



THE GOLDEN TEXT

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes on him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” John 3: 16

Our **Golden Text** is a wonderful verse, and is all the more wonderful when we understand of the lengths and breadths and heights and depths of the Divine Plan of salvation. Luther, who grasped the Gospel message more fully than many of his day, and yet less fully than we see the reality to be, called this verse the "little Bible." We would express the same in the words, "the Gospel in a nut shell." The whole message of God is contained in a condensed form in these words:

1 *Man's need is shown - his perishing condition, his need of Divine help.*

2 *God's love is declared, and the proof of it is pointed out to be the gift of His Son.*

3 *Our Lord's willing cooperation in the Father's plan is evidenced.*

4 *The lengths and breadths of this love and redemption are declared to embrace the whole world, and not merely a section, a family or class.*

5 *The limitations of Divine grace are plainly stated: only through a true acceptance of Christ can any obtain this great blessing - release from the perishing conditions of the curse and full*

reinstatement in the Divine favor and its blessed reward of life everlasting (Acts 4: 10-12).

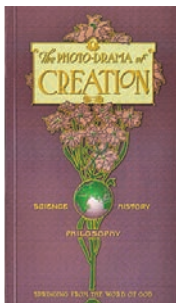
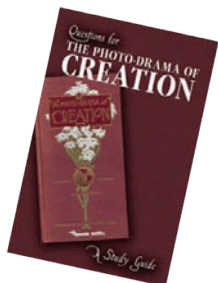
Therefore this Gospel statement assures us that there is no hope for the heathen in their present ignorance. It points us, as do other Scriptures, to the hope respecting them in the future, when the voice of the Son of man who redeemed them shall call all from the grave; that all may attain to a resurrection to perfection under the judgments of the Millennial age. "When the judgments of the Lord are abroad in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness"; and many who have gone down into the tomb under the curse, and in ignorance of the only name given under heaven and among men, shall ultimately be blessed as they shall hear of the great salvation God has provided, and if they shall accept it upon God's terms.

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One of the chief aims of the PHOTO-DRAMA OF CREATION book along with it's Study Guide is to re-establish faith in the Bible as the inspired Word of God. It is our conviction that many of God's people are trembling on the brink of infidelity. The dawn of the twenty-first century sees many new social and religious changes being proclaimed world-wide. Many of these are not for the better of humanity but are, rather, toward its mental, moral, and religious degradation. Even in Christian circles, modernism and humanism are making inroads from heathen sources and are gaining control of theological thinking in mainline churches.

The tendency of the newer thoughts is to question and defy the authenticity of the Scriptures. Some leaders in Christendom have publicly stated they do not believe that the Scriptures are Divinely inspired and that Jesus and the Apostles were not real people. We, on the other hand, would have all people to be planted on a firm foundation of faith in a Supreme Being of Justice, Wisdom, Love and Power; to know God and to have an intelligent appreciation of His great and wonderful Plan of the Ages. The entire human race will receive untold blessings in the Kingdom, and a glorious opportunity for everlasting life.

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