

The Lord's Presence Everywhere

I should like to begin this article with two rather sobering pieces of scripture which I think specifically warn the whole of the so-called `christian`, `god` believing peoples of this world against the complacent and even deliberately ignorant attitude which they have adopted of `Oh it's alright, no need to bother or worry about God, just say that you believe, and then there's no need to be concerned about catastrophes, wars, plagues, famine and the like happening to us, God is always going to be there for us and save us from these things if ever we feel the need to call on Him`. Well, is that so? let's have a read of **Isaiah 55: 6-7**. `Seek the Lord while He may still be found, call upon Him while He is yet near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts, let him return to the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him, because our God will freely pardon.` Now let's follow that scripture with **Amos 8: 11-12**. `Behold the days come, says the Lord, when I will send a famine upon the land, but not a famine of food, nor a thirst for water, but a famine of hearing the words of the Lord. And the people will wander from coast to coast, even from north to east, and they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, but they shall not find it.`

That last piece of scripture from the book of Amos may seem innocuous enough but if the reader thinks about what it is really saying, the fact that if the word of the Lord cannot be found, then the question must be asked, why not? What has happened to the true churches of God? what has happened to all of the billions of bibles that were present upon this earth? is there anybody left alive who can safely stand up and proclaim the right and lawful things from the word of the Lord, the things that allow a reasonably decent and ordered society to remain together and in one piece? It is of no use to try and delude ourselves that these prophetic scriptures speak of events that have already happened or are as yet so far off that they are of no concern to us. All prophecy is at the very least dual in nature, that is to say that if it has already occurred, then it is destined to occur again! in one shape or form or another.

I have come across some information which really did surprise me. I heard recently on a BBC radio programme, (the BBC are not known for championing the truth of the `Creator`, more so they like to champion the opposing, lying, Satanic, Darwinist theory of `evolution` by drip feeding it to their listeners on a daily basis) that most of the world's western scientists actually believe in a God Creator! Needless to say I have not heard anything more from the BBC being broadcast along these lines, perhaps they will revise their policy thinking about `evolution` when the Muslims start to make known louder and clearer their representations concerning their belief in a God Creator!!!

Because science is generally perceived by many people as a Godless pursuit, I began to wonder why so many of the world's western scientists believe in a Creator, the architect and designer of everything that consists of the smallest particle `atom` to the largest consolidated object in the expanse of filled `space`. Is it because they have delved deep into the specifics of their own particular scientific field whether it be the study of atomic theory, DNA, microbiology, metaphysics, biochemistry or whatever, and having done so, have they have discovered that by digging so deep and by looking so hard they have only been able to come to the one ultimate, truthful conclusion? That conclusion being that working order, incredibly efficient back-up systems and fail- safe mechanisms, and stunning, practical and even whimsical design, and of course the ability of all living things to work in efficient harmony with one another, and for the

`higher order` of living creation to possess `life` (that indefinable `ingredient` that mankind has not been able to dissect and categorise) and for the very highest `order` to possess the knowledge of actually being alive and to have independent thought, that all of these things require a Creator (with a capital `C`). As we can read in the book of Genesis, that which had once been created order by our God, had been made into disorganised chaos, and out of this chaos our Creator once again re-established order. **The beginning of the book of Genesis is about how our God re-created the world!** Many people do not realise that this is what the first part of the book of Genesis is telling us. The world, under the stewardship of Satan and his demons had become an evil, unruly, chaotic shambles, so much so that when the Lord first discovered what Satan had done, He (the Lord God) turned His back on it, and as a first punishment to Satan and his demons, the Lord left it (and maybe Satan and his demons) literally frozen, encased in ice with only the tops of the volcanoes peeping through, before returning to it perhaps many thousands of years later to re-create it. Let`s read **Genesis 1: 1-3.** `In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth became (literal translation) without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the spirit of God moved upon the waters. And God said, Let there be light, and there was light.` Now in our `enlightened` times, even the most modestly educated of people realise that where there is no light, there is no sun, and if no sun, then no source of heat for anything on the earth`s surface, and when there is no surface heat, `things` freeze. God, on turning his back on the world, took away the source of its` light the sun, maybe by placing something between it and the earth, and only restored this light on His return, as we have just read of in the book of Genesis. As stated earlier, the original creation was corrupted by Satan and his demons, Satan was once known as Lucifer, but when he rebelled against the Lord God, he was renamed Satan, which means the destroyer. God made the original world, perhaps millions of years before He planned to create mankind upon it, and we know that there were creatures upon this original world because we constantly find their fossilized remains. Way back in `time` as we can understand it, Lucifer, (as Satan was then known as) along with perhaps all or just one third of the Lord God`s angels, was given guardianship over this world and its` inhabitants for who knows how long, and then I can only conjecture what happened next to make a change in him. Did Lucifer become bored? or did the very idea of being `in charge` eventually overwhelm him? Well for whatever the reason he `got too big for his boots`, he rebelled against the orders of the Lord God, he got way above himself and imagined that he (also a created being) was if not equal to God, then perhaps even His superior! Lucifer also managed to convince one third of the Lord God`s angels to rebel with him, how? Well how does any skilled, charismatic orator manage to convince people to follow him? the world has had plenty of and has never been short of such people, but every generation seems to throw up a completely evil one that is head and shoulders above the rest in being able to skilfully deal in half truths, outright lies, subtlety, `charm` and perceived `wisdom` and behind the scenes, out-of-sight horrors. But they never prevail for long, and they will not in the future, but the misery and atrocities that they cause during their brief reign is unfortunately very real and seemingly never ending to those who have to directly or indirectly experience it. The scriptures give us more information about Lucifer`s downfall, we can read about part of it in **Isaiah 14: 12-15.** `See how you are fallen from heaven O Lucifer, son of the morning star! See how you are cut down to the ground, you that did weaken the nations. For you have said in your heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I too will sit (in control) 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. But (instead) you will be brought down to the grave, to the depths of the pit.` As I mentioned

