

# Good News

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#### **SCHEDULE OF WEEKLY ACTIVITY**

##### **SUNDAY**

Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.

Worship.....10:20 a.m.

Worship.....5:00 p.m.

##### **WEDNESDAY**

Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

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## **ON THE HOME FRONT**

Two weeks ago, we mentioned that our pantry was starting to get low on supplies. We are very grateful for all of the food that has been brought in to help refill the pantry. Let's continue to keep this in mind, as we do have weekly pantry items located on the back of the bulletin. Please be mindful of these items and bring them if it is at all possible.

At the time of this writing, we are a little over two months away from the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Spiritual Sword Lectureship. I personally am very excited for this event and I am sure that you are as well. We have a great list of speakers slated to speak and many interesting topics. We plan on ordering brochures shortly, so be sure to pick those up when they are available. Something else of note, we have a few different individuals and groups that have requested display space. Some of these individuals have never had space at our lectureship before, and we are excited to welcome them. Many of these people will be selling books, DVDs, CDs, or other forms of teaching. Please be sure to check them out when the time comes. We will all benefit greatly from these things.

As we continue, each one needs to be sure to examine himself to ensure that he is operating with the love that is necessary for our brethren and those in the world.

Bradley Smith

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## From The Desk Of Bradley Smith

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Here is another Spiritual Sword letter I would like to share with you that show the lives it touches:

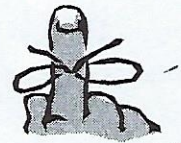
Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I thank you for the Spiritual Sword materials you have been sending to me for more than 8 years now. In fact words cannot describe the spiritual knowledge I have gained through these materials. These materials have helped me in my personal evangelism, Bible class, and sermons in the church. Hardly can I put a copy down until I have finished reading it. I pray that the Lord should continue to bless the Church so that you can continue to do the printing. I also pray for the writers that the Lord will endow them with the heavenly wisdom they need for them to continue with the good work they are doing. I pray that the Lord grants you the good health you need to do His work.

I have now moved from where I used to worship, TAMALE EAST CHURCH OF CHRIST to a new congregation, TAMALE WEST CHURCH OF CHRIST, where I am now preaching. I will now want you to send the materials through this new address.

DANIEL ADJEI MENSAH  
TAMALE, GHANA.

Thank you.  
Bye, bye.

# RON'S REMINDERS



The following will be a 4 part article written by Eric Lyons from Reason & Revelation June 2020  
The Four Most Important Questions You Will Ever Ask (Conti.)

## QUESTION #2—WHERE DID I COME FROM?

The answer to the first question is imbedded firmly and deeply within the answers to the next three, beginning with coming to understand where we came from. The reason atheists incorrectly conclude that life has no meaning is that they think that we came from nothing, from nowhere. If, as popular American atheist Dan Barker admitted, "Something came from **nothing**,"<sup>11</sup> and, if, as the late, renowned cosmologist Stephen Hawking concluded, "**Nothing** caused the Big Bang,"<sup>12</sup> then we have no logical reason to be here. There would be no ultimate meaning to life. We simply would be the result of a mindless, cosmic accident, which is impotent to provide a real purpose for our existence.

However, atheism is fatally flawed because matter demands a Maker; life on Earth demands a life Giver; complex, functional design in the Universe demands a Designer; and the supernatural attributes of the Bible demand a Supernatural Author.<sup>13</sup> Thus, the evidence indicates that God exists and the Bible is His Word.<sup>14</sup> In Ecclesiastes 12:1, the wise man gave the perfect starting point to finding real meaning to our lives: "Remember now your Creator." Truly we can only begin to learn of our real purpose in life by reflecting on exactly where we came from.

We are not the result of a cosmic accident, nor are we the descendants of bacteria or baboon-like creatures. On the contrary, as Solomon concluded: we were specially made by the Divine Creator. Similar to God Himself, Who "is Spirit" (John 4:23-24), He made us as spiritual beings, but ones that inhabit physical bodies (Ecclesiastes 12:7). He made one man and one woman on the sixth day of Creation, saying, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness.... So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him;

male and female He created them " (Genesis 1:26-27).<sup>15</sup> Not only did God specially make Adam and Eve, but He has uniquely made every spirit of every person since then. Thousands of years after Creation, Paul said to an audience of unbelievers in Athens, "We are the offspring of God" (Acts 17:28-29). He did not say that man had been a divine image-bearer in the past; he said, "we are (*esmen*)<sup>16</sup> also his offspring" (17:28).<sup>17</sup>

James wrote: "But the tongue can no man tame; it is a restless evil, it is full of deadly poison. Therewith bless we the Lord and Father; and therewith curse we men, **who are made after the likeness of God**: out of the same mouth cometh forth blessing and cursing. My brethren these things ought not so to be" (3:8-9, ASV).<sup>18</sup> The thrust of the expression, "who are made after the likeness of God," is that humans in the past have been made according to the likeness of God, and **they are still bearers of that likeness**. All human beings are divine image-bearers. All of us are sons and daughters of God by Creation. In a sense, all of us have royalty in our blood. Contrary to what some leading atheists contend (and we say this confidently, yet humbly), "We are a big deal!" because we come from a Big God!

Whether or not we come to know and acknowledge that we ultimately originated from the hand of God makes all of the difference in the world. Apart from Him, we are nothing and have no real meaning to our lives. But, "**in Him** we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:28). Only upon coming to this fact-based and fascinating conclusion can we successfully answer the most important questions of life, including our previous question, "Why am I here?" as well as our next question, "Where am I going?"