

The BIGGEST LIE “You shall not die”

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Dr. Martin – Why I am no longer a Director of FBR

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These notes, composed from 2013 on, are based on taped lectures given between 1977 and 1997 by Dr. Ernest L. Martin, Ph.D., formerly the Head of Theology for the Worldwide Church of God; he resigned in January 1974 because of his unresolved doctrinal issues with the administration. Sadly Dr. Martin died in January 2002, a great loss to the world and to those who seek Biblical truth.

PREFACE BY BRIAN H. BUTLER

I had a personal relationship with Dr. Martin as a student from 1964-68 and when he was appointed Dean of the Faculty. Also during the time between 1971-1974 when I was appointed a member of the Faculty of Ambassador College, Bricket Wood, U.K.

In 1975, I was dismissed by the WCG as I was associated with Mr. Charles Hunting, my boss, who was accused of preaching doctrines not supported by the WCG. Mr. Hunting was summoned to Pasadena and summarily dismissed also. As far as I know, neither he nor I had any involvement whatsoever with any such activity. For the next twenty-five years I pioneered a development of chiropractic known as Applied Kinesiology, ran a clinic of natural health care, and taught thousands the principles of self-help health care.

More recently, in 2013 I began an intense and in-depth study of over two hundred tapes recorded, and articles written by Dr. Martin on the fruits of his many years of Biblical research. These tapes were kindly sent to me by Ken Nagele, custodian and designer of the ernestmartin.com website. Working with Dr. Martin's material for 40-50 hours a week, I learned more in those three years than in over sixty years of my own personal previous study of the Holy Bible. Since 2013 I have written well over a thousand pages of notes on Dr. Martin's Biblical doctrinal research. In my opinion this article contains the most important details of the fundamental basis of Christianity.

These notes are based on the tape Dr. Martin made shortly after his dismissal from the Foundation for Biblical Research (FBR) in 1985. I feel this information is by far the most important of all his lectures and articles on the basis of Christianity that I have studied. I cannot stress this strongly enough. It contains the most fundamental and vitally essential critical Biblical truths needed by all who sincerely desire to be a true Christian.

These notes provide crucial information by which a person can test their own relationship with God and His Son Christ Jesus. The detailed doctrinal facts also provide a safe and secure foundation which gives the Christian Pilgrim protection against being deceived by often well-meaning 'spiritual' people, and the fiery darts of the spirit world.

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Dr. Martin begins by explaining why he is making this 90 minute lecture after leaving the FBR, and subsequent to his writing to all the members of the FBR with details of the Annual Board Meeting which led to his dismissal. Which event he regards as heaven sent, as it enabled him to further his passion to 'grow in grace and knowledge' unshackled by those who wanted to regulate and control the direction of 'acceptable' doctrine. He could see that wonderful new opportunities were opening up for his expansion of knowledge, and sharing that with others of like mind.

There had been those who had wanted to enter into discussions on doctrinal topics that Dr. Martin could not subscribe to as they did not gel with his understanding of the Holy Scriptures, and in fact were totally contrary to the Bible teachings as we shall see as we go along.

Dr. Martin goes on to say that these people, at that time, were his friends, and that they are entitled to their own views as every human being is. But...

Romans 14:1 Him that is weak in the faith receive ye, but not to doubtful disputations. The very act of **debating** is included in the list of the fruits of the flesh in Romans 1:29, especially with those who do not want to accept the plain truths of God's Word, 'or *retain God in their knowledge* '.

Amos 3:3 Can two walk together, except they be agreed? That is not easy to do, especially if the other persons do not subscribe to avoiding pressuring others to believe as they do.

Dr. Martin makes it very clear that he has never, and will never impose his ideas or beliefs on anyone.

*** This is the very first essential doctrinal teaching of the tape that should apply to all Christians: Never impose one's ideas on another.**

He goes on to say that if it had been a matter of personality clashes, or procedural matters, he would not have felt it necessary to make this tape. But the issues were far, far more serious than that, in that they involved the very bedrock of Christian doctrine, including points which the Apostles Paul and John had to counter and warn people about in their own times.

When they were expounding points of doctrine, they spoke with authority and conviction and with a feeling of fervour that they were teaching a message that it was very important for the world to hear and understand. They gave no 'perhaps', no possibly's or 'maybe's' when they were speaking. There are ways we can present teachings without doing it in such a manner as to give offence.

We can say dogmatically that we believe that Christ Jesus is our Saviour, and the Saviour of the whole world, there is no equivocation about that. One can also say that we do not believe that Buddha is, or Mohammed, although one might have to be cautious in expressing that. We may not believe in the Shinto doctrines, but we can affirm with assurance that we believe that true Christianity when based carefully on the teachings of the

Bible which is God's Word to us His children is an absolute. We can be dogmatic about that, and hopefully every Christian would be able to as well.

It is also very important to be willing to listen to others, but if they are attempting to 'debate' or 'argue' their case when it is clearly not congruent with the Holy Scriptures, then it is better to withdraw from the conversation.

1 Timothy 1:4 Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: so do.

And if they should be bringing a point of the Bible to me, and I need to learn from what they are saying, then I hope I will. We know we need to grow in grace and knowledge, and that means we need to come to a clearer understanding of the Bible day by day, and year by year.

We need an absolute conviction that the pages of the Bible we have contain the absolute Word of God. Certainly there is a need for us to be diligent in rooting out the truth from the original texts from time to time, and that Christ through his Holy Spirit will help us to do that. We can rely, with the help of the Holy Spirit, that we need no man to teach us. (1 John 2:27)

There is a need for a perfect new, good and proper translation direct from those Original Manuscripts, with the 49 books in a perfect order (not 66 in the wrong order), using all the tools and refinements our modern era has available, and this is possible.

But there are fundamental teachings of Scripture that never change, because they are given in a dogmatic way by God Himself through His Apostles, Priests and Prophets. We do not have a mission like they did, but we still want to share what we know with those who are interested in the Gospel in this world. We have to hold those sacrosanct truths tenaciously, and this is where because some in the FBR differed from my understanding, and would not accept what the Bible clearly says about what being a Christian is all about, there had to be a parting of the ways.

Like many others who were members of the W.C.G., I look back on those times with a positive view, and when it became clear that I could no longer agree with or support certain teachings of that organisation, and they were not willing to listen, I had to act. When I had submitted papers on various aspects they were ignored (but later after I had left were adopted!), then I felt I had to resign which I did in January 28th 1974.

