

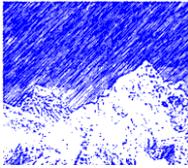
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Two Backpackers Are Trekking On...

The Explorers Head Out

As They Follow The Eternity Road
In The Old Land Of Nepal

Find Your Own Divine Destiny As...

You Are Following The Eternity Road

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Hey, the Beatles and the Moody Blues (noteworthy among the better British bands, with the latter being my favorite of the two) both claimed to have found all kinds of wisdom and inspiration by visiting South Asia... so I figured we would too.

My Swiss pal Werner may have had somewhat different expectations from myself, but I was certainly expecting to get some big-time enlightenment and writing-inspiration from all the adventures we were about to start having in the ancient kingdom of Nepal.

I was just plain thrilled... from the top of my little Knulp cap to the bottom of my little earth-trekking toes! I guess Werner must have been rather enthusiastic too—after all, these two treks we were planning were entirely his idea. But I certainly gave his plan a lot of enthusiastic support.

We were happy and almost carefree vagabonds back then, in Nov. 1979. Two young men who were both single at the time and making long-distance, long-term travel expeditions that would carry us all around the world in due time. We were what the Moody Blues might have called "long-distance voyagers."

Werner and I were certainly not rich, but we did not yet have the responsibility of wives and children to support. That would come to both of us later, and it would certainly put a bit of an obstacle in the way of future travels, after the major life-change of matrimony came along. At least in some regards. For sure, you can't spend all your savings on a fun travel-expedition if a prudent wife tells you, "No way!"

It's really hard to continue the naïve and carefree life of a backpacking vagabond after that... once a person is married and has all the new responsibilities and children to support. If you are rather poor, it's hard to even take a vacation occasionally, since you don't have a lot of income. In my own case, I never quite became one of those "rich Americans"

I've always heard about... so most of my foreign travels occurred when I was still single.

I was a big Moody Blues fan in those days, as we independently toured Nepal. In fact, it was almost the only musical group I really liked at the time. Remembering the chorus of an old Moody Blues song that they had titled *Eternity Road*, I walked around Kathmandu and thought again, as so often before: "*Traveling Eternity Road... what will you find there...? Searching to find... a peace of mind...!*"

And I remembered too a time when, long ago, in 1975, I had sat in the smoke-filled café of Amsterdam's Old Bakery Youth Hostel... listening to the emotional words of a male guitarist/singer as he performed an old Bob Dylan song for us. In a passionate and thoughtful voice, the singer had asked his audience—which was mostly young foreigners and vagabond-backpackers like myself—the poignant words of Dylan's classic song: "*Hey, how does it feel...? To be on your own...? With no direction home...! Like a rolling stone...!*"

I must also report that one day there in Kathmandu, before we started the Pokhara-Muktinath Trek, I even got to hear two or three Moody Blues songs played on the speaker-system for the lobby/cafeteria area of our hotel, there on the bottom floor of the "Century Hotel." I'm sure I called Werner's attention to the fact that the radio was playing a couple of my favorite songs that day.

Someone else besides myself must like their music, I realized... even there in far-off Nepal. Did other trekkers tend to like the Moody Blues as much as I did?

The local radio station and the sound-system in the bottom-floor café of Kathmandu's "Century Hotel" was also nice enough to play for me an entire side of the *War Of The Worlds* album for which Justin Hayward had contributed

some songs! I enjoyed hearing it too, before we ever left Kathmandu behind and headed off for the town of Pokhara.

As we explored Kathmandu together, I told Werner that he reminded me quite a bit of Hesse's central character in his short novel called *Knulp*. Knulp was a poor but lovable European vagabond. During our travels in Nepal, I occasionally thought of Werner as being a modern-day, real-life version of the fictional vagabond Knulp. I also sometimes thought of myself as being like Knulp.

While in Nepal, I was still wearing the same cap which I had used on my European expedition, a knitted blue cap with a point in the front... a hat that I had nicknamed as "my Knulp cap." We were both eager to be on our way, to go off exploring the world again!

Yet I was also careful enough to warn Werner that I had never possessed any inner "sense of direction"... being unable to easily sense or remember the 4 points of a compass— North, South, East, and West. So I would be counting on him— a lot— to help make sure I didn't get lost along the way.

Werner was willing to accept that challenge too, and I'm glad he did, because I knew he had previous mountain-climbing experiences all over the world, including the Alps of his native Switzerland.

At that time, my main interest was in continuing my writing efforts—which were then aimed mostly toward a New Agers' religious treatise that I was planning to produce. I had expected that I might call it something like "*Proclamation To Earth*," but then started to imagine that a better title for my book might be "*The Mount Everest Revelation*." I had already written significant sections of the book in Japan, in the Philippines, and even on the airplane flight from Manila to Bangkok, before ever reaching Nepal.

You see I was not really a Bible-believer when I first arrived in Nepal... even though I had started out my life as a little child who was sent by his parents to Presbyterian church Sunday School classes and church services.

At age 5 or 6, I had graduated from a Presbyterian church kindergarten class and had performed my memorized Bible verses for the little kids' graduation ceremony... and later on, in high school, I had even officially "joined" my parents' Presbyterian church.

