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BELIEVE YOUR BELIEFS AND DOUBT YOUR DOUBTS

▼ BY DES FORD

The Christian has not yet been glorified. He or she every day does battle with selfishness and sin. And doubts remain. We cry with the father in the New Testament: "Lord, I believe, help thou my unbelief."

Every day we hear or see multiple evidences of the overwhelming sorrow of the world. Our planet is a vast lazar house and nobody escapes pain.

There are many things we should remember. If the Biblical teaching of a loving heavenly Father is only a myth and life is meaningless, we could never ...

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... have come to that point of understanding. Let me illustrate.

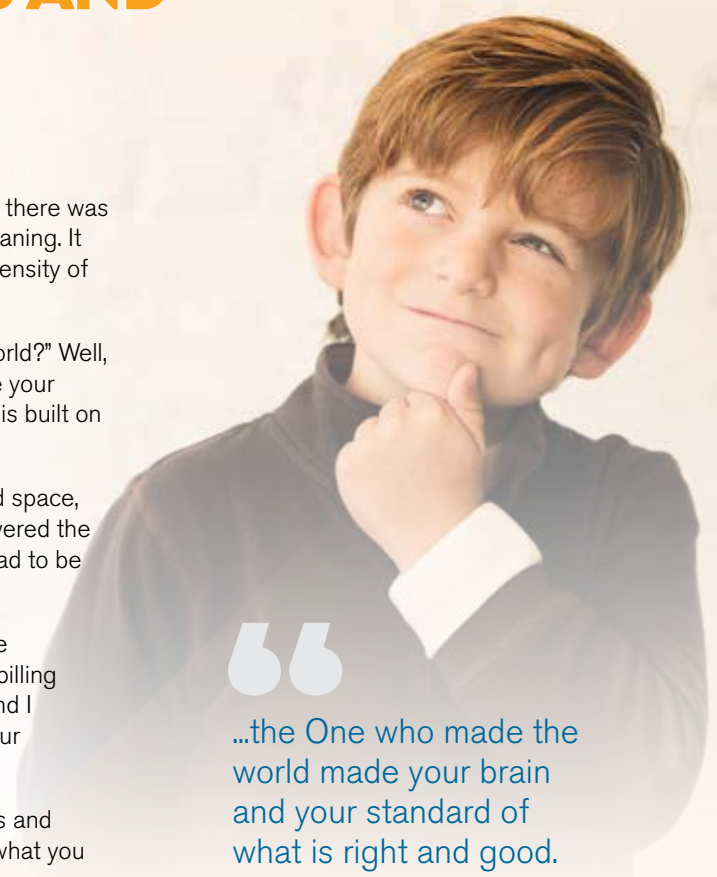
We would never know darkness unless we first knew light. Suppose there was no light and we had no eyes, then the word 'dark' would have no meaning. It is because we know the reality of God and good that we feel the intensity of darkness and pain.

The poet Housman asked, "What brute and blackguard made the world?" Well, the answer, Mr Housman, is that the One who made the world made your brain and your standard of what is right and good. Every accusation is built on a standard, and our standard came from him who made us.

If my brain is the result of the play of meaningless atoms in time and space, I have no grounds to trust its conclusions. No one yet has ever answered the question: Whence came thought? If thought matches reality there had to be an infinite and wise Creator who gave us consciousness.

But if our thoughts are the result of chance, then we should no more trust their conclusions than we should expect the splash of an jug spilling accidentally to give us a map of Australia. I am quoting C.S. Lewis and I recommend his books to you. Begin with *Screwtape Letters* and your laughter will dispel any threatening gloom.

Believe your beliefs and doubt your doubts. Never doubt your beliefs and believe your doubts. Never let what you do not understand destroy what you do understand.



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HOW YOUR SUPPORT IS GIVING A FORMER POP STAR NEW HOPE

By Mischa - Poltava, Ukraine



It's through your gifts and prayers that GNU is able to spread the Word to friends like Mischa. Thank you!



Now it is finally all making sense. I are so happy now!

I was the lead singer in the pop group Freestyle, that was famous throughout the former Soviet Union in the late 90s and 2000s. I was a star, and everybody knew who I was. I was also an alcoholic.

I joined a church. I was baptised and became the worship leader, but I hid behind my music and continued to drink. Eventually, after committing secret adultery, and filled with guilt, I left the church.

Alcohol totally took over my life, and my wife and I became drug addicts. She eventually died from drug abuse. I was distraught and I wanted to die too. This was my lowest point.

I found a Christ-centred recovery programme, and finally surrendered all my pride to God. God guided me step by step until he brought me to attend the gospel meetings being presented by Dr Eliezer Gonzalez and Dr Philip Rodionoff here in Poltava (Ukraine).

I thought I knew a lot about the gospel – perhaps that was my pride. But what I am learning here about the gospel is simply wonderful. Now it is finally all making sense. I are so happy now!

