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The Intimate Relationship of God to All

by — M. Jaegle

Seeing that out of Him and through Him and for Him is all: to Him be the glory for the eons! Amen! (Romans 11:36, CV).

The phrase “out of Him” suggests a much closer union than the “through Him.” What a man makes with his hands has come into existence outside of him and has no vital relationship to him. But with his descendants, who were in him and are out of him, he is in a close and vital union. To him they are the nearest, loveliest and best, his greatest and most valuable possessions. Such a relationship with the universe has been established by God by the fact that, at first, He carried all in Himself. His ownership of the creation is not, first of all, based upon its creation, but this is because it was first included in Him. That is what gives Him the original title to the whole universe. He is its only true Owner.

In this primeval revelation is found the necessity and root of universal reconciliation, for on these, the earliest divine declarations concerning the universe, God’s glorious purpose of love is based and anchored. A clear conception of these inmost relations between the Creator and the creation, as evident in the statement that *all is of God* (I Corinthians 11:12; II Corinthians 5:18), leaves room for no other conclusion, for the establishment of such an esoteric union can be founded only on love.

The divine institution of the family for the propagation of the human race is the means by which God reveals His creative love to His creatures. Because children are the fruit of the bodies of their parents there results a wonderful and unique love of the

generators for the generated, of parents for their offspring, which proves to be a strong and mighty bond. The breaking of such a bond through the loss of a child is the cause of greatest sorrow. Even if children are led astray and are severed from their parents, or are in distress, it breaks their hearts.

We take for granted that sinful humans feel such losses deeply, and we understand them when they no longer have much joy in living. It is considered proper among men to express sympathy to those who suffer the loss of relatives. Yet to God, Whose love for His creatures is unutterably greater than parental love (which also comes out of Him), such feelings are supposed to be foreign! Shall we charge Him with being more heartless than His creatures that He can with equanimity look upon the great majority of them in endless agony? When Zion said, “*Jehovah has forsaken me, and the Lord has forgotten me*” (Isaiah 49:14), He answered His erring people with the words,

“Forgets a woman her unweaned child, not to have compassion on the son of her belly? Even

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these a woman is forgetting, yet I will not forget you," says Jehovah, "Behold, on my palms I tattoo your walls, and you are in front of me continually" (:15-16).

Here already, in the prophets, although the whole of His plan of salvation had by no means been made known, God assures us that He will never forget those who have been in Him.

In the bright light of God's love, the doctrine of eternal torment of the most of His creatures is exposed as a false deduction and heresy, greatly dishonoring Him.

To the enormous loss that He would suffer we must add the inconceivable pain of His loving heart. Why is not this pain pressed in discussing this theme, as well as God's deep and genuine compassion? Men treat their fellows more considerately than even some of God's saints talk of Him! It is astonishing how hard and cold is their insistence on this doctrine, and they defend it as if it brings God great honor and glory. Few realize the effects it would have on God's loving heart.

The misled faith in eternal torment, on the part of those who trumpet it abroad, is consequently an unintentional and partly an unconscious defamation of the Deity's disposition and a distortion of His limitless love. The consummation of God's creation presented by this doctrine would transform Heaven itself into a house of mourning. Should the majority be robbed of the happiness which God desires for them, then He, the most loving of all, would be the most sympathetic and the chief Sufferer. If parents are deeply moved by the sight of their children's misfortune, how much the more is God affected! His heartache and the grief of His Son for the innumerable hopelessly suffering beings which He once carried in His heart, as well as the sorrow of the few who are saved over their relatives, would be so great that probably none could really enjoy Heaven's happiness themselves.

Anyone who has tasted of God's grace, yet nevertheless thinks he can enjoy the fullness of bliss under such conditions, has not earnestly considered the nature of such a consummation, for it would be a conclusion with endless agony, not only for the damned, but also for God and Christ and those who are His, for

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- the completeness of the believer in Christ (Colossians 2:10), with:
 - total freedom from sins (Colossians 1:14);
 - union in His death, burial and resurrection and ascended seat-

ed position among the celestials (Romans 6; Ephesians 2:6);
– adult sonship position (Ephesians 1:5).

