

## Simply Out Of This World

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### Introduction.

- I. The young people of today use expressive language to convey their thoughts. We often hear them say that some thing or some person is “simply out of this world.”
  - A. For example **a girl** meets a certain boy and the next day she says to her friend, “He is absolutely marvelous—he is simply of this world.” A **young person** attends a party and in telling about the party exclaims, “I had a wonderful time--everything was simply out of this world.”
  - B. **What do they mean by this expression?** They mean that the thing they are describing is extraordinary, wonderful, unique, unusual, something seldom seen in this world. Our young people mean well by this expression, but some of the things they call “out of this world” are quite ordinary.
- II. But not so with God! All He does is extraordinary, wonderful, unusual, unique, and “simply out of this world.”
  - A. The **psalmist** said. (Psa. 72:18).
  - B. Let us consider some of the wondrous things of God.
- I. **God’s Creation** - God’s creation is simply out of this world. (Gen. 1:1-3).
  - A. Through the ages man has made many wonderful things out of the things that God created in the beginning, but none of these things compare to God’s creation.
  - B. **In the beginning there was nothing**, but God spoke, and there was light. He spoke, and the land, the mountains, the rivers, the seas, the flowers, the trees and the grass came into being. He spoke, and the sun and moon and stars glittered in the heavens. He spoke, and the world was filled with animals and birds and the waters were filled with fish. God then spoke and made the masterpiece of His creation - man.
    1. Think of what a masterpiece the **human body is**.
      - a. A great river of blood runs through the body. Five million little boats, called corpuscles, work up and down the blood stream to build up the body and carry off the waste.
      - b. The heart is wonderful pumping station which works every hour whether we are awake or asleep. It contracts about **70 times a minute** or 4,200 times per hour.
      - c. Every time it **beats it pumps two ounces of blood**. In one hour 350 pounds of blood pass through the heart.
    2. Think of what a masterpiece the **human brain is**. I recently read this article in the Nov/Dec. issue of the magazine “Does God Exist?” It is entitled “The Brain and Our Senses.”

## **The Brain and Our Senses**

With the coming of computers, we have seen an explosion of knowledge about the brain and how it does all of the things it does. The greater emphasis has been on how our senses of sight, smell, hearing, taste, and feeling are handled by the brain. May Pines has said it best:

We can recognize a friend instantly—full face, in profile, or even by the back of his head. We can distinguish hundreds of colors and possibly as many as 10,000 smells. We can feel a feather as it brushes our skin, hear the faint rustle of a leaf. It all seems so effortless: we open our eyes or ears and let the world stream in. Yet anything we see, hear, feel, smell, or taste requires billions of nerve cells to flash urgent messages along linked pathways and feedback loops in our brains, performing intricate calculations that scientists have only begun to decipher.<sup>1</sup>

What we are finding as we start to decipher the brain is that there are incredible differences between various sections of the brain and some incredibly designed sections that fit our life styles. Even the differences tell us a great deal about the designed features of the brain. When you watch a movie at the theater, for example, there are 24 separate pictures being put onto the screen every second. If the subject on the film is moving, your brain interprets the object as a moving object. If the object is sitting still, you still see it. It does not have to be moving for you to be able to see it and identify it.

A frog, on the other hand, cannot see an object unless it is moving. Place a fly that is immobile in front of a starving frog and it will ignore it. Unless the fly is moving, the frog cannot tell that it is there. If the fly starts to move, then the frog will eat it. Basically, the retina of the frog detects movement while our retina does not—we use our brain to detect motion. Dennis Baylor, of Stanford Medical School, has said it best: "The dumber the animal, the smarter its retina."<sup>2</sup> The intricate design features used to allow all living things to survive are still being studied. Our ears can hear and distinguish some 20,000±± different frequencies. Comparing the 24 images per second of the eye with the 20,000 of the ear tells us a great deal about how these sections work, but speak even more eloquently about their design. How limited would be our world of sound if only 24 sounds a second could be processed and understood.

"I am fearfully and wonderfully made," the psalmist said (Psalm 139:14) and the brain is one of the great demonstrations of that statement.

3. Oh, we could go on for hours about the wonders of God's creation. His creation is out of this world.

**II. The Salvation That God Offers** - The salvation that God offers is simply out of this world.

A. One day God looked down upon the world. He saw mean wandering as sheep without shepherd. They had no peace in their hearts, no purpose in their lives, no hope in their souls. They were doomed to suffer eternal misery because of their sins. His compassionate hearts was moved and He said, "I must do something about it."

## B. Oh, what a marvelous thing He did do!

1. God knew that if He were to be a just God someone must pay the penalty of sin. This penalty must be paid by the sinner or by a substitute. So out of His great love He said, "I will choose a substitute.
2. Now this substitute had to be one without sin, so that he could go and bear all the sins of mankind. There was only One who could measure up to this standard. There was only One perfect. It was God's only-begotten Son.
3. God sent His Only-begotten Son to this old sinful world to become a substitute for men. After 33 sinless years in the flesh, Jesus laid down His precious life for all men on Calvary's cross. He died that we might be right with God and our lives full of peace, purpose and joy. All of these things are ours by turning our backs on sin and trusting in Jesus Christ.
  - a. **A blind man was dying** and someone said to him, "There is one consolation, you will soon be in heaven." "Heaven," said the dying man, "I have been living in heaven all the years since I met Jesus."
  - b. This is true of the genuine Christian life. It grows sweeter and better every day and it reaches its climax when we meet Jesus face to face.
  - c. Yes, the salvation which God offers is simply out of the world. Nothing else compares to it! It gives joy and peace beyond man's wildest imagination. (Phi. 4:7).