As a musician, I can understand that God has brought true harmony into my life now. And all I can do is to be humble and give glory to him.

THIRTY INDIAN CHURCHES TO JOIN GNU!



Thirty (yes... 30... that is not a typo) pastors and their churches have approached Good News Unlimited and asked to join our ministry in the state of Andhra Pradesh, India.

This has happened as a result of GNU's new weekly gospel-based television show in India, presented by Pr Joseph Usala, and based on content designed by Des and the GNU team in Australia. These pastors and their congregations represent a range of Protestant denominations and independent churches.

These pastors have approached GNU because they absolutely love the simplicity and power of the gospel teachings that they are hearing through GNU's TV programme. And they want to learn more about the gospel and how they can be part of the evangelistic efforts of GNU in their community. Most of these pastors have no formal training in ministry or theology. The number of churches approaching GNU is likely to grow much more over time.

GNU is not a 'church', but rather a gospel ministry, and as such does not seek to control other churches in any way. Instead, we are delighted to be able to offer these pastors and their churches training in the principles of the gospel and evangelism, as well as advice and support.

As part of this support, GNU has appointed Pr. Joseph to be our Evangelism Coordinator for the State of Andhra Pradesh, India. Pr. Joseph is a deeply spiritual, energetic, and highly competent young man. He will meet with these pastors every month to train them in simple evangelistic techniques, to encourage them, pray with them, and to coordinate their efforts as necessary.

GNU's television broadcast in Andhra Pradesh is funded by the gifts of supporters and partners like you. And as with our other ministry in similar impoverished regions of the world, it is aired with no expectation of donations from the viewers.

It is not easy to be a Christian in Andhra Pradesh. It is a region in which Christians still suffer violent and deadly persecution. So thank you for helping us support these 30 churches, and please pray for Pr. Joseph, for these fellow-believers in the gospel, and for the amazing way that the Word is Spreading Fast in India.



Pr Joseph instructing pastors who have newly joined the gospel ministry of GNU. Please pray God uses him to spread the Word fast across India!



GNU has the opportunity to reach thousands of Indians with the Good News thanks to your support!



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Dear Friend,

My recent trip to the USA and Ukraine had dual purposes.

I travelled to the USA with GNU's Production Manager, Duncan Wood, to attend the National Religious Broadcasters (NRB) convention, the world's largest gathering of Christian ministries. We learned great things that can help us make GNU even better, and the Lord also opened up new avenues for our ministry.

Imagine sharing the gospel with the 310 million Hindi speakers in the world! Imagine broadcasting throughout all of Russia and Ukraine! Imagine covering all of Central Europe with the gospel! As the Lord provides the means, we will explore these opportunities.

Once in Ukraine, Dr Philip Rodionoff and I presented a gospel-based evangelistic programme that resulted in 28 baptisms, with many more to come. Additionally, 65 people accepted the gospel and Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour.

You can read some of the wonderful stories of how the Lord has transformed their lives as a result of their contact with GNU on our website. There are too many to share in our print publications!

The Lord's blessings are evident everywhere. Thank you for your support, for being co-workers with God in this wonderful ministry. We will continue to fulfil Jesus Christ's command – to spread the Word fast!

Grace and Peace

▼ **ELIEZER GONZALEZ**

Senior Pastor, Good News Unlimited

From Eliezer TO YOU



The people of Ukraine are desperate for hope. These new Christians baptised during our recent visit there have found it! And with your help and God's guidance, many more will find the hope of the gospel!

HOW YOU CAN HAVE YOUR GIFT DOUBLED TODAY!

Thanks to friends like you, our March Appeal is still going strong, providing vital resources to share the gospel through *Jesus Only*.

The proceeds of this appeal will fund a series of *Jesus Only* initiatives, including gospel-based evangelistic programmes, radio and television broadcasts, and the printing and dissemination of more sorely needed *Jesus Only* books (they have run out in many parts of the world!). Your support will also help GNU to spread the gospel into the Czech Republic, the Philippines, and further into Africa and India.

The best news is that one of our wonderful supporters believes in the ministry of *Jesus Only* so much that they are providing a match fund for all donations to this appeal. That means your donation will be doubled, to help reach twice as many people with the gospel.

Each *Jesus Only* book costs \$1 to print. And so, thanks to the match fund, each \$50 you give allows us to print 100 books instead of 50. We can now fund 30 minutes instead of 15 minutes

of radio broadcasting. This is a wonderful opportunity to help the Word spread twice as fast!

To allow GNU to continue its *Jesus Only*-themed gospel initiatives, we have set a budget and a faith-target of \$120,000, including \$60,000 from the match fund. The wonderful GNU family has done it before and we can do it again, through the grace of God and the generosity of friends like you!

So if you haven't given — or if you feel led to give again — please prayerfully consider giving a gift on the enclosed reply form, knowing your gift will be doubled by the match fund. And please keep the needs of the gospel in your prayers to help GNU reach more people for Christ and his gospel.

