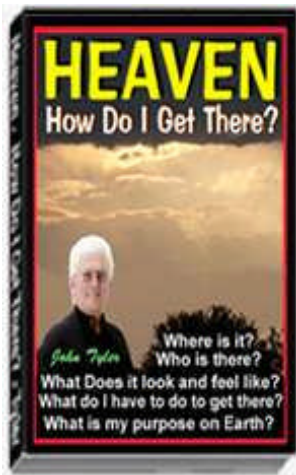


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Everyone has asked themselves, "Where am I going after I die"? **Barbara Walters and ABC News** ran a special hour-long show on the subject. The majority of us know we are going somewhere after we die – but where? We want to know what it will look and "feel" like there. We are curious about a "Creator", and if there really is a God. If so, what's He like? Who is this one called Satan? Where did he come from? What

is our purpose on earth? This book addresses those, and a hundred other questions the readers will likely have. Why gamble with your eternal destiny? Know the options.

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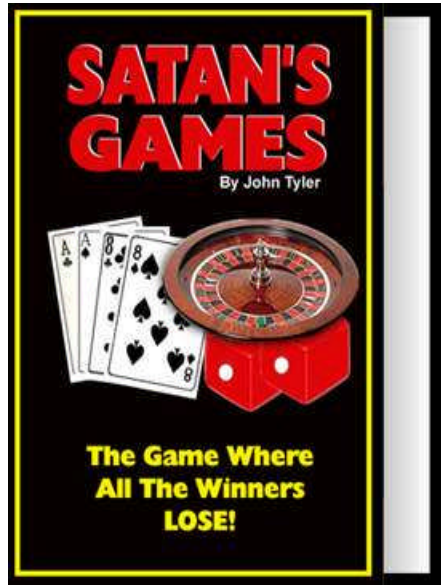
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unfortunate that Eve chose to believe Satan's lie. Satan uses this **same lie** today to bend and twist what God has spoken, and he uses it to turn you away from God. Satan wants you to worship him, instead.

This is an absolute **MUST READ** book. If you get to understand Satan's lies and games, you can save your life before you die....and you will die. You need to know whether you will spend eternity in the ground, in heaven or in a place called hell.

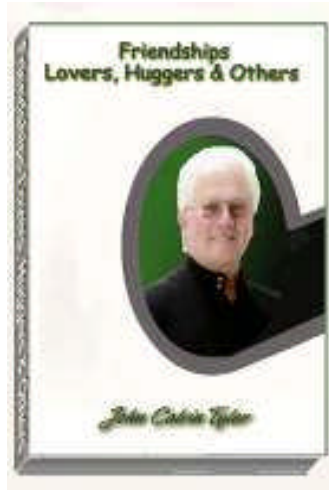
Know Satan's lies and games - save your own life....and those of your loved ones, including your children.

Learn how God has a plan and purpose for YOUR LIFE, and find out how you can get to know what that plan is. This author tried to live life my way. Although I made millions of dollars in my life, I still ended up begging God to show me His plan...because I wasn't too happy with the way my plan worked out.

I will expose all of the games or tricks that Satan used to influence me, and get me off the pathway to discovering what God's plan was for me.

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This book is necessary to own for anyone entering into a new relationship to learn how to improve the odds of staying together. Learn to repair current relationships, or discover why former relationships didn't work out. A 100-question "Compatibility Test" and score sheets are provided. Anecdotal humor and some of life's lessons...are in the book. Answers to questions, like "What is LOVE? What is HAPPINESS? Are they attainable?" The answers are all

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Dedication

This book is dedicated to all of you who desire to seek the truth.

John 8:32 – *"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."*


Because you have chosen to read this book, out of curiosity, or for whatever reason, you are now responsible for your own eternal destiny. The opportunity to know how to get to Heaven – or reject knowing how to get to Heaven now lies squarely with you - whether you choose to keep reading – or not.

John Tyler

Did You Know?

People search for the truth in many ways; one of them includes reading The Bible. Sometimes, other books or "extra Biblical" books are added to religions, or are mysteriously found, or written from the mind of someone who received a "revelation from God". The Bible has this instruction: **"My word shall not pass away - don't add or take away from it." - For I testify unto every man that hears the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.**" - (Revelation 22:19).

The Word of God takes precedent. The other books might be nice to read, but they should never control or influence the truth of the Bible. The Bible was written through the hearts and minds of great men, with God directing them. Religions come and go. God's Word does not pass away. Some religions were created as late as in the 1970's, like Kwanzaa. Don't be misinformed; don't go down rabbit trails searching for the truth. **Getting to Heaven is not complicated.** Everything else may have 32 flavors, but getting into Heaven has just one flavor – plain old vanilla.



You **WILL**
KNOW how to
get to Heaven
within the next
few chapters.

You can close or open your eyes and your heart concerning the way to get to Heaven, meaning you can reject it or accept it. I'd recommend that you pray, and ask God to open your eyes, ears and heart to His Word. To God, it matters not what "religion" you claim to be part of. His goal is to point you to the truth, so ask God to point you to the truth. If your prayer is genuine, He will direct your paths to the truth...I guarantee it based on His Words.

Having this book in your hand indicates that you are genuinely interested in finding out how to get into Heaven...and perhaps learn how God wants us to live while here on earth.

"Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." – Heaven is a place that no writer can adequately describe – no artist can adequately paint on canvas.

Dedication – "Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches: but let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord." – Jeremiah 9:23

Wherever this book goes, however many there are who read it, however many copies get sold – however much money is earned that goes to Christian charities, the glory received is not for the writer, but for the Creator – God, for it is HE who causes things to happen – His way, and in His time.

John Tyler, Author-Publisher

INTRODUCTION

Are you searching for "The Good Life"?

Many of us think about where we are going to go once we die – but then we quickly abandon the thought – because it's scary. Face it – YOU ARE AFRAID TO THINK ABOUT DEATH, AND TO THINK ABOUT WHERE YOU ARE GOING AFTER YOU DIE.

When you finish this book, and have a clear understanding of what heaven and hell look like, and your heart is open to receiving God's words in an open and honest fashion, I can tell you that you will NOT be afraid of dying at all!

The Bible says, "***It is appointed unto man once to die, but after this – the judgment.***" Hebrews 9:27

Who wants to think about death? I say, "*Why not think about the hereafter*"? You are going to go somewhere "hereafter", and it could be the most pleasant experience going to a place far superior to anything you could imagine that is here on earth - that is, if you choose to go to Heaven. Yes, it is **YOUR choice** as to where you will spend forever.

Some believe we simply go into the ground after death, and that's the end of it. Others believe there is a Heaven and a hell. Why not take a little time to discover what Heaven will look and "feel" like?

Chapter One deals with Heaven. You will get the best "sight-seeing tour" of Heaven that you've ever had, and it is based upon Biblical descriptions given of it.

I'm going to paint a picture of what Heaven will be like when (or if) you get to see it - starting with the outside walls of Heaven as seen by John and recorded in the Book of the Revelation.

Instead of thinking long-term – eternity, we constantly search for the temporary “good life” here on earth. Even if you and I attain whatever it is we think the “good life” is, will it make us happy? Maybe you have all the money in the world, but - Like Christopher Reeves, something tragic happens in your life to diminish all that the “good life” may have promised.

Many who are rich would trade all their “gold” for good health. On the other hand, I know of no one who would trade their good health for a billion dollars.



I have dreamed of owning a home like this!

Owning an oceanfront house like the one pictured above was one of my good life desires. It would offer temporary happiness, but “stuff” doesn’t bring lasting peace and happiness. In fact, without knowin’ where you’re goin’ after you die has to bring consternation, not peace, into your heart, so how can you ever be satisfied or happy without that piece of information?

We must know where we are going AFTER our term on earth ends. You also should seek out the answer to "**Why am I here in the first place**"?

I've had it all! I've had more money than most would ever see in a lifetime. I've had Mercedes-Benz cars (three of them at once), and the big houses overlooking the water. King Solomon, the wisest man who ever lived, had a million times more "stuff" than I ever could, but will "stuff" bring happiness - or peace - or contentment? Short answer - no!

When you figure out what God wants you to figure out, you will have learned that everything you have - or ever get, is on loan from God. It's not yours. You will not take it with you.

I will write a 7th book one day - entitled **You CAN Take it With You**. That book will reveal all the things we SHOULD be doing here on earth so that when we do get to heaven, we WILL be taking something with us while leaving a legacy behind.

In fact, if you get the chance to read another book of mine - **Satan's Games**, you will discover that God owns everything, and He wants to loan it to you...with certain provisions. That book is actually a work in progress because God is NEVER done blessing us. It was interesting to see God bring me from millionaire to bankrupt, then to a point where He provided my "daily bread", which is to say that He met my daily needs

One thing that will guarantee you less stress and more peace in your life is knowing that you will be heading to Heaven when you die, and no man knows the day or the hour when that will happen. That knowledge of where I'm going after I die brings peace in my soul. Nothing in this world could do that - no amount of money, no "bling" - nothing. How could it? Those things are temporary, and disappear when we die.