## III. The Bible - The Bible is simply out of this world.

- A. The Bible is out of this world because **God is its Author**. The writers of the Bible did not pen their own words, but they wrote the words of God. (2 Tim. 3:16, 17; 2 Pet. 1:21).
- B. The Bible is out of this world because of its **contents**.
  1. The Bible is pre-eminently the story of Jesus Christ. The Old Testament points to Him; the New Testament reveals Him.
  2. The Bible begins in the Garden of Eden where man lost Paradise through sin; it ends in the Garden of heaven where Paradise is regained through a Savior.
  3. It begins with God creating a world and putting man in it; it ends with God bringing that man home to live with Him forever.
- C. Yes, the Bible is simply out of this world. There is no other book like it. Treasure it in your heart and you will be richly blessed now and forever.

## IV. The Way God Answers Prayer - The way God answers pray is simply out of this world.

- A. We sit in our homes and talk over a telephone around the world. We send a message by email or telegraph and in a few minutes that message is being read a thousands miles away. We speak over the radio or television and someone hears us instantaneously 10,000 miles away.
- B. But before any of these amazing electronic devices were dreamed of, God said, "Speak unto me and I

will answer from my throne.

1. Yes, it is wonderful that you and I can enter into rooms, fall upon our knees and pray, and realize that someone is listening and will answer our prayers.
2. Someone has said, "Nothing lies beyond the reach of prayer except that which lies outside the will of God."
3. I believe this statement to be true. (Matt. 7:7; 1 Pet. 3:12; 1 Jn. 5:14, 15).

V. **Joy Of Serving Others** - The joy of serving others is simply out of this world.

- A. It is a thrill to be elected president of some organization, to have one's picture in the newspaper, to hit a home run, to win a race, to make a touchdown, but none of these things can compare with the joy of knowing that you are doing something for Christ and His cause. That brings a thrill which is simply out of this world.
- B. Some years ago the **New York Fire Department** had a great parade. One feature of the parade was three buses loaded with people from all walks of life. Copies of this sign were on the buses: "All of these were saved by our Fire Department from Burning Buildings."
  1. The greatest thrill one could ever have would be for him to come to the end of the way and one say in the judgment, "I am a Christian because of you. I was saved from the fires of hell because of your efforts."
  2. I ask you this **soul-searching question**. Will you have any trophies to lay at His feet? Remember there is:  
  
"Just one life,  
"Twill soon be past  
only what you do for Christ will last.

VI. **Power Of Brotherly Love** - The power of brotherly love is simply out of this world.

- A. Once **two brothers** lived upon little adjoining farms. One was single and the other was married. One year the wheat crop was poor because of drought, so that each man barely had enough for his needs. One night the married man laid awake thinking of his brother. He said, "The poor fellow is single, and does not have the comfort and happiness of home as I do. He is worried about his harvest. I will get up and carry some sheaves into his field and he will be happier." On the same night, the bachelor was sleepless and thinking of his brother he said, "The poor fellow is married, and has a host of burdens and cares that I do not have to bear. He is doubtless worried about his small wheat yield. I will get up and carry some of my wheat into his field, and when he sees it he will be happier." Out into the darkness of the night they both went, each carrying wheat for the other's field. The moon came from behind a cloud and they stood facing each other with wheat sheaves under their arms.
- B. What a power there is in brotherly love!
  1. It has the power to move men, to bring brothers together, to supply each other's needs.
  2. Brotherly love is simply out of this world. (Jn. 13:34, 35).

VII. **The Heavenly Home** - The heavenly home that God has prepared is simply out of this world.

- A. God know about the trouble that we have in this world. He knows our sorrow, He sees our tears, He knows when we are blue and when our hearts are aching. He knows about our financial troubles, our domestic troubles, our personality troubles, He knows it all, so He says, "I will let my children live down there for a while and then I will bring them up here where none of these things can ever come."
- B. The land He has prepared for us is out of this world. It is a place where there will be no sorrows, no tears, no disease, no war, no death, and a place that is more beautiful than our finite minds can even begin to imagine. (Rev. 21:4).

**REV 21:16 And the city is laid out as a square, and its length is as great as the width; and he measured the city with the rod, fifteen hundred miles; its length and width and height are equal.**

**REV 21:17 And he measured its wall, seventy-two yards, according to human measurements, which are also angelic measurements.**

**REV 21:18 And the material of the wall was jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass.**

**REV 21:19 The foundation stones of the city wall were adorned with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation stone was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, chalcedony; the fourth, emerald;**

**REV 21:20 the fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth, chrysoprase; the eleventh, jacinth; the twelfth, amethyst.**

**REV 21:21 And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; each one of the gates was a single pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.**

## **Conclusion.**

- I. There is a story told of a **doctor who was a fine Christian and a useful man**. He did not have a swanky office as many doctors have today. He had only two or three small rooms on the second floor of an old building. On the street below was this sign, "Dr. Thomas Riley - Office Upstairs." One day the doctor was missing and they found him dead in his office. A few nights before he had gone out into a snowstorm on a call and had taken cold and died. When his friends buried him they wanted to perpetuate his memory in the best way. They wondered what sort of stone to put on his grave and what epitaph to put on the stone. They thought of his labors of love and how he had trusted in Jesus and had the hope of heaven. So one of his friends took the battered sign and put it upon the doctor's grave. It simply said, "Dr. Thomas Riley - Office Upstairs," and pointed toward heaven.
- II. If Jesus is our Savior, when the end come we, too, can go upstairs and be at home with God, When we get there, when we see Him face to face, when we know that all the joys of heaven are awaiting us, then we will surely say, "It is true-Jehovah God only who does wondrous things." This heavenly home can be yours through Christ. Confess your faith in Christ and be baptized for the forgiveness of your sins. Come as we sing the hymn of invitation.

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