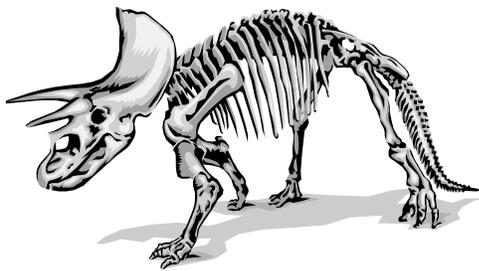


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CREATION CORNER

EVOLUTION FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW

First, evolution makes people not believe in God or the Bible. It makes them more comfortable to sin. If people came from apes, then they don't believe that there should be any 10 commandments and it would be 'normal' to act like animals. Charles Darwin, admitted this fact. Evolution teaches that trying to beat others, fighting and war is the highest good and best source of development for people. This has been the main cause of some of the worse wars in the 20th century. Hitler did what he did because he believed in evolution.

Second, evolution is full of wrong thinking and lies. Evolution ignores the plain facts and twists and misapplies evidence to fit its stories. They hide the truth and show the people only what they want them to see. In the schools of today, evolutionists teach men to ignore and misapply the facts.

Third, evolution is false science; the facts don't back it up. It has been said that every fact of science can be explained either by creation or evolution. Actually, that is not correct. Most scientific facts can be explained better by creation than by evolution. Indeed, most facts cannot be adequately explained by evolution at all!

Fourth, evolution floods TV, movies and books,

and the schools with its message. It seems impossible to stop it. Yet there is a way: Let the people know the basic facts, so they can learn the truth for themselves. The facts proving evolution wrong are not hard to understand.

Fifth, we are told that all the scientists are on the side of evolutionary theory. Yet that is untrue. Many good scientists clearly recognize it is false (although there are also many who fear to speak up, lest they lose their jobs).

Sixth, Every person who began in the 17 and 1800s to produce books and lectures about evolution was first a spiritualist! More about this later.

For a few weeks we are going to look at a few of the wonders of creation that could never be explained by evolution. Here is the first:

The Mexican fly, *Ululodes*, lays a batch of eggs in clumps on the underside of a twig, then move further down the twig and lays another clump. But the second batch has no eggs in it. It is a brown fluid with smaller club shaped kernels. This fluid neither hardens nor evaporates, but remains liquid for the three or four weeks till the eggs farther up the twig hatch.

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HISTORY

BEHIND THE SCENES WITH EVOLUTION

Part 1

To understand how and why something without any scientific facts to back it up can become the thinking of most of the people you have to go back to the 1700s to a most interesting council that was held then. It was not scientists that held it but rather Satan and his angels.

For long centuries Satan had been trying to destroy the Bible and keep the people from having it. But he had failed and in the 1700s Bibles were more plentiful than ever. Satan knew that the 'end time' spoken of in the Bible would soon start, so he began to lay out a plan to get mankind to throw out the Bible themselves. Satan planned to lead people into lies and philosophy.

Now in the 1700s there were some great scientists and most were sure that God had created the earth and all that is in it. They did some hard work and serious experiments and they made discoveries that have made the foundation for all the useful inventions we have with us today.

But in the 1800s there came a change. It became popular to study into hypnotism and spiritualism. Philosophy became more popular than true science. Under the guidance of Satan, men who did not have to work for a living, formed private clubs, that only 'important people' like themselves, could belong to. They, and loved to sit around and try to dream up ideas to make themselves famous. Many of these clubs had men in them that were not only spiritists, but secretly Luciferians; that is they worshipped Satan and worked for him.

It is most interesting that the people who brought out the theories and ideas of evolution were first involved in some form of spiritualism. (Note- this was also true of the men that brought strange ideas and 'modern translations' of the Bible into the church in the 1800s!) These philosophers began to take over science and control what would be taught.

How could they fool people into believing that these silly ideas and made up stories about how

things came about were science? Well one thing they had was money, and the other thing was Satan guiding and helping them. For a mind that loves sin, and wants to get rid of the idea that God is behind creation, and that we all have to answer to Him, Satan can make even silly stories seem so wonderful.