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This simple parental example is a feeble illustration of what God has in view with His creation. His longing for the return of His erring creatures will also be satisfied. The joy that will fill God's heart is evident in all of the promises which have already predicted the triumph of His love – and it is even now the portion of all who have believed His Word concerning the sublime conclusion with the reconciliation of all.

From this it is evident that God's Word, with its deep declaration that "all is of God," desires to reveal much more than the origin of creation and the resultant connection with a Creator. It involves His love relation to it. His love for His creatures did not begin after they had fallen away from Him, but existed while they were still included in Him. This primitive and esoteric union of the Creator with His creatures must necessarily have had an effect on them. It must have impressed and endowed them with some sign of their high pedigree, and this seal, which is immanent in them, is

All is for God (I Corinthians 11:12; II Corinthians 5:18, CV).

In a few words this verse in Romans 11, "out of Him and through Him, and for Him is all," embraces the commencement, the course, and the consummation of creation. It is God's great motto which binds together the origin with the object and illuminates the beginning with the light of the conclusion.

"All is for God," by revealing the mark at which God is aiming, shows us the inner disposition which God implanted in His creatures, and the constitution which leads them on the way. It brings them back to

the Creator.

It may be that they have detoured on a road which leads away from God, but this hidden trend can never be entirely lost. What is all the endeavor in the world for something better, but the unconscious groping and seeking for the lost paradise? It is not the longing of the heart for happiness which is wrong, for this was implanted by the Creator Himself, but the slavery to sin which has His creatures in its grip, and which leads them to seek to satisfy their cravings apart from their Creator.

Even before creation God's heart harbored in itself the great Leader Whose steady hand will bring all those astray to His glorious goal. This will not be gained by sidestepping sin, but with a restoration, a homecoming to the Father's house. It is a deep reality, as will be seen in the literal rendering of the original, which reads

all is into Him (Romans 11:36).

In fullest harmony, free from any discord, the beginning and the end of God's plan for creation and reconciliation are connected together as follows:

In the beginning: *All in God*.

In the conclusion: *God All in all*.

These are the two all-embracing poles on which the universe rests secure, and by which the whole development is already determined by the glorious goal. Truly, we cannot imagine or conceive of a more sublime and exalted consummation which will harvest so much honor for God as this, that all of the creatures who were in Him in the beginning, and came out of Him, should reach their destiny with willing-



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A Compilation

Very few know and understand the three spheres of age-abiding (or eonian) glory that belong to the three distinct classes of saints. For the first time this crucial compilation brings together five groundbreaking works from 3 valued authors of the past: Dr. E.W. Bullinger (1837-1913); Henry William Fry (1848-1939); Charles H. Welch (1880-1967).

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ness and acquiescence, giving God His proper place in their hearts, so that He may be

All in all (I Corinthians 15:28).

Even if the way which leads to this illuminating end should be ever so frightful, so hard and dark and sown with sin and judgment, at long last all of this must serve in reaching this glorious goal and in revealing God's adorable operations.

Let us hold fast to the conviction that I Corinthians 15:28 does not contain merely the highest and best ideas of men, but God's own words, which demand nothing from us but *faith*. God is responsible, and can carry out what He has promised. He, as well as those who believe Him without reserve, will eventually be justified by the factual fulfillment of God "*All in all*"! That does not belong to His present way but is the final and permanent result of His primeval purpose.

In reviewing the whole work of God, with its variations of judgment and grace, we see this universal harvest as the conclusion and the goal. But it is far more than the mere ending of His plan of salvation. The consummation is related, not only to the past, but to the future. It inaugurates an overwhelmingly great fresh start and new beginning.