Seeking out the truth about eternity and the guarantee of obtaining Heaven should be of paramount importance to you. We plan this life so carefully – right down to retirement.

Then we draft a Last Will and Testament to leave our “stuff” to those we love. But we don’t plan for AFTER.

It took many years of “wandering in the wilderness” for me to come full circle back to truth and reality. I wandered in the wilderness (a biblical term) because I walked away from God. I left Him because I was angry with Him. I am lucky He is a loving God because He could have chosen to kill me. Instead, God chose to let me wander for years – then He decided to send me to “God’s Boot Camp” for a season. I wouldn’t trade the result of that training for all the gold on the planet!

God wanted to show me what His plans have always been, and He wanted to get me to the point where I could begin to do “The will of the Father”. Jesus told us exactly what the will of the Father is, and it is that ***“All should come to repentance and be saved.”***

My job, as a writer, is to teach all that I have been shown by God and by His grace, and pass it along. He wants you and I to know what He expects of us while on this side of Heaven, and He wants us to know how to ensure that we are going to Heaven after we die.

I’m in my sixties as I write this book, and will enjoy passing all of that hard-learned information along to you to help you avoid wasting a lot of years of your life searching for “God’s will”. God has a perfect plan for you. All you have to do is ask Him to reveal it to you... and He will show us what His plan is for our life...if we let Him. Once we ***“get it”***, life gets really good! Once you “get it”, your life can change so dramatically that you’ll truly be at peace. Until you square things away, and get on the same track as your Creator, you will not have peace in your life.

Temporary “stuff” brings temporary happiness moments. Putting eternal things into perspective will bring life-changing happiness into your life, and a whole lot less stress.

After the beautiful description of Heaven, found in Chapter One, we will immediately deal with Satan in Chapter Two because he will be on your case the moment you try to find the truth.

LOTS OF QUESTIONS WILL BE ANSWERED IN THIS BOOK!

Where did Satan come from? Where did he land when God tossed him out of heaven? Where was the Garden of Eden? What tricks was Satan up to from the beginning of the formation of mankind? Does he have the right to take a life? Why does God allow Tsunamis and other disasters to kill thousands of people? We address a host of interesting questions that you will likely have. We then get right into how you can **know** you have eternal life in heaven.

CAN YOU GET TO HEAVEN BY BEING GOOD?

A rich young ruler asked Jesus, ***“Master, what must I do to have eternal life?”*** The man was good. He was kind. He obeyed the Ten Commandments, or thought he did. He had every legitimate reason in the world to be allowed into heaven. Yet, he would be denied access. There is only one way into heaven, and that way is clearly outlined in this book. The short answer here is ***“No, you cannot enter into heaven by being good.”*** I will demonstrate why later.

After you get to see heaven (after reading my description herein), and know whom your number one enemy (the devil) is, you will want to know what the difference between **evil** and **sin** is. We need to know what the difference is between evil – and sin, and that difference is revealed to you in this book.

Then, should you accept eternal life, you may want to know how to deal with the devil and how you can minimize his desire to continue hammering you with temptations. You'll be pleased to discover that there are no hoops to jump through or sacraments to take, or people to know, or money to pay - nothing like that. Surprised?

WILL GOING TO CHURCH GET YOU INTO HEAVEN?

You might want to know if going to church is a requirement for obtaining heaven. It is not. You may, however, want to be involved in a church. If so, what are you supposed to do once you enter one? What about the leaders - how do they fit in with God's plan for educating you in spiritual, eternal matters? Does God require that you give money? If so, how much?

Once, and if, you decide that Heaven is the place you would like to inherit, you will likely want to know how you should try to live while on the planet. A plan is needed for spiritual growth, worshipping, giving, and belonging.

Doing what is in God's plan is akin to dieting or doing anything else that can be life changing. The only way to actually begin a plan, stick to the plan, and conquer old habits is to first **want to**. Smokers cannot quit until they finally want to quit. Diets won't work until the dieter actually longs to diet and becomes so disgusted with him or herself that they will actually do it, and stick with it. This happened to be, so I speak from experience. In July, 2010, I decided to undertake a project. The project was to discover how big fat Marie osmond turned out to be beautiful, thin Marie Osmond. Her TV pictures in the NutriSystem ads intrigued me. How did she lose 50-pounds? Was it difficult? Did she encounter any health problems> Did she starve herself to death...and will she return to "fathood" later?

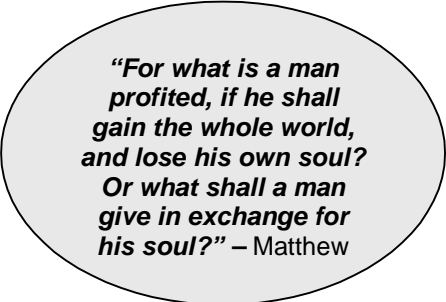
I noticed that Oprah Winfrey had weight problems. One month she was slim and trim...the next, she was gaining weight.

So, I set out to write a book – ***Diary of a Dieter***. My goal would be to lose 50 pounds as well, and to write about the entire experience, and show photos along the way. The online e-book should be available online in December of 2010...at www.RelationshipBooks.com for just \$23.95. All of my books cost only \$23.95, and they are all in living color – better than my black and white paperbacks.

Once the deep desire to commit to a plan is in place, the plan must have a formula for success

Your plan must have goals – tiny ones at first, and it must have the reward at the end – the reward of accomplishment. This book will help you get from desire (which only you can provide) to accomplishment – which only God and you can provide. It's all about choices. God's plan for you is all about choices. You choose. The basic plan of how to receive eternal life, and how to live while we remain on earth is outlined within the pages of this book.

We take the "scary" out of the age old question, **"Heaven – How Do I Get There?"** It isn't scary at all. This book will show you how to discover the way, the truth and the life. I will show you why your "good works" will never get you into Heaven. I will show you how you can get there, though



"For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" – Matthew

I want to show you how to save years of doing things wrong (by doing them your way), and I want you to learn from someone who wasted a long time "wandering in the wilderness" before learning to do things God's way. Me!

God "tests us" and trains us so that we "get it". I finally "got it", and can teach you how to "get it". Let my experience become your teacher.



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Chapter One – Heaven – Catch a Glimpse

The first thing I want to have you experience is Heaven itself. Once you get a sense of what it is all about, it should become your incentive for wanting to be there for eternity.

If you believe there is an entity called - Creator, Supreme Being, Yahweh, Deity, Allah or any other name you might want to call God, you will want to know all about the place where He lives, and where He has prepared a place for you to go when you die, and if you meet the simple requirement to get there.

There is no point of talking about Church, or what the leaders are supposed to represent, or how you should act as a contender for setting up residency in Heaven unless and until we discover what this place will look and “feel” like.

We shall attempt to demystify heaven. After all, most people are afraid to go there because of one of two reasons: First, they know they have to face God, and He lives there. Secondly, most people are afraid of the unknown, and nobody has actually gone to Heaven and come back to earth to report on it. We can, however, catch a great glimpse of Heaven. Where is it? What is there waiting for you? Who will be there? Once you discover all there is to know about Heaven, you – and only YOU, can decide to qualify for residency.

Heaven – Are You Planning For the Final Destination?

We plan our vacations months in advance. We know where we are going, which hotel we will stay at, which airline we’ll take, and the exact date that we will plan to arrive, when the plane leaves for the vacation destination.

We choose a seat near the window or the aisle, and we even have options for ordering which lunch we'll eat en route. . . assuming the airline still gives away a lunch! Many now charge for it.

Yet, we haven't the foggiest notion of what Heaven will be like, and you will be spending forever there should you decide or choose to go. Well, hang onto your hats because you and I are going to be taking a first-class, deluxe, front row seat to Heaven. When we finish the tour, you should have a very clear picture in your mind about what heaven will be like, who will be there, what some of the scenes will be, and you'll get a view of the approach. . . outside the gates. Then, we'll work our way into the city of Heaven itself.

After all, when we look out the airplane window, just prior to landing, we enjoy seeing what the approach to our happy time vacation spot will be like....so we sneak a peek out of the window of the plane.

WHERE EXACTLY IS HEAVEN?

Where is Heaven? Up "There" - or Right Here on Earth? Heaven is "up there". This earth shall pass away after a one thousand year period of time, which is supposed to occur after a "rapture", takes place. We'll get into that later. Suffice it to say, for those who believe that earth is both heaven and hell, it isn't, nor shall it be.