It was not long before many people began to ask me questions about Theology which was my field, and I was happy to be able to help them. We can be thankful daily that we live in nations where we have the freedom to believe what we choose religiously. Everyone should have that freedom all over the world.

Remember, we all entered and stayed in that organisation of our own volition with our eyes wide open (as we thought at the time), we could have left at any time, and perhaps some who felt badly treated should have done so, and they could have done. We all think in hindsight of times in our lives when we might have done things differently.

Like Paul says of those in Corinth, 'I planted, and Apollos watered, but God gave the increase' (1 Cor 3:6). 'I feel the same way about those who have wanted to learn from me for the last more than ten years', says Dr. Martin.

There are also basic teachings about Christ that govern that message, which prove that Christ Jesus is who He says He is, the Firstborn Son of God. Anyone who wants to share this information seeking the guidance of God's Holy Spirit, they will want to be carefully dogmatic, and fervent in their presentation. These basic fundamentals start right at the beginning of God's Word in Genesis 3.

The whole of the teaching of God's Word is symbolic, that does not mean that it is not real, it is completely 24 carat real, everything factual or symbolic in both the Old and the New testament are based on symbols. A sin offering for instance, the person would confess their sins over the head of the animal, and then it would be sacrificed, and the blood thus shed gave them the blessing of absolution from the sin. This was real and symbolic.

In the New Testament, there is another blood, a much more powerful blood, that is really necessary to cleanse us from sin, that was the blood of Christ. Whether the animal blood or Christ's blood the whole doctrine is base on symbolism. All doctrines from Genesis to Revelation are all based on symbols and that symbolism is so very important. Symbols do nothing more than teach us relevant truths, as do all the stories of the Bible, which are there for our admonition. Truths that could not be understood so effectively any other way.

1 Corinthians 10:11 Now all these things happened unto them for examples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

In the crucifixion of Christ which took place on a tree, a tree with roots in the ground, everything about that crucifixion was based on symbols. The length of time Christ was in the tomb, his coming forth at a particular time, his going back to heaven to the Father and the Holy of Holies up in heaven, all those things happened precisely on time to fulfill the symbolism of Christ's sacrifice. Now most people really do not have any or much understanding of these symbols, in fact they seem to be foolishness to them.

1 Corinthians 1:18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

That symbolism is not foolishness to me or to you, and they are not foolish to Christ. God the Father could have had myriad ways to bring His Son to this Earth, live out His life, and never have to suffer the ghastly death He did, but God chose otherwise, and it is what Christ Jesus chose too. Both of them chose that path before the foundation of the world, that Christ was to be slain in the manner He was. He died in excruciating agony, precisely on time. That is why those symbols are so important.

Now the world looks on that as foolishness, and those symbols are pregnant with incredible meaning and truths that we can rely on, which show us what Christianity is all about. Truths that show why we are here on this Earth, and what we should be doing now, truths that will give us confidence in the future, what will be happening. These symbols all had a constant meaning as did the writing on the wall in the time of Daniel, both then, now, and in the future symbols like a billboard on the side of the road, and just as real. They are all in tune with the spiritual teachings of God, and if we do not have the meaning of those symbols straight in our minds, we are not going to have basic Christianity straight.

And that is where the problem rests with so many people today. Some of my friends in FBR have been coming up with teachings that are directly in conflict with the teachings of the New Testament, and the Old Testament as far as that goes.

If any person does not take the Words in the Bible to mean exactly what they say, words can be twisted around to say or mean anything a person chooses. They can make them appear to say exactly the opposite from what they are intended to say. This is observed by critics who say that one can prove anything from the Bible, which of course is complete nonsense.

Here is an illustration that we can get some teaching from. If we take two identical Bibles off the shelf, and place one on the left and one on the right side of the desk. You would think that they were both the Word of God, and you would be right. If you start reading that Bible on the right and believe absolutely what God says on the page, the rest of the Bible, all the way to the book of Revelation will tell us truths that make absolute sense and that you can rely on.

However if you look at the Bible on the left, and begin to study it, and you make the initial mistake in your approach to the Bible of not relying on God, but deciding for yourself what you think it might mean. Especially when you read what the serpent says to Eve, and believe that concept, then every word to the end of the book of Revelation is contaminated with the teachings of the Devil, especially if you give heed to the serpent's teaching relative to the subject of death.

This is so important, it is impossible to emphasise just how important this is. Two identical Bibles, both the Word of God, if you interpret what the serpent said instead of believing what God said, you have Satan's Bible.

If you read the other Bible and you believe every Word God says, then you have God's teaching all the way to the end of the Book.

Here is the dialogue between God and Eve, and Satan and Eve in relation to death.

The Doctrine of the Immortality of the Soul is SATANIC

The whole world, perhaps more than 95% of seven billion has gone after this Devilish teaching, practically everyone in the world does not believe that when we die we cease to live, but that a 'part' of us, the 'soul' or the 'spirit' lives on.

This subject is very extremely serious as indeed it involves the first teaching God gave to Adam and Eve in the Book of Genesis in the Garden of Eden concerning His directives to them. God said:

Genesis 3:3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

The lying serpent, (a symbol of Satan, that old Dragon that deceives the whole world) the devil, (John 8:44 **When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.**) who called God a liar, and contradicted God when the Devil said,

Genesis 3:4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

Satan's doctrine was that God had lied, as the Devils is teaching Eve that we do not die. If a person is a believer in the Bible, and believes that lie, then every verse to the end of Revelation in relation to death will be viewed by them through that lie. Satan will have achieved his plan of deception in everyone who follows his teaching.

Up to two billion people who claim to follow Christian beliefs most think that when we die we go to heaven. Many people assume it is also a biblical belief, but is it? Emphatically NO!

What about all those billions who do not believe that the Bible is God's Word? Almost all the world's religions and philosophies, including so-called 'New Age' people, teach 'Reincarnation', and that after death, a soul or some part of the person within us, leaves the body and lives on for eternity during several 'incarnations' to a life back here on Earth.

What exactly is the history of this idea? We know it began in the garden of Eden. It was also believed by the Egyptians from ancient times, and so they mummified their kings, the Pharaohs, and even millions of their pet dogs and cats, putting in their tombs all the things they felt would be necessary for them to enjoy the next life.