I experienced this once. I was doing something foolish a long time ago, I was learning about some eastern 'New Age' ideas. A teacher of mine gave me a book to read. Everybody in our new age martial arts group was saying how wonderful that book was. I read the book, and right from the very first page, I too thought it was so wonderful and the best book I had ever read. I experienced wonderful 'enlightening' experiences, as everything around me seemed so new and beautiful. You see, Satan can give us these feelings.

After I finished the book, I gave it back to my teacher and he said, "Well, if it is so wonderful, you should read it again!" So I said I would. Now I know that it was God that wanted me to read it again, as He loved me and was about to show me an important lesson. I know this because right after the teacher told me this, he got very angry and said, "Do you have to do everything I say? Think for yourself!"

This made me even more determined to read it again. Satan knew the Holy Spirit was going to show me something I would never forget. He was going to block Satan's power as I read the book again! I didn't deserve this special protection, I was on Satan's ground and he was furious that Jesus was coming to help me out of it.

Well dear readers, I did read it again and it was the most stupid and silly and ridiculous book I had ever read in my life! You see, the influence that made it seem so wonderful was all from evil angels affecting my mind as I read. After that, the 'new age' philosophies gradually lost all influence with me and later on, I turned back to God with all my heart.

Now this is the kind of influence that Satan was exerting in the worldly minded men who were inventing these lies and foolish ideas and calling it science. And when people would read the books, they thought they were wonderful also. Why? The Bible tells us; "Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened." Romans 1:21. to be continued = ^ .. ^ =

TRUE-STORY-TIME

From a TEMKIT reader: "I'm passing on a true story that my sister sent a while ago. She isn't sure the name of the people in the story but her friend, Marina, says it really happened. Feel free to use the story if you wish." Lori

ALMOST NOTHING TO EAT

It was the last week of the month. As I was getting ready to prepare our Sabbath meal, I stood in front of my pantry, looking at the empty shelves. What can I do? I thought. The small ration that the Communist government of Cuba allowed per family per month was gone. Only two cups of rice and a small bit of oil and part of a loaf of bread were left. From my summer garden I had a green plantain (a banana that you cook), Two tomatoes, and a small head of lettuce. That was all the food I had to feed my family for Friday night, Sabbath and Sunday. Because the first day of the next month was on Monday, I could not go to the store to buy more food until then. For my little family of three, my husband, Hugo, our daughter, Lena, and me, there was not enough food. We usually had visitors come to our home for Sabbath dinner, "But not this Sabbath!" I thought.

I put the rice to cook in a little pot. With one of the tomatoes I made a little salsa and cooked six small "meatballs" made out of the single plantain. There it was, all of our food for two days! When Hugo arrived home that afternoon, I explained our food situation to him. "Please don't invite anyone home for dinner tomorrow," I asked. He understood.

When I heard our doorbell ring a little later and went to see who was at the door, I heard the voice of a young man who had come from a distant city. We knew he was interested in one of the young ladies in our church, so we had told him that whenever he wanted to visit our church, he was welcome to stay in our home. But why today? I thought. The fact was, though, that he was there; and I knew that we would have to share what little food we had with him.

While the young man took a shower, I quickly prepared a glass of water with sugar and a slice of bread for each member of my family. That was our supper. When our visitor came out of the bathroom, I served him a little rice, two of the plantain balls, and one leaf of lettuce made into a salad. "We have already had our supper because we have to go to

the church for the AY meeting." I explained to him.

When we arrived at the church that evening, I learned that the girl our friend had come to visit was out of town. "Oh no!" I thought, "Now we will have to feed him lunch tomorrow!"

My husband gave me the solution the next morning. "Let's tell him that we are fasting today so you can then give the food to him and Lena." I agreed.

While sitting in church that Sabbath morning, I noticed a man from a neighboring church attending with his young son. He had to bring his older son to a nearby hospital and had decided to stay at our church for the church service. My thought was, "Two more for lunch today!"

Later in the morning Hugo whispered to me, "There is a couple visiting from Havana. When I was in the Seminary, I was assigned to the church where they are members. Many times they had me to their house for Sabbath dinner. We have to take them home."

My immediate reaction was desperation, but in a flash, Bible stories passed through my mind: the manna in the wilderness, the oil and flour of the widow, the little boy's lunch that the Lord used to feed thousands. "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever" (Hebrews 13:8), I remembered. Trusting only the Lord, my Provider, I answered my husband with a confident, "Sure, invite them home. The Lord will provide."

