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**An Amazing History Lesson
From the Beginning of Time
Till the End of Time!**



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I would like to share with you, that I have read most of the Bible. When I was 18 years old and trained as a joiner, I spent my spare time building boats. One night I was out sailing and ran into a storm, and had to swim to shore. The problem was in the dark I could not see the waves, so it was not long before I took in a lot of water. I could not breathe and knew I was going to drown. In a flash my whole life appeared in front of me, so I prayed to GOD, that if there was something special that He wanted me to do in this life, would He save me from drowning? I cannot remember exactly what happened after that, all I remember is crawling up a boat ramp, exhausted, and laying there in the dark until I got my strength back.

The Bible says "In the beginning GOD created the Heaven and the Earth". It also says "we are made in the image of GOD". We are related to Him and we are in His Family, we are also in our Mum and Dad's family. GOD loves us and we

are closer to Him than we realise. He keeps our hearts beating, and gives us air to breathe, and when we feel pain, He feels it too, that's how close we are to GOD.

At the beginning GOD created Adam and Eve and gave them the Garden of Eden to live in. This was PARADISE. GOD spoke to Adam and Eve every day, there was a lot of love in this family. GOD gave Adam and Eve everything they needed to be happy; even the animals were so tame, you could go and give a lion or a tiger a big hug. Adam had the job of naming the animals. The weather was pleasant, with no rain. Adam and Eve were the happiest people that had ever lived. GOD would come down each day and encourage Adam and Eve to play cricket, have a swim in the stream and finish the day off with a barbeque. Day after day GOD would get pleasure out of watching Adam and Eve enjoying themselves and having fun.

Your Mum and Dad love you very much and they want you to be happy, so they think of things that you can do. They might say "Let's go to

the beach for a swim and a picnic, and after that a game of football”. Your Mum and Dad are so close to you that when you are unhappy, they are unhappy.

Meanwhile back in the Garden of Eden, God and Adam and Eve were getting on fine. There was so much trust and love between them. Good parents give their children boundaries, for instance a fence around your house. Another example is, if you want to go to the school social and your



Mother says “yes, as long as you are home by ten o’clock.” But if you get home at ten thirty, you have broken the boundaries. Mum and Dad would worry and they could not go to bed till you are home. You would feel awful until you have said “Sorry” and have told your Mum and Dad the reason you were late. Now the family is united again.

In Heaven beside GOD there are angels who spend all day praising GOD. But there was one Angel who was causing problems and some of the other angels ganged up with him, and they were a bit unruly. This angel was called Lucifer. Adam and Eve had no idea of the responsibility and pleasure that GOD had stored up for them for the future. GOD would hold nothing back



from Adam and Eve if they could be trusted. GOD would love them as part of himself and would even die for them. GOD'S plan was to send Lucifer into

the Garden of Eden in the shape of a snake, and test Adam and Eve out. First GOD came down to Adam and Eve and said "What are we going to do today? We have strawberries to eat, bananas, coconuts, grapes, lovely peaches on the trees, pears, apples, and every thing you need." GOD had boundaries for Adam and Eve, because He wanted no harm to come to them.

Then GOD said “See that old tree over there - the fruit looks delicious!! But it is very bad for you, and will cause a disease that will harm you. That tree is called the TREE OF GOOD AND EVIL, and if you eat of it you will surely die.”

When Eve was on her own, the snake that was Lucifer came up and spoke to her, and asked her what they were allowed to do in the Garden of Eden. “Oh!” Eve said, “we are allowed to eat of any of the fruit in the garden.” The snake in a gentle persuasive voice said “What about that tree, the fruit looks so inviting”. “Oh, that one’s no good” said Eve. “We would not eat of that one, it has a disease.” And GOD said “if we eat of that tree, we will surely die.” Now the snake told a lie. He said “You won’t surely die, but you will know good and evil, and you will know as much as GOD”. After a while, Eve looked at the fruit and she was tempted by the snake to eat. It seemed to be that because she could not have the fruit, she wanted it all the more. Immediately the snake disappeared and Eve gave the fruit to Adam to have a bite. “Oh! What has happened to me?” said Eve, and so did Adam. “I have

a terrible illness.” They looked in the pond as a mirror and saw they were quite different. No more smiles, only frowns. GOD was right. “Oh!? WHY DID WE NOT TRUST HIM?” Then they sat down and thought “How can we get out of this one??” Then Eve said “I know what to do, we will just act as nothing had happened. We will just be as good as usual.” But they found that they couldn’t any more.