earlier, Lucifer had somehow persuaded one third of the Lord's angels to join him in his rebellion, we can read of a `poetic` description of these angels in [Revelation 12: 3-4](#). `And there appeared another wonder in heaven, and behold, a great red dragon (figurative of Satan) having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven and did cast them to the earth. . . .`

When the Lord God created mankind, He created us in His image. Imagine, we really do, in shape and form, appear like the Lord God the Father and His Son Jesus Christ, what an honour for us! We know of the weird and wonderful creatures that exist upon this earth but we can read of even stranger creatures that exist in the angelic realm, for example [Ezekiel 1: 10](#). `As for the likeness of their faces, they four had the face of a man, and the face of a lion on the right side: and they four had the face of an ox on the left side; they four also had the face of an eagle.` But the Lord God made us, mankind, to appear as He Himself appears, well after all, doesn't every parent want their children to look like them? [Genesis 1: 26](#). `And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness. . .` This is one of the reasons that the Lord wants us to treat our bodies with all due care and attention, respect and decency, because we are the image of the Almighty God, and that image should never willingly be defiled by its` owner. Once we start to treat our own bodies with careless contempt, (for example by committing fornication or prostitution or by having sex-with-same-sex relations) we give the likes of Satan and his demons ammunition with which to try and goad and taunt our God about our behaviour. And it is of no use to try and use the old excuse of `It's my body and I'll do with it what I want`, because surprise surprise, IT ISN'T YOUR BODY and you have no claim to it whatsoever! Don't believe it? well let's read [1 Corinthians 6: 18-20](#). `Avoid fornication, for every sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the man who commits fornication sins against his own body. What? do you not know that your body is a temple in which the holy spirit, given by God, dwells, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought at a price (by the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ) therefore glorify God by the good keeping of your body and in your spirit, which are God's.`

The Lord has created so many incredible beings and creatures, a large proportion of which can be seen living upon this earth, freely available for us to see and even touch. But we should bear in mind that something does not have to be `mind blowingly` complicated or dazzlingly beguiling or beautiful in order to reflect our God's creative genius. Even when a person has limited `senses` they can appreciate certain aspects of creation. I can recall the story of a man who was blind almost from birth and after undergoing some new surgical technique he had his sight restored to him. Some time later one of the questions he was asked about the world around him which he could now see was what object or thing lived up to the image that he had of it when he was blind. His answer? Well, it was not a storm-tossed sea or a torrential, high waterfall or anything half as dramatic, it was simply this, a flower! It certainly made me realize how much of the Lord's creation I take for granted, and not only His earthly creation but also the fact that I was born with all of my limbs and senses intact and working. This brings me nicely back on track to the title of this article, `The Lord is with us everywhere, we only have to look`, and if we do, then we will not only see it but also `feel` it because the Lord our God is the constant sustainer of all things living and inanimate. Without His influence the world, the solar system, the distant galaxies would not function in the way that they do at present, for one thing they would not hold their positions and the world would go spinning uncontrollably off into the limitless expanse of what we call `deep space`. In the book of Job, the Lord tells Job and at the same time let's the reader know in poetic fashion how it is He (the Lord) who has `anchored` the