But over the years I had become a total Evolutionist, a humanist, and a somewhat ecumenical pantheist. I had already spent a couple of years or more reading books on Zen Buddhism, the complete works of Hermann Hesse, and several books by Nikos Kazantzakis. I had no interest at all in Islam, of course, and certainly knew nothing of its violent history and teachings at age 28. Nor did I know anything about the Bahai teachings at that time.

But I had read a couple of books by Lao-Tzu and Chang-Tzu, two founders of the basic Taoism philosophy... with translation from Chinese to English, naturally! And I had really liked the idea of learning to flow with the Tao of the Universe. I had also struggled through the book *The Tao Of Physics* in the past, reading at least some parts of it. Science and physics were certainly not my strongest areas, however.

I had also read hundreds of science-fiction books over the years, books like those of Arthur C. Clarke, Robert Heinlein, and Isaac Asimov— almost all of them written by persons who were atheistic evolutionists... extremely hostile to the Christian faith.

In short, I had become a complete heretic— espousing a new kind of evolutionary, ecumenical, eclectic religious system that was basically just a glorification of Space Travel and Evolutionism. In 1979, I still thought I would end up writing a sort of New Agers' scripture that would be rather like "a science-fiction fan's Bible."

Little did I suspect that in June 1980, I would be coming back to Jesus and Bible-belief, as I did on June 16, 1980... just a month or so after I had arrived on Guam.

At that time, I could not even imagine that I would someday, in the distant years 2004 and 2005, end up producing a little Christian tract that utilized a few facts from our visit to Muktinath's "Temple of Miraculous Fire" as a springboard to a meaningful Christian evangelism message.

Nor could I imagine then (even after the early years spent as a science-fiction-loving fantasist) that my own future would include the translation of my tract "*Find Your Divine Destiny In... The Temple Of Miraculous Fire*" into several Asian languages. These included, first of all, the Indic languages of Tamil, Malayalam, Telugu, and Hindi... then Burmese... then Nepali... and then Korean.

As a small child, I had started out my life by graduating from a Presbyterian church's kindergarten class, and had immediately thereafter entered the public schools of the US, where I had been indoctrinated for many years with the ideas of the un-Biblical religions of Humanism, Evolutionism, Scientism, and Atheism. Of my own free will, I had also watched a lot of misleading television programs, including too many episodes of *Star Trek*. Of my own free will, I had read perhaps two or three hundred science-fiction novels, plus dozens of novels by Hermann Hesse and Nikos Kazantzakis, plus a number of books on Zen Buddhism and Taoism. All these things had taught me to distrust and disbelieve the standard interpretation of the Bible that was given by the Christian church pastors.

And so, as Werner and I set off once more on "the eternity road," with the purpose being to explore and learn from this vast new kingdom of Nepal... I was still quite ignorant. I was still a mind-addled dreamer, full of fantastic prophecies for the future that were coming only out of my own imagination. I was expecting to get a lot of creative inspiration for all my

New Ager writing efforts that would come forth from these two months and the two treks made in Nepal.

I even expected to be writing a new kind of "special scripture" for the benefit of planet Earth... material that would be solidly based on Evolutionism, Humanism, Scientism, Buddhism, and Atheism... a lot of pseudo-religious material that I had already started long before, while in Corfu (Greece) and Japan and the Philippines. I felt at the time as if "God" had somehow chosen me to become "a new prophet" of Evolutionism and of a new ecumenical one-world religion. My "God" was an imaginary being who had designed a world of Evolution and Survival of the Fittest, and I felt sure he would give me lots of additional inspiration as I continued writing more "scripture" that would help the whole world understand his grand design for the human race. My imaginary "God" at that time was not the Triune YHWH God of the Christian Bible but the false god of the Evolutionists.

I didn't realize it then, in Nov. 1979, but I had already become a complete unbeliever of the Bible... a heretic, a false prophet, and a false teacher. I was at that time promoting a different kind of "good news" than the gospel of Jesus Christ. It was instead the "good news" of the "New Age" of Man's "evolutionary development." I was at that time no longer a real follower of Jesus, if indeed I had ever really been one. If I had ever been His follower as a child, I had certainly strayed far from His little path to Heaven during the years leading up to 1979.

The "eternity road" that I had set myself upon was actually the Wide Road that leads to Hell and destruction, but I didn't have sense enough to know that at the time. I was still remembering the lyrics of songs by the Beatles and the Moody Blues, the ideas of novels by Hermann Hesse, Nikos Kazantzakis, and science-fiction fantasists... and my mind was filled with all of their imaginative concepts. But...

I had forgotten that Jesus Christ also spoke of "the eternity road" and where it leads... saying that there were two different destinations possible for any immortal traveler who is busy following "the eternity road." Two different ending-points are at the end of the road, waiting to be a final destination for anyone who follows "the eternity road" to its ultimate conclusion... and the next stage of unending life.

I had completely forgotten the Truth of Jesus Christ, Who had spoken these words to His disciples, as recorded in the Holy Scripture that He had written Himself for His own book:

"Enter by the narrow gate; for wide *is* the gate and broad *is* the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. ¹⁴ Because narrow *is* the gate and difficult *is* the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

¹⁵ "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. [NKJV, *Matthew 7: 13-15.*]

I would not find the tiny gate of salvation and the narrow path that leads to Heaven until 8 months later, shortly after I had arrived on the island of Guam. At that time I finally stopped following the many false prophets and the multitude of false teachers who had been deceiving me throughout my earlier lifetime.

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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, in the Word of God written by His Son.

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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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...!