The idea of the immortality of the soul was also a feature of the culture of the Greek philosophers in the 4th Century B.C., which later in the 1st Century A.D. this concept began to infect the new Christians.

Dr. Martin repeats his absolute conviction that he does not expect anyone to agree with him, or accept his ideas on any matter. It is important that we feel the same way if we wish to be a Christian.

However we can certainly share our beliefs with those who express an interest, so long as we do not impose them on others.

1 Peter 3:15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man **that asketh you** a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

The answer should not be expressed with dogmatic tones, nor in any manner which might be considered as arrogant, but in meekness and respect.

However, whether a person believes that the Bible is God's Word or not, God made the statement that if his human children broke his rule of law, then they would die. Be certain, Adam and Eve did die that day when they took of forbidden tree, they died spiritually that day, and they also died physically *within* God's 'day' of a thousand years.

Genesis 5:5 And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he died.

Psalms 90:4 For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

2 Peter 3:8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

Adam and Eve 'died' when they took of the tree that God had said do not eat of it.

Genesis 3:3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.'

Protestants often refer to this event as 'the fall', the fall from Grace, the fall from God. Adam and Eve had the Holy Spirit at first, but when they disobeyed God and took of the tree and ate it, God took His Holy Spirit from them. When the Holy Spirit is taken from a person, that person dies spiritually. Nine hundred and thirty years later, within God's 'year', God took back his human spirit, and Adam died physically. God does not lie.

Hebrews 6:18 That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:

So all human beings can die spiritually if the Holy Spirit is taken from us, and certainly we die physically. Human Beings have a spirit, given to us with our first breath which God takes from us when we die physically.

Let us ask ourselves this question – what is it that we want saved? The flesh, or the 'inner man'? It is our 'inner man' that holds the record of our entire life that we want saved! That is why it returns to God when we die.

While we are alive there is a silver cord (a symbol) which is the connection to us through which God channels His Power of Life to us by the flow of the Holy Spirit. When we die, that silver cord is broken (symbolically) and the spirit returns to God.

Ecclesiastes 12:7 Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.

God stores the human spirit of every person, and retains it until the day of our resurrection when that spirit is put into a new human body, which at that person's due time will change into a Spirit body.

That human spirit retains the imprint of everything that person ever experiences and every detail of their lives. We have a physical type of example of this in the tape cassette of this lecture, MP3 file, or a DVD. All the information of this article is stored on a tape, or on a disc, or in a computer file. That type of information is not active and cannot be 'read' without a machine designed to do that. It is the same with the human spirit.

Our human spirit has no consciousness, no life, no awareness of any kind, and no knowledge of all the information stored in it unless it is in a body (machine) with a spirit enlivened mind to translate that information. God can recognise each and every person by their unique DNA if by none other.

Ecclesiastes 9:10 Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.

God tells us: When we are dead, we are completely dead!

We can say, that is my house, or that is my car, or that is my spirit, but in reality all those things belong to God and are His. Our spirit keeps us alive, and motivates our breath and our heartbeat.

One has only to nibble, and eat a little bit like Eve and Adam did at the serpent's statement, '**Ye shall not surely die**' and even give it any consideration at all, you are on a certain path to deception by the master deceiver.

From then on, you will begin to read that lie into every verse about life and death in the Bible. You will take words which say you are going to die, and you are 'dead', completely dead, you are going to say, 'Oh no, that is not what those words mean'. Millions who think they are Christians do this, ministers teach it, and reinforce the lie to each other, and soon they all believe that only the body dies, and the 'spirit' in some form lives on.

Jeremiah 5:30 A wonderful and horrible thing is committed in the land; 31 The prophets (and priests, and ministers, and rabbis) prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and **my people love to have it so**: and what will ye do in the end thereof?

Christians who have a fervent belief in this lie are often very happy with the concept. They love their 'churches', they love the comfort of having all around them believing that you go to heaven when you 'die', and live a blissful life there. The problem is that they are in love with a lie.

2 Thessalonians 2:9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, 10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 **And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie**: 12 That they all might be ~~damm~~ed (Strong's 2919 *kreeno* - determined or judged) who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

Now here is the awful seriousness of this whole issue, when we come down to the time of Christ Jesus himself, He was sent into this world to fulfil a mission, and **the** most important mission for you and for me, and for the whole world. Granted it was all symbolic. But Christ was totally committed

to His mission and was willing to die up there on the tree of crucifixion to fulfill it.

If then we say, and believe that a part of man does not die, it follows that a part of Jesus did not die on the tree of crucifixion, that has to be so. People might say that His flesh died, almost everyone is willing to admit that, but that His 'inner man' did not die.

This awesome fact that has to be faced by those who believe that part of us does not die is this:-

IF Christ's 'inner man', or His spirit did not die, the sins of the whole world that were placed on Him have never yet been forgiven!

Everyone is still in their sins symbolically speaking!!

Some might say, 'Oh that is just foolishness'. They can say that, but it is not foolishness too us or to God. These symbols are used in teachings, and put in this form so that we can understand them and God's plan for us all. It is God's way to give us a knowledge of Him, and the mission of Christ Jesus, and what we are to be going while on Earth, and what is going to happen in the future. That is why these symbols are so very important.

So we need to look at the Biblical revelation, knowing that the Bible is truly the Word of God, which states dogmatically and categorically that Christ **died** for our sins, and that He was resurrected the third day.

1 Corinthians 15:3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ **died** for our sins according to the scriptures; 4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

Christ was resurrected from the dead, not from any living activity, because if He did not die for us, we do not have a Saviour.

But He did die, as it is possible for human beings to die, dead in all respects. Christ actually died two deaths on the tree. One, He died spiritually when God the Father removed His Holy Spirit from Christ.

Matthew 27:46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, ***My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?***

And secondly, a little while later when Christ died physically.

John 19:30 When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, **It is finished (His mission, the Work that God had given Him to do)**: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost (Greek *pneuma* – breath, figuratively *spirit, life*).

We need to realise that the Holy Spirit which Christ had had from birth was taken from Him at almost the last moment of His life in order to fulfill the scripture, that He would die so that we do not have to die. It was taken away so that He could atone for all the ghastly, horrible, appalling, atrocious, execrable sins humankind had committed up to that time, and would ever commit in the future. Of course this is couched in symbolic terms, but we need to understand the horrendous yet wonderful facts those symbols represent.

