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FROM ELI TO YOU

Dear Friends

GNU recently surveyed you, our supporters, because you are important to us. We wanted to find out what you think about us and what we could do better. As you know, GNU has two sides to its ministry. Firstly, we allow the Good News of Jesus to spread fast in communities all over the world. That is only possible because, secondly, we offer an opportunity for faithful Christians who love the gospel to invest what God has given them into the gospel.

We receive regular feedback and stories from different parts of the world about the tremendous impact that GNU is having in countless lives that are being transformed. We asked you to participate in our survey because we wanted to know what you were thinking as well.

Overall, the results were extremely positive and the participants in the survey were strong advocates of the ministry of GNU. Many of you have had marvellously positive experiences engaging with GNU and with Des and his teaching ministry. Some of your comments included:

- *We believe that through the writings of Des Ford and his teaching, we now fully understand the Gospel message. We believe that Des is a man used mightily by God, and we will continue to support the message of the Good News.*
- *I think Good News presents a relevant idea of the gospel, which is meaningful to people of various ages. It has an interest in more than just a local area or country.*
- *I believe that my donation will be well invested.*

Many of you told us how much you love the articles by Des. Although GNU is bulging at the seams with good news stories of transformed lives around the world, we are dedicating this issue to the writings of our founder, Desmond Ford, on the topic of creation.

Be blessed in the assurance that you are fully accepted by God through Jesus Christ!

Grace and peace

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EDITORIAL

This last week I took Rosemary to Tauranga on the east coast of New Zealand's North Island for a few days to celebrate her 75th birthday. The warm spring sun shone every day, as it does most of the time in that region. The air there is also drier than Auckland's humid climate, which is good for my ailing lungs.

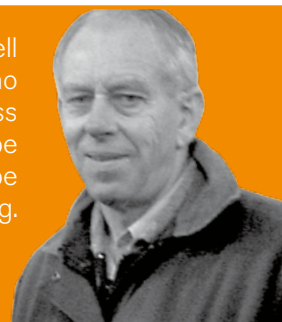
Tauranga is New Zealand's equivalent of Australia's Gold Coast. Tall white apartment buildings, occupied by retirees and wealthy widows, line the beach at Mount Maunganui. Each morning many of the occupants come down to stroll along the boardwalk and meet for coffee and cake at one of the restaurants along the beach front.

Tauranga is a clean and welcoming city, but we discovered that the people there are not all perfect. While sitting on a seat at one end of the boardwalk we discovered some empty drink cans and food wrappings that had been thrown on the ground just three paces from a rubbish bin. Because it's our habit to leave each place better than we found it, we did our duty and tidied up. And every night we were woken by the sirens of police cars and ambulances racing past our motel. Clearly, there were problems in paradise.

Even more important than leaving each place better than we found it, is to leave each person we meet, better off than we found them. To show a genuine interest in them and their family, to offer them a word of gratitude or praise, to encourage them in their good deeds, to sympathise with them in their grief, is to leave them better for having met us.

...make it your mission to tell others about the one who died for them on the cross so that all their sins would be blotted out and they would be given life overflowing.

Ritchie Way
Executive Editor



This world is not heaven; everything here is not okay. Nevertheless, it is God's desire that his will be done on earth as it is in heaven (Matt. 6:10). But who will be his agents to fulfil his will on earth if not you? There are people out there who have no hope for the future. Who will bring the unlimited good news to them if not you? There are hungry people out there—millions of them. Who will feed them if not you? There are strangers out there with no home. Who will shelter them if not you? There are naked people out there, multitudes of them. Who will clothe them if not you? There are sick people out there. Who will visit them if not you? You may not be able to minister to every needy person, but it's your duty to begin with those nearest you, and to work with others to help make this world a better place.

Make it your intention to let the Spirit of Jesus shine forth from your life, in all your deeds and words. In this way, others will get a glimpse of Jesus in you, and you will, by faith, behold Jesus in the ones you minister to. Serving others is serving the Lord himself (Matt. 25:14). What greater honour could be yours?

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WHY CREATION MAT

In this issue of the Unlimited Magazine, we feature some of Dr Desmond Ford's recent writings on creation and evolution. We do this for two reasons. First of all because I believe that the whole issue of creation matters for the gospel. And secondly, because, of late, it has been occupying the thoughts of our founder, Des Ford.

1. What is God Like?

The Bible presents God as a loving, personal God. Contrary to what some think, the God of the New Testament whom Jesus reveals is the same loving God of the Old Testament.

The One who bent down and wrote in the dust to give new life to a sinful woman, is the same one whom Genesis represents as bending down to give first life to humanity, "from the dust of the ground", and "breath[ing] into his nostrils the breath of life" (Genesis 2:7). There could be no more intimate and loving description of God's action in creating the first human being than that.

From the start, the Divine Author of Scripture wants you and me to know what He is like. If we know what God is like, then we will know that we are not a random collection of molecules hurtling through space on some meaningless rock.



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Instead, God wants you to know that you mean something to him – that you have always meant something to Him, right from the start. You have felt his hand. You have been blessed by his breath. Although it may not always seem like it, there is a plan – there has always been a plan.

God is not an absentee landlord. Our God is a personal God who intervenes in history. He made himself present,

up-close and personal from the beginning of history. Our loving God was never going to abandon his children. He intervened at the incarnation, the Cross, and the resurrection. He will intervene at the second coming of Christ. He has intervened in your life countless times, calling you to Jesus.

That first touch of the Creator's hand was a foretaste of when he would take hold of the sins of the world, by means of a cruel Roman nail. That first breath of life was a foretaste of when he would breathe life again into the dying sinners of the world as he painfully exhaled and said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34). Just as we were not present at our first creation, neither were we there at our re-creation. But the blessing was for us.

Creation shows us what the God of the Gospel is like.

2. The Biblical Redemption Pattern

The creation is important to the Gospel because it is part of the Biblical pattern of redemption. We can represent this as:

Creation – Fall – Atonement – Re-creation

This is a pattern that is found throughout the Bible, and that forms the crucial backbone to the salvation story.

The gospel focuses on the "atonement" part of this story, and the results of the atonement are the "re-creation" part of the story.

You see, beginnings matter. That's why creation matters. Without a creation, there's no reason for a re-creation. Without an Eden, there's no need for Paradise.



TERS TO THE GOSPEL

A key promise of the New Testament is found in Rev 21:5:

Behold, I make all things new.

Compare this with 2 Cor 5:17:

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

This new life is the result of the gospel. It is spiritually fulfilled for the person who is “in Christ” right now, and it will be physically fulfilled for that person at the second coming, in the Kingdom of Glory.

