lanka and would end up shaking hands in Colombo with one of my childhood "idols"—Mr. Arthur C. Clarke.

I even embedded that little "vision" into one of my chapters for "*The Mount Everest Revelation*," a pompous piece of evolution-worshipping New Age religiosity that I was writing at that time.

So I have the proof of my assertion in the old written records (or creative writings) I had made during my time in Nepal. Imagine my surprise and excitement when the written "prophecy" of my assertion actually came true later... as I really met Arthur Clarke for the first time ever and talked with him at his Colombo residence! This happened on two different days of Feb. & March 1980, even though it turned out that I only stayed in Sri Lanka for about 1 week or so.

The first time was on Feb. 29, 1980. It was a leap-year day that marked the unusual meeting which I had in Colombo, and I have an autographed paperback copy of Clarke's *A Fall Of Moondust* to prove that fact's reality as well. On the title page of the paperback, which I bought at a bookshop in Colombo, he had made a brief inscription for me, placing there the words, "To Ken Street, With All Good Wishes—Arthur C. Clarke, Colombo, 29 Feb 80."

Perhaps you can easily imagine Ken Street "leaping for joy" on the Leap Year Day of Feb. 29, 1980! I was still somewhat of an s-f "fan-boy" even then, having recently read Arthur Clarke's *Imperial Earth* while in the Philippines, just a few months earlier, during a prior part of the year 1979. And having actually met Arthur Clarke on Friday at his home in Colombo, I immediately purchased a paperback copy of his

non-fiction book *The View From Serendip...* and started reading that one within the peaceful privacy of my lonely and slightly dusty room— a rather cheap room of Colombo's Victoria Hotel that I had managed to obtain for a few days.

The second time was 5 days after that, Wednesday, on Mar. 5, 1980. On Monday, Mar. 3, I had come back to his house to drop off another paperback to be signed—this time an s-f book by Robert Heinlein called *Assignment In Eternity*. Mr. Clarke had told me that Mr. Robert Heinlein and his wife would be arriving in Sri Lanka after just 4 more days, on Tuesday, Mar. 4, in order to have a one-day visit with him in his Colombo residence. I left that Heinlein paperback behind with one of Mr. Clarke's assistants, along with another autograph-request that I'd written on a small piece of paper. Also, I left a separate note from me written for Mr. Clarke.

Needless to say, I was extremely pleased to find the Heinlein paperback had been autographed for me likewise, when I came back to Mr. Clarke's house for it just two days after that. It said on its title page, "To Ken Street—Robert A. Heinlein." I was a little sorry that Mr. Heinlein hadn't also put the date there on his autograph's inscription and the Colombo location, as Mr. Clarke had done for me. But I was lucky to get even that much, actually, since Mr. Heinlein apparently never much liked to give out autographs anyway.

I never did actually SEE Robert Heinlein or meet him... but I did end up speaking with Arthur Clarke a second time when I came back to pick up that second paperback. You can easily imagine how excited I was at that time, since I was a science-fiction-loving Evolutionist for quite a number of years before I finally grew up.

My first two foreign-travel expeditions were the most expansive ones I ever made: 1) From Sept. 1975 through March 1976, at age 24, I had spent 7 months visiting Britain, Europe, and Israel as a backpacking vagabond, and then 2) From July 1979 until the spring of 1986, I was gone from the mainland US for a 7-years-long experience of the Orient,

Southeast Asia, South Asia, the Philippines, the island of Guam, and some of the Pacific Islands.

The "Pacific Islands" part of that 2nd sabbatical had included not only Hawaii, Guam, and the Philippines (where Werner and I had once worried that we were about to be "mugged" by a small band of roaming, gun-toting, Filipino "hillbilly" persons)... but also 8 weeks visiting two of the Micronesia islands. One isle was Ponape (for just 2 weeks) and the other one was Kosrae Island (where I had lived for about 6 weeks in the summer of 1981).

I had met Werner Baumgartner and Wolfgang Fleckner in 1979 during a one-month-long visit to the Philippines (it was the first of the two 1-month visits spent there; the second came for me later, as I traveled solo again, in the spring of 1980). These two Europeans, my new Swiss and German acquaintances, declared that they both wanted to go see Nepal and India during their long journey back to Europe. I'd not previously planned on going quite so deeply into Asia, but Werner's desire to visit Nepal, to do some trekking there, and to then see India... well, it seemed like a good idea. Werner's enthusiasm for the plan had "rubbed off" on me, as we often say in the States.

When the three of us flew together from Manila to Bangkok, Werner and Wolfgang informed me that they only wanted to stay there for 2 days before flying on to Kathmandu, because they had both already visited Bangkok on a previous part of their own globe-traveling journeys. I on the other hand had never seen that city or Thailand previously, so I decided I would stay there for 1 week, resting and exploring for a little while before I flew on to Kathmandu, in order to join them for some trekking adventures.

When I got to Kathmandu a week later, a full week behind Werner and Wolfgang, I somehow re-connected with Werner, who informed me that Wolfgang had already gone elsewhere. Then I moved my backpack and stuff into Kathmandu's "Century Hotel" for a while; it was the place

where Werner had already chosen to stay. Soon after that, he started talking about his desire to do a trek from Pokhara to Muktinath, in order to see "The Temple of Miraculous Fire" that sits in Muktinath atop a small mountain.

It was all Werner's idea, you see— his plan, not mine. He referred to his guidebook, which was in a German language that I couldn't read... and he told me that it would be a good trek for us to make. At that moment I knew almost nothing about Nepal, really, and had no travel-guidebook of my own to check— so, of course, it sounded like a very good idea to me. I wanted to tag along.