On December 20, 2006, ABC News and Barbara Walters did a special a year after I wrote and copyrighted the "bones" of this book. The show was entitled...."**Heaven - Where is it and how do I get there?**" Apparently lots of people wanted to know.

Of course, turning my books into online e-books gives me the advantage of updating along the way, so this keeps my e-books current.

This is still on the ABC News web site: *"In a survey by ABC News, nearly nine out of 10 Americans said they believed heaven existed. But what exactly do people envision when they think of an afterlife, and what do they believe is required to get there? Is heaven a myth dreamed up to give our lives meaning? Or is it a real place? Barbara Walters traveled to India, Israel, and throughout the United States, talking to religious leaders of every major faith, believers and nonbelievers, scientists, celebrities ... and even terrorists, in search of a better understanding of just what people believe when it comes to the afterlife."*



Barbara Walters

And...."**Every culture** has wrestled with the question of an afterlife, and most have come to a similar conclusion: The bad end up in hell, **the good go to heaven.**"

It is good that ABC did the special to draw attention to the subject that should be on EVERYONE'S mind.....Heaven, but that last sentence will be proven wrong, dangerous and could cost people their very soul. That is why I am only too happy to get this book into as many hands as God allows it to fall into.

The earth, including the seas, shall “*burn with fervent heat*” just after that thousand year period that I just spoke of. Then, there will be a new heaven and a new earth. We get that from Revelation 21:1 – “***And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.***” At that point a New Jerusalem will be lowered from heaven to this new earth. That verse reads, “***and there was no more sea.***” Are you confused yet? It’s okay, we’ll un-confuse you.

John, the disciple of Jesus, said, “I saw a new Heaven and a new earth – ***forthefirstheaven***” . .

Whoa! Stop! The “*first heaven*”? What did John mean by “*first heaven*”? The earth shall burn with fervent heat – to cleanse it. The first heaven, which is what we see and breathe air from, is located from the surface of the earth upwards to a point. That first heaven shall also be burned with fervent heat. Then, “***The first heaven and the first earth were passed away, and there was no more sea.***” The seas were also burned up.

There are Three Heavens!

The Bible states that there are actually three heavens. The first is the one we just spoke of, located just above the surface of the earth. Let’s talk a bit more about that first heaven. When Absalom, son of King David, was riding his horse, he died when he caught his long hair in a low-hanging branch of a tree. The Bible says, “***Absalom hung there, between heaven and earth***”. **2 Samuel 18:9** – “*And Absalom rode upon a mule, and the mule went under the thick boughs of a great oak, and his head caught hold of the oak, and he was taken up between the heaven and the earth; and the mule that was under him went away.*” Absalom, therefore, became suspended in this space of heaven – an area from the surface of the planet extending upwards - our atmosphere.

The second heaven is where the planets, sun, and moon are located. This we would refer to as "space"- but not the final frontier, as the Star Trek series used to tell us about.

THE THIRD HEAVEN – WHERE GOD LIVES

The third heaven is where God lives. We shall be visiting there shortly. This Heaven is located above the solar system.

We are told that there is a complete city known as "**New Jerusalem**", already built in Heaven, and this entire city will be "*lowered down to the earth in the future.*"

Revelation 21:2 - "*And I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of Heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.* ³ *And I heard a great voice out of Heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.*"

This Holy City of God is 1,500 miles long. I can almost hear you say, "Wait a minute, John – how can that be? If a New Jerusalem is let down over the old Jerusalem, it would extend out over the ocean!" That would be true – if we did not already discover that there will be no ocean – they were all burned up. They no longer exist. They are no longer needed. The New Jerusalem will also be **1,500 miles wide, and 1,500 miles high.**

To put this into perspective, imagine that you are in your airplane – heading to your vacation spot in the Bahamas, and you are cruising at 40,000 feet altitude. The New Jerusalem city is **198 times higher than that!** Think about how incredible that is.

I once flew at 49,000 feet in a military jet, and when I looked out the window, it was light blue below me, and purple just outside the window. Above the purple was jet black as I looked up. So, 198 times higher than commercial jets fly is a very tall City!

The New Jerusalem has walls around the entire city. To catch a glimpse of the height of these walls, you have to imagine looking up the side of a Colonial style home here on the earth. It can be about 35' high. The walls surrounding the New Jerusalem are 280' tall. Again, this is incredible - eight times taller than a Colonial home.

To really catch a glimpse of this magnificent place reserved for us, I will begin to paint a picture for you of the walls, and of Heaven itself so you can "see" things with your mind's eye.

You might be thinking that the walls surrounding this great new city are made of stone or concrete. Heaven's walls are totally different from anything you might have dreamed about. Painting a picture for you will be easy because the walls and the city are described in vivid detail in the Bible.

TOUR OF THE GREAT WALLS

The color of these high walls is pure white – whiter than any bleached products known to mankind, according to the Bible.

The walls made have strains of multi-colored crystalline, called Jasper running through them. If you have time, look up these precious stones in an encyclopedia - or online, to see what it looks like because you will see these precious stones once again – if you choose to enter into Heaven, and meet God's requirement to get there.

The walls are opaque, which means no light can shine through them. They sit upon twelve foundations. The first foundation is made of an opaque, jasper material. Each foundation has the name of an apostle written thereon – twelve foundations – twelve apostles. Each wall has three gates. There are four walls and twelve gates. Each gate is made of pure pearl. Can you picture how awesome those gates would look against the walls? Picture a pearl set against a pure white background.

The gates are never shut. Revelation 21:25, ***"And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there."*** So, we learned something else – there will be no more nighttime in Heaven.

Each gate has twelve angels. Upon the gates are written the names of each of the tribes of Israel – all twelve tribes.

The first two foundations are beautiful. The first, as we've described, is pure white and the next one up is a beautiful blue sapphire.

The third foundation is a milky white, translucent color. Translucent means that you can see light through it, but not through the foundation itself. The fourth of twelve foundations is an awesome, clear green emerald. Can you image the light from Heaven's city shining through the white foundation and then through the clear green emerald?

The fifth foundation is a reddish-brown stone, alternating with black onyx.

Are you ready for a "light show" that compares with none that you could ever imagine?

The sixth foundation is made of sardius stone – a blood red color stone. The **sardius stone** was the stone named after one of the twelve tribes of Judah. It means “Praise of Jehovah” and denotes the expression of praise. Sardius is also supposed to be on the throne of God Himself.

Above that foundation, or the seventh foundation, is a crystal clear red ruby. So now, we have red, green and white light reflecting through these layers or foundations, and reflecting upward along the walls and radiating outward. It seems appropriate that the 7th layer would be red. “7” is the number of perfection. Jesus was perfect, and it was his red blood that was sacrificed on the cross as payment for the sins of mankind.

The eighth foundation is made of beryl - with colors of greens, blues, whites, rose and gold. Some are opaque (you can't see through them), and some allow the light to shine through them. While we are on the eighth foundation, think of all the colors now shining through the foundation and radiating upwards – across the pearl gates and the white walls. **Whew – it almost makes you want to go right now, and we haven't peered through the gates into the city yet!**

Topaz is the ninth foundation. Topaz is made of precious stones of “prismatic like colors” ranging from reds to greens to yellows. This ninth foundation sits just below an opaque, green foundation made of a stone called chrysoprase. This is the tenth of twelve foundations supporting the walls.

The eleventh foundation is a reddish-orange zircon, and it is also opaque. Light will not shine through this foundation. It is interesting to note that all of these foundation stones were the same stones found in the breastplate of Aaron that is spoken of in the Book of Exodus, Chapter 28. *“And thou shalt make the breastplate of judgment with cunning work . . .*

...the first row shall be a sardius, a topaz, and a carbuncle: this shall be the first row. ¹⁸ And the second row shall be an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond. ¹⁹ And the third row a ligure, an agate, and an amethyst. ²⁰ And the fourth row a beryl, and an onyx, and a jasper: they shall be set in gold in their inclosings. ²¹ And the stones shall be with the names of the children of Israel, twelve, according to their names, like the engravings of a signet; every one with his name shall they be according to the twelve tribes."

I don't know what the significance is of the stones of the foundations supporting the walls of the New Jerusalem, but I do know that they match, although out of order from the breastplate. My goal is to describe Heaven. Later, when I get there, I'll ask about a million questions.

The twelfth foundation is very unique. It is made of crystal and is course in nature.

The color of the twelfth foundation is are you ready for this? Purple. Yes, purple. Picture a huge, pure crystal of purple that shines light right through it. This purple color bounces and radiates all over the gates of pearl and the white walls, mingling with the greens from the emerald foundation, and the reds from the ruby foundation, and the subdued whites from the translucent foundations of jasper. This is truly a laser light show unlike any we have ever seen.

ARE YOU READY TO ENTER THE CITY? LET'S GO!

