



We need the  
CROWN  
and not the  
CROSS

*“we pray to God to give us a tree and God gives us a seed, we then get angry forgetting that in a seed they is a tree”*

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My modern world...

The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings but shorter tempers, wider Freeways, but narrower viewpoints. We spend more, but have less, we buy more, but enjoy less. We have bigger houses and smaller families, more conveniences, but less time. We have more degrees but less sense, more knowledge, but less judgment, more experts, yet more problems, more medicine, but less wellness.

We drink too much, smoke too much, spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast, get too angry, stay up too late, get up too tired, read too little, watch TV too much, and pray too seldom. We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often.

We've learned how to make a living, but not a life. We've added years to life not life to years. We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet a new neighbor. We conquered outer space but not inner space. We've done larger things, but not better things. We've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul. We've conquered the atom, but not our prejudice.

We write more, but learn less. We plan more, but accomplish less. We've learned to rush, but not to wait. We build more computers to hold more information, to produce more copies than ever, but we

communicate less and less. These are the times of fast foods and slow digestion, big men and small character, steep profits and shallow relationships.

These are the days of two incomes but more divorce, fancier houses, but broken homes. These are days of quick trips, disposable diapers, throwaway morality, one night stands, overweight bodies, and pills that do everything from cheer, to quiet, to kill. It is a time when there is much in the showroom window and nothing in the stockroom. A time when technology can bring this letter to you, and a time when you can choose either to share this insight, or to just hit delete...

Technology so obsessed with inventing the fastest computer and on the other hand in the car industry they compete on making the fastest car than the other. Everyone wants a wedding but not a marriage, I want sex dear!! Not a relationship. People want a good paying job yet don't want to go to school and so on. It's as if we want to take! Take! Take! And never wants to give.

My apology for making you to think a lot already 😊 I mean where is this leading to? Well fasten your sit belt...

“I will put an enmity between your seed  
And her seed...” Genesis 3:15 NKJV

“I will put an enmity between your seed and her seed” well I want to take you back to your English class ☺ the word “will” means a future tense, so God is saying I will put an enmity between your seed (Satan) and the seed (Jesus) of a woman (Mary) it might not be today or next month but I want you to know “I WILL” so the seed of a woman God is talking about is Jesus and the woman is Mary.

And ooh! If you don't have a dictionary the word “enmity” means an enemy from the Latin root.

In the book of Matthew chapter 2 from verse 13-15 it makes it evident that indeed the seed of a woman becomes an enmity between the seed of a serpent. Herod wants to kill baby Jesus, but not the parents ☺ you see the Devil is not after your car, your house, and all your materialistic things. No! The Devil is after your seed, that business idea, that faith, that hope, that gift and that talent.

Now it makes sense when John says “greater is He that is within me than the one who is the world...” 1 John 4:4 ESV.

“In every kid there is a king/queen and in every king/queen there is a kid” so in order for the Devil to kill the king in you, the Devil must kill the kid. Wow!!!

They saw an ordinary David but you see God saw a king. For you to see a king in me you have to view me like God would. Why? Because God doesn't look at who I have become so far, like people do they judge you based on rather weigh you up based on who you have become, but my God He looks at who I can become.

## Does evil exist?

The university professor challenged his students with this question. Did God create everything that exists? A student bravely replied, "Yes, he did!"

"God created everything? The professor asked. "Yes sir", the student replied. The professor answered, "If God created everything, then God created evil since evil exists, and according to the principal that our works define who we are then God is evil". The student became quiet before such an answer. The professor was quite pleased with himself and boasted to the students that he had proven once more that the Christian faith was a myth. Another student raised his hand and said, "Can I ask you a question professor?"

"Of course", replied the professor. The student stood up and asked, "Professor does cold exist?"

"What kind of question is this? Of course it exists. Have you never been cold?" The students snickered at the young man's question. The young man replied, "In fact sir, cold does not exist. According to the laws of physics, what we consider cold is in reality the absence of heat. Every body or object is susceptible to study when it has or transmits energy, and heat is what makes a body or matter have or transmit energy.

Absolute zero (-460 degrees F) is the total absence of heat; all matter becomes inert and incapable of reaction at that temperature. Cold does not exist. We have created this word to describe how we feel if we have no heat." The student continued, "Professor, does darkness exist?"