Werner also wanted us to make, later on, after the Pokhara-Muktinath trek was completed, another trek from Lukla to Everest Base Camp (the latter one is commonly called "the Everest Trek"). We planned to do both treks before leaving Nepal for India. This all sounded very good to me, as I was an aspiring writer and figured I would get lots of inspiration for my creative writings from these two treks that he proposed.

I naturally informed Werner that I was a huge fan of the Swiss-German writer Hermann Hesse (who had immigrated to Switzerland before World War Two and then remained there until his death), and said that I had read everything he ever wrote in the English translations. I had been especially fond of some of the first books I had read by Hesse: *Siddhartha*, *Rosshalde*, and *The Journey To The East*... all of which gave me "great expectations" for an enlightening experience via our future travels in Nepal and India.

After all, Hesse had retired to the small village of Montagnola, Switzerland... and had spent much of his life there, writing all those philosophical books while inside the peaceful rooms of his little Swiss hideaway, his mountain retreat. I told Werner that if I ever got a chance to visit him in Switzerland some day, he'd definitely have to take me to see the home where Hesse had lived out his lifetime in Montagnola... because I then regarded it as a kind of shrine

to his greatness as a wonderful writer of philosophical novels.

I was not really so wise or so discriminating in my long-time adulation of Hermann Hesse, however, since Hesse is a writer who greatly mixed other Asian religious-beliefs with his own imagination to produce his peculiar output. Hesse's writings were not particularly Bible-minded in their binding thematic philosophy and message... despite the fact that Hermann's own parents had actually been Christian missionaries to India. His central characters were "seekers" who were always seeking and yet never quite finding... just like Hermann Hesse himself.

Hermann Hesse's parents, being genuine Christian believers, had been far wiser than the ecumenical, pantheistic Hermann had been. They were actually a lot smarter than Hermann Hesse...

And his Christian parents were a lot smarter than I myself was when, in Nov. 1979, I started out for two months of trekking experience and living experience in the ancient Kingdom of Nepal.

It's rather easy for **anyone** to become a lot smarter than the "eternal seeker" that Hermann Hesse ended up being! Here's how you do it...

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You gain Eternal Life with YHWH God by placing Jesus Christ, Who in the Trinity of YHWH 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 has sacrificed Himself on a cross for your sake, taking all guilt and sins upon Himself— for you and for me, and for all people everywhere on Earth— that whoever wishes for salvation may be rescued from the due punishment of sins.

If you will do this, you will gain a new contentment and peace as you accept Triune YHWH God's great organizational plan for the Universe . . . because you'll be letting Triune YHWH 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 the Triune YHWH 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, and your remorse over the sins of your previous life,
- 2) your desire for Triune YHWH God's forgiveness and mercy through the act of sacrifice of His Only Begotten Son (Jesus Christ),
- 3) your desire to know Triune YHWH God's leadership in your life,
- 4) your desire to learn more of Triune YHWH God's truth through Bible study,
- 5) your desire to find fellowship with genuine believers.

When you're saved, you'll know Jesus is King of the Universe, and also the Lord and Master of your life. You'll know the three faces of YHWH God Almighty: God The Father, God The Son, and God The Spirit.

His Holy Light will start to be visible in your own face and actions!

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]

Jesus spoke of the people of God as being like a seed that is growing secretly, saying, "As for the kingdom of God, it is as if a person should cast seed into the ground; and then he sleeps, and he rises up night and day to see that the seed is springing forth and always growing up, although he knows not exactly how. The Earth is bringing forth fruit from itself; first the blade, then the ears of corn, and after that the fullness of the ears of corn. And when all the fruit of the Earth has come forth, immediately God will use the sickle to reap the fields, because the harvest-time has come."

Excerpt from the book of Mark [4:26-29]

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

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

So we must try to read His words and His Book just as often as we possibly can... on a daily basis!!

Almighty YHWH, The Triune God of Israel and all the Earth, wants to bless you through His Only Begotten Son of Man, Jesus Christ— Yeshua, the Messiah of Israel... the soon-coming King of Israel and all the Earth— so let Him reward your search with the grace of His forgiveness and enlightenment!

Triune YHWH God wants to bless you for all your long efforts to understand this very confusing and difficult Universe in which we live. He wants you to be spared from the normal wages of sin and the terrible Day of His Wrath that is yet to come— so let

Him reward your lengthy search with the grace of His forgiveness and His enlightenment!

It's better to show good sense now—today—before His Judgment time arrives... so you can't end up regretting your choices for all eternity.

Life and Death have been placed before you. The Word of God says, "All those who hate Me love death." Choose eternal life with Jesus Christ and His Heavenly Father... not an eternal darkness with that evil ruler whom Jesus called "the Prince of Darkness." As God's Only Begotten Son warned us long ago... the Evil One named Satan is forever a murderer and forever the Father of Liars.

Choose new life in Christ, not the ages-old tyranny of Satan... and you'll at last find the narrow path to Heaven... avoiding the popular Wide Road that leads only to the torments of Hell.

Acknowledge the Wisdom of Triune YHWH God... the Righteousness, Holiness, and Divinity of His Only Begotten Son of Man... and the Heavenly Father will no longer see your own sins and shortcomings. They will all be hidden from His sight by a cleansing in the sacrificial blood of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Choose to love YHWH God's Way of Life and growth—not the Liar's way of self-destruction!

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The Triune YHWH God is a very patient Farmer and quite a devoted Father...

He operates through God The Son in Jesus Christ, His Only Begotten Son of Man...

as He is continuously harvesting the Earth... as His long-range plan for the Earth's transformation goes ever forward...!