Though we may be allowed to speak of such a commencement, we must emphasize the fact that God has revealed nothing concerning the further development of His work of love. We are enlightened, in His Word, as to His operations up to the conclusion of the eons, though no further. But if God, during the eons

in which there is so much opposition to Him, displayed the riches of His love in Christ, we get a slight intimation of what the future has in store. What will it be when all have recognized God as their Father, and are coerced by love to be subject to Him, endowed with unimaginable qualifications and capabilities in order to do His will, for His joy and delectation?

This beginning will be basically different from that of Adam's in paradise. In the future the lesson of good and evil will be thoroughly understood, and the experience of evil will operate as a help to the fullest happiness, known and recognized by all. Probably we could not even grasp anything that God has in view for that day, yet the very thought of these transcendent prospects causes our heart to leap in anticipation of all the glories which are still before us. **BSN**

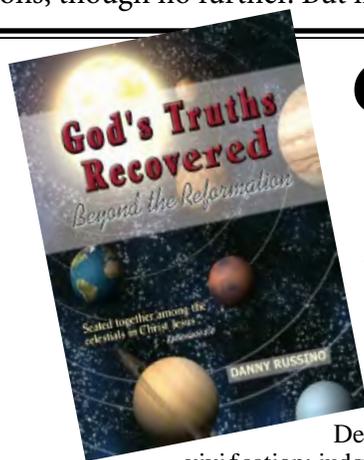
Brother Jaegle was a German associate of A.E. Knoch, contributor to the periodical *Unausforschlicher Reichtum*. See *The Writings of M. Jaegle* on the order form, under "Other Authors," or go to StudyShelf.com.

Other articles by Jaegle that have appeared in the *Bible Student's Notebook* are:

- The Difference Between Our Grace and Israel's, [Bible Student's Notebook #641](#);
- The Pre-Creation Era of the Universe: God Alone – All in God, [Bible Student's Notebook #644](#);
- The Sonship, [Bible Student's Notebook #730](#);
- Israel's Gift of Healing and the Advantage of Suffering Today, [Bible Student's Notebook #805](#);
- Unpardoned Sin, [Bible Student's Notebook #822](#).

TOPICS:

Major: God; Romans 11:36; Salvation of All
Minor: Creation; Father, God the; Purpose



God's Truths Recovered: Beyond the Reformation

by – Daniel Russino

God's Truths Recovered is a study manual which covers such topics as: The eons and their importance; eternity; Satan; evil; administrations; rightly dividing the word; the gospel of the circumcision and uncircumcision; the church; book of Acts; Paul's epistles; salvation; justification; reconciliation; maturity in Christ; human traditions; baptism of the holy spirit; born again; new creation; the body and bride; trinity; spiritual gifts; gifts for today; healing; suffering; reigning; revealed secrets; Israel's future; your future; God's unconditional love; the

Deity; hell; lake of fire; death; pagan philosophy; immortality; soul; second death; resurrection; vivification; judgment; great white throne; secret of Christ and more. 8-1/2 x 11 format.

286 pp., PB

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The Restoration of the “Pure Language” of Hebrew

by — A.E. Knoch (1874-1965) & John H. Essex (1907-1991)

Then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of Yahweh ... (Zephaniah 3:9).

Hebrew is a nature language, spoken by God and Adam in the Garden of Eden. Now no longer pure, it will be purified, and used again in the millennium, during the coming Kingdom of Christ on Earth. At present, except when restored in the inspired Scriptures of truth, it is laden with impurities, due to the alienation of the Hebrew people from the life of their Elohim. Its restoration, at this time, is fraught with immense labor. Its complete accomplishment is impossible. Yet, next to the restoration of the Greek vocabulary, in which the highest heavenly truth is enshrined, it is the most profitable task within the reach of mortal man, for Hebrew was used to unfold the basic truths of divine revelation.