Once we peek inside, to get a glimpse of what the city itself will look like, we are immediately awe struck. The city itself is made of pure gold!

You've just been mesmerized by the walls, foundation, angels, gates, and now you are looking at God's reflective light from within the walls - bouncing off the pure gold city. The gold reflections are bouncing back and forth from the white walls as seen from the inside.

If you could, try closing your eyes for a moment or two and imagine seeing streets of pure, translucent gold, pure white walls, and the light of God bouncing from walls to streets to city walls.

You have just entered heaven, and peered into New Jerusalem, and you are looking up at 280' high walls with gates of pearl. That rumor you've heard about Heaven having "pearly gates" is true!

Now, look down at your feet. You are looking at the roadway in heaven - and it is made of pure, translucent gold. It would look like someone poured pure, liquid gold into the ground and it hardened. As far as you can see, the roads are pure gold. We will be full of amazement and wonder at how this was all created, and created for those who could answer God's question, ***"Why should I let you enter into this paradise that I have built?"***

Now, compare what you have already seen with the home you have here on earth. Kind of depressing, isn't it? This is why we should want to continue looking toward that great and wonderful day when we can actually get to go there. If we do not die between now and then, we shall hear the sound of a great trumpet calling us "home". This trumpet will sound when we are "called up" or "raptured" or raised up to meet God in the air....en route to Heaven.

Think about those of your loved ones who have gone on before you. They are already there if they answered God's question correctly.

Your loved ones who have decided to get into heaven the only way possible are already there - Imagine! They are already enjoying the beauty of Heaven - God's home. My mother is there...as is my father.

CRYSTAL RIVERS AND HUGE FRUIT TREES?

As we walk along those streets of pure gold, we cannot help but notice the crystal clear river that runs along both sides of the thoroughfare. This river is found throughout the entire city of God, and travels to and from His very throne room.

Right in the middle of the street, we notice a huge tree...called the "great tree of life". This tree was formerly in the Garden of Eden. It spreads outward and its branches bend toward the river on both sides of the golden streets. The Bible tells us that there are twelve varieties of fruit on this tree, and **everymonth there is a fresh crop!** Revelation 22:2. I can't explain why, but the Bible indicates that there are months, therefore, there must be **time** in heaven. Time in light of eternity, can mean nothing in so far as it affects us, so I'm not sure what the significance of it is. I'm sure there are Bible scholars who would know this answer, but I do not.

WHAT ELSE WILL WE SEE IN THIS HOLY CITY?

We will notice the radiant light, but there is no sun! How can this be? We are told that there is no night - there is only light twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week (assuming there is an eternal clock somewhere). The light, we are also told, comes directly from God. It shines continuously. We shall see God, and will worship Him forever.

THERE IS SOMETHING MISSING FROM HEAVEN!

There will be something missing from heaven, and I look forward to all that is missing. You will, too.

Revelation 21:4 – ***“God will wipe away all our tears, for there will be no more sorrow, no more pain, no disease, no more sadness, no more death, no more sin, and no more separation from God.”***

Can you imagine a place where there is no more sorrow? A place where there is only happiness? This is what shall take place, according to God’s promise - in Heaven.

After you determine if you want to go to Heaven, you will then start wondering if all of your loved-ones are also going? Would it not be wonderful to know that those who are close to you – your spouse, or really special friends or relatives, mothers, fathers, children, brothers or sisters will be joining you in heaven – forever? I would want my loved ones to join me, that’s for sure.

Perhaps, if you decide that Heaven is the place you would like to spend eternity in, you could loan them your copy of my book to read. My hope is that you will lend them your book, or buy them one of their own to keep and refer to whenever they wish. They can read it at their own pace. Now, the books are all online, so anyone can download a copy for their own personal use. Remember, though, all the proceeds of my Christian books go toward helping Christian charities, so help them by paying for each copy of the book.

They (and you) will know, by Chapter Three, how they can get to Heaven. After that, they can know how to live, in accordance with the Bible, while here on earth until God calls them “home”.

I have listed "God's guidelines" and principles that you might want to follow in chapters 4 through 11. They are not mandates....only Biblical principles that we should desire to follow. We will fail now and then – because we are humans, but we might want to follow these precepts if we are truly thankful for what God has done for us, which is to guarantee a place for us in Heaven.

The Bible teaches that we should tell others of this place called Heaven – and how those others can get there. *John 15:8 – "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit. . ."* In other words, to bear fruit is to bring others with us to Heaven, and why would we not want to?

WHO ELSE WILL BE IN HEAVEN?

Some great names will be in Heaven – From Abraham to Billy Graham - will you be there, too?

Some people believe they can be "good enough" or "righteous enough" to warrant favor with God, and that God would be obligated to let them into Heaven because they were "good". I have some very bad news for you if you think that. The Bible says, "**Except your righteousness exceed that of the Scribes and Pharisees you shall in no wise enter into the kingdom of Heaven.**"- Matthew 5:20.

The Scribes and Pharisees were devout Jewish leaders who taught God's Word to followers. Not only did they teach it, they lived it. When they sinned, a sacrifice was made to atone for their sin, and that of the followers in the Jewish faith. Their goal was to live by the Ten Commandments handed down by Moses. This was "God's Law". I can tell you how utterly impossible it is to live by the Ten Commandments and never break even one of them. Neither could the chiefest among religious leaders. In my book, ***Satan's Games***, I reveal how a Christian like me is still capable of committing any sin on the books!

If, however, you believe that you could get into Heaven because you are "perfect"– without sin of any kind, you might be a candidate...except - **"There are none righteous, except one"**, and that one isn't you or me.

If you ever told a lie, for example, or stole anything at all, or broke any of the Ten Commandments – ever, you cannot be allowed into Heaven. God will ask you one question that you must answer. We will cover what that question is, and what the correct answer must be very soon.

"Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of Heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven." – Matthew 5:19.

For your review, I am submitting those Ten Commandments to see if you have ever broken any of them. These are from Exodus, Chapter 20, starting in verse number three.

3 – "Thou shalt have no other gods before me."
Do you put "things" before God? If so, you have broken this commandment.

4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in Heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth."

Have you ever made, worn, bought an engraved image of anything or any likeness of that which is in Heaven, or in the earth, or in the water? Apparently, we are not to do so. Perhaps if we make engraved images of things, for example that are in Heaven we might tend to worship those graven images, rather than the Creator.

The next verse tells why we should not make engraved images of anything in Heaven, in the earth, or under the earth. Under the earth is hell.

⁵ Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; ⁶ And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments."

⁷ Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

Have you ever said, "Jesus Christ" or "God damn it"? Have you been irreverent toward God? I'm reminded of a radio talk show host in Boston who said this at 10:30 AM on Saturday, January 15, 2005 when speaking to a sports announcer about the New England patriots playoff game with the Colts: "Jesus Christ". Obviously, I refrain from using the name of the radio talk show host because it would serve no purpose, and might embarrass him and his station.

If you are one who loves the Lord, thy God, and you are guilty of saying "The way we are treated at work is a God damned shame"; you have taken God's name in vain. If you celebrate Christianity, taking the name of Jesus, in vain, is a sin.

⁸ Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ Six days shall you labor, and do all your work: ¹⁰ But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God: in it you shall not do any work, you, nor your son, nor your daughter, or manservant, or your maidservant, or cattle, nor any stranger that is within your gates."

The Sabbath is Saturday for the Jews and others, like Seventh Day Adventists.

The Christians' Holy Day is Sunday, the **first day of the week**. Have you ever lifted a finger to do work of any sort on your Holy Day?

Remember, these Ten Commandments were handed down to the Jewish people. Most people know that it is impossible to follow all of those Ten Commandments – the Law of Moses. God also knows no one could possibly follow them. A blood sacrifice was made to “atone” temporarily for the sins of men in the Old Testament days. This would atone or “cover up” the sins until a permanent sacrifice was made for mankind. God provided a final sacrifice...a blood sacrifice, for the sins of the world. That sacrifice, according to Christians, was Jesus Christ, who died on the cross...a blood sacrifice for the complete and final atonement for man's sins – should they accept this sacrifice...or, their alternate choice would be to reject it. Stay with me....

Verse 12 - "Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God gives you.

Have you always honored your father and mother? This verse has a bonus – **"If you do, you shall live long upon the earth."** If you have not, and you disobeyed your parents – even once, you are guilty of violating this commandment – law. If you have broken this, or any other commandment, you are a sinner, and in need of a savior....according to God's word.

¹³ Thou shall not kill.

Most of us have not murdered anyone. When Jesus, a Rabbi, came to the earth, His message was that if you thought about it, or said it in your heart, *"I wish that so and so would die"*, then you are equally guilty of murder because you thought it in your heart, and this is just as evil as actually killing that person.

¹⁴ Thou shall not commit adultery.