world in its` place, **Job 38: 4-6.** `Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me if you understand and know. Who has determined the measures of it and stretched the line upon it? Tell Me if you know. Whereupon are the foundations of it fastened? And who laid the cornerstone for it?` And now let`s have a read from **Isaiah 40: 12-14.** `Who (what other being) has measured the waters in the hollow of their hand, and marked out the heavens with the span (of their hand) and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance? Who has directed the spirit of the Lord, or being His counsellor, taught Him? Who did He ask for advice, and who instructed Him and taught Him in the ways of justice, and gave Him knowledge and taught Him in the way of understanding?` and on to **verses 25-31.** `To whom then will you compare Me, or who shall be equal to Me? says the holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and behold, who has created these things (the stars) and brings out their host by number? He calls them all by names, by way of the greatness of His might, and because He is strong in power, not one of them fails. Why therefore do you say O Jacob, and speak so, O Israel, `My way is hid from the Lord, and justice for me is overlooked by my God`? Have you never known? have you not heard that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, does not weaken, neither gets tired? there is no limit to His understanding. He gives power to the weak; and to them that have no might, He increases strength. Even the youths shall weaken and be weary and the young men shall utterly fall. But they that have hope in the Lord shall renew their strength: they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary, and they shall walk and not become faint.` We can `feel` God`s presence everywhere because He has been everywhere and has left His `signature` everywhere and He is in control of everything, nothing is done or is allowed to happen without His knowledge and consent, even evil and evil people have been given their allowed time and place to exist, although not forever! Now most of us reading this will understand that generally, if a person were to lose for example their sight or their hearing, then one of their hitherto unknown `senses` becomes developed, allowing the blind man to `see` through his hands and the power of his mind, and allowing the deaf man to `hear` by picking up vibrations by other means than by the use of his ears. This is something that the `normal` able bodied person cannot do because they have had no need to try and exercise their alternative `senses` and so they don`t. Perceiving the whereabouts of the Lord and realizing His `signature` on all things is a bit like having to have developed these dormant and generally unused `senses` only in a spiritual context. For many Christians the Lord has `kick started` their spiritual `sense` more often than not by physical means including to name but a few, deafness, illness, immobility, blindness, or personal loss and/or tragedy. For example, remember what happened to Saul before he became known as the apostle Paul? Let`s read from the book of **Acts 9: 3-9.** `And as he journeyed he came near to Damascus: and suddenly there shined all around him a light that came from above, and he fell to the earth and heard a voice saying to him, Saul, Saul, why do you persecute Me? And Saul said, who are you, the Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus who you persecute: I know that it is hard for you to kick against the pricks. (constantly try to deny Me against your better judgment) And Saul, trembling and astonished said, Lord what do you want me to do? And the Lord said to him, Arise and go into the city, and there it shall be told to you that which you must do. And the men who journeyed with Saul stood speechless, hearing a voice but seeing nobody. And Saul stood upon his feet and opened his eyes but saw nothing, so those who were with him had to lead him by the hand into the city of Damascus. And he was there for three days without being able to see, and not eating or drinking.` Now I realise that there are bretheren who are blind, who are confined to wheelchairs and who have other crippling disabilities that will remain