When the revelation was about to be transferred from the favored nation to foreigners, and include all mankind, the Hebrew was laid aside, and a world-wide language, the Greek, was chosen for a limited interval. But long before this, the Hebrew was translated into Greek, which was especially well suited to convey the celestial spiritual truth of today. Nevertheless, Israel will go back to pure Hebrew in the future, which suits their terrestrial destiny far better. Then they will not be given another and better



tongue, but will revert to the “pure lip” of Adam and Abram, and Moses and David, and all the early prophets.¹

Not until the great Redeemer comes to Zion will the streams of culture going forth from Zion be pure and purifying. When He comes to reign over His people the great word of Zephaniah 3:9 will be fulfilled:

Then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of Yahweh ...

Then will the education of the nations as of Israel fulfill the true purpose of intellectual development, to lead the race of men to the high service of Jehovah.²

[The tower of Babel’s] “confounding,” or disintegrating, of the language took away its purity for the calling on the name of Yahweh, and is the exact opposite of Zephaniah 3:9. Eventually, God will reverse the process of Babel, so that all peoples may worship Him in accord, but in the meantime He brings other facets of His purpose into operation, and lays the foundation for the return of all nations to Himself by choosing a special people for Himself, to be a nation of royal priests in the service of Himself and for the blessing of humanity.³ **BSN**

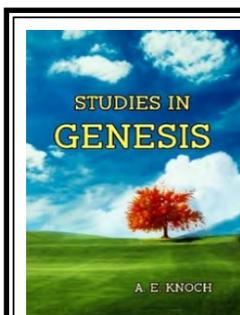
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TOPICS:

Major: Israel; Hebrew

Minor: Babel; Divine Inspiration

1. A.E. Knoch, *Unsearchable Riches*, Volume 45 (1954).
2. A.E. Knoch, *Unsearchable Riches*, Volume 9 (1918).
3. John H. Essex, *Unsearchable Riches*, Volume 67 (1976).



Studies in Genesis

by — A.E. Knoch
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A dispensational consideration of the first book of the Hebrew Scriptures.

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The Sufferings and Glories of Sonship

by — Dr. Reuel T. Ramquist (1902-1979)

... the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow (I Peter 1:11).

Suffering comes before glory. This is best exemplified in Christ as the Son of God (Philippians 2:5-11). He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Wherefore, also, God highly exalts Him.

In Hebrews 2:9-10, the writer states,

*Yet we are observing Jesus, Who has been made some bit inferior to messengers (because of the **suffering** of death, wreathed with glory and honor), so that, in the grace of God, He should be tasting death for the sake of everyone. For it became Him, because of Whom all is, and through Whom all is, in **leading many sons into glory**, to perfect the Inaugurator of their salvation **through sufferings**.*

Hebrews 5:6-9 speaks about Christ,

Even He also being a Son, learned obedience

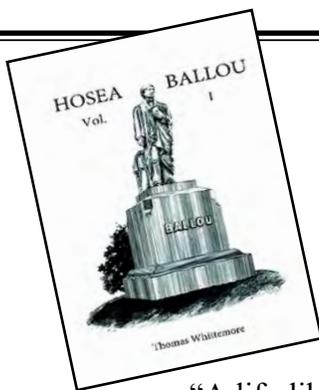
*from that which He **suffered**. And being perfected, He became the cause of eonian salvation ...*

This opens up a deeper understanding of what sonship means to the Father and to us. A son does the will of the Father as the true Son did, being aware that suffering comes before glory. It is because of what God has done through His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, and His Sonship, that we have been given the place of a son.

“The realization of the son of God” (Ephesians 4:13) is not the recognition of **the Son** of God, but rather the realization of our own sonship, *i.e.*, our attainment,

to a mature man, to the measure of the stature of the complement of the Christ, that we may by no means still be minors, surging hither and thither and being carried about by every wind of teaching, by human caprice, by craftiness with a view to the systematizing of the deception (:13-14).

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The Life of Rev. Hosea Ballou (1771-1852)

by — Thomas Whittmore (1800-1861)

Hosea Ballou, converted to a belief in universal salvation in 1789, became one of its most influential teachers in U.S. history. He pastored in Portsmouth, NH; Salem, MA; and Boston, MA. He authored books and leaflets, and published *The Universalist Magazine* and other periodicals.