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Pattern is necessary. There can be no re-creation if there was no creation, and there need not be any re-creation if there was no fall. There would be no need for the atonement if there had been no fall from an original perfect creation, and there would be no role for an atonement if there was to be no re-creation.

The atonement of Christ – the Cross and Resurrection – stands at the heart of the Biblical Redemption Pattern. It shines its glory upon creation and on the coming re-creation, and in turn, without these the Cross itself would have no purpose.

That's why creation is important for those who believe in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Biblical Redemption Pattern is a single menu, not a smorgasbord buffet – you

don't get to pick and choose.

Creation Foreshadows The Gospel

God inspired the writer of Genesis to write the account of the creation in such a way that it foreshadows the Cross.

Genesis 1:2 tells us that just before the creation,

the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the face of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

So too, before our redemption we were formless and empty, with no identity or substance. Darkness was over all of our faces. Yet the Spirit of God was there, above it all, calling to us, whispering to us of possibilities undreamed in our shadows, and of love beyond our comprehension.

That day at Calvary too, “darkness covered the whole land” (Mark 15:33). Christ's final cry, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit,” from the One who was lifted up over the darkness, announced the infinite possibilities of the Spirit of God for a world that was lost.

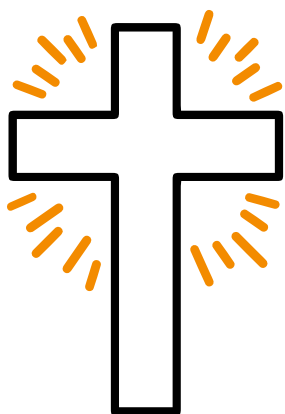
Each of the creative acts of God are represented as an announcement, as is for example the first one,

God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light (Gen 1:3).

The Psalmist writes,

*By the word of the LORD the heavens were made...
For he spoke, and it came to be;
He commanded, and it stood firm (Psalm 33:6,9).*

The Apostle John affirms the same fact that “all things were made through the word of God, and that without it, “nothing was made that has been made” (John 1:3–4, NIV). However, the New Testament brings



us new revelation, and the astonishing new revelation that John makes as he commences his gospel is that the “word of God” in Genesis always was the “Word of God” who was to become incarnate in Jesus Christ. The “word of God” in Genesis was never an “it” but a “Him”, and his name is Jesus.

The Christ of Creation is the Christ of Calvary. You cannot separate the two. To do so is to diminish the glory of creation and of Calvary.

That is why the crowning act of the Genesis creation is the rest of the Christ the Creator, after his labours, on the seventh day. And then the joyful work of Adam and Eve began on the first day as the sun first rose upon a brand new and perfect world.

And that is why the crowning act of the atonement is the rest of Christ the Redeemer in the tomb, after his labours, on the seventh day. And then the joyful work of God’s new creation began on the first day as the sun first rose upon a blood-bought world with the announcement, “He is risen!”

Those who love the gospel will see in Christ’s announcement on the cross, “It is finished!” an echo of Genesis 2:1, “Thus the heavens and the earth were finished.” The Kingdom of God has been renewed through the blood of Christ! We are his perfect and finished work, accounted so through his imputed righteousness!

You see, creation matters for those who believe the gospel.

A Question of Faith

As a Christian ministry that focuses only on the essentials of the gospel, Good News Unlimited does not take a position as to how creation occurred. We leave believers free to understand and study these things for themselves and to come to their own positions. However, Good News Unlimited affirms God as Creator, and we affirm that to accept God as our Creator, or not, has important implications for our understanding of the gospel. Beginnings have implications, because beginnings have endings.

Ultimately, the New Testament presents the fact that God created everything as a matter of faith. We don’t understand it through science, no matter how we may adduce evidence for one position or another. We don’t ultimately understand creation through logic, no matter how important that may be; and we are not left free to consider God’s creatorship as an optional extra subject to personal opinions.

Instead, the New Testament positions the fact that God created all things as a matter of faith.

In the often-quoted “faith chapter” of Hebrews, we are told,

By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible (Heb 11:3, ESV).

The author of Hebrews says this to explain what saving faith is; he has just been talking about it in the previous chapter.

And so, you see, creation and the gospel are again linked. It’s all about faith.

What kind of faith does it take to believe that God made himself to be a man, took your sins upon himself, died crucified as a common criminal, then rose again to give you eternal life. Ultimately, we don’t believe the gospel on the basis of science, although there are those who try to deny it on the basis of scientific materialism.

What kind of faith does it take that God is the Creator of all that there is? Sure, there are plenty who try to deny this on the basis of scientific materialism, just like the gospel. Which takes more faith to believe?

There is much that I don’t understand, although I do follow some of the scientific debates. However, the writer of Hebrews is clear. It’s all by faith. The same faith that saves is the faith that will lead you also to understand that “the universe was created by the word of God.”

That faith – the gracious gift of our loving God into the empty hand of the penitent – is all that matters. Perhaps we may not agree as to the “how” of creation, but let us always agree on the “Who,” so we may fix our faith on Him alone.

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SMALL ERRORS: HUGE CONSEQUENCES

Very few people know the truth about the most influential book of the last fifteen hundred years, *On The Origin of Species*, by Charles Darwin. This book was based on what now seems a tiny mistake, but it changed the world drastically for the worse.

Historian and scientist Janet Browne, in her biography of Charles Darwin, tells us that the *Origin* was the product of Victorian society.

It was in 1838 that Darwin read *Essay on the Principle of Population* by Thomas Malthus. The book urged that as population rises and the food supply diminishes struggle for existence wipes out the weak and preserves the strong. Malthus was referring to humans but Darwin immediately applied it to animals and the *Origin* was born. Hence the motto: Survival of the Fittest.

The third chapter of Darwin's famous book is entitled *Struggle for Existence*. More than twenty times, we find the key word: 'struggle'. And on page 59 (reprint by Oxford University Press of Darwin's second edition), we read:

As more individuals are produced than can possibly survive, there must in every case be a struggle for existence. ... It is the doctrine of Malthus applied with manifold force to the whole animal and vegetable kingdoms. ...

Here now is the point. Thomas Malthus has not been taken seriously for a long time. Likewise, his theory. *The Cambridge Companion to Darwin* by Johnathan Hodge and Gregory Radick says on page 162:

Since the synthesis of Darwin and Mendelian genetics in the 1930's and 1940's, Darwinians have not regarded the struggle for existence as a cause of natural selection.

Many scientists have echoed this conclusion. There is a struggle for existence in nature but it does not have the prominence Darwin gave it. Most species are plant, seed or fruit eaters, and carnivores are much in the minority. V.C. Wynne-Edwards, a British zoologist, has written at

length, showing that living things balance their population in an interesting way, not by fierce competition (Darwin's idea), but by limiting reproduction.