The professor responded, "Of course it does." The student replied, "Once again you are wrong sir, darkness does not exist either. Darkness is in reality the absence of light. Light we can study, but not darkness. In fact we can use Newton's prism to break white light into many colors and study the various wavelengths of each color. You cannot measure darkness.

A simple ray of light can break into a world of darkness and illuminate it. How can you know how dark a certain space is? You measure the amount of light present. Isn't this correct? Darkness is a term used by man to describe what happens when there is no light present." Finally the young man asked the professor, "Sir, does evil exist?"

Now uncertain, the professor responded, "Of course as I have already said. We see it every day. It is in the daily example of man's inhumanity to man. It is in the multitude of crime and violence everywhere in the world. These manifestations are nothing else but evil." To this the student replied, "Evil does not exist sir, or at least it does not exist unto itself.

Evil is simply the absence of God. It is just like darkness and cold, a word that man has created to describe the absence of God. God did not create evil. Evil is not like faith, or love that exist just as does light and heat. Evil is the result of what happens when man does not have God's



love present in his heart. It's like the cold that comes when there is no heat or the darkness that comes when there is no light." The professor sat down. This student is a genius Yeh!! 😊

There is no source of darkness in this universe. There is only the presence of light and the absence of it. Darkness does not exist; it only appears to exist. In truth, it is only the absence of light. No matter how hard you try, you cannot get rid of darkness.

You cannot remove it from anything. In order to affect darkness, you must do something with light, because the light is the only thing that actually exists. Fear and misery (that which is called negative) have been compared to darkness because it too, does not exist. It is merely the absence of awareness, joy and love.

That is why it feels so vacuous. We feel a hole inside our being. We feel empty, because when we are in fear or misery, we are empty. We are empty of the presence of awareness, joy and love. You cannot do anything about fear or misery. This is why our mental health system is so unsuccessful. We do not understand that it isn't a thing that exists; it is the absence of a thing that exists.

If you fight with darkness, you fight with absence. If you fight with darkness you fight with nothing and so, you will not win. You cannot fight darkness because it isn't there. All you can do about fear and misery and darkness, is to move in the direction of awareness, joy, love and light.

It does not work to do this with an attitude of escape or avoidance (that is to try to fight with absence). We simply place our focus on becoming aware. We simply place our focus on something that causes us to feel

good. We love something a little more. And by doing so, we bring light to the darkness we are drowning in.

The bible says that in the beginning the world was formless and it was with void, the face of the earth was covered with the darkness. Genesis 1:1-2 NKJV. I want you to notice something God never made or rather created darkness, but darkness was there and therefore God said” let there be light...” now God created light and not darkness.

He didn’t start with trees, or fishes or even animals. No! He started with the light, but why? So that He can see clearly 😊

Now because we so in hurry we create things in the dark, because we can’t stand for the light first and we then get confused when all that we have planned becomes a chaos. We want to travel this journey of life without the creator of it God Himself.

The fundamental truth is we need the light which is Jesus to light up our way so that we can see clearly. Jesus declared and said I am the light (John 8:12 NKJV) this means we need Him in order for us to see clearly in our relationships, our careers, in our marriages and so on because without Him we walk in the dark. Therefore if we walk in the dark we will never know if we have reached our destiny, or if we are on the right track let alone that whatever we build will result to chaos.

“The Son (Jesus) is the light to my life and yet the Sun lights up my world. I open my heart the Son comes in and light up my heart and yet I open my window the Sun comes in and light up my room”

The only Job that starts from the top is digging a hole...😊

Let me ask you this, do you read those ascending letters like Jesus after watching a movie? So that you can know who wrote it? Who are the hair dressers and costumes markers and blah blah...

Well for me I don't read that, why? Because I have seen what I wanted to see (final product) so I don't want to know what happened and who did this wonderful job to produce such a nice movie (process).

Now let me ask you this, if they say; that black screen and ascending letters starts before a movie starts and the trick is you cannot skip would you read those? And forgive me I don't know what to call that ascending letters 😊 I never studied filming at school, I know they must be a word for that...black screen and letters. Anyway...

Well it sound like a good strategy but it's not, I can play a movie and because I know it starts with those ascending letters. What I can do is; do something while waiting for the movie to starts.