When we arrived home after church, the visiting lady graciously offered her help in the kitchen. "You're on vacation," I said. "It's time for you to rest. I will take care of everything in no time!"

Going into my kitchen, I knelt in front of the stove on which sat those two little pots with almost no food in them. I told my Lord and Provider, "Lord, here are my fishes and my loaves. It is all I have, and You have asked me to feed these people as You asked your disciples to do that day long ago. I give you what I have. You do the rest."

While the rice and the plantain balls were warming on the stove, I took the small head of lettuce and the tomato which I had saved for the salad. Walking over to my china cabinet, I reached in to take out a small salad bowl, but it was as if the Lord was talking to me. "Where is your faith? Haven't you asked Me to multiply your food? You need a larger bowl, enough for all the people and some left over."

"Forgive me, Lord," I said, taking out the largest salad bowl I had. As I took off leaves of lettuce,

washed them, and cut them into my salad bowl, I did not see the leaves multiplying, but it seemed that the head of lettuce was always the same size, and more and more leaves were coming off it. When I finally got to the last leaf, the bowl was completely full. Then I began to cut the tomato, and it remained the same size until I had enough to combine with the lettuce into a nice tossed salad.

The same thing happened with the small piece of bread! Always I was able to cut another slice until I had filled a basket. By now my faith was very strong, so I took out a big serving dish for the rice. I had to laugh when I saw that big dish beside the small pot, but I knew what the Lord was doing. I began scooping the rice into the serving dish, and always, the same amount was left in the pot until the dish was completely full. And there was still the same amount of rice left in the pot!

"Lord," I said, "You are providing not only for these people today, but You are providing also for us tomorrow, aren't you?" I could imagine a smile on His lovely face while He was nodding to me.

Then came the plantain balls. When I turned on the stove to warm the food, I saw that there were only four plantain balls left. Now, I had a big bowl in my hand, and I smiled in spite of myself. When I took the pot lid off, the pot was full of plantain balls! I filled the big bowl full, and there were still enough balls left in the pot for the next day!

When I was ready, I went into the living room. To my husband, I said, "Honey, I know you were planning to fast today, but since we have these beloved brethren with us, why don't you join us for dinner? You can fast at any other time, if you want."

Hugo looked at me as if to say, "Are you out of your mind?"

As our visitors went into the bathroom to wash their hands, I led my husband to the dining room table. He could not believe his eyes, and two big tears rolled down his cheeks while he whispered, "Thank you, Lord!"

That Sabbath dinner was the best dinner of our lives. Though a very simple meal, it was provided directly by the Lord. Yes, my friends, "My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:19). The only limit to what God can do is my lack of faith because He is the same yesterday, and today, and forever. = ^ .. ^ =

ADVENT HISTORY

ELLEN WHITE'S VISIONS & DREAMS: 5

What Jesus is Doing in Heaven Now:

In 1847, Sister Ellen was shown the Heavenly Sanctuary and Jesus working in the Most Holy Place! It happened during a prayer meeting in a believers home; She tell about her vision:

"I saw an angel swiftly flying to me. He quickly carried me from the earth to the Holy City. In the city I saw a temple, which I entered. I passed through a door before I came to the first vail. This vail was raised, and I passed into the Holy Place. Here I saw the altar of Incense, the candlestick with seven lamps, and the table on which was the showbread, etc. After viewing the glory of the Holy, Jesus raised the second veil, and I passed into the Holy of Holies."

Here she saw the ark all covered in pure gold and two golden angels on each end facing each other and looking down to the top of the ark. On it was a golden censer (a pot on a chain for carrying incense)

Above the ark appeared a throne and she knew God was there. Jesus was before the ark and as the prayers of His people would come up, the censer would smoke and He would offer the prayers to His Father on the throne.

She saw inside the ark a pot of manna and Aaron's rod that budded also the precious 10 Commandments on two stones. Jesus took them out and opened them up like a book and she saw the law of God. The first 4 commandments were on one stone and the other 6 were on the other one.