There is much more on this topic in my recent book *Genesis Versus Darwinism*. But the point we must not miss is that Darwin jumped to a conclusion, which has led the world into atheism and a disregard for the sacredness of life. His small mistake has led to the cruel killing of millions by war, as well as social and industrial greed.

History is one of God's lesson-books. From the Darwin story we learn how influential our own decisions and conclusions can be. Our influence is like the dropping



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of a stone into water causing wider and wider circles. Small mistakes by any one of us can have tremendous consequences for the lives of many. This awareness should lead us to think and pray much, and to refuse all carelessness of behaviour. Only by much consideration of the person and work of our Saviour can right choices become instinctive for us. Then, and then only, we shall be a saviour of life unto life.

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It's a very old debate, but one that is not difficult to resolve. Darwin lived in a world that was both conservative and yet liberal. Most people abhorred the concept of atheism. Had Darwin been proved to be an atheist, a wall of prejudice would have sprung up between his theory and most of his readers.

In *The Origin of Species* Darwin refers to the Creator seven times. But it is quite certain that he had ceased to be a Christian years earlier. He saw the Bible as little or no better than other supposedly sacred books of the pagan religions. By 1840 he applied to himself the term invented by Thomas Huxley: agnostic.

However, it is clear that Darwin refused to apply to himself the term "atheist."

He received a letter enquiring as to his relationship to God and whether theism and evolution were compatible. He replied that undoubtedly a man can be 'an ardent theist and an evolutionist' and he pointed to Charles Kingsley and Asa Gray who were believers.

He wrote *Variations of Animals and Plants* in 1868 and in his concluding words he declared 'an omnipotent and omniscient Creator ordains everything and foresees everything.' But his best-known comment is found in his autobiography:

... the extreme difficulty or rather impossibility of conceiving this immense and wonderful universe, including man with his capacity of looking far backwards and far into futurity, as

the result of blind chance or necessity. When thus reflecting I feel compelled to look to a First Cause having an intelligent mind in some degree analogous to that of man, and I deserve to be called a

Theist. This conclusion was strong in my mind about the time, as far as I can remember, when I wrote the *Origin of Species*; and it is since that time that it has very gradually with many fluctuations become weaker (p.92-93).

On p. 86 of the same volume he says "I gradually came to disbelieve in Christianity as a divine revelation ... Thus disbelief crept over me at a very slow rate, but was at last complete. The rate was so slow that I felt no distress and have never since doubted even for a single second that my conclusion was correct "

The highly esteemed biography of Darwin by Adrian Desmond and James Moore comments:

For himself, he had 'never been an atheist in the sense of denying the existence of a God,' but he still felt profoundly uncertain (*Darwin*, p.636).

The void in the life of the unbeliever leaves him prone to depression and general uncertainty. According to Desmond and Moore the recurring illness of Darwin was a result of his awareness that his doctrine would dislodge God from the mind of many of his readers. This view is disputed, but the authors quoted seem to have no doubts concerning its accuracy. Few people who have ever lived have endured the constant and varied physical upsets that Darwin knew for the last several decades of his life (from the time he began to think of his revolutionary theory).



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CHARLES WIN AN ATHEIST?

Some decades after the death of Darwin, Alexander MacLaren wrote clearly and pointedly about the religious state of those who rejected Christ yet claimed to believe in a God:

The God whom men know outside of Jesus Christ is a poor nebulous thing; an idea, not a reality. He, or rather It, is a film of cloud shaped into a vague form, through which you can see the stars. It has little power to restrain. It has less to inspire and impel. It has still less to comfort; it has least of all to satisfy the heart. You will have to get something more substantial than the far-off god of an unchristian Theism if you mean to sway the world and to satisfy men's hearts Unless your god is the God revealed in Jesus Christ, he will be a powerless deity. If you have not faith in Christ, you will not long have faith in God that is vital and worth anything (*Expositions of Holy Scripture*, vol. 7, p. 261. Comment on John 14:1).

And elsewhere the same writer:

. . . when men turn their backs upon the Cross, they look upon a landscape all swathed in mists, and on which darkness is steadily settling. The reason why the men of this generation, some of them very superficially, and for the sake of being 'in the swim', and some of them despairingly and with bleeding hearts, are turning themselves to a reasoned pessimism, is because they will not see what shines out from the Cross, that God is love.

Nor need I do more than remind you, in a word, of the fact that, go where we will through this world, and consult all the conceptions that men have made to themselves of gods, . . . we find nowhere a god of whom the characteristic is love. (*Ibid*, vol. 11, pp. 330-331. Comments on 1 John 4:10).

I know wonderful people who have surrendered their



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faith as a result of tragedy in their lives. But Darwin had no such trials. He had a wonderful wife, loving children and countless friends. What conclusion, if any, can we draw concerning him?

We are compelled to acknowledge that Darwin was a good husband and father, a good neighbour and friend but nonetheless he was guilty of the greatest sin any person can ever commit—a sin worse than murder, adultery, false witness, or theft. He consistently broke the first and great commandment. Because he permitted his faith in God and Scripture to evaporate so easily he could never love his Maker with all his heart, mind, and strength. He never sought for, and never found, that gospel which removes all darkness and bestows all light. May the dear Lord save us from such folly with its inevitable eternal results.

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WHY QUESTION DARWINISM?

Not to understand our world and the reasons for its moral chaos is to be like a boxer forced to fight with his eyes bandaged. Our world is very sick, and its illness is exceedingly contagious. The best evidence for that is the fact that over 100 million people were slaughtered in war during the last century - more than in the preceding nineteen centuries put together. But we do not need a history book to inform us - just read any newspaper or listen to any news report. Angels looking down cannot be blamed if they consider our globe to be the lunatic asylum of the universe.

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Albert Schweitzer decades ago declared that our world is in the process of suicide and that what remains of our civilization is only rubble that can be disposed of by the next international landslide. How strange it is that humanity can split the atom and walk on the moon but it cannot stop killing, stealing, raping or lying!

The Bible, in a single word, gives the reason for our dilemma - SIN. But search modern books or magazines, and it is quite unlikely you will come across that word. And there is another missing word - God. I have just re-read several times an account of the troubled sixth decade of last century when the world was torn by student riots and the spirit of anti-authoritarianism. (See *The Glory and the Dream* by William Manchester.) God was not given a place in that record, though his absence was the cause of the chaos chronicled.

A third word is vital—law. Modern man believes in self-gratification, not self-discipline. The youth who traumatized their seniors in the 1960s have been described as over-privileged, under-disciplined and

irresponsible; in other words, lawless.

