

## **Author's Preface Volume Two**

Over many years of studying the Bible, living life, reading widely, and thinking very hard, your author has pondered many things and had numerous directed thoughts. The purpose of this series of books is to share the current results of that thinking process.

This second volume of eight chapters (books) pertains mainly to explaining why human existence is so difficult. In other words, it explains why your life is hard.

Each chapter can stand, on its own, as a book in its own right. Because of this, each chapter has its own Introduction, Table of Contents, a separate Dedication, etc.

The reader might take notice that the overall volume is entitled, *God And Man*, which could seem a bit ostentatious. Your author is not a prophet speaking for God. That being said, every effort has been made to ensure a large number of scriptural supports have been used.

In other words your author's thinking is always double-checked, as best a limited man can do, with the Bible for consistency. It is up to the reader to determine how well said scriptural supports were actually used. And since your author is only one man, he is obviously not speaking for all of mankind. The title *God And Man* was purposely chosen because it forms the subject matter of the book.

The reader might take further notice that the subtitle of Volume Two is, *Why Your Life Is Hard*, which also sounds like it might need some explanation. In a nutshell, the main purpose of this volume is to explain the major factors that contribute to human existence being so difficult. Since human life being hard is a tough topic, your author thought it best to end this volume with a book entitled, *Divine Evidence*, which is positive proof that God is going to make things right in the end.

*The Source Of Evil* explains the source of evil, how evil expanded its deadly reach, and what values evil is based upon. Evil will end, but not before God uses it for his purposes.

*Water Miracles In The Bible: Satan Conquered* notices that there are numerous

references to sea monsters, raging waters, and water-related miracles in the Bible. Why? It seems so ancient, almost primitive. Is there some central truth behind these, almost mythological, scriptural references? In fact there is and this book provides an explanation.

*Intellectual Warfare: The Corruption Of Philosophy And Thought* was written to explain that intellectual warfare has been waged against mankind, resulting in a corruption of thought. This topic is very important because the quality of the thinking behind decisions is of paramount importance to mankind in general and to each of us personally. The world has come to the place where it is an intellectual train wreck. The very real problems plaguing mankind are, in large part, the result of compound failures from the field of philosophy and a resulting corruption of the process of thought. The corruption of thought leads to bad decisions that negatively affect all of us. This book explains what happened.

*Why There Is No Justice: The Corruption Of Law* was written to explain why there seems to be very little justice in the world. The rebellion against reason and reality, pertaining to law, is a rebellion against both divine law and natural

law. Predictably, this rebellion has resulted in societal conflict and does not end well. The main purpose of this book is to survey the purpose of law, the purpose of government, and explain how both have been corrupted. A further purpose of this book is to include an explanation of natural rights and why their recognition is necessary. Natural rights, good law, and good government are necessary in order for justice, social harmony, social cooperation, and peace to prevail – without which abundant life is not possible.

*Economic Fallacies Versus Rational Thought* explains that one of the reasons life is so hard is because there is a widespread lack of understanding pertaining to the fact that there are economic laws. Another reason is that there is very little common knowledge as to what those economic laws are. This book unmasks various economic fallacies, along with explaining the key principles behind a rational economic system. How did we come to the undesirable place where personal and political wishes attempt to take the place of economic laws and their operation? This book explains what happened.

*Why Job Suffered: The Real Story* explains that many have had and do have opinions as to why Job suffered. When one thinks of extreme examples of human suffering one usually ends up thinking about Job. Why did Job suffer so much? The most common modern explanation, from various Bible scholars and critics, is that Job was self-righteous and so he needed to be corrected. This superficial explanation, which is not true, misses the real reason Job suffered. God himself did not answer Job directly. God, for his own reasons, did this on purpose and so this has left a gap in the explanation. This book attempts to fill in the gap and to explain, quite clearly, the real reason Job suffered. There is a central truth behind Job's suffering that can help us understand God's greatness and range of vision.

The first five chapters of this volume contain a lot of information as to why your life is hard – all of which are tough things to read about. The sixth chapter, pertaining to Job and his suffering, is also a difficult topic. Ergo, your author thought it important to end this volume with two chapters on a couple of positive and needful topics. *The Matthew 18 Paradox: Solved* was written to explain the answer to the seeming paradox of Jesus Christ telling the

disciples to become as little children when the rest of the Bible directs believers to grow mature. Which is it? Are believers supposed to grow mature, or to become as little children? On the surface the Biblical instructions seem to be contradictory. Your author will label this apparent contradiction, or paradox, "The Matthew 18 Paradox." Is there a solution to this paradox? In fact there is and the purpose of this book is to share the solution. A further purpose of this book is to explain why the proper understanding of the solution to The Matthew 18 Paradox is important, not only for us as individuals, but also for the human race as a whole.

Most people would like to be both happy and to live forever. Pain and suffering take the joy out of life. And death seems such a final and permanent loss - which also causes great pain to those who live on. In this regard, does the Bible offer any hope for mankind, i.e., overcoming the seeming finality of death? And does the Bible offer any serious and credible evidence to make this hope of overcoming death real? Indeed it does and explaining just what that evidence is, is the main purpose of the book, *Divine Evidence*.

The reader can, and should, study The Bible for himself or herself. They should also ask God for guidance, read widely, and think hard to formulate their own judgment on these and other matters. All of these things being written, best wishes to all men and women of good will.