This commandment is one in which so many people are guilty of violating. Because of it, marriages fail, and divorces are rampant in the world. When you take your eyes off God, and focus on how bad things might seem to be in your marriage, you then may likely begin to focus on another person - other than your spouse.

When Jesus came to earth, He specifically said that if you have lusted after another in your heart, you are guilty of violating this commandment of committing adultery. When you are watching TV, and some really sexy babe (or guy - like Brad Pitt) happens along, or someone happens along at work, etc.), do you make remarks out loud or to yourself about them? Well, "*If you have lusted in your heart* (as Jimmy Carter has admitted to), *you have committed adultery in your mind.*" Therefore, you have failed in this commandment.

¹⁵ Thou shall not steal.

Ever swiped a cookie, a tool, anything - when you knew the person who owned it wasn't around? You knew that it was stealing, but you stole it anyway.

Ever cheat a little tiny bit on your taxes? Ever leave a store with goods, but conveniently forgot to pay? Ever take anything that did not belong to you? Guess what? "***If you break the least of these, (commandments) you have committed sin against God***", and are not authorized to enter Heaven - unless you have faith enough to believe and to take God at His word concerning how to get in.

¹⁶ Thou shall not bear false witness against thy neighbor. I'm sure that you've never told stories about anyone! It's called "gossip"...."false witness".

If you've ever gossiped about anyone, you have not kept the commandment and cannot enter Heaven **unless you meet the one requirement to do so.**

See, God knew that this would happen, and knew that we could not possibly live a life of perfection. Yes, some of us can be classified as "good people", but it's not good enough.

You are probably asking, "*Why would God set us up for failure by making it impossible to get into Heaven?*" Hang in there; we're close to finding out how **easy** He made it.

I will, however, take this opportunity to answer the age-old question, "***Why would God want to send anyone to hell?***"

People who ask that question have NEVER read the Bible. If they did, they would know what God said. Two verses come to mind: First, "***God is not willing that ANY should perish*** (meaning that some will choose to go to hell), ***but that ALL should come to repentance.***" 2 Peter 3:9. God said He does not want anyone to go to hell, but He has given all of us the right to choose. We can choose to go to Heaven or we can choose to go to hell.

John 3:16 – a bible verse posted on many, many signs that you have seen in your lifetime, reads this way: "***For God so loved the world*** (the world does not mean the physical planet earth, it means the people in it), ***that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.***"

Therefore, God has demonstrated that He wants no person on earth to go to hell, but to get into Heaven, they must believe that Jesus died on the cross to pay for their sins, only He can forgive your sins, and that He was raised again from death, and resurrected, and that He ascended to Heaven. Do you believe all that?

Let us now continue along with the Ten Commandments...

17 "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor any thing that is thy neighbor's."

Have you ever said, "That guy (or woman) has it made, I wish I had what he or she has?" I'm Guilty! I have said, "Tom Brady, the quarterback from my home team, the New England Patriots is young, handsome, rich, and talented ...how could anyone not want to be in his shoes"?

If we could simply "be good" and that would gain us automatic entry into Heaven, as some believe, then Jesus would not have had to die on the cross for our sins.

If getting into Heaven were as simple as just being a good person, then it would mean that God wasted His time and His Son, Jesus Christ, on the cross if you or I could get into Heaven simply by being "good". When I say, "good", I mean better than the Scribes and Pharisees of the Old Testament, and they were teachers of the Bible. You would have to be PERFECT.

Would you go to the cross, and suffer the humiliation and pain for others? If so, would you hang on a cross until you were dead, and take the beatings that Jesus took if there was some **other way** to provide a sacrifice....a one-time sacrifice for the sins of mankind? I wouldn't.

So, if you still think you are "good", and that your "good works", whatever they are, are good enough to get you into Heaven...then, what will you do with this Bible verse?

"For by the grace (of God) are you saved - through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: ⁹ Not of works, lest any man should boast." Ephesians 2: 8 and 9

This Bible verse is suggesting that the first ingredient you need to have to enter Heaven is **faith**. That verse renders an edict, and that is that faith only....nothing of yourself...nothing you can do or say....no works that you think are good enough....no charity that you do.....nothing done by you can get you into heaven.

If it were so, you could boast, "*I am good, therefore, I get to go to Heaven based upon my good works.*" You get the sense that there is absolutely nothing you can do to work or earn or pay your way into Heaven. If you could, you would be able to boast of your "good works", and negate the work that Jesus did on the cross to become your payment for your sins that you commit on a daily basis. You cannot get into Heaven by any means – **except one.**

WHO WILL BE IN HEAVEN? SOME VERY FAMOUS PEOPLE!

Once you get there, you will eventually meet the likes of Abraham. You'll see Jacob, Isaac, Joseph, King David and King Solomon. "**And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of Heaven.**" – Matthew 8:11. I say eventually you will meet these saints of old because they are not in heaven yet. They are "asleep" in a place called Abraham's Bosom. Just before the "rapture" takes place, they will rise first, then Christians will be taken up. They (and we) will be sitting at a table at the "Great Feast" that will be prepared. The good news about that feast is found in Luke 22:30, "**That you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom.**" We can eat in heaven! I was worried about that. I love to eat!

Children will be there, too. Matthew 19: and verse 14 reads, "***Then were there brought unto him (Jesus) little children, that He should put His hands on them, and pray: and the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴ But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of Heaven.***"

This verse also confirms logic that I have used as to why children who are not responsible for their actions, or those who are not responsible due to mental retardation will be in Heaven. They will gain entry without having to comply with the requirement of God to let them in. That requirement is their FREE WILL. They have no decision-making ability. They are unable to make clear choices and decisions, and are excused. Their names are found in the "Book of Life". I will cover this subject in another chapter.

It is important for you to know that there is a **Book of Life**, and also that there is an "**unpardonable sin**" that will cause your name to be removed from it. That "unpardonable sin" is one of two reasons why we might not be allowed entry into Heaven, so you'll want to pay particular attention to that section of the book.

WHAT WILL WE BE WEARING IN HEAVEN?

White – that's what we will all be dressed in! You might be saying, right about now, "*Sure, John....now you're pulling my leg, right? Do you really think I'm crazy enough to believe that we'll all be wearing white....like what, an angel?*"

My interpretation of the scripture is not difficult...there should be no controversy about this verse: Revelation 3:5 says, "***He who conquers shall be clad thus in white garments.***"

The angels will also be wearing pure white - maybe the same pure white as the walls in the city.

*"The angel of the Lord descended from Heaven and came and rolled back the stone at Jesus' tomb. His countenance was like lighting, and **his clothing was white as snow.**"- Mark 9:2 & 3.*

Jesus will also be wearing pure white. In fact, the book of Mark described this scene: "***And Jesus, when he was transfigured, His clothing became shining, exceeding white as snow***"...so white that no bleach on earth could make them as white....just like the walls of the heavenly city of New Jerusalem.

GOD IS THERE, SO WHAT WILL WE EXPECT TO SEE?

First, it will be worth noting that God will be there. You will see Him.

God sits on a great white throne with what appears to be a rainbow surrounding it. The rainbow also emanates emerald green hues as well. God's throne is made of white jasper, the same as the walls of the city, but there are also reddish brown hues in it.

There are 24 seats around God's throne. 24 "Elders" occupy these seats, and all of them are dressed in pure white clothing. Each Elder wears a crown upon his head made of pure gold. Revelation 4:4 is my Bible source. It is believed that the 24 elders represent the leaders of the twelve tribes of Israel and the twelve apostles.

WILL THERE BE ANIMALS IN HEAVEN?

Many of us love animals. We've all probably had a pet at some point in our lives. Maybe yours was a dog, or cat...maybe a favorite horse. The best answer I can give you is "***Yes, we will have animals in Heaven.***"

Although not a whole lot is discovered in the Bible about animals in Heaven, we do have indication that they will be there.

For example, in Revelation 19: verse 11 and 14, it is revealed that **"Christ will lead His followers....all riding on white horses."** Heaven, we are told, is a place where the lion shall lie down with the lamb.

WILL WE STILL BE MARRIED WHEN WE ARE IN HEAVEN?

Well, if we were, it might be somewhat difficult for God to reconcile us to the one whom we were married to while here on the earth. Many have been married more than once. Although I am not married (since 1997) my former wife is remarried now, so it would be a bit of a "sticky situation" when she gets to Heaven (and she will be there) to deal with two husbands!

The answer to this much sought after question is that the Bible seems to indicate, **"We are not given to marriage in Heaven."** I'll tell you what I have discovered, and you can draw your own conclusions.

Matthew 22:30 reads this way, **"For in the resurrection, they neither marry or are given to marriage, but are as the angels of God in Heaven."** This appears to mean, no we will not marry, nor will we be married. If the intent of marriage was to procreate (have children), we will not have that need in Heaven. There will be no more deaths – or births, so there is no need to have children in Heaven. We've learned that there will be no more pain in Heaven; therefore, one can conclude that the pain of childbirth would also cease. We will all know and love each other (all inhabitants of Heaven), and we shall worship God – as the angels do.