‘The way of man that walks is not in himself’, says Scripture. We need guidance, and only when we obey the laws of God do we walk at liberty. The opening chapters of the Bible are the seed from which the rest of Holy Scripture proceeds. Two institutions established at creation, became the hinges of the Decalogue: Worship (the Sabbath) and Marriage. The first four of the Ten Commandments spring from the fact that the world did not make itself or arrive by chance, it is the product of a loving heavenly Father. The institution of a day of worship was meant to be a perpetual reminder to men of that fact.

The last six of the Ten emanate from the realities that spring from marriage and the family. The fifth commandment introduces the family. The sixth speaks of the sacredness of life, which has its origin in the family. The seventh has to do with the relationship between the two sexes produced by life. In the family we first learn of property and possessions; thus the law, ‘Thou shalt not steal’. Also in the family we learn relationships and speaking the truth, which is always central to human interactions: - the ninth commandment. And the tenth law touches the source of every sin - wrong thinking.

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All our world's sorrows spring from neglect of the divine law. Once the fourth and fifth commandments are violated, transgression of the others immediately follows. Today, most moderns in the Western world cohabit before

marriage and completely ignore giving God his place by regular worship.

Elton Trueblood summarized our state:

The signs of the decay of the Christian faith are so great on every side that only wishful thinking can deny it. Convenient illustrations are the contemporary ignorance of the Bible, the decline of the observance of a day of worship, and the loosening of the marriage tie
(The Predicament of Modern Man, page 21).

Whence then this deliberate lawlessness of our race? A century and a half ago Charles Darwin wrote his Origin of Species, which became the Bible for evolutionists in every country of the world. The key idea of this influential book is chance - believing that all things arrived fortuitously, not by divine fiat. The best-known writer on evolution in our day was Stephen Jay Gould. He insisted that our arrival was the result of fifty billion chances.

Dr Will Provine, Professor of Biological sciences at Cornell University tells us that:

There are no gods, no purposes, no goal-directed forces of any kind. There is no life after death. When I die I am absolutely certain that I am going to be dead. That's the end for me. There is no absolute foundation for ethics, no ultimate meaning to life, and no free will for humans either ('Darwinism: Science or Naturalistic Philosophy?' Debate between W. B. Provine and Philip E. Johnson at Stanford University, April 30, 1994).

With such a philosophy, are there any grounds for gladness and goodness, or for resisting our inclinations to selfishness? If this life is but a blip of light between two eternities of darkness, why give value to anything?

Ideas have consequences. Our world is a world of violence, greed, sexual perversion and a thousand other ills, because of the myths we cherish and the truth we reject. The rebellious nature of fallen man is the fundamental cause of our woes. But the trigger that multiplied and exacerbated existing evils was the 'scientific' heresy of Darwinism. This new view of human origins motivated heads of nations, leaders of business and teachers in schools and universities to act on the Darwinian assumptions that life is a violent struggle between competitors where only the fittest (the cruellest) can survive. Results included wars, oppression of the poor and helpless by the rich and powerful, racism, colonialism, increased extortion and crime. Darwinism also bewildered minds and broke hearts, for sin was no longer evil but only a relic of our animal ancestry.

It has long been understood that without hope man is weak and vulnerable. Darwin robbed mankind of this basic staple of existence. Many thoughtful men have recognized this. For example C. E. M. Joad found his way back to God when he contemplated the emptiness by which moderns live. He wrote:

Nobody believes in Utopias any more. As literary men look into the future they envisage something like George Orwell's 1984. The last of the long line of Utopia-makers, which began with Plato in the fourth



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century B.C., was H. G. Wells. But it is very interesting to note that at the end of his life he abandoned his expectation of Utopia, and threw up his hands in blank despair. He saw the human race hell-bent on self-destruction. In his *Mind at the End of Its Tether*, Wells - who all his life had been preaching the perfectibility of human nature - gave way to the great wave of modern despair when he concluded "There is no way out, or round, or through the impasse. It is the end." (Cited in Desmond Ford, *Genesis Versus Darwinism*, page 30.)

William James was a predecessor of Joad. Just as clearly he saw that without hope existence is meaningless. Consider his words:

All natural goods perish. Riches take wings; fame is a breath; love is a cheat; youth and health and pleasure vanish. Can things whose end is always dust and disappointment be the real goods which our souls require? ... We need a life not correlated with death, a kind of good that will not perish, a good in fact that flies beyond the goods of nature (*Varieties of Religious Experience*, pages 136-137).

Consider yet another verdict:

The ultimate sadness is that nothing lasts; that the bloom so soon disappears from all things that are young; that the vigour of maturity is so short-lived, while age brings weariness and forgetfulness and decay such as presage the oblivion and corruption of the grave. That is why our sincerest laughter with some pain is fraught (John Baillie, *Invitation to*

Pilgrimage, page 115).

Years ago *Christianity Today* published an article entitled 'An Anchor for the Lonely Crowd', in which the writer stated

Creation means that God is the true home of man's spirit and that when the knowledge of this doctrine is lost, man himself becomes lost. Not knowing of whom he is the son, he knows not who he is (January 1962, page 3).

These verdicts are all true, but the main reason for rejecting Darwinism is that in dismissing Genesis we lose the doctrine of the Fall. If man is not spiritually lost, he does not need a Saviour. Then Christ becomes irrelevant, and Christianity itself is dissolved.