Christ was Holy, Pure, Righteous, Sinless, and He is the only One who ever lived on this Earth that was 'good', but when those sins of ours and all of humanity, and even the sins of the spirit beings, were laid on His back and shoulders, Christ became 'sin' on that tree, accursed as Paul said, and was at that moment the most despicable man that epitomised 'sin' in all its forms. This was in the Plan of God and Christ from the beginning before the foundation of the world.

But of course in a true sense, in an actual sense, a moral sense, Christ was not in any way despicable at all, He was simply fulfilling His mission. Christ the Firstborn Son of God the Father who created all things, with all the Power of being part of the Godhead, was willing to give it up, become a man, and present Himself as a sacrifice, to shed His blood, and die. This is why Christ's death was so powerful, because He had been willing to give up His Godship in order to save us from our sins. What manner of love was that?

Just before the crucifixion He prayed to the Father to give Him once again the glory that He had had before He willingly gave it up.

John 17:5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the **glory which I had with thee before the world was.**

What manner of love did the Father have for us?

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. 17 For God (the Father) sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

1 John 4:8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

To repeat for profound emphasis:

If Christ did not die, did not completely die, dead as a doornail, for those three days in the tomb, then neither you, nor I, nor anyone has a Saviour. It is just that serious.

He was resurrected from the dead as we saw in 1 Corinthians 15 above.

John 20:16 Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master. 17 Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.

Then He shortly went up to heaven to present Himself to the Father, and to be judged and found to be a perfect sacrifice for sin.

After that he appeared to the Apostles for many days.

1 Corinthians 15:5 And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: 6 After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. 7 After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles. 8 And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.

He showed His disciples the nail marks in His hands, and the wound in His side, to prove that He indeed was the very One who was up there on that tree. Absolutely irrefutable evidence. Seeing all that evidence was what gave the disciples the courage and determination to go out and preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Good News, to the whole world.

When Paul was in Athens in Greece, he went up to Mars hill, and met up with the Greek Philosophers there, and they did not have access to the Scriptures, but part of their quest in life was to understand who God was, who the Deity was. They even had a monument to the 'Unknown God'.

Paul began to teach those Epicureans and Stoics, intelligent people, they spent their entire time talking about all kinds of imponderable questions and never coming to any real solid conclusions. Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth as Paul said of others.

While in Athens Paul began to teach about Christ Jesus, about the Gospel, and about that 'Unknown God' that they knew nothing about. All those learned people and philosophers listened as we can see in Acts 17.

Acts 17: 18 Then certain philosophers of the Epicureans, and of the Stoicks, encountered him. And some said, What will this babbler say? other some, He seemeth to be a setter forth of strange gods: because he preached unto them Jesus, and the resurrection. 19 And they took him, and brought him unto Areopagus, saying, May we know what this new doctrine, whereof thou speakest, is? 20 For thou bringest certain strange things to our ears: we would know therefore what these things mean. 21 (For all the Athenians and strangers which were there spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell, or to hear some new thing.) 22 Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious. 23 For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you.

It seems that these intellectual philosophers listened attentively to Paul as he expounded the Gospel, right up until he mentioned the resurrection, and then some of them laughed and jeered.

Acts 17:32 And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked: and others said, We will hear thee again of this matter.

They could not believe such nonsense. From the dead? They mocked. They let Paul know in no uncertain terms that they **knew** that nobody actually dies, since they had all adopted the notion that part of a person does not die as part of their culture.

The crowd were saying to Paul, "Surely you know that nobody dies, part of a person lives on!! You understand about 'The Immortality of the Soul' don't you?" Virtually all the Greeks believed in immortality of the soul. They thought that the very idea of resurrection was foolishness, and this attitude is even more widespread in our 21st century era.

However though, they were not aware of the origin of this lying concept, and certainly not that it came to begin with from Satan the Devil in the Garden of Eden!

And now billions, perhaps two thirds of the world's population will say, yes we die physically, but there is a part of us that is immortal and never dies. This includes up to two billion people who claim to be, and think of themselves as 'Christian' who believe that they will go to heaven when they die, when the Bible clearly states that when they are dead they are dead.

The Fundamental Basis of Christianity.

The foundational belief of Christianity is that the man Christ, the human Son of God died on the tree of crucifixion and was resurrected from the dead.

It is fine to talk about and discuss with others who believe completely in the fact that the entire Bible is absolutely the inspired revelation of the Word of God, while understanding that there are errors of translation which can be easily resolved with earnest open minded study. Or as long as the conference is 'in Jerusalem' and not in 'Athens' so to speak!

However it is not profitable to debate with others who do not really believe that we have God's Word directly from Him. Or with people who take the Athenian Grecian view, who do not really believe in the inspiration of the revelation of the Bible.

And we would all relish the opportunity to be asked to talk about Christianity with anyone, believers or non-believers alike, as the Apostle Paul did. Discussions held in the right spirit can indeed be profitable as we strive to grow in grace and knowledge, but it is not good to enter into any type of discussion where a person, however sincere, was attempting to

convince me of their opinion. A Christian is not interested in anyone's opinions, only in the statements of the inspired Word of God.

In fact debating or arguing about doctrine is one of the fruits of the flesh.

Romans 1:29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, **debate**, deceit, malignity; whisperers,

In 1983, Dr. Martin produced a new book on the actual location of the tree of crucifixion. This information is very important, especially because of the teaching we can gain from the symbolism. This was based on a mass of evidence he extracted from many historical sources which provided him with irrefutable evidence of the place where Christ died. He welcomed all the input he could get on the subject so long as it was congruent with the Word of God. Every Christian needs to welcome the opportunity to gain more knowledge of the right kind.

Evangelists try to get people saved

So many sincere religious people around the world are trying to get people saved. Evangelists and ministers of many denominations and sects, radio and television state that their passion and motivation is to get people saved. They spend a lot of time and energy telling people what they **have to do** to be saved.

According to God's Word, this mode of teaching is entirely backwards from the way God has set things up. People should not be taught how to get saved, ***they ought to be taught how they got saved!***

We got saved (past tense) back there on the Mount of Olives when Christ was crucified.

2 Timothy 1:9 Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

In this verse, God and Christ tell us both where and when we actually got saved (past tense) and that it was all ordained before the world was created.

Ephesians 1:4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

Each of us was known individually and personally by God the Father and Christ before the foundation of the world, before the universe, before Adam and Eve, and saved (past tense) from the outset of God's Plan.