The purpose of marriage on earth was this: A man and woman (not man and man or woman and woman or man and beast) would fall in love. They want to be with each other, and take care of one another *"Till death do us part"*. At least that is the plan intended by God. We, of course, manage to mess that plan of God's up – including yours truly.

The Bible instructed men and women who are in love, to "*replenish the earth*"...to reproduce ourselves into a "mini-me", and the child or children would have the genetic characteristics of both parents.

The reason we have children on earth is because we will surely die, and we need to replenish ourselves as the Bible indicates. Before the flood and Noah, God said this to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden "***Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it.***" Genesis 1:28

Later, when the earth became so sinful that God had to flood it to kill everyone and everything in it, because He was sorry He had made man, He told Noah, in Genesis 9:1, "***Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth.***" So that was the role that marriage played in our lives.

We will know and love all whom we knew here on earth – who make it into Heaven....along with those whom we have read about, like Joshua and King David. Imagine!

To wrap up the notion that there is no marriage in Heaven, we can also go into the "Christian's book" – the New Testament. Luke 20:34, reads, "***And Jesus said unto them, the children of this world marry and are given to marriage, but they which shall be counted worthy to obtain Heaven neither marry or are given to marriage in Heaven.***" So, I am convinced there is no marriage in Heaven. . . other than the symbolic "marriage" of Christ to His church, which is all those who believed all that He had to say concerning how to get there.

Christ is the new "bridegroom", and is "married" to his bride – which is the "Church" (generic and universal meaning intending to convey the notion that the "Church" is a body of believers who have met the criteria for obtaining permission to enter Heaven).

Revelation 19:7 gives us this indication. ***"Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to Him for the Marriage of the Lamb (Christ) is come, and His wife (the bride or Church) hath made herself ready."***

Church has two definitions. The body of believers who, by faith, accept the gospel of Christ are known as "the Church". The other "church" is the building where these people assemble themselves together here on earth – a building where followers worship God. We have a chapter devoted to that "church" (small c) later in the book.

We shall learn – in a later chapter, how God intends for us to act while attending these buildings – "churches" while on the earth. There is a greater reason that just hanging out, or having a social club with like-minded believers.

WHAT KIND OF BODY WILL WE HAVE IN HEAVEN?

I've always wanted to know this, too. The body I now have is getting mighty rickety! We get lame, sore, sick. Not in Heaven! We are told, in the Book of 1 Corinthians 15:35, ***"Some men will say, how are the dead raised up, and with what body do they come?"*** See, you aren't the only ones who are curious. The church at Corinth asked the same question.

I would ask myself a hundred times, *"How is God going to restore those who were eaten by fish in the sea - or from boating accidents, or who died in a horrific fire?"* God would have to rebuild them from something. What about those who died a hundred years ago or more? These people have surely decayed by now. ***"Ashes to ashes, dust to dust"***.

How can God turn us into some "super being" after something like that has happened? If we are old now, will we be young? If so, do we get to pick our new age?

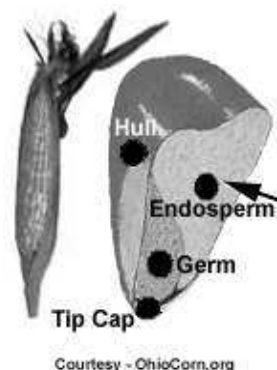
We do learn from the Bible that God compares the word "decay" with the word "corruption". Our bodies will decay or become "corrupted". In fact, Merriam-Webster's dictionary says they are the same word as well. They say, "*corruption means to cause disintegration or ruin (decay).*"

The Bible illustrates that our existing human bodies are like "seeds" that farmer's use to plant in the ground. The Biblical illustrations are very good at painting a complete picture of what will happen to this old carcass, regardless of its current state.

A seed of corn, for example, is planted in the earth - much the same way as we will be. That seed actually decays in the ground or becomes "corrupt", as do we. Then, a new life begins to come out of that seed. New life "springs forth" from that seed - that "DNA" if you will.

That single corn seed reproduces itself into what it first was. An ear of corn! How? That's the miracle of God. I don't know how, technically, but that's why we study the Bible - to discover the mysteries of life that we don't understand. God lets us understand it in "parables" or stories.

Just as the "seed" or DNA of the original ear of corn is re-born in the form of a new life arising from a decayed seed, we shall be re-born into a spiritual being having the appearance that we now have.



God created us in His image (as we are told in Genesis), so we must believe that we shall continue to look like humans. The Bible is not specific as to what "age" we will be or will become, but we will have bodies, that are indestructible according to the Bible, and that body is not only super-human, it can eat! I'm so happy!

In the illustration above, the "seed" or "DNA" of the corn that will produce what the original looked like is made of four parts. The "endosperm" is the source of energy and protein for the germinating seed. This energy represents 82% of the seed. The hull, like our body, is the outer covering of the kernel that protects it from deterioration. The "germ" is the only living part of the corn kernel. It contains the essential genetic information, enzymes, vitamins and minerals for the kernel to grow into a corn plant. And the "tip cap" was the attachment point of the kernel to the cob. It is the major entry path into the kernel.

One could draw the conclusion, therefore, that if we are like the corn dna, all the right things are in place within our dna (whether we are fragmented or not), to restore us to what we were originally, only the "tip cap" is where we are attached to the source that gives the life - in our case we are attached to God, the Creator.

We will become super-human in Heaven. We are told that our corruptible bodies become incorruptible. Our new body is made to withstand a very long time...eternity. Our old body was built to cruise for about seventy years - *"Three score and ten"*.

Even Job, an honored man of God from the Old Testament, knew that he would die, and go into the earth. He also knew, long before Jesus ever came to the earth that God would raise him up from the grave one day. Here are Job's own words: *"O that you, God, would hide me in the grave, that you would keep me secret, until your wrath be past, that you would appoint me a set time, and remember me!"*

"If a man die, shall he live again? All the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come. You shall call, and I will answer thee." – Job 14:13.

Job had been tested of God, and found to be faithful. During his very harsh testing, however, he wanted to die.

Our heavenly bodies are made of something. What? The evolutionists must have missed reading 1 Corinthians 15:39. Had they read it, they might have come up with a different conclusion instead of the notion that a "cataclysmic bang" occurred when the earth was formed, and then man came from a "thing" in the water. The "thing" started walking on all fours, then upright, then "it" evolved into the handsome men and women we are today.

Had they simply believed that God, the Creator, said that He formed the earth, then created man in the Garden of Eden, and created mountains, trees, etc. *"with the appearance of age"*, they would have saved us all years of headaches in our public school systems with the preaching of their system of beliefs that we arrived on earth via "evolution". We never came from a seed, to a fish, to a monkey, to a gorilla, to a cave man to a smart guy or woman! I do believe that some of those so-called "Progressives" did come from apes!

In fact, let's take a bible verse break right here because it might clarify what I just said about "Progressives" – those anti-God people who I wrote about in another of my books -**America's Two Holy Wars**. Progressives have "futile minds".

Ephesians 4:17 - *This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, **in the futility of their mind**, 18 having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart;".....*

19 –“who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.”

Progressives believe they are smarter than God, and they do not need God. They will, however, ALL – meet God.

FURTHER INDICATION FROM THE BIBLE THAT WE DID NOT EVOLVE FROM A SEED TO A FISH TO SOME OTHER SORT OF BEING, TO AN APE TO A SOPHISTICATED, SUAVE, COOL HUMAN BEING!

“Not all flesh is of the same flesh. There is one kind of flesh of men, another of beasts, another of fish, and another of birds.” 1 Corinthians 15:39. Get a Bible - check it out. God is telling us that there is and has been one kind of DNA for each species, therefore, **nothing evolved from some other form of DNA...it is not possible....**unless God lied. You have to determine if you think God lied...or if “smart man” is lying. Science cannot make a man from a fish! Progressive Liberal Secularists promote this ungodly belief system in our schools, and our government allows this nonsense to be taught.

My book, ***America’s Two Holy Wars*** pretty much explains how that happened, and what you can do to prevent it from continuing. You really should get a copy of it by logging on to my online book site at **www.RelationshipBooks.com**.

When man begins to install a bird’s liver into a man, or a fish heart into a man, I’d like to be around to see it...it isn’t possible. They can install some forms of animal protein that is compatible for some small jobs. Pig valves are used in man’s heart repairs. They also can use synthetics to duplicate some human functions. Man has tried installing a kidney or liver from a baboon into a man, but the man died. In 1963 and 1964, Keith Reemtsma, M.D., performed chimpanzee-to-human kidney transplants in 12 adults at Tulane University.