Here's what she said about them: "The four on the first table shone brighter than the other six. But the fourth (the Sabbath commandment,) shone above them all; for the Sabbath was set apart to be kept in honor of God's holy name. The holy Sabbath looked glorious; a halo of glory was all around it. I saw that the Sabbath was not nailed to the cross. If it was, the other nine commandments were; and we are at liberty to go forth and break them all, as well as to break the fourth. I saw that God had not changed the Sabbath, for He never changes. "For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed." Malachi 3:6. But the Pope had changed it from the seventh to the first day of the week; for he was to change times and laws." (Daniel 7:25.)

She saw that if God had changed the Sabbath to Sunday, He would have changed the words on the stones to "Keep the first day holy" but He has not; they are the same as when He wrote them with His own finger!

All God's true people will keep His Sabbath holy and God will bless them! Did you know that if man had always kept the true Sabbath of Creation, Satan could not have fooled them with the evolution lie? = ^ .. ^ =

BUILDING FOR JESUS

Overcoming

What if I have things in my life that I know I can't take to heaven with me? What if I have habits or attitudes that take me away from Jesus? What if some of my favourite games, TV shows, books or movies are not what I know Jesus would want me involved in?

If you have sins and habits in your life that you hate and don't want to be there, you pray and tell God you are truly sorry, and ask Him for Jesus sake, because of the sacrifice Jesus made for you, to forgive them and also to take them away out of your life. It is the power of choice that God has given you that decides to get rid of the sin. You don't have the power to stop sinning yourself but you do have the power to make the choice; to say, "I hate this sin and I refuse to do it anymore! Jesus, I want Your mind in me, I want this sin taken away! I know You conquered every possible temptation and You promise to give me the victory that You have already won. I want that victory and I want You in charge of my life!"

But what if in your heart you love that wrong thing? What if you don't want to give it up? Well, you can't make that choice yet because that choice has to be an honest choice. BUT here's what you can do; you can tell Jesus you are willing to be made willing. What does that mean? It means that you are giving Him permission to show you the truth about the wrong things you love and to help you not like them anymore.

You can say, "Lord Jesus, look at me. I am doing (or watching or reading) things that are wrong and I like these things! But I don't want to belong to nasty old Satan and his cruel angels; I do want to go to heaven with You, so please show me what You want me to know about this thing. Show me how You see these things and let Your

will be done in my life!"

In Isaiah 1:18 God says, "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." He will show you the truth, He will reason with you and he will take away the desire to keep this sin, whatever it is.

You can also claim the very first promise in the Bible, Genesis 3:15, and ask Jesus to put enmity, that is hatred, in your heart for the sin and He will. You will find yourself not even wanting that thing any more that seemed so important to you.

We can't overcome in our strength, but when we choose to have Jesus working on us, changing our hearts and giving us new ones with His laws written in them, then real, powerful changes happen in our lives and characters. In Jesus, each one of us can be an overcomer! = ^ .. ^ =



I am so glad that Jesus
Was once a child like me:
He came to earth from glory,
And died upon the tree;
His pardon fully, freely,
On me He did bestow,
His precious blood on Calv'ry
Has paid the debt I owe.

I am so glad that Jesus
Loves little ones like me:
His loving eye is watching
O'er me so tenderly;
He knows my joy and sorrow,
He knows my every care;
And when I'm sad and lonely,
I'll go to Him in prayer.



Year 1: 2nd Quarter:
“MESSIAH OUR PRINCE”
WEEKLY BIBLE LESSON 13:
“JESUS OUR SAVIOUR”

For our Bible lessons we are going to use the King James Version of the Bible. Just like the boys and girls used to use to learn to read from in the pioneer days.

There will be some texts to look up for each day and you should practice your memory verse until you can say it without looking. Don't forget to learn the text too.

MEMORY VERSE: “Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” Matthew 26:41

NOTE: I urge all of you to get the book Desire of Ages, and read the chapters on Gethsemane, the trial and crucifixion; it is an eyewitness account!

Sunday

Text: Matthew 26:38, 39 “Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me. And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.”

We all know the story of the cross, but we need also to look carefully at the story of Gethsemane. Jesus' struggle there was so hard, that if His Father had not sent an angel to strengthen Him, He would have died right there, and never gone to the cross!

Jesus had a true relationship with His Father. He talked with Him (prayer) and obeyed Him always. But now He was coming to the time of the great sacrifice. Jesus' decision time had come and

so had His hour of temptation.