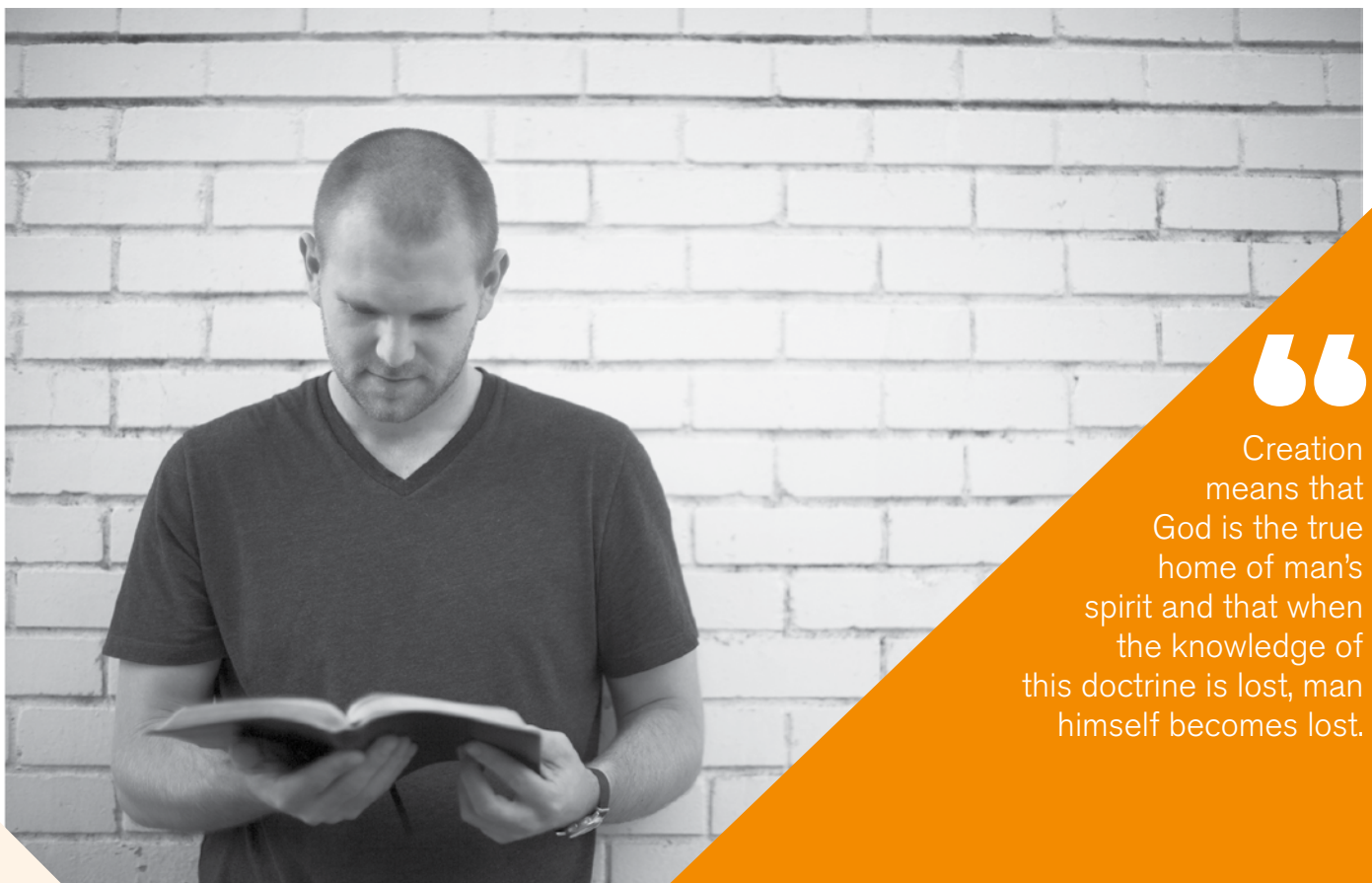
So, in summary, we recognize that the doctrine of organic evolution dismisses God, sin, the Ten Commandments, Christ, the Bible, hope and meaning. It leaves mankind lost, hopeless and despairing in a world without meaning, purpose or love.

▼ DES FORD

Founder, Good News Unlimited

Some may care to read my recent book Genesis Versus Darwinism available through Amazon. It offers the scientific evidence for the Christian faith in creation.

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WHY ARE THE MISSING LINKS STILL MISSING?

For over a century and a half, paleoanthropologists have searched for the supposed ancestors of modern man. Occasionally, a very small bone has been magnified in significance and turned into a “missing link”. But one by one, all of these have been dismissed as invalid. Even Dubois, discoverer of the Java man, changed his mind and said his relic came from a gibbon. Richard Dawkins has made much of “Lucy” as our supposed ancestor, but the experts do not agree with him. Lucy had no capacity to walk as humans walk.

“ Our science still labours beneath the heavy hand of the received wisdom that is becoming threadbare...”

The most up to date reliable presentation of the fossil hominid (the group that includes humans, all modern great apes and a number of their extinct ancestors and relatives.) record is the recent four-volume set *The Human Fossil Record* published in 2005. Its authors are the acknowledged top men in the field: Ian Tattersall and Jeffrey Schwartz. Their conclusions have shocked scientists in general:

Our science still labours beneath the heavy hand of the received wisdom that is becoming threadbare There is no doubt in our minds that if the hominid fossil record that has been laboriously unearthed over the last 150 years were to be discovered all at once tomorrow, the resulting picture of hominid phylogony would look completely different to any that students are taught today. ... It is becoming clearer that any substantial progress in paleoanthropology will involve abandoning traditional scenarios of

human evolution, and require rethinking the structure of the human fossil record from the ground up. ... It is at the very least clear that the systematic framework we currently underpin our notion of human evolution is inadequate ... some at least of what we believe today is wrong. (Vol.4, pp. 510-513).

Years earlier, one of the authors, Jeffrey Schwartz wrote a very significant work entitled *Sudden Origins* which, no doubt, helped pave the way for the later set and its scientific confessions. Here are some of the revolutionary conclusions:

(From the cover)

The greatest riddle of evolution has been the following puzzle: while Darwin argued that new species emerge through a slow, gradual accumulation of tiny mutations, the fossil record reveals a very different scenario - the sudden emergence of whole new species, with no apparent immediate ancestors.

(This is the theme of the entire book).

Where is the trail of intermediates, of missing links ...? The typical paleontologist's answer has been, simply, that these fossils haven't been found yet. ... The explanation goes on, the vicissitudes of preservation and fossilization have—though hopefully only temporarily—continued to thwart paleontologists who have attempted to fill in these annoying gaps. ... This explanation was first articulated most fully more than a century ago by Charles Darwin. ...

Although paleontologists have, and continue to claim to have, discovered sequences of fossils that do indeed present a picture of gradual change over time, the truth of the matter is that we are still in the dark



about the origin of most major groups of organisms. They appear in the fossil record ... full-blown and raring to go, in contradiction to Darwin's depiction of evolution as resulting from the gradual accumulation of countless infinitesimally minute variations ... (pp. 2-3).

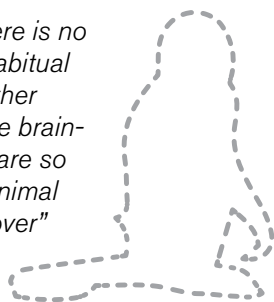
The very next page mentions the well-known geneticist William Bateson. "After years of field studies, however, he was forced to admit that he could not find any support for Darwin's suppositions.... (he) became further convinced that Darwin's evolutionary explanations were incorrect."



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On page 18 the author points out that one famous supposed missing link "was actually a fossil ape and not a hominid at all." And on the same page we read:

Aside from Homo Sapiens there is no other living primate that is a habitual upright biped ... there is no other living primate with such a large brain-to-body ratio. ... We humans are so different from the rest of the animal world that whatever we "discover" about ourselves has to be unique to us and us alone.