It was in God's Plan from the beginning that we should be saved. The Doctrine of Grace shows us that it was Christ Jesus who paid the penalty for our sins. Christ Jesus was resurrected for us, Christ Jesus was the One Who had the righteousness that could be applied to us. Christ Jesus is our Elder Brother, and we can be 'in Him', and being 'in Him' we can also be 'in the Father'.

There is God the Father, and then the Firstborn Son Jesus Christ. There will be no 'secondborn children' of God. There are no 'secondborn children', only a 'Firstborn', and we, each and everyone of us who are '*in* Him' are an integral part of Him, who is the Firstborn of God, and we will be accepted by the Father as perfect as we are a part of His Son.

We shall have exactly the same Spiritual rewards, Spiritual duties, and Spiritual understanding as Jesus Christ Himself has. That is what Christianity is all about. He is the Head of the Body, and we are the arms, the torso, the legs, the feet, and together the whole members of the Ecclesia who make up the One Body of Christ.

There are no secondborn children, only Firstborn children because we are all *in* Christ Jesus. Because we have died on the Tree of Crucifixion with Him, and we have been resurrected from the dead with him. Now we realise that this is all symbolism, but no less real for that, in fact more real when we know the awesome truths that the symbols represent.

Symbolically if anyone did not 'die' on that tree of crucifixion, that person is still in their sins, spiritually. But we are NOT because the Bible shows clearly, plainly and definitively that we were. And it tells us that Christ Jesus did die for our sins, and that He was dead, and if he did not die nobody has a Saviour, but **He did die**, so we all have a Saviour. Thank the Father we have a Saviour, and we have been Saved!!

We thank God that whether we are alive or dead when Christ comes for the second time, we have the promise that as Christ was resurrected, so shall we, our fleshly bodies will be changed in the twinkling of an eye, and clothed upon with immortality, with the Holy Spirit to make us One with Christ and the Father.

1 Thessalonians 4:14 For if we believe that Jesus **died** and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

1 Thessalonians 5:9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,¹⁰ Who **died** for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.

We do not need Apostles, Ministers, Prophets or any man to teach us.

We do not need any Apostles, any Ministers, any Prophets, Angels, or any man to teach us how to be saved, or any other doctrines of Christianity.

1 John 2:27 But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye **need not** that any **man** teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is **no** lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

We have the man Jesus Christ teaching us through His Holy Spirit, **and He is the one and only mediator** between God the Father and man, and we need none other.

1 Timothy 2:4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. 5 ***For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;*** 6 Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

Some ministers of man-made religion, mere humans, take it upon themselves to mediate for their followers and parishioners between God and them. Even to the extent of 'forgiving sin' and meting out punishments for sin. HORRORS! They can do no such thing, and that is a fraudulent and dishonest claim, and it denies Christ Sacrifice and His Authority.

We do not need any man, as we already through Christ, have access to the Father. We are Firstborn children of God, and that is a wonderful thing to

have learned from His Word, but nobody can learn that if they do not have total confidence in the Holy Bible as being God talking to us directly.

In our 21st century world, people are still coming up with weird and strange notions concerning the truths of the Bible, exactly as Paul, Peter, John and others warned about centuries ago.

1 Timothy 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

2 Peter 3:3 Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,

Galatians 1:6 marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: 7 Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.

Adam and Eve had the opportunity to eat of the 'Tree of Life' and gain eternal life, but instead Eve chose to listen to the serpent, disobey God, and eat of the 'Tree of the Knowledge of Good & Evil'. At which moment the Holy Spirit was taken from Adam and Eve, and they immediately died spiritually, and they were prevented from eating of the 'Tree of Life'.

When the First Adam was created, he had the Holy Spirit. When the Second Adam came, He also had the Holy Spirit from conception. It was not Joseph's sperm, or Mary's ovum that produced the baby in her womb, the Father created the foetus of Christ Jesus from the Spirit of The Word into flesh, and placed it into her body.

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. Then verse 14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

So the Word became flesh, and that flesh was not wicked in any way, it was Holy. Christ said in John 6:-

John 6:53 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. 54 ***Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal***

life; and I will raise him up at the last day. 55 For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. 56 He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him. 57 As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.

So we fleshly mortals will put on immortality. When? At the last day, which for us will be at Christ's return at the resurrection of the dead. It does not mean that we have that life right now, because we have not yet taken of the 'Tree of Life' yet, although *in type* we have, we have in an a nascent sense, but we have not experienced it yet in a physical way until the resurrection of the dead at Christ's coming at the end of the age.

In the book of Revelation, it talks of 'Trees of Life' which bear fruit annually so that people, men and women who qualify in the Millennium, and afterwards, will be able to eat of that fruit and gain eternal life.

We who are true Christians now, redeemed by the blood of Christ, will not eat of those trees, as we will already have been given the gift of eternal life, and will be immortal eternally living Spirit Beings, part of the Family of God, even when God the Father is on Earth.

All this shows is that human beings do not have immortality in any form right now. Whether it is the human spirit which is loaned to each of us by God, which He takes back at death, it is God's human spirit that enlivens us, it does not belong to us.

Everything we are and have, breath, life itself, all are gifts from God.

We do not have any life of ourselves, only that which God puts in us at conception and takes back at death. Every breath, every gift that we have, every factor of Salvation, every concept or moral ideas we embrace in our minds, the teachings of the Bible, belief, knowledge, faith, repentance, that we can confess Christ from the heart; ALL of that and more has been given to us by God to work with in this ***life*** which itself is also a gift from God. We do not have life inherently, only God does.

It is not what **we** have to do on our own that gets us saved, the work we do will earn us rewards, but will not get us saved. The fact that we believe in

Christ at all is a gift to us personally from God. 'Christian' ministers are fond of quoting a verse (out of its own context) which tells us to 'work out our own salvation', but they do not read and emphasise the following verse which is part of the complete thought.

Philippians 2:12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

Yes, as Christians we do have to work, we do have to do spiritual and physical things in accordance with God's New Covenant laws in order to qualify for entrance into the Kingdom of God, and to receive a position commensurate with our work, but it is God and Christ who have actually done all the work needed to grant us Salvation.

Philippians 2:13 For it is **God** which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

God's only begotten Son was willing to give up His position in the Godhead to become human and die for us.

John 6:38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

We do not go to heaven when we die as so many believe.