That terrible night the sins of the entire world were laid on Him, your sins, my sins, and all the terrible sins ever done in this whole wicked world! You know how bad you feel when you do wrong, and you are sorry about it? Well Jesus was feeling the sorrow and guilt for every sin and He knew that His Father would have to turn His face away from Jesus, and let His anger fall on those sins.

Satan was determined to get Jesus that night. He made the disciples sleepy so Jesus didn't have any human help at all. How it would have cheered Him if He could have known they were praying, but no, they were sleeping.

Satan then came to Jesus and said something like; “What's the use of You going through all this? The people don't even care to be saved. Look at your 'best friends' over there, sleeping. Why don't You just forget the whole deal and go back to heaven?”

The Bible tells us that Jesus sweat drops of blood; His agony was so intense. He didn't feel like going to be mocked and cruelly treated. He didn't feel like being nailed up naked on a cross, any more than you or I would. But above all, He could not bear the thought of His Father's face being turned away from Him, as all the sins of a guilty world rested on Him.

Three times He prayed, “If it be possible, let this cup pass from Me! Nevertheless, not My will but Thine be done!” He didn't want to do it, but as He saw that if He didn't, there would be no hope for any of us, He agreed to do it.

Thought - Jesus saw you that night, He saw me, He loved us so much He decided to do whatever needed to be done to make our salvation possible!

Monday

Text: Matthew 26:41 “Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

Jesus warned the disciples to wake up and pray! Satan would not have been able to keep them sleepy and stupid, if they had listened to Jesus and prayed for help from God.

Jesus knows that the hour of temptation will come to us also. He also knows, and says in the same verse that we are weak in the flesh. Therefore He tells us the only answer that will give us success, watching and prayer to God. Because of the times we are in, and especially the time, which is just

before us, we must have these two things if we are to meet the hour of temptation and win. The “hour of temptation” — the word temptation means a test. Do you know of any test that we will have to face in the near future? Are you aware that one of the greatest hours of temptation is with us, right now?

Do you ever notice that when you go to read your Bible or pray to God, you become sleepy? I told you before that many people reading the book the Great Controversy, where it tells about what is happening right today in our world and in our churches, find themselves bored or sleepy, or busy.

I have been giving Bible studies to people and had them suddenly become so sleepy they decide to quit. I try to explain to them what is happening so they can pray about it and ask Jesus to drive Satan away. But if they won't believe what is happening, they don't pray and like the disciples they sleep through the time God is trying to talk to them.

Always pray and ask God to send His Holy Spirit and holy angels to help you to read or study His truth. Ask Him to stop Satan from making you sleepy or bored and if you start to feel that way, pray and say, “No! I won't let Satan steal my blessings! Jesus, help me to stay awake!”

Thought - The Battle for life is won or lost by who we let have control of our minds, Jesus or Satan. Remember that Satan wins when we choose OUR own ways instead of God's.

Tuesday

Text: “Feeling how terrible is the wrath of God against transgression, He exclaims, “My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death.” Desire of Ages 685

God hates sin. We need to be truly sorry for our sin and learn to hate it, because it kills. We need to understand in a very real sense, that it not only killed the Son of God, but it will also eternally kill us, if we refuse to give it up!

Why does God hate sin so much? Because He knows that it hurts and destroys those He loves!

I have noticed that often, even among church people, if someone talks about sin, people will giggle. This is amazing; sin is not a joke! Before Jesus even went to the cross, He was dying from the effects of the sin of the world placed on Him.

“Satan told Him that if He became the surety for a sinful world, the separation would be eternal. He would be identified with Satan's kingdom, and

would nevermore be one with God.” Desire of Ages 687

He asks His Father if there is not some other way:

But now the history of the human race comes up before the world's Redeemer. He sees that sinners, if left to themselves, must perish. He sees the helplessness of man. He sees the power of sin. The woes and sorrow of a doomed world rise before Him. He sees what will happen to it, and His decision is made. He will save man at any cost to Himself. See Desire of Ages 690 & 693

Jesus was willing to be forever separated from His Father if that was the only way to save you and me.

Thought - We should spend time every day, thinking about, and reading about Jesus' loving sacrifice for us!

Wednesday

Text: Isaiah 63:3 “I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people there was none with me:”

It is natural for us to want to have friends and have people like us. We want people to think well of us. Jesus felt that way also, He would have been greatly encouraged if His disciples would have been awake and praying for Him and their own selves with Him.