This proves that as people we can do anything just to avoid the process. Why? Because the process has never been a good thing at all, so I will do whatever it takes to avoid the cross but I have to get the crown. You have people who sleeps their way up in the co-operate ladder. The bible says"...for wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life and only few find it" Matthew 7:13-14 NIV.

So we always looking at the easy way out to do things and get things. E.g. if you promote a child from a lower grade (pre-school) to a high school, do you think she/he will cope? Of course not, she/he lacks the basics. You see in high school they don't teach vowels and consonants, no! You must now use them to construct sentences.

People are in marriages yet they are not spiritually and mentally mature to be there, holding higher positions yet they are not qualified and so on.

The problem with people who wants to start from the top is because they want to show off, and that's dangerous. Reason being; as long as you on the spot light and you saying things people want to hear or rather you do what they want you to do they will cheer you up and support you with their hands they will raise you higher and higher and you feel good right?. The problem is; they're like you they get tired, they have emotions, they can get angry and so on.

So as time goes on, one by one they let go....and while you start to lose control and balance you have to convince the ones who still with you and holding you. Meaning, you have to do what will impress them and tell them what they want to hear rather than the truth. They is no such thing as good lies, it reminds me of my first year economics. They is a theory "Marginal diminishing utility" states that the more you consume something you eventually start to lose utility of that thing, so basically if I buy 10 bottles of water, I am going to enjoy the first bottle and maybe the second and by the time I drink the 9<sup>th</sup> one I am full and I have no appetite for water.

Or more application when a new song comes in you tend to play it frequently as time goes on you play it if necessary. So yes, even people

are like that they will cheer you up for the first two or four month and they get tired. And guess what? When they tire they will let you fall, after you have fell they then come back again. And say “what was he or she doing?” so people are way obsessed of the position rather than the mission.

Now you have these upcoming pastors out of the blue, we don't know who mentored them, we never heard anything about them and so on. And they preach the gospel that I don't know. They teach masses to come and take gifts from the giver of the gift but never take the giver of the gift. They teach me about what I can get from God rather than what God wants from me. They portray God like Santa Clause. They teach about the crown not the cross. They tell me about the prize but not the race I have to run.

But you see I don't blame them, they started at the top! They came already with a testimony and while they never told us their test. We never saw their struggles but boom! Their success all of the sudden is evident to humankind. They never communicate with us were they've been but rather they tell us where they are going. They don't talk about the land of slavery but they tell us about the promise land.

Therefore it becomes like blackmail, if you need a marriage, job, and success and blah...blah... come to Christ. And that is not the gospel, Jesus said “carry the cross and follow me.” Today people don't want to carry the cross but they want the crown.

“A man who is in the right hand of the father, He was born in a manger” His name is Jesus. If He started with the crown they wouldn't be the

cross and my friends I wouldn't be writing this amazing book about His truth. "A man who once moved a mountain started by moving small stone" I urge you to be obsessed with the mission rather than the position.

Always know "the only job that starts at the top is digging a whole" they is no testimony without a test, what cannot be tested cannot be trusted. It's only in an oxford dictionary that "success" comes before the definition, but in reality is other way around the definition first and then success. The cross then the crown, not the crown then the cross that is not the pattern God designed.

A king is laid in a manger and not in a royal place?

“...find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.”

(Luke 2:12 NKJV)

Let me start by saying that Jesus was not born in a manger as often people states. I had that spelling error on an exam last year. For that to have happened might have looked something like this:



Assuming, of course that father in the picture was some sort of manger. But even if you get the spelling right, and write manger, Jesus wasn't born in one, even if the story in the Gospel of Luke was literally true.

A manger is feeding through. And nowhere in the story does it suggest that Mary gave birth in a feeding through. Now that you understand what a manger is, let's move on!! The Son of God is laid where? In a manger, Oooh, PAUSE!!!! WHAT? Not in some royal palace?

Right there, it doesn't matter where you born but what matters is who you become.



Why was He laid in the animals' food trough? Surely, God's Son deserved a high-profile birth in the most elegant of surroundings. But, instead, God's own Son made His appearance in the earth in the lowliest of circumstances. This humble birth conveys an amazing message of creation: the transcendent God condescended to come to us. Instead of coming to earth as a pampered, privileged ruler, Jesus was born in meekness, as one of us. He is approachable, accessible, available-no palace gates bar the way to Him; no ring of guards prevents our approach. The king of kings came humbly, and His first bed was a manger.

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