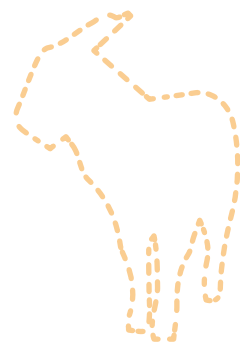


The rest of the book is in the same vein. But another, supremely important subject is broached on page 241:

Lyell's application of uniformitarianism led him to believe that geologic change was gradual. Darwin embraced Lyell's gradualism and applied it to his vision of evolutionary change. If Darwin had been a uniformitarian like de Vries, and had been impressed by the abrupt appearance of change, then he, like the Dutchman, and Huxley as well, would have favoured a saltational model over that of gradualism. [Saltationism has to do with origins by jumps: it is

defined as a sudden change from one generation to the next, that is large, or very large, in comparison with the usual variation of an organism.]

Let me explain the import of the preceding paragraph. Charles Lyell was the most famous geologist in Darwin's day and his personal friend. Uniformitarianism was the prevailing scientific theory that natural changes were gradual and therefore required almost infinite time. Nowadays no scientist believes in absolute uniformitarianism and acknowledges that catastrophes have on occasion accomplished great changes in nature. Because Darwin trusted the expertise of Lyell he applied to evolution the basis theory underlying Lyell's work. In other words he became certain that the evolutionary process by which humans arrived was a very gradual one. So emphatic was Darwin on this matter that with each new edition of his classic, he enlarged the time period required for evolution. This led to his loss of support from many, if not most contemporary scientists. It is clearly the case that all of Darwin's work was based on error.



Both Tattersall and Schwartz are committed evolutionists. How can that be when they acknowledge the difficulties of the popular theory? The answer is simple: evolution is the only game in town for those who reject Genesis. Schwartz finds his solution in an as yet unproven theory.

Those who wish to pursue this matter further should read the chapter on the fossil record in Michael Denton's *Evolution: A Theory in Crisis*. I am in the habit of challenging friends who believe in Darwinism to study this chapter and retain their confidence in Darwinism. May I suggest you do likewise after reading Denton's chapter?

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A MISSION OF HOPE FOR UGANDA

Have you ever thought about the parallels between childbirth and the gospel? It sounds a little weird at first. A mother endures immense challenges just to hold her little one in her arms. The love that I, as a student midwife, witness in birth suites is a constant reminder of the persistent and overwhelming love of Christ.

I am passionate about midwifery and about sharing the gospel, but unfortunately it can be difficult to combine the two in practice. This is why I felt so blessed to be invited by Spring of Hope Uganda to visit and provide antenatal care to women, whilst also sharing the good news.

Unfortunately, Ugandan maternal mortality rates are high (around 440 deaths per 100,000 live births), and for every maternal death, at least six women survive with chronic and debilitating ill health (World Health Organisation, 2011). With simple antenatal care, these outcomes can be improved significantly.

During our mission trip, I will be working and preaching in a remote part of Uganda, providing vital antenatal care in both clinic and home visit formats, while sharing the gospel with women who have never heard it before.

Pr Bonifresh Muhollo, Pr David Kayumba and myself will also be presenting the gospel together in public meetings. We have also planned a youth conference with the theme 'On the Road,' where we will speak about how Jesus changed the lives of people he met on the road.

I feel amazingly blessed to have the unique opportunity to combine my two passions - Jesus and midwifery - in

Uganda, and I am sure it will change the lives of many, including my own!

Spring of Hope Uganda asked GNU to help them share the gospel in the communities in which they work. GNU is sponsoring my food and accommodation for a month in Uganda, however I need to raise funds for the airfare, which is \$2,200.

You can help the people in Uganda who need to know the gospel, by sponsoring me on this trip.

Additionally, your prayers are much needed and appreciated!

If you are able to sponsor me, you can do it as a donation to GNU, letting our office know that it is for the Spring of Hope Uganda Mission.

Thanks!

▼ REBECCA GONZALEZ

Rebecca Gonzalez is a student mid-wife and a volunteer gospel presenter and speaker for Good News Unlimited.



Leila is one of the children who benefit from the work of Spring of Hope, Uganda. Thanks to them, she is learning to stand and walk by herself.



Rebecca needs your support to be able to fulfil her dream of serving some of the neediest people in Uganda and helping to bring the gospel to them.

GOSPEL SNIPPETS

Thousands Accept Jesus Christ in Mbale “Back to God” Mission



Good News Unlimited partnered with African Evangelistic Enterprise (AEE), Uganda, to conduct a major multi-site regional gospel mission in MBale, Eastern Uganda in September, 2015. Almost 17,000 people from all walks of life accepted Jesus Christ as their Saviour. GNU contributed with copies of *Jesus Only* books in the Luganda language, as well as the GNU Choir.

Pr David Kayumba's African Mission

Pr David Kayumba has just completed a month-long gospel mission trip to Africa. Most of his time was spent in Uganda, where he conducted evangelistic training for pastors, mentored young preachers, ministered to prison inmates, and shared the gospel with refugees from the recent brutal East African wars. As a result, hundreds of people have accepted the gospel and have been brought to Christ.

Congolese Soldiers Lose the War But Win Jesus Christ



The news of the gospel has brought a revolution of hope and love to 1,500 Congolese soldiers exiled in Uganda. They have lost their war, but found joy in the gospel. The book *Jesus Only* had such a powerful effect that

the soldiers set up Bible study groups - without a single Bible! But thanks to one faithful GNU supporter who has sponsored 100 Bibles, GNU will be sending them enough Bibles for them to share. Colonel Rwamuhizi said to Pr David Kayumba,

You have come at the time of our desperation for God and we are excited to receive this book Jesus Only. We shall surely return to our country one day soon and we need to keep in contact with Good News Unlimited because we want to spread this gospel in Congo as well. We are soldiers but we are now Christians with a mission, and the message of Jesus Only.

Throngs of Prisoners Accept Jesus Christ

As a result of the GNU prison ministry team's preaching, many prisoners in Kigo prison, Uganda, have accepted the good news that they are saved only by faith in Jesus Christ, and 29 have requested baptism. Pr David tells us, "Many prisoners are accepting Jesus Christ with tears in their eyes." Not only the prisoners have been blessed; some prison police (guards) have also joyfully accepted the good news of Jesus. There is more work to be done here.

How You Can Turn An Overgrown Rubbish Heap into a Church



The Christians in the very poor Indian village of Ramapuram have nowhere to meet and have asked us to help them build a church. The village elder, a Hindu, supports their wish for a church, and has offered a suitable plot of land. The purchase of the land will cost AU\$1,300 and the construction AU\$1,100. GNU is not usually in the business of building churches, but I have visited these people and seen their sincerity and their need. So I have told them that if they raise half of this money, then GNU will raise the other half (\$1,200) for them. They have agreed.