They did not want to do wrong, but they found that they could not help but do it. When Adam and Eve ate the fruit, GOD knew instantly, because they were part of HIM.



Oh! the pain GOD felt, his heart was broken. Oh! the suffering. GOD did not go to Adam and Eve straight away, but took time to think and accept what had happened. Even then GOD knew that HE would forgive them, because HE loved them, but it would take time. When GOD came to see Adam and Eve, he told them because of what they had done, they would have to leave the Garden of Eden, in case they ate of the fruit of the TREE OF LIFE.





They were now put out into the World where they would have to work hard, and plough the ground, and sow the seed and work the ground, so they would have food to eat. Now the tame animals were wild. Adam and Eve had two children, Cain and Abel. At night Adam and Eve

would tell their children stories about the Garden of Eden. Even then evil was stronger than they were, and Cain killed Abel.

Let's turn the clock on. All through the Old Testament of the Bible, GOD spoke to men and provided animal sacrifices for their sins, until JESUS died on the Cross. The Blood of JESUS covered every sin from the beginning of the World to the end of the World. In the New Testament, God decided it was time for HIM to come to Earth, in the form of BABY JESUS. GOD is THREE PARTS, known as THE TRINITY: GOD THE FATHER, GOD THE SON, and GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT. The latter is the POWER OF GOD that created the World.

When God came down to earth in the form of Baby Jesus, he was born in a Manger in Bethlehem. This was the first Christmas when the Star guided the Wise Men who came from afar, seeking the Christ Child and gave gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh. A host of Angels appeared to the Shepherds in the field and guided them to Bethlehem where the Baby Jesus laid.



At Christmas time we celebrate by giving gifts to each other in memory of GOD'S GIFT OF JESUS TO MANKIND. JESUS had never done anything wrong. He lived on earth for about 30 years, showing all mankind the way to live, and did many miracles. Finally Jesus allowed himself to die on a cross to take the punishment for the things we have done wrong.

The time that JESUS died was EASTER FRIDAY and rose from the dead on EASTER SUNDAY. AFTER SOME TIME, JESUS WENT BACK TO

HEAVEN, BUT BEFORE HE ROSE UP INTO HEAVEN, HE HAD SHOWED HIMSELF TO MANY PEOPLE, AND MANY GATHERED AROUND HIM, HE TOLD THEM TO GO INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH THE GOSPEL TO ALL NATIONS, STARTING AT JERUSALEM.

THEN HE LIFTED HIS ARMS HEAVENWARD AND WAS TAKEN UP BEFORE THEM.





Why did Adam and Eve eat the apple? Because they were thinking of themselves rather than GOD. When they ate the apple, they were changed. They tried to do good but could not, they tried not to do wrong, but they could not help but do it.



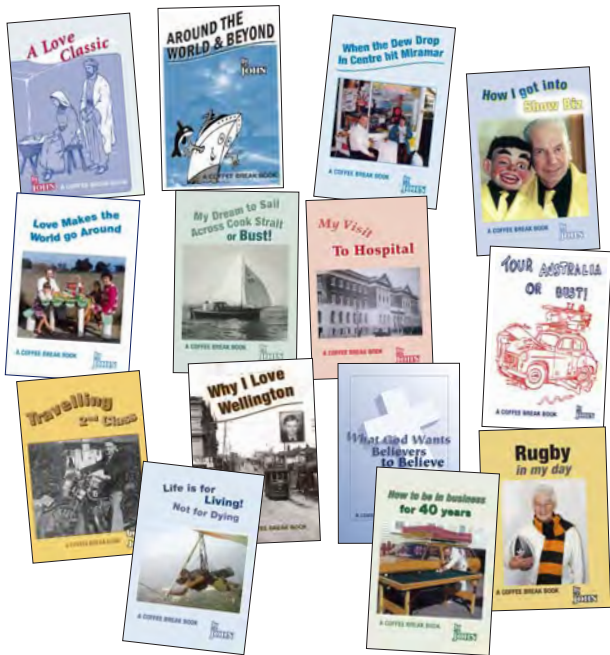
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How do you feel in this day and age, when you try to be good, and you can't? When you try not to do wrong, you can't help but do it. IF YOU DO, you need Jesus, because He healed Adam and Eve from their sin and HE CAN HEAL YOU, BUT YOU MUST TRUST HIM AND NOT SELF, AND NO TURNING BACK.



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