“A life-like portrait of the venerable man whose history it records. Of all living men, probably Thomas Whittmore is best prepared to write the life of Ballou. He was his intimate friend and companion for many years.” – Isaac Dowd Williamson (1807-1876), author of *An Examination of the Doctrine of Endless Punishment*.

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Faithful to Our Home Government

by — Dr. George Ames Barrett (1869-1942)

We are strangers and sojourners in a foreign land and in the usurper's kingdom; and if faithful to our home government, we will not be very welcome nor popular in the enemy's country.

- Our citizenship is in the heavenlies (Philippians 3:20).
- Our blessings are in the heavenlies (Ephesians 1:3).
- Our position is in the heavenlies (Ephesians 2:6).
- Our warfare is in the heavenlies (Ephesians 6:10-18).

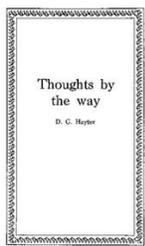
Paul was an ambassador in chains (Ephesians 6:20; Colossians 4:18). He told us to hold forth the Word of light and life (Philippians 2:16). We are to be as sons of God, without rebuke in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, shining as luminaries in the world (Philippians 2:14-15). We serve the Lord Christ (Colossians 3:24), Lord of Heaven and Earth (Colossians 1:16), Who will put all under His feet (Philippians 2:9-11; Ephesians 1:10). Therefore we

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In other words, we come here to the realization of our position as sons and what it involves and what we are to do about it and what it does to us.

Attainment to this maturity is in perfect accord with the pattern which Christ set when He came to do the will of the Father. As sons of God, *we* do the will of our Father, likewise.

As the Son is the Effulgence of God's glory (Hebrews 1:3), so we, as sons, will be the showpieces of God's grace in the oncoming eons (Ephesians 2:7). We are



Thoughts by
the way
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Thoughts by the Way

by — Donald George Hayter
(1911-1988)

32 pages, PB (See order form.)

Hayter, of Bournemouth England, was an associate of John H. Essex and E.W. Bullinger.

fight *from* victory and not *for* victory.

God's Word prepares and fits us for every good work (which God makes ready beforehand, that we should be walking in), for every trial and temptation, and for every assault of the enemy (Ephesians 6:17). If we study it, and rightly divide it, we are skillful workmen and approved of God (II Timothy 2:15). **BSN**

— *Unsearchable Riches*, Volume 13 (1922)
(edited excerpt)

Barrett, of Seattle, was a decades-long teacher of the salvation of all and right division, and faithful friend and co-laborer of A.E. Knoch (1874-1965).¹

TOPICS:

Major: Ambassadors; Identification

Minor: Celestials; Faithful

1. See the *Unsearchable Riches*, volume 33 (1942).

His workmanship (Ephesians 2:10). At the present time the sovereignties and authorities among the celestials are looking on this wonderful wisdom of God as made known through His achievement in us (Ephesians 3:10). **BSN**

— *Unsearchable Riches*, Volumes 63, 64 (1972, 1973)
(edited excerpts)

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TOPICS:

Major: Glory; Sonship; Suffering

Minor: Celestials; Realization

1. See *Unsearchable Riches*, Volume 70 (1979), cf. Volume 33 (1942).



I can't tell you how much I have enjoyed the book [The Man Christ Jesus](#). That is an awesome book. I read it through the first time, and then I went thought it again shortly after that to slowly take it in paragraph by paragraph. It's one of the best books I have ever read in my entire life. – NY

All I can say is thank you, and that seems somewhat empty because it doesn't come anywhere close enough to express my appreciation for these articles and the books [related to the Trinity]. Thanks to you (God's vessel in this endeavor) my mind is now clear and my heart steadfast in this area. What peace and joy I have now! I am so humbled by God's goodness and your labor. – TX

I want to thank God and you for your friendship and ministry and the resources that you make available so we can continue to grow in realization of what God is doing and helping other believers see these forgotten truths that are God's calling for them. – MD