Deepak the Mute Evangelist Has Even More Reasons to Praise the Lord

You may remember the story of Deepak, the Mute Evangelist. Thanks to the kindness of a wonderful GNU supporter, Deepak is being sponsored, so he has enough food and medicine, and can attend the Deaf School to educate himself, so that when



God heals him, he will be able to preach the gospel with his own tongue. And guess what! The sponsor has also provided a bicycle so they can travel to assist in gospel meetings together! Isn't God good? Deepak says, "My whole life has been changed from sadness into joyful!"

Jesus Only Radio Programme in Rwanda

The *Jesus Only* preaching and talkback radio programme is now broadcasting across Rwanda, presented by Emma Uwingabire, whose story featured in the last issue of our magazine. Station management says it is heard by 2 million people in Rwanda and surrounding countries. People calling in are excited about the gospel, and are accepting Jesus into their lives as a result of the broadcast. As Geraldine Nyirampumbya told us, "There is nothing that we can offer to Good News Unlimited to say thank you."

Jesus Only translated into Croatian & Serbian

Dr Des Ford's book *Jesus Only* has now been translated into Croatian and Serbian. We are currently in the process of negotiating its publication and distribution in these languages.

ACTIVE FOR LIFE

LIFE TO THE FULL

WITH DR PHILIP
RODIONOFF



A lot of people don't like the word "exercise". It can sound like a lot of hard work. Like going to the gym. Paying fortnightly membership fees that keep eroding your bank account for 11 months after you stop going.

Deep down we probably know that exercise is good for us. Or at least that is what we are told. Most of us would like to do more (or even start) if we could just get the motivation. After all, it can take a lot of planning and effort to find a block of time and get to the gym or someplace else. And then we have to find the willpower to put in a decent effort – "no gain without pain" as the old adage goes.

If this is your view of exercise, then it's no wonder you probably struggle. Of course, some people love working out, but many just find that it is too much effort.

But wait! There is good news. The old way of thinking about exercise has been turned on its head. We used to think that it had to hurt to be effective, but now we know that is not the case. If it hurts, chances are that you are doing it the wrong way.

We now know that movement is the key. And it doesn't all have to happen at one time. It can accumulate throughout the day (and night). Ideally there should be a variety of movements, each involving different muscle groups. The pace should also be varied, although it is important to get a medical clearance before stepping it up too much in intensity. Significantly, a lot of what we do

incidentally in our daily activities counts as movement.

It is now clear that sitting for hours at a time is bad for us. Some have even called "sitting" the new "smoking". If you are sedentary for extended periods, try to stand more. Better still, go for a walk while you talk.

Some commentators recommend getting a pedometer and accumulating 10,000 steps over the course of each day. This is no doubt the ideal, but don't let that high number discourage you – any movement toward that goal is beneficial.

Ultimately, it is not performing a block of exercise that is the most beneficial. Rather, it is living a lifestyle that is active, one that incorporates regular and frequent movement. You never need fear "exercise" again.

DR PHILIP RODIONOFF

Friend of Good News Unlimited

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LETTERS *from our readers*



GNU is a meeting of minds from a wide range of church affiliations and therefore opinions expressed in our articles may differ from those of our readers. Recognising that opinions can differ, and that we all have much to learn and unlearn, we encourage our readers to participate in this forum.



Dear Des

I cannot really write in words what you have done for me over the years.

I've painted religious paintings for many years, so you may have seen some of my paintings. Painting takes a lot of solitary time to create. During those hours I have often listened to your sermons, many of them several times.

Simply put, your audio sermons have influenced what I have painted so that the Gospel is always "nearby". I try to visually showing the unconditional love of Christ in my paintings, when possible.

All I am really wanting to write tonight is this: thank you for letting Jesus speak to my heart through your words. I am wanting to tell you that I have tried to pass that on in my paintings.

M. K.



Dear Eliezer

I have been a lay-person for some 55 years. Like you, the religious organisation that I began in was not preaching the New Covenant Scriptural Gospel. Still I have had great faith in God after learning just what God's Gospel is and I have continued to learn, to preach the Gospel to people inside and outside the church when I did come to understand this. Thank you for your courageous testimony – I have been there personally, but God has not let me down in my journey. Incidentally it was that man Dr Desmond Ford who had a profound influence in helping me to understand the New Covenant Scriptural Gospel as opposed to other cultivated religious diatribe. I am praying for you personally and GNU as you continue to spread the Word. It must be so near Jesus' return – let us keep spreading the Word!

Ross B.



Mombasa, Kenya

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. You are saving a lot of lost souls and bringing peace to the world. I will be calling out your name before the throne of the Lord and lift up your name before Him in prayers.

*Yours in Christ,
Nina Majala*



Cheptains, Bungoma, Kenya

I salute you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I thank God for your life and the manner he has planned for you to spread the word so that it can reach all corners of the world. God is changing my life and he wants me to cover myself with his righteousness. May the peace of our Lord be with us.

*I remain yours in Christ,
Sudi Makeni*



Loitoktok, Kenya

This is a new era for the good news that you send to us through the radio. The message is really inspiring and every time it's on the air encourages me to move on. I would like to tell you that you are an inspiration to us all here in my country.