John 3:13 And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.

Again, we need to trust and believe the Bible which contains the clear evidence is that we do not have life inherently, only God does. We are corruptible, Greek *phthartos* – perishable, corruptible, when God takes back our spirit, our dead bodies decay and rot away. From dust we have come and to dust we shall return.

Dust + human spirit + breath of life = Living Soul

Living Soul – human spirit – breath of life = Dead body – dust.

We will be raised from the dead, or at the resurrection if we are alive, we shall be changed from flesh into Spirit and live together with Christ Jesus for eternity. We can thank God for that amazing future that awaits us.

But if we put our trust in the Bible 'on the left' and give any credence at all to the serpent's words, '**you shall not die**', every verse that speaks about death from then on to the last page of the Bible will be interpreted differently.

So many people only have a weak belief about whether the Bible is actually the Word of God, they harbour doubts, they hear so many times that the Bible is full of error, and its being discredited in so many ways, that they decide they will 'cherry pick' the scriptures and only believe what they are told it says or what they think it says. This is the pathway to total confusion.

1 Corinthians 14:33 For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches ecclesia of the saints.

To be a Christian we have to believe and trust the Bible 'on the right' and take God's Word for it that when we die we truly are dead. From then on from Genesis to Revelation every scripture that is about life and death will give us the truth.

The Worldwide Rebellion Against Authority

Satan, under God the Father, is the ruler of this world and is deceiving as many of the world's population as he can.

Revelation 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

There is an almost universal movement, especially now in the latter times, for people to choose to believe what others tell them to believe, or what they choose to think is true, rather than accept the authority of God's Word. In fact this refusal to accept responsibility has become the way of life for most of the human race. It wasn't my fault... I thought...

Satan wants to foment the attitude of rebellion against all authority, and especially against the Authority of God Almighty. The entire Bible is the sad story of human beings rebelling against God, and His Loving Rule of Law.

This rebelliousness is what is at the root of the Bible reading population of this Earth, for the most part, who decide that they will choose their own beliefs out of the Bible regardless of what God says. The people who call

themselves Christian, in too many cases pick and choose what they will believe, and in the process reject the fundamental bases of Christianity.

Children are no longer taught to respect and obey the authority of their parents. Schoolteachers despair at the rebellious attitude disrespectful behaviour in schools which began at home. Young children and adults of all ages who rebel against the laws of the land and society fill our prisons over their capacity, and cause more to be built.

Satan encourages people to dabble with the spirit world, and they do.

World leaders in positions of power realise that power corrupts, and that absolute power corrupts absolutely, Many use their power without restraint to control those the reign over. It is not difficult to observe what goes on in this world, and appreciate that wicked spirits are undoubtedly involved with much of the atrocities that go on.

Ephesians 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Realising this, Christians need to pray to be able to live a quiet and peaceful life, and are encouraged to obey the laws of those who rule over us.

1 Timothy 2:1 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; 2 For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. 3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;

The number of programmes featured in all forms of the modern media present titillating titbits of information supposedly gleaned from the spirit world and from those who have 'passed over to the other side'. This presupposes that those who have died are living somewhere with some form of consciousness, and are able in the right circumstances, to communicate with people who are alive on this earth.

'Spirits' can and most certainly do communicate with humans, and in fact it happens whenever they are able to do it. The people who engage in such activities have no idea what they are dealing with. Think of all the horrors in the world, the ghastly war toll, the torture, the genital surgery of young girls,

the cruelty of Sharia Law, man's inhumanity to man, rebellion against the laws of sex laid down by our Creator, and so on. Rebellious spirits are involved with all these things.

Christ Jesus told us to pray daily for God to deliver us from evil, or the evil ones. To use contact with spirit powers as a form of entertainment is just another symptom of the rebelliousness of the world against the Law of Love.

1 Timothy 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

People in some 'Christian' organisations are interested in finding out more about the relationship between spirits and human beings (which they should not!), when they should be learning more about the relationship between human beings and their Spiritual Father and Brother Christ Jesus. It seems many want to enter into discussions on topics which run counter to the Scriptures, and should be left severely alone.

There are other types of spirit beings abroad

2 Corinthians 11:3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtly, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

What is Paul talking about here? A corrupted gospel. He is talking about the lie the serpent told Eve about the Immortality of the Soul, and the lie that part of us does not die, and that people die but go to heaven! Paul calls this 'another gospel' when people entertain ideas that come from a different spirit which might sound like the Christian Gospel, but it is as far from the Truth as East is from West.

2 Corinthians 11:4 For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive **another spirit**, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.

Ministers of some churches look and sound so good as they expound on human relationships, loving others, and so on, but inwardly are ravening wolves. Without their audience having any idea, they are teaching the Bible

in such a manner that will lead them slowly but surely away from the truths of Christianity.

Matthew 7:14 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

2 Corinthians 11:13 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. 14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. 15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

They talk about 'love', and that the 'spirit' is moving, everything they say is so very appealing to those who are deceived.

Speaking in tongues.

Some charismatic groups arouse and work up the 'spirit' and have people moved by the 'spirit' speaking in tongues, but they are probably unaware that the 'spirit' they are talking about is definitely NOT the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit does not speak.

John 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

When anyone in the Bible spoke in tongues, everyone in the audience heard what was being said *in their own language*. The speaking in tongues was not some unintelligible babble, that needed someone too interpret what the 'spirit' was saying.

1 Corinthians 12:9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; 10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

This is not talking about meaningless babble that nobody except the interpreter can understand, it is simply talking about the gift of tongues which means languages. Some have the gift of speaking several languages, others the gift of being able to translate into another language.

This is talking about a person speaking clearly in one language, who has an interpreter to put it into another language, so that one from a different country can understand what is being said.

1 John 4:1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but **try** the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

This word in Greek either *dokimazo* or *petrazo* translated 'try' mean to test, to scrutinize, to examine for truth, to prove authentic, to discern.

People on television watch and listen to a 'psychic' or 'medium' ask for questions from the audience about people that have died in their family. The questions are almost always about inconsequential and trivial matters. Like where did granddad hide his gold watch, or whether they are happy where they are. The psychic perhaps goes into a type of trance, maybe their voice changes a great deal as the audience is told that the spirit of the dead person is speaking 'through' the medium.