One recipient lived with the kidney for nine months without evidence of rejection before dying of an infection. Soon after this series, other surgeons made unsuccessful attempts to transplant a chimpanzee heart and kidney, and Dr. Starzl performed kidney transplants in six adults using baboon donors.

Between 1969 and 1974, Dr. Starzl provided chimpanzee livers to three children, one of who lived 14 days before succumbing to sepsis, a widespread infection. Surgeons at Loma Linda University had available the anti-rejection drug cyclosporine when Baby Fae received a baboon heart in 1984. The infant died of rejection 20 days after surgery.

Between 1963 and 1984, 28 clinical procedures involving solid organs from animal donors were performed in the United States and South Africa. In addition to the world's first baboon liver transplant, a woman at the Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles lived with both her own liver and a pig's liver for 32 hours while awaiting a suitable human donor. So, it would appear that nobody has lived too long having a non-human major organ installed. Source – <http://www.xenotransplant.ineu.org/xenotrans/news/19930111.htm>

When Jesus was seen by His disciples – after his death on the cross (unless these men were all lying for some reason, and then went on to preach and teach His gospel, and were hung or murdered for their beliefs), He said to them, "**Behold my hands and my feet, handle me and see – for a spirit** (which you think I am) **doesn't have flesh and bones as I do.**" – So, I believe we look like human beings – only we will have super-human minds and bodies.

Actually, there were several hundred witnesses that claim to have seen Jesus – after he died – over 515 witnesses in total.

"...and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive (when Paul wrote the Book of Corinthians), though some have fallen asleep." 1 Corinthians 15:6

1 Corinthians 15:50 clearly states that human bodies cannot enter Heaven. **"Now I say this, flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God, neither doth corruption inherit corruption."** So, our human bodies, corruptible, cannot enter into Heaven. We need, and will receive, new bodies that are not able to decay or age. How good is that?

Our heavenly body is supernatural - it can walk through buildings! I know, now you are thinking that this author has lost all of his marbles! Jesus was able to walk right through the closed door in the "Upper Room" where He met the disciples - after He died on the cross.

In fact, the door was not only closed - it was locked because the disciples feared retribution for having been with Jesus during His ministry on the earth. Locked. Bolted. Yet, Jesus "appeared" in the room, and "appeared" to look human. In fact Thomas - aka "doubting Thomas" was told to stick his fingers into the wounds of Jesus, which he did, and doubted no more.

Jesus could transport Himself to Heaven with this new body, and that's a long way off! He was also able to eat food with it, and did so in the Upper Room.

The spiritual body is not weak - it is powerful. We don't know exactly what we'll look like - nobody does. John, the apostle, said this: **"Beloved, we are the sons of God, and it does not yet appear what we shall be like in Heaven, but, we know that He shall appear and we shall be like Him."**

When the apostles saw Jesus, they saw that He looked like He did before the time He spent on the agonizing cross.

The body that we have now is corruptible. We age, and when we die, we decay – almost immediately. But in one respect, we are already immortal – if we have met the criteria for citizenship in Heaven. When we meet that single criteria, soon to be discussed, we automatically have citizenship in Heaven. We are automatically guaranteed that we are going there, and it cannot be taken away from us. Some believe that Heaven can be taken away from us – that one can “lose his or her salvation”, but they might reconsider that view after they read this book.

We are three parts – triune, if you will. A Body, soul and spirit comprise these three parts....just as God is a “triune God”. Monotheistics say no, but the Old Testament book of Genesis – or the Jewish Book – Bereshit says yes. God said, “Let **US** make man in **OUR** image.”

The body is buried, the soul sleeps until it is “raptured”, but the spirit goes to see God – for the judgment. The Bible tells us, “**To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.**” -Our spirits go to dwell with the Lord. . . immediately. “**It is appointed unto man once to die – after this – the judgment.**” So, once we die, and we will die, we are ushered into God’s presence to be declared a resident, or to be told that we are destined for a place that we really don’t want to go – hell. I will tell you all about hell and what it is all about – later in this book.

There will come a day when our body shall be transformed into one that will endure eternity, and we will be united with our spirit. That day coming is spoken of as the “rapture” where bodies will be renewed and our soul that sleeps is united with our spirit that shall be present with the Lord upon death.

The Bible indicates, ***"The dead in Christ shall be raised first, then we which are alive shall be caught up in the air to meet Him in the air"***. This is called "The Rapture". I don't want to complicate things, so I'll let this go for now – other than to say the dead in Christ are everyone who died BEFORE the first salvation of man took place, and that was when the thief on the cross with Jesus believed...and Jesus told him he would be in Paradise (heaven) that same day. Everyone before him are still "asleep" in a place formed in the earth called "Abraham's Bosom".

ARE YOU READY FOR THE TRIP?

Are you ready – even anxious, to see the day when we shall all be caught up – to be delivered directly into Heaven? Our earthly bodies will be changed – ***"In the twinkling of an eye"*** into a non-corruptible, super-body. Then, we'll get to see all those who have gone on before us...those who had "faith". Faith is something that we cannot see, physically, but we know that God's words are true and right, and we believe. I don't know about you, but I am looking forward to the time of the rapture.

If I should die before that time takes place, and it could happen to me (or you), then I have no problem with dying. I KNOW where I am going. That, my friend, is what brings "peace" to a living, breathing soul....knowing where you are going AFTER death occurs. I must remind you that there are only two places, not three, where we will go. There is no final burial place – in the ground. There is either Heaven or hell. We are eternal people. We will live forever, but we have the choice of where we will spend our "forever". Picture the scene once again - the scene that has already been painted for you. You arrive at Heaven's gates, you see those beautiful walls and foundations – then, the light show, the pearl gates, the angels around it. Awesome!

Then, as we peer into the city, we see the white-clothed residents, walking on streets of gold, and we see the gold buildings, the fruit trees, and the rivers flowing throughout Heaven.

We see God's throne, and we get to meet Him and all the Bible heroes who we loved to hear about when we were kids. Multiply those few scenes times a million, and you'll really experience Heaven! You'll have your brand new supernatural body, and you'll experience the complete use of your brain – filled with all the knowledge that you strove for on earth, and then some. You can transport yourself to anywhere you like - instantly.

WHO ELSE WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE THERE?

Who would not want another to go to Heaven? Which of us would like to exclude our family or friends? Which of us hates their co-worker or neighbor so much that you wish they would just go to hell? Why would you want to keep Heaven a secret from your loved ones?

I can't imagine that you would want to keep all of this a secret – especially when you see what the alternative is going to be for them. Hopefully, the alternative is not where you will choose to go. Yes, it comes down to choosing. God's free gift to mankind is all about choice.

My prayer is that you will have already enjoyed the trip to Heaven described in this book, and that you will want to go there. Once you find out how to get there, with guaranteed reservations, you might want to share it with your closest friends or relatives. I have discovered one thing in my years on earth that really matters. We cannot wish anyone to Heaven. We can only tell them about it, and hope they choose to do the sane thing, and want to choose to go there.

So far, you have experienced a little of what Heaven will look and feel like, and you know what you will look and feel like. You just need to toss everything aside for a few minutes and think about Heaven. Then - think about the alternative.

Then, my hope is that you will do one simple thing, regardless of your religion, your philosophy, your beliefs, your hang-ups, your fear, and that is that you will simply pray to God. If you believe in God, ask Him to show you the truth. Ask God to open your mind and your eyes to the truth. If you do that, God is a faithful God, and He will get the truth to you.

There is no special club to join. No special church to attend. No special religion to join up with. Just pray that God will direct your mind - and your paths to the truth. If you pray, He will lead you into the truth.

So, if you belong to a Muslim, Jewish, Hindu, Buddhist, Catholic, Protestant, Mormon....atheist, agnostic....or any other "organized religion", then I implore you to pray to God....and ask Him to please point you to the truth. I tell you, on the authority of the Bible, that if you seek God's truth....He will, in fact, point you to it.



This is the cover I wanted to use!

The cover I first chose for this book clearly reflects the truth. We will all die. Then what? The cold, hard ground is where our body goes. Heaven is just there in the background - waiting. So is hell. But, most people would not buy the book if they had to actually look at a headstone on the front cover. It reminds us of our mortality. Many are afraid to talk about death and dying. Should we not deal with it early - and often?

**Satan, the great
deceiver, will try to
convince you that your
failure to choose
Heaven is someone
else's fault - not yours.
FEAR is Satan's second
line of attack. His first
is "enticement"**



Chapter Two – Satan – The Great Deceiver

The only thing that will keep you out of Heaven is Satan, the great deceiver. Satan is the author of confusion, prince of darkness....but most of all – deceiver. He will convince you that your “religion” is all you need to rely on to get to Heaven. He will convince you that if someone steers you wrong in life, like a spiritual leader, guru, pastor, priest, cleric or rabbi - whomever, then it is their fault, and you are, therefore, not responsible for your own actions.