But look at what happened to Him; after more than three years of healing people and being kind to them, he only had a few friends left, and what did they do? One of His closest friends sold Him for money, and another one swore and said that he didn't even know Jesus. But Jesus made up His mind that He would obey His Father in heaven no matter what happened. See what the Bible says; “Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;” Hebrews 5:8

What? Jesus learned obedience? Yes, that is what it says. In Gethsemane Jesus chose to obey His Father! Once Jesus made that choice, Satan was defeated. Even though he got the cruel priests and other men to mock Him and beat Him and do every nasty thing they could think of to Him, Jesus patiently bore it all. Satan could not make Jesus disobey His heavenly Father.

Have you ever felt all alone? Have you ever had your friends laugh at you because you would not go along with them and do something wrong? Well always remember, even if all your earthly friends

leave you, when you stand for what is right, Jesus and the angels will never leave you. God sent an angel to strengthen Jesus when He was determined to obey His Father, and we will be given strength and courage to stand alone also.

Thought - The secret is to *choose* that no matter what comes, you *will* obey God in the power of Jesus!

Thursday

Text: Matthew 26:59 “Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought false witness against Jesus, to put him to death.”

No one likes to be blamed for something he did not do; but do you know people get angrier when blamed for what they did do? Guilt brings anger. But it does hurt to be lied about. Jesus bore it all silently, He did not get angry and yell back at them. Jesus is our example, when people say mean things to us, answer quietly or just stay quiet. God knows the truth and He will be on our side and help us.

One of the reasons the Priests and rulers were so angry with Jesus, was they knew, deep in their hearts that He was right and they were wrong. But they were determined to go their own way no matter what. Because of this, the very sight of Jesus standing there, made them furious, due to their own guilt. Led on by Satan, they were as rude and cruel as they could be; still Jesus remained calm.

If only they could get Him to do something back in anger, then they could feel a bit better about their own wickedness; but He didn't do it.

Thought - The Bible says that it would be better to suffer for something you didn't do than for something you did do. See if you can understand why.

Friday

Text: Matthew 27:22, 23 “Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? They all say unto him, Let him be crucified. And the governor said, Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried out the more, saying, Let him be crucified.”

Jesus stood there, looking into all those angry faces. Perhaps there were some that He remembers healing, but now they look like demons, screaming for His blood. And yet He was willing to go through it all, so that even they, could have forgiveness and be saved.

But it wasn't the cruelty of men or demons that finally broke the heart of Jesus; it was the hiding

of His Father's face.

“As the substitute and surety for sinful man, Christ was to suffer under divine justice. He was to understand what justice meant. He was to know what it means for sinners to stand before God without an intercessor.” Prophets and Kings 691

There are some who say that because God cannot die, Jesus didn't really die the second death like sinners who refuse salvation will have to die. Well, if He didn't pay the whole price for our sins, Satan would have said it was not fair. But Satan cannot say this, because Jesus paid the whole price.

He cried, “My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?” He could not see, at that time, that He would ever rise again. He experienced that final, horrible separation from his Father and it broke His heart; but at the last moment, He clung by faith to His Father; “Father, into Thy hands I commend my spirit”, then hung His dear head and died.

Thought

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died;
My richest gain, I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride! = ^ .. ^ =

THE ATHEIST

A young man who had been raised as an atheist was training to be an Olympic diver. The only religious influence in his life had come from his outspoken Christian friend who spoke of the cross and the love of Jesus. The young diver never really paid much attention to his friend's sermons, but he heard them often.

One night the diver went to the indoor pool at the college he attended. The lights were all off, but as the pool had big skylights and the moon was bright outside, he decided there was plenty of light to practice by.

The young man climbed up to the highest diving board and as he turned his back to the pool on the edge of the board and extended his arms out, preparing to dive, he saw his shadow on the wall. The shadow of his body, was in the shape of a cross.

Thoughts of his friend's sermons about Jesus came to his mind, and instead of diving, he knelt down and finally asked God to come into his life.

As the young man stood up again, a maintenance man walked in and turned the lights on. To his shock he saw the pool had been drained for repairs. He realized if he had dived, he would have been killed. = ^ .. ^ =