Those attending the studio audiences of these shows are rapt with attention as they listen to the lies being told by the spirit the medium is 'channelling'. Many of these performers are psychic who may well be in touch with evil spirits, but many are charlatans who fool the public into thinking they are in touch with relatives.

We should not be the least bit interested in what 'spirits' have to say, but only what the Word of God has to tell us. We need to guard against giving any attention at all to those who are in touch with the 'spirit' world. We do not have to get any type of revelations from 'spirit' beings.

If any person thought an angel had brought them a message, unless that 'message' resonated accurately with the Word of God it should be rejected immediately, and cause them to offer up a prayer for protection from that evil spirit.

Dr. Martin mentions that for the last two years he was with the FBR, almost everyone in the office seemed to believe in the immortality of the soul. Some were even looking to 'prove' that from the Bible which of course is totally impossible to do as the Bible all through teaches that the dead are indeed dead. And that frankly was at the basis of the reasons given for his dismissal from the FBR, because Dr. Martin was adamant in his belief that when the Bible says '*dead*', it means '**dead**'!

Some claim that 'justification' comes after several lives lived out on this Earth according to the teaching of those who believe in 'Reincarnation', while they refute the fact that the Bible says justification comes by faith in Christ and His resurrection from the *dead*. We do not have to go through various lives gradually improving our spiritual nature in order to be justified by Christ! That would be a doctrine of 'works' to gain Salvation, and we know that just is not true.

This is it! Most only get one human life, the only exceptions will be those who are resurrected who never had a proper chance of understanding the truth, and will be resurrected later to be given that chance.

Romans 4:24 But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; 25 Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.

Many people in the limelight, actors, film stars, and others who have the public's attention have been talking and writing about all types of 'spirit' experiences, 'out of body experiences'. People who have apparently come back from 'the dead' in a hospital telling of how wonderful their 'death experiences' were. But of course whatever they thought they experienced in their consciousness while apparently 'dead' were actually 'spirit' induced, because according to the Bible they were NOT DEAD. Again:-

Ecclesiastes 9:10 Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.

Other notables are writing biographies about those who have had other types of 'spiritual' experiences, or contacts with 'spirits', or 'life after a *death* on the operating table' visions, all of which adds to the tide of 'evidence' to those who choose to believe in the 'spirit' living on after death. All these reports are total nonsense, they are coming from other sources, the evil 'spirits' that throng the ether surrounding this world. In Christ's time, He spent a lot of time casting spirits out of people.

Luke 8:29 (For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For oftentimes it had caught him: and he was kept bound with chains and in fetters; and he brake the bands, and was driven of the devil into the wilderness.)

Some had many 'spirits' possessing them as undoubtedly is the same today, often in the case of the criminally insane.

Mark 5:8 For he said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit.
9 And he asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, My name is Legion: for we are many.

We can have the protection of God daily when we pray to be delivered from the evil ones. Back in the Old Testament Saul contacted a witch.

1 Samuel 28:3 Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had lamented him, and buried him in Ramah, even in his own city. And Saul had put away those that had familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land.

Saul was a wicked king, but at least had gone some way to getting rid of those with 'familiar' or evil spirits. But now, he was frightened at the prospect of being attacked and beaten by the Philistines. Saul approached God in the ways he knew, but received no response because God had withdrawn from Saul. So Saul decided to work things out his own way.

1 Samuel 28:5 And when Saul saw the host of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart greatly trembled. 6 And when Saul enquired of the LORD, the LORD answered him not, neither by dreams, nor by Urim, nor by prophets. 7 Then said Saul unto his servants, Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit, that I may go to her, and enquire of her. And his servants said to him, Behold, there is a woman that hath a familiar spirit at Endor.

She claimed to have brought up Samuel who was dead, and she claimed an apparition appeared and spoke to her, and Saul talked with him, but this was an 'evil spirit' masquerading as, or impersonating Samuel, and told Saul that the Philistines would win the battle which they did.

Wicked spirits often speak the 'truth' in order so much better to deceive those who believe that dead people are not dead, and to believe in what the 'spirit' says.

Embracing the idea that the dead are not dead, and having any involvement with the discussion whether or not it is possible to communicate with 'spirits' or they with us, is not only something a Christian should never be involved with, but is fraught with unrealised dangers. There are spirits out there, but they are in no way a part of the truth of God.

At the end of the age there are going to be

1 Timothy 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the **latter** times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

The fact is that in séances or in personal discussion with people who claim to be able to communicate with spirits, sometimes truth emerges, or even positive 'miracles' happen. But this is no indication that this is an acceptable activity. It is not. What the subject does not realise is that the 'spirit' is reading their mind, which is how the 'spirit' tells the psychic things to repeat to the hapless client that nobody else in the world could know thus convincing them that they are 'talking' to the dead relative.

We have to remember that our focus, and our only contact with Spirit should be exclusively with God and His Son Christ Jesus either through reading His Word, or praying daily as we strive to grow in Grace and Knowledge.

Dr. Martin tells about his mother and father who died a few years ago. His mother died at just about ninety-one years of age. 'She and my father are buried up there in California in the central valley just a short distance from where I am speaking. It comforts me to know that they are there in that grave, and that they are dead. If I am still alive when Christ returns, we are all going to be resurrected at exactly the same time. Sometimes I feel the same way Paul felt as he expressed in Philippians'.

Philippians 1:23 For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better:

Once a person dies, consciousness ceases as we read in Ecclesiastes 9:10. Four, forty, four hundred, or four thousand or more years may pass between death and the resurrection, but regardless of how much time elapses between our death and the resurrection, when we die, when we are next conscious, the very next moment just like awakening from sleep we will be conscious and alive in the twinkling of an eye, and we will immediately be in the presence of Christ Jesus. Our future is a Spiritual one, and will be given to us by Christ Jesus at that time.

Dr. Martin went on to say: 'If some time in the future a spirit came to me saying things only my father or my mother would know, and even if either

one appeared, most people would be deceived by that, and say, 'Oh there is my mother or father coming back from the dead to talk to me'. No way could that possibly be the case. I would instantly ask God in the name of Christ Jesus to get rid of that 'spirit', that evil influence from my sight and my mind. Because I would know that the whole thing was a *lie* from start to finish as my mother and my father are dead and buried. So if some spirit came impersonating my parents, which is exactly what it would be, I can tell them to leave immediately and I know without a question of any doubt that I will have Christ Jesus on my side helping me. I would pray in God's Holy name he would give me the protection you and I would need under those circumstances'.