with them until their present time of sojourning upon this earth is ended, and they are a shining example to the rest of us able bodied bretheren. Because for all of their afflictions (whether they have had to suffer them from birth or have acquired them since) they remain faithful to the Lord God and await their glorious rebirth in a body that will never fail them. They have not turned against God blaming Him for their infirmities, for the blind bretheren have learned to `see` not with their eyes but with their `hearts`, and those confined to wheelchairs have learned to `walk`, not physically but spiritually with the Lord our God. How much more should we then who are able bodied (and who have all of our `senses` intact and working) be recognizing and rejoicing in that fact, and be giving all due praise to our loving God who has allowed us to be and live this way? And how much more then should we be rejoicing because we can readily recognize His presence everywhere and in every good thing? The scriptures inform us that every bit of evidence that we need to prove to ourselves and to others that there is indeed a loving, God Creator, is right here, in clear view, on this earth, at our very fingertips. Let`s read a portion of the book of **Romans 1: 18-23**. `Because the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness. Because the things that may be known of God is known to them (they are not hidden) because God shows it to them. The invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly to be seen, being understood by the things that are created, including His eternal power and Godhead so that they are without excuse. Because that, when they knew (of a) God they did not honour Him as being God, neither were they thankful, but instead became conceited in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they made themselves fools. And they changed the glory of the incorruptible God into something like corruptible man, and also of birds and four-footed beasts and creeping things.` Now, I will take the liberty of re-writing in hopefully better understood terms, verses 21-23 of Romans 1. **Because all along they knew in their hearts about the existence of a `god`, but they would not accept Him, the one true God, as being their God. They did not want Him to be the God that ruled over them, and they rejected and refused to accept at all that they owed their very existence to Him and Him alone. This being the case they did not give Him all due honour, praise, respect and thanks for the blessing of conscious life and for the whole of creation. Instead they started to seek out and believe in other reasons for their existence, even to the extent that perhaps they themselves had something to do with it by simply `evolving` and that this process had somehow, given time (even time is created by our God!!!) brought it all about. And, that given even more time, they would eventually come to the point were they would be able to manage and control the whole `life process`. And so their foolish hearts were blinded to the truth. Now, because of their God-given in-built need to worship something, they started to worship anything that `took their fancy`, such as animals, other men, `saints`, angels, money, power, and all sorts of other objects and things which are an abomination to worship. They began to profess that it is they and they alone who now knew about the origins of life and of the universe and of all creation, thus making themselves out to be childish, ignorant fools in the eyes of those of us who know the real truth of the matter, those of us who know of and believe in the one, true, living God Creator. And so, what is to be the reward, the harvest for all of their home-grown, even rebellious deceit that has been manufactured for and within themselves? We shall find the answer to that if we read **Romans 1: 25-32**. `They have changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served that which has been created rather than the Creator Himself, who is blessed forever. Because of this God gave them up to degrading desires: for even the women changed from their natural state of womanhood and femininity into that which is contrary to it. And likewise the men, casting aside**

the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one for another; men with men, working that which is obscene, and receiving within themselves the penalty for their sin which was appropriate. And so, as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind to do those things which are not proper. For they are filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness, full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice, vicious rumour mongers. Backbiters, haters of God, insolent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient and disrespectful to parents. They are without understanding, agreement breakers, unloving, unemotional, unmerciful. And there are those who, knowing the judgment of God, that those who commit these abominations are worthy of death, not only do the same, but take pleasure in the fact that there are others who do likewise.`

Although the Lord does want us to very much appreciate all that He has created, He also wants us, indeed He requires of us, to acknowledge that when we look upon it we are able to recognize the `craftsmanship` of His hands upon it and how, without mankind`s interference, it all works and meshes together perfectly. Being able to discern the Lord`s presence in all created things can only be achieved by a person who has developed a righteous mind and heart, but, and this is a very big BUT, the Lord does not want mankind to worship any of His creation in any way, shape or form whatsoever! Why not? well setting aside the fact that the Lord has strictly forbidden such worship, we should realise that once a person starts to admire an object or thing beyond that which it is reasonable to do so, the object or thing in most cases then becomes an image of worship, and once any part of that which is created is worshipped, then awareness and appreciation of the Creator begins to diminish. How many people have stood in an art gallery and looked at one of their favourite works of art and known little if anything at all about the artist who created it? Sure, they recognize the name of the artist they may even profess to know every work that he has ever produced, but they cannot tell you anything about the artist beyond that which is before their eyes because they do not know him, they have not known him, and they do not know how to get to know him. Most professing `christian` churches and religions are like that, they profess to know the Lord, but they only see the creation as a camera sees it, and they read the words of the bible as a mechanical scanner would read them.

Most of the world has now lost sight of its` Creator, and it imagines that this physical state of being which we call `life` is all that there is and all that there ever will be, and so they try and squeeze as much as they possibly can from it by demanding more and more material possessions and by desperately trying to find and partake of new sensational `thrills` and pleasures and damn the consequences. And all the while the very `thing` that would fulfil all their desires and ease their manic cravings and feed them with true, everlasting peace, satisfaction and love, eludes them, because they are lost and do not understand, and they do not know how to find the Lord even though He is all around them! For two closing scriptures let`s read firstly **Psalm 8: 1.** `O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Your Name in all the earth! You who have set Your glory above the heavens.` And secondly **Psalm 19: 1-4.** `The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows His handywork. Day to day utters speech, and night to night shows knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun.`