It is cool to see so much sovereignty in Deuteronomy 2 and 3. Namely this verse: "But King Sihon of Heshbon refused to allow us to pass through, because the Lord your God made Sihon stubborn and defiant so He could help you defeat him, as He has now done" (2:30) – PA

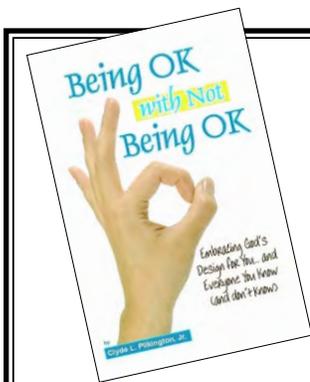
I found BSN's [814](#) & [815](#) to be outstanding. – SD

Thank you for the [Daily Email Goodies](#) and the *Bible Student's Notebook*. During these trying times and more isolation than usual, your emails and books are a wonderful source of comfort. – TX

I absolutely loved BSN #809. I printed it out and read it cover to cover as soon as it came in. The "Higher Powers and Conventional Christian Interpretation" article was great. I agree with the author's take on his subject completely. But the real jewels were your *Reader's Question Boxes* articles #37 and #38. Great issue ... A small donation is enclosed and keep up the great work! – GA

Thank you for all your materials. I know that every second is in God and through Him. God's will is always done so we rest in that. All the time we see doors opening and closing. The Word of God is all empowering. – AL

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I have read it completely three times. I always refer back to certain chapters. – FL

When I read it, it was like I could breathe again. Your calming words lead me to a greater realization. – OH

Being OK with Not Being OK – Embracing God's Design for You ... and Everyone You Know (and Don't Know)

by — Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr.

For now, you're broken, and you aren't going to be "fixed." Granted, you may have some days that are better than others, some circumstances that seem to indicate that you are "OK," but the wearisome cycle simply will recur.

Thus it is by design – by divine design. Father is bringing you to a place where you are OK with not being OK, where you simply rest in His current purpose and plan in your training and development for that grand and magnificent culmination that He has so wonderfully and skillfully designed especially for you – in your next life.

Thank you for this! It brought such peace and rest to me, and brought a greater understanding of God's great love for all His creation. That He alone is in control of everything is mind boggling to say the least! – NM

So fantastic! Such peace!! – Australia

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AV: Authorized Version
BSV: Bible Students Version
CLNT, CLV, CV: Concordant Literal Version
DAR: Darby Translation
DT: Dabhar Translation
ED: Emphatic Diaglott
ERV: English Revised Version
EB: Exegeses Bible
FF: Ferrar Fenton Bible
GNT: Goodspeed New Testament
HCSB: Holman Christian Standard Bible
KJV: King James Version
MKJV: Modern King James Version
MNT: Moffatt New Translation (James Moffatt)
NAS: New American Standard Version
NET: New English Translation
NIV: New International Version
REB: Rotherhams Emphasized Bible
TCNT: Twentieth Century New Testament
WEB: World English Bible
WNT: Williams New Testament
WT: Weymouth Translation
YLT: Youngs Literal Translation

Reference Sources

AA: Analytical Analysis (Welch)
BDB: Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew Lexicon
CB: Companion Bible Notes & Appendixes (Bullinger)
CC: Concordant Commentary (Knoch)
CKC: Concordant Keyword Concordance (Knoch)
CL: A Critical Lexicon and Concordance (Bullinger)
CWS: Complete Word Study Dictionary (Zodhiates)
FoS: Figures of Speech (Bullinger)
SEC: Strongs Exhaustive Concordance
TGL: Taylor's Greek-English Lexicon
TtC: Things to Come
UR: Unsearchable Riches
VED: Vines Expository Dictionary
YAC: Youngs Analytical Concordance

Reference Notations

cf. compare
e.g. for example
et al. and others
etc. et cetera (and so on)
... and the following
i.e., that is