The use of pendulums.

Many people have a different way to contact the spirit world to get help with all kinds of decisions, and answers to questions they have that they do not think they can answer for themselves, they use a pendulum.

What happens in a session with a psychic is the same as with the pendulum. What the person swinging the pendulum does not realise is that the 'spirit' is reading *their* mind, and is influencing the physical matter of the pendulum to swing in a certain way. This is how the pendulum 'tells' the poor individual things nobody else in the world could know, which 'proves' to them that they are in touch with their dead wife, relative or friend, but of course they are not. It is all a lie and a hoax.

They attach a string to a crystal or some other object, and swing the crystal gently and watch for it to move in a certain way. Perhaps they will set up in their minds that if the crystal goes around in a circle it means 'yes', and if it just goes back and forth it means 'no'. Each person will choose their own 'code' whereby the crystal will indicate a yes/no answer to their question. As a matter of interest, it is actually very difficult to pose a question to which the answer is only 'yes' or 'no'. Involved with most questions are other factors which would have to be taken into account, so the answer 'yes' or 'no' is actually valueless.

On the other hand, in this age, when we study God's Word, we are doubtless going to see the prophesied increase of knowledge spoken of by Daniel the Prophet. We are likely to learn new things of great import, and very exciting information which will illuminate and expand our knowledge of the Bible. And we always have to check that what we are learning is absolutely in agreement with everything else the Bible and Christ through

the Holy Spirit has taught us. A reminder, that if we do our part properly, diligently, prayerfully, we will not need any human to teach us. Again for emphasis:-

1 John 2:27 But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

Dr. Martin hopes that many will 'do him out of a job' by learning with the aid of Christ and the Holy Spirit so that we will not even have to learn from him. Dr. Martin says we have never really needed him, and that may be true, but I feel that God has used him to help me grow in grace and knowledge by leaps and bounds compared to 60 years of a lifetime of personal study.

In all my years I had been exhorted to study the Bible, but I had *never* been taught how properly to do that. The wonderful 'tools' I have learned from Dr. Martin form the basis of a book written by the author of these notes called "Why **Are** We Here?" and is available in e-book form completely free from ernestworkman.com.

The simple yet profound tools of first asking for the help of the Holy Spirit every time we study, then being careful to take account the geography, chronology, context, the grammatical syntax, and consulting problematic words in the original texts, have all enabled me to study in a much more in-depth knowledgeable and workmanlike manner on my own.

*A personal note from the author: "I have absolutely no doubt in my mind that in this age Dr. Martin was a (if not **the**) most remarkable teacher filled with the Holy Spirit, and that his insights and research were guided directly by God. I have found his work more inspiring than the work of any other man in my eighty-one years. But please be clear, in no way am I 'following a man', but I am following Christ's Word, the Bible for myself with God's help".*

There was a great deal of trouble going on in the 1st Century A.D., with many perverting the Gospel.

Then in the 4th Century, the Catholic church began to make inroads on the purity of the Biblical record, and many changes in what was presented as Christianity. One of the main changes was the emphasis regarding the state of the dead, and the concept of the immortality of the soul.

Not long after this Jerome 347-420 A.D., translated the Bible formed into sixty-six books in a different order from the original texts, and his translation was the basis of the Bibles we have translated into English to this day.

Although the 1611 King James Version is possibly the finest translation we have in wonderful stately language and poetic prose, but sadly King James put all kinds of restrictions on the around sixty scholarly translators. This included ordering and insisting that the translation of the Greek word *ekklesia* must be into the English word 'Church' which appears one hundred and eleven times in the New Testament.

Some think that this error does not matter at all, and is irrelevant, but anyone who examines the origin of the word 'church' will find it is based on the mythical goddess 'circe' (*pronounced 'Kirky' – Welsh and Scottish 'Kirk'*) who was a sexual 'nymph', a witch, a sorceress, who used drugs and 'magic' to turn men into animals. Mythical she might be, but this word is totally unsuitable to be used in any connection whatsoever with the *ekklesia, the 'body' of Christ Jesus!!*

(One of Dr. Martin's passions before he died in 2002 was to see a new perfect translation of the original texts in the correct order, in lovely clear language, and felt it was not only very desirable but definitely possible. While the project was never completed, apparently it is now being resumed by Dr. James Tabor: <http://transparentenglishbible.com>.)

The Antichrist is coming on this Earth as is prophesied in the book of Revelation, and Jesus said there would arise false Christs in the future.

Matthew 24:24 For there shall arise **false Christs**, and **false** prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

And particularly, many people would be deceived into believing Satan's lie that we do not die. We do die, and Christ died, shed His blood for us, and was resurrected from the dead three days later, to absolve us from all our sin. We must hold fast to this truth as the basis of our Christianity.

In our studies to grow in knowledge, we can of course make use of a lot of scholarly material produced and is available to us, always being very cautious that what we are reading gets, and is congruent with the Word of God in the Bible. Especially when a new translation is available in the order

of the original manuscripts, (which it is) is all an individual needs, with the help of the Holy Spirit of course, to understand God's Word, and we do not need any religious teachers at all. We will have in our hands the Sword of the Spirit, which will surgically strip away all error, and enable us to face boldly all that is coming on the Earth in the future.

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

As we have seen, the Antichrist is coming onto this Earth, and false ministers who would be so convincing that many would come very close to being deceived, as it says even the apostles and disciples would have to be very cautious about what they embraced if they were here at that time.

Let us not disregard all the symbolism of the Bible, or water them down, or listen to any who do not deeply respect the total validity of the Word.

Hold fast to the basis of Christianity, that Christ gave up His position in the God family to become a human being, to live a blameless life, to die and shed His blood for our sins, was resurrected as the example for us that we too will be resurrected at the second advent, and will present us blameless to God the Father, so we can live in Christ for eternity. Christ is now at the right hand of the Father in heaven, and we are *in* Him.

Ephesians 1: 20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, 21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, 23 Which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all.

1 John 2:4 He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. 5 But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: ***hereby know we that we are in him.***

Ephesians 2:4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, 5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) 6 And hath raised us up together, and ***made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:***

7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

We hope and pray, and have the confidence that when each of us comes before the Throne of Grace, Christ Jesus will say to every one of us:

Matthew 25:23 His lord said unto him, **Well done**, good and faithful servant; **thou** hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter **thou** into the joy of thy lord.

Selah!