The bottom line will be when you make the very important decision pertaining to how to get to Heaven. Satan will be right there to try to stop you. The first thing he will hate to hear coming from you lips is your prayer to God asking Him to show you the way, the truth and the life. Then, when you are ready to take the single most important step of faith – to trust God, and do what is necessary to guarantee you a place in Heaven, Satan will be all over you. He does not want you to go. He wants you for himself. He has always wanted to “be God”, and have his own followers – or worshippers, if you will.

WHERE DID SATAN COME FROM?

According to Ezekiel 28:15, the Bible tells us, ***“Satan was made perfect in his ways from the day that he was created, until wickedness was found in him.”*** Verse 17 tells us ***“Satan’s heart was lifted up because of his beauty. God told him that he has corrupted his wisdom by reason of his brightness*** (Satan was the angel of light), ***so God told Satan that He would cast him down to the earth. God created Lucifer – “son of the morning”.***

So, we discover that Satan – aka Lucifer didn’t always exist. God has always been. God created Satan.

Satan wanted to become an equal with God because of pride. So God removed him from Heaven and placed him on the earth. You will discover exactly where Satan landed when God tossed him onto the earth. Are you curious yet? I was!

Pride and arrogance always seems to separate us from God.

Isaiah 14:12 – God said to Satan, **"How thou have fallen from Heaven, o Lucifer, son of the morning. How art thou cut down to the ground (earth), which didst weaken the nations."**

And, in verses 13 and 14, it becomes clear as to why Satan was kicked out of Heaven by God. God reminded Satan, **"You have said in your heart, I will ascend into Heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God, I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the North, I will ascend above the heights of the clouds....I will be like the Most High."** In other words, **"I will be just like you, God...I will be your equal."**

WHERE ON EARTH DID SATAN LAND?

For Satan to have been cast down to the earth, dry land would have already been created. Genesis 1:9 reads, **"And God said, let the waters under the (first) heaven be gathered together unto one place and let the dry ground appear, and it was so."** Therefore, sometime after dry ground appeared in Genesis 1:9, Satan was cast down from Heaven.

Where did he land? Many of you are probably saying, **"In my back yard"**! The Bible gives us two clear indications of where Satan landed. He landed in an area formerly known as Turkey. Today, it is known as Bergama.

This was known as Pergamos in ancient Bible days.
Locate the X on the map below.



Map – Courtesy of
www.webwinds.com/thalassa/ancgrecemap.htm

Bargama - Izmir vilayet (province), western Turkey, 50 miles (80 km) north of the city of Izmir (Smyrna). It shares the site of ancient Pergamum, of which there are extensive ruins remaining. The modern town lies over the remains of the Roman city, while the remains of the ancient Greek city with its acropolis lie northeast across the Bergama River, on a high hill with terraced slopes. Greek ruins also lie on the western outskirts. Source for this information is from the web site - www.adiyamanli.org.

You might be interested to know that Pergamos and Turkey are in the **Middle East** where, co-incidentally, all hell is breaking loose today! Are you really surprised that where Satan landed is where all of the evil is in the world, and this is where Jews and Arabs have fought since the time of Abraham. In fact, it is worth noting where Turkey is on another map. It is just above Iran and Iraq.



Map – Library University of Texas -
www.lib.utexas.edu

How do I come to believe that Satan was cast into that Pergamos? The book of Revelation gives us this insight. *“And to the angel of the church at **Pergamos** write, ‘These are the words of him who has the sharp, double-edged sword. I know your works and I know where you live...**even where Satan has his throne**...yet you remain true to my name and have not denied my faith, even in the days of Antipas, my faithful witness, who was put to **death in your city where Satan lives.**”* – Revelation 2: 12 & 13.

Pergamos has been the hotbed of evil since the beginning of the earth. It is North of Israel, it borders Iraq, Afghanistan and Iran, and it is near the Soviet Union and all of the Middle East.

Evil has been prevalent throughout the earth, and although Satan gets around...as do his demons, his **"throne is in Pergamos, Turkey."**

That location is also near the site of the Garden of Eden, where Satan influenced Adam and Eve – causing them to sin. It is where Noah and his ark landed on Mount Ararat – in Turkey. Noah had his first vineyard in that area, and became intoxicated from drinking the wine he made there.

I think it would be good to know how close Turkey (Pergamos) is to where the Garden of Eden is. The Garden of Eden is where God made man, contrary to evolutionist theory.

WHERE WAS THE GARDEN OF EDEN?

*And the LORD God planted a garden **eastward in Eden**; and there He put the man whom He had formed. ⁹ And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; **the tree of life also in the midst of the garden**, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil. See, the **"tree of life"** was in the Garden of Eden, and now is in Heaven.*

¹⁰ ***And a river went out of Eden** to water the garden; and **from thence it was parted, and became into four heads.** ¹¹ The name of the first is **Pison**: that is it which compasseth the whole land of **Havilah**, where there is gold; ¹² and the gold of that land is good: there is bdellium and the onyx stone. ¹³ And the name of the second river is **Gihon**: the same is it that compasseth the whole land of Ethiopia. ¹⁴ And the name of the third river is **Hiddekel: (Tigris)** that is it which goeth toward the **east of Assyria**. (Syria) And the fourth river is **Euphrates**.*

Finding Eden is almost impossible because the great flood (Noah) happened after Eden. The Bible gives us clues, however.

The river Pison came from Havilah. Havilah is where there is lots and lots of gold. God must not want man to know where Havilah is, but seven verses in the Bible hint that it was where I have located it on the map below.

Genesis 25:18 – *"And they dwelt from **Havilah** unto Shur, that is before Egypt, as thou goest toward Assyria."*

The second river is missing from the Euphrates to Ethiopia....the Gihon River. Because the Bible says the river Gihon encompasses Ethiopia, my guess is that this river was part of the vast Nile River. The Nile runs north thru Africa from Lake Victoria to Ethiopia and to the very top corner at the Mediterranean Sea at Cairo, Egypt. Even with three of the four rivers in place, the popular guess as to where Eden is would be somewhere near **Baghdad, Iraq**. Or, if one goes to the direct source of connection of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers, you would end up in the white circle on the map below.



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Notice ancient Ur – this is the place where Abraham lived. You can now see how close Eden would have been to Pergamos in Turkey. Satan will personally find his way to mankind – in this first instance – the Garden of Eden. We will soon discover just how clever and deceitful old Satan is when he's introduced to Eve in the Garden of Eden.

Satan cannot be everywhere so he imitates.

Satan wanted to be just like God. God can be everywhere. Satan, believe it or not, cannot. He is not omnipresent – everywhere at the same time. He set up his own kingdom that includes princes, just like those that God appointed over the nation of Israel.

Satan's army is made up of princes - called demons or devils, and he uses people, too. The crafty one uses them all to do his bidding.

What are Satan's goals?

First, he wants to be "***like the most high God***". To that end, he wants to have mankind worship him instead of God. He will stop at nothing to accomplish this. In fact, if you do nothing about him, he will leave you alone. His knowledge lets him believe that he will get you anyway – by default, at the end of your life. If, however, he can use you or influence you to be used by him to accomplish his deeds on the earth, he will do it.

Let's head south of Turkey – to Eden down in Iraq.

Man was created to live forever, and God placed man in the Garden of Eden.

ENTER SATAN!

Satan overheard God telling Adam, "***You can eat of every tree in the Garden of Eden – except one – the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.***" – Genesis 2:16.

Verse 17 is more explicit. "***Thou shalt not eat of that tree. . . for in the day that thou eatest thereof, thou shalt surely die.***"

God made man in His own image. God gave man everything – including eternal life. He gave Adam and Eve a place to live, and all the food they could ever hope for – for free. Adam and Eve were promised they could live forever in God's paradise. You and I are promised eternal life, too. The only problem is that we have a rule. We have one thing we must not do. To do this one thing will prevent us from entering into the beautiful paradise that God has built for all of us. **On the day we do this one really bad thing, our names will be removed from the Book of Life.** I shall tell you all about his "unpardonable sin" later.

Adam was told, by God, "***If you take fruit from this one tree, you shall surely die.***" In other words, "*Adam, you may live forever – a free gift. But, you will not receive that promise of eternal life if you violate my rule....if you commit sin. That sin will be that you disobeyed my words, and you made a conscious choice to disobey my rule, and I am God, so I must do what I say and punish you – and that punishment is that you will know physical death.*"

Satan was very handsome. Remember, he was an angel of light. This angel had to inherit a body. God made man, so Satan had to inherit the body of one of the animals or "beasts" that God had made. Satan entered into what was called a serpent. This serpent walked upright at the time of the beginning of the world.

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