

#### Ashes to Ashes or Dust to Dust?

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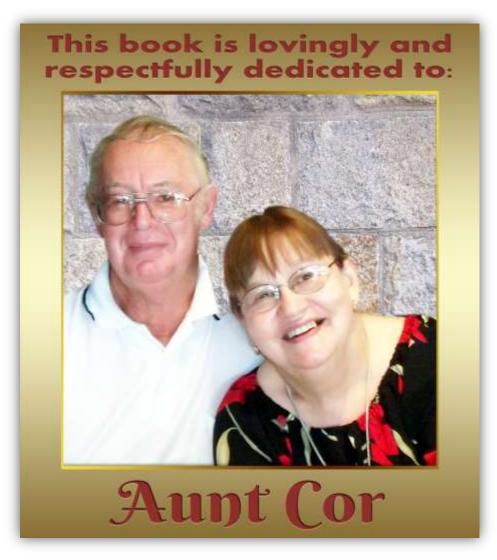
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This book was especially written for you Aunt Cor, purely due to your spiritual hunger for biblical truth, related to the act of cremation and the traditional burial. I trust you will find the answers you require in this book and that you will have complete peace of mind, both scripturally and spiritually.

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#### Foreword:

I have written two books related to cremation or burial, one in English and one in Afrikaans. The full English book's title is:

### "Cremate or Bury, what saith the Bible?"

The above book as well as this booklet may be downloaded **Free** of Charge – see bottom of page.

I discovered that a smaller book is required, which would bring the biblical perspective across in a few pages, but hard hitting though. This is how this booklet was born. It occurs quite often that relatives suddenly want the book about cremation and burial when a loved one passes away, but time doesn't allow reading of the book in such a short period of time, i.e. where the remaining loved one needs to make a quick decision related to cremation or burial. I hope this book will fill that gap and be sufficient in order to reach not only the right decision, but a **Biblically Correct Decision!** 

I would however strongly advise the reader to download or purchase the full A5 book to obtain all the data, both biblical, secular and historical regarding the horrific act of cremation and what the consequences of this decision entails, especially on a spiritual level.

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\$ am hugely indebted to:

## My Creator and Heavenly Father

#### ...and

## AW, NK, RK, RM, MS, BM and CR

May our Creator bless each person mentioned, whether they are aware of their contribution or not.



# Important! HYPOTHESIS

My Oxford Dictionary declares the term "hypothesis" as follows: "an idea that has not yet been proved to be true or correct" Herewith, I then declare, because I am an unlearned and ignorant man, that every word in this book is subjected to the term as described above.

#### **Excluded** is the following:

Every scripture quoted in this book, which I regard as undeniable fact, true, imperishable, everlasting, incorruptible, holy and inspired by God.

Furthermore I declare that every reader of this book, not merely accept the writings of the author, but search and investigate **as we** are commanded to do by the scriptures and then only decide on their conviction, persuasion and belief, based on their own findings and research, with their knees on the floor and their Bible in their hands.

THIS BOOK WAS WRITTEN FOR THE: GOD SEEKER and the TRUTH SEEKER

#### THIS BOOK WAS WRITTEN BY A FUNDAMENTALIST!

This is a person whose base principal is founded in scripture [Sola Scriptura] - which reads what is written in scripture and understands, that which is written in scripture. This is a person of whom the highly educated theological professors say, he does not understand the scriptures, for if you read that which is written in scriptures, you cannot understand that which is written is scripture. (Don't worry, I don't understand this either!!!)

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#### I, the author, am not infallible:

- ✓ I do not declare that my interpretation of the scriptures is infallible.
- ✓ I do not declare that my knowledge of the truth is infallible.
- ✓ I do not declare that my way of serving God or my obedience to Him is infallible.
- ✓ Furthermore: every person in this book who I call by their name, who is still among the living, I call by their name for the following reason:

<u>Eze 3:17</u> Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me.

Eze 3:18 When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand.

<u>Eze 3:19</u> <u>Yet if thou warn the wicked</u>, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, <u>he shall die</u> in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.

#### **CORE MESSAGE**

<u>2Cor 4:2</u> But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor <u>handling the word of God deceitfully</u>; but <u>by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.</u>

2Cor 4:3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

2Cor 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

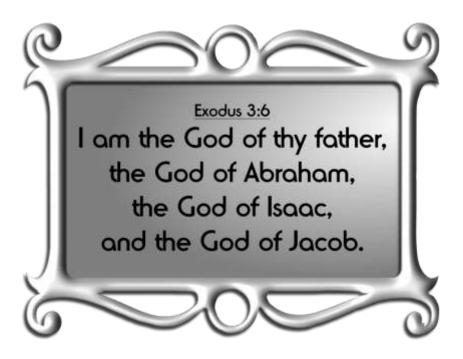
Dear friend, as you read through the pages of this book, I ask that you constantly ponder over these thoughts:

- ? Who handles the Word of God deceitfully?
- ? For whom is the gospel hidden?
- ? Whose minds are blinded?
- ? And who manifests the truth?



When I refer to "God",
I am referring to the God of
Abraham,
Isaac and Jacob,
of the Scriptures,

# THE GOD OF ISRAEL.



#### And remember:

## Never, ever be ashamed of God's Words:

<u>Luk 9:26</u> For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed...

All Scriptures quoted in this book are from the **1769 King James Version** of the Holy Bible (also known as the Authorized Version) unless otherwise noted.

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This book is only applicable to people who regard themselves as Bible believing children, who worship and wants to be obedient to the **God of Abraham**, **Isaac and Jacob**.

(Although the book also details some surprising, but horrific facts for non-believers of the Bible, related to the Cremation Industry.)



Cover image: "Body in cremation oven"

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# Chapter 1

### **Ashes to Ashes**

Many people believe the very familiar term:

"As hes to Ashes - Dust to Dust" - is of biblical origin. Because of their assumption that it's biblical, they further assume that there is absolutely nothing wrong with cremation, simply because the Bible clearly states:

"Ashes to ashes".

Well, here is your very first reality check — have you ever searched or physically read the phrase: "Ashes to Ashes" in your Bible?

Your answer?	No	Yes	
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If you selected "Yes" as your answer, you must please let me know in which Bible you read it, as this phrase does not appear in the 1611 King James Version and also not in the Bible I am using to quote in this book, which is the 1769 King James Version of the Holy Bible (also known as the Authorized Version).

Why is the correct answer "No"? Because the term "Ashes to Ashes" is simply not written anywhere in the Bible! It does not appear in the Bible, not even once! Why then, is this phrase so commonly accepted as a biblical phrase?

Well, it comes from a book entitled: "Book of Common Prayer" and the phrase are listed in the "Funeral Service" section of the book. It is almost always used at funeral services, where the pastor or preacher stands at the grave, with the Bible in his hand and therefore, especially English folk, naturally assumes that this is a biblical phrase, which it is not. The literal phrase used in the Book of Common Prayer, (Burial Rite Section) is:

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