*In Jesus name,
Grace Ondero*



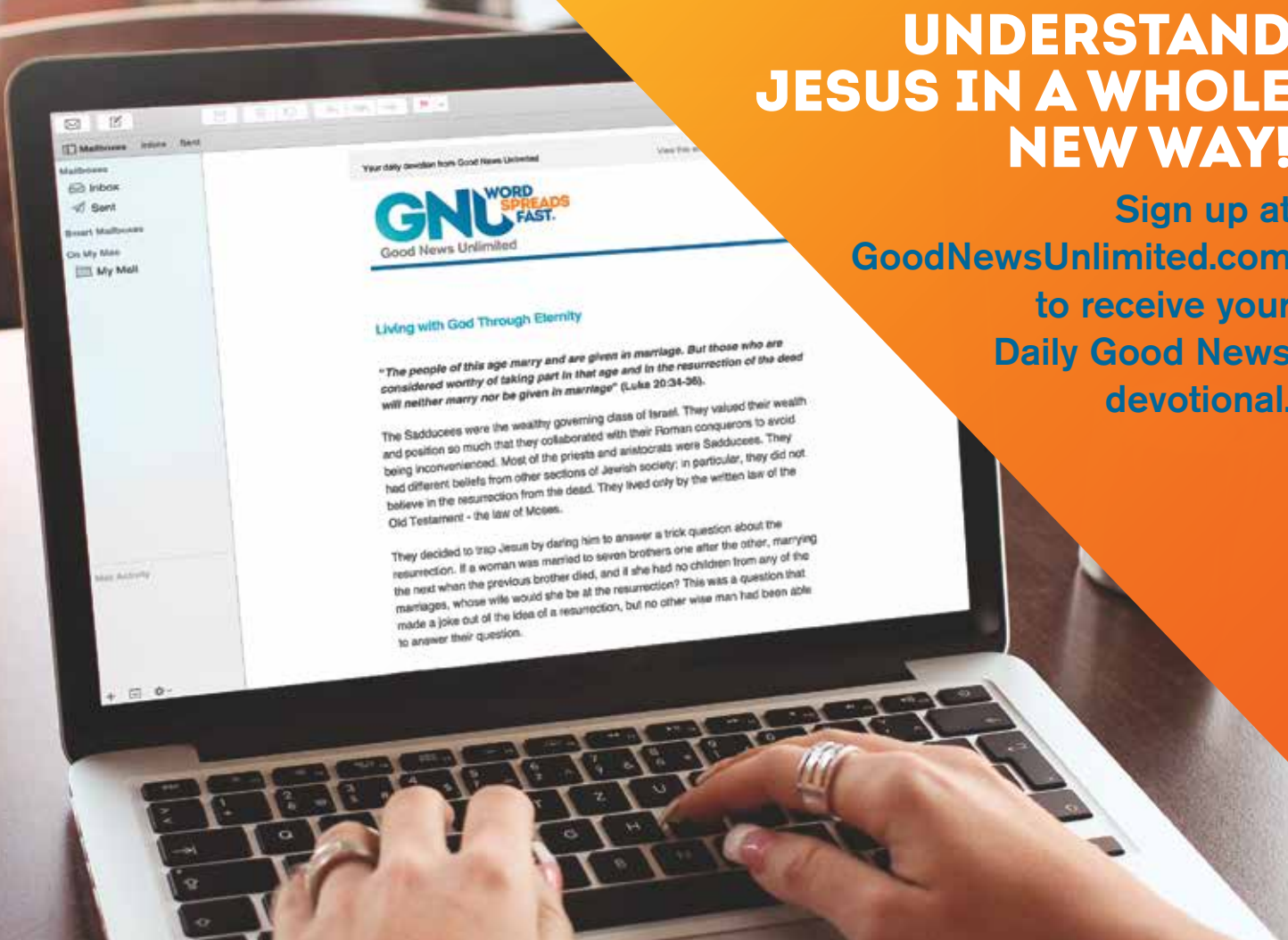
Kengeleni, Mombasa, Kenya

Thanks to you for sharing your Radio program with me and encouraging me to stay on the path of the Almighty God. Seeing that there are those who are walking in His ways and can testify of His goodness gives me the desire to keep on going in the Lord. May the Lord bless your work.

*In His Holy Name,
Anne Muthike Musau*

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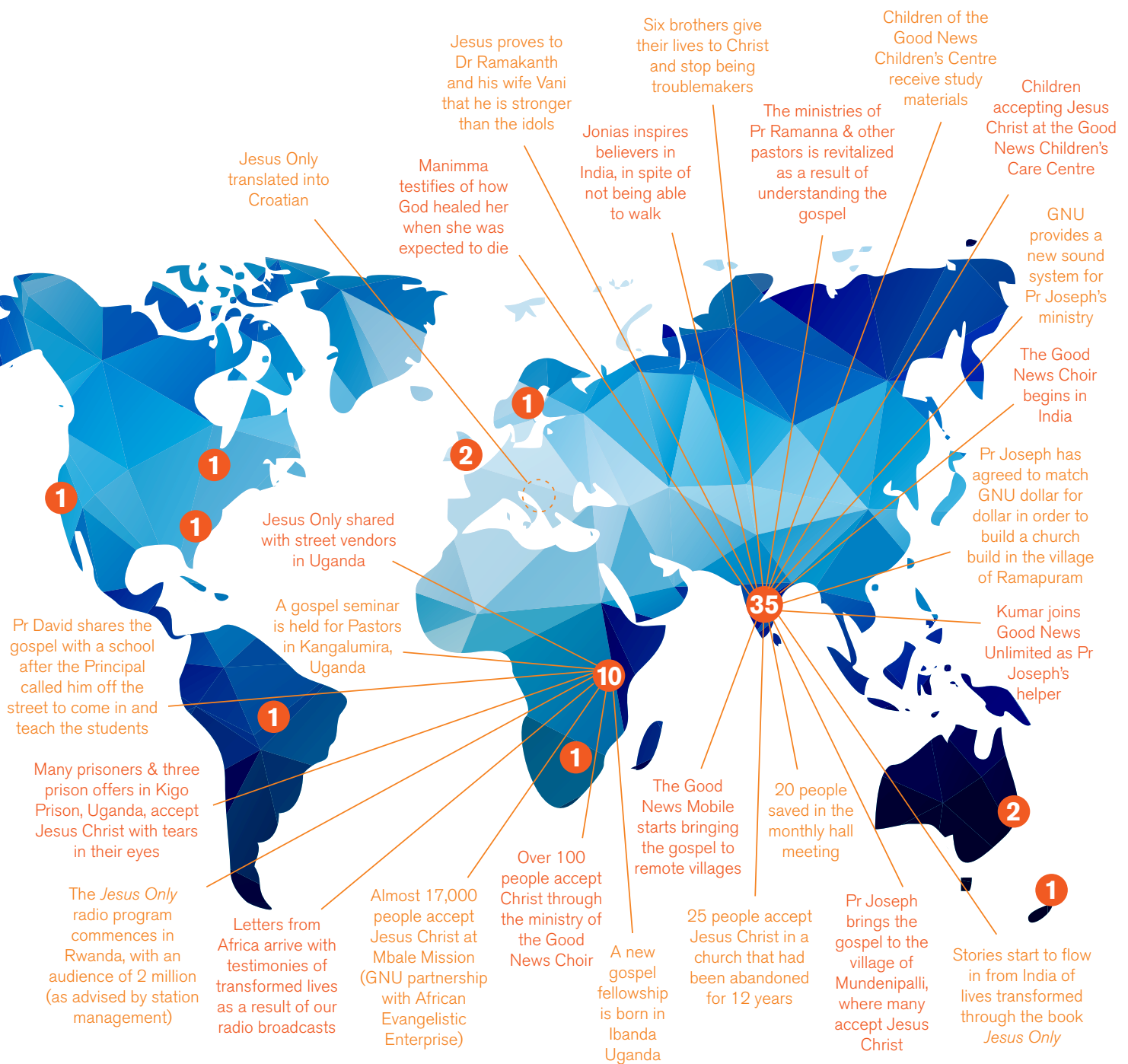
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