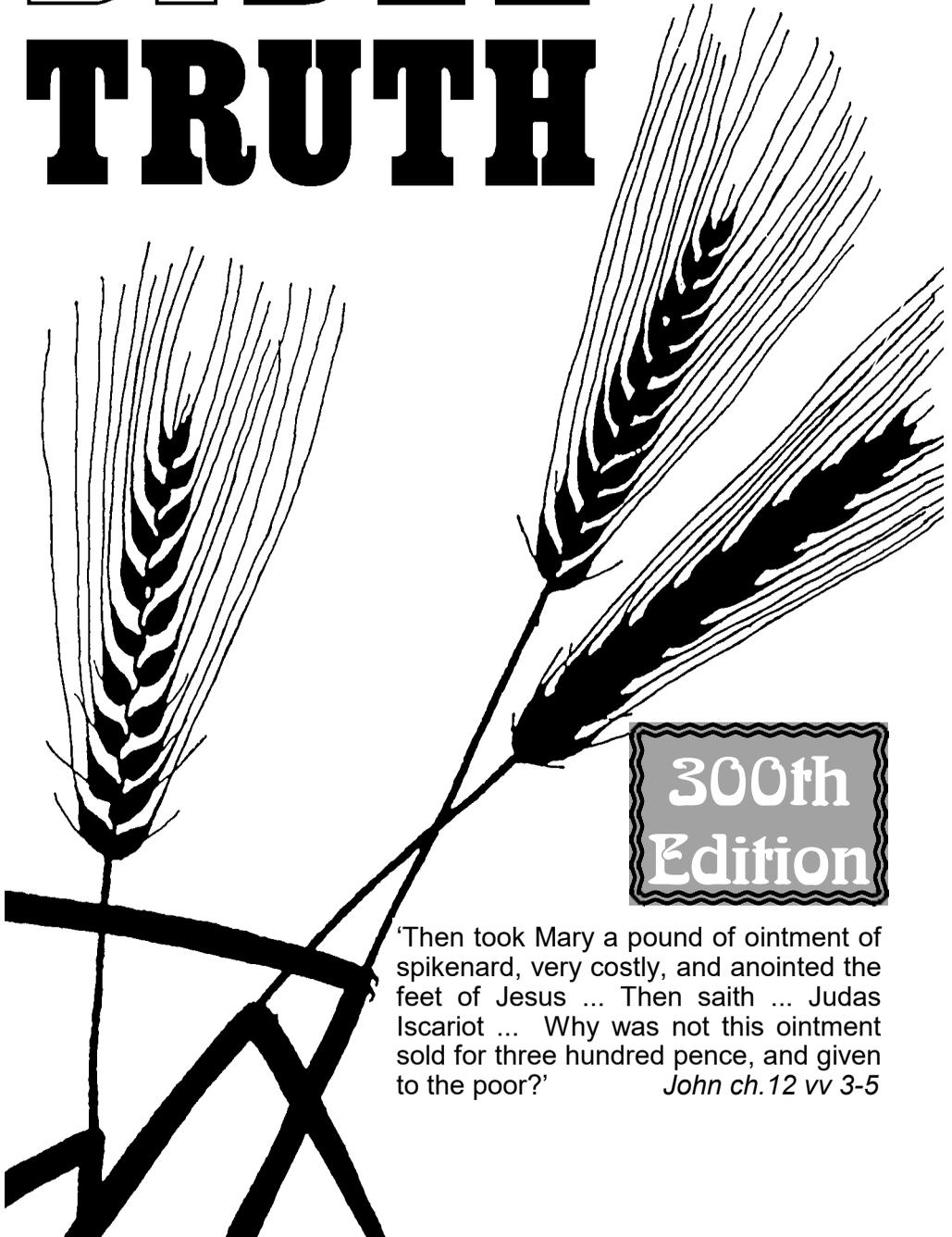


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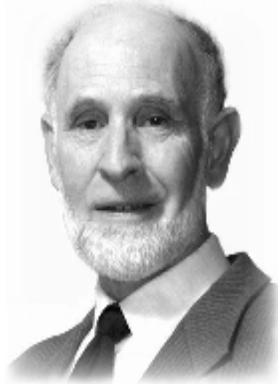
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'Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus ... Then saith ... Judas Iscariot ... Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor?'  
*John ch.12 vv 3-5*

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## *God saw that it was good!*

*by Paul Boyd-Lee*

We live in an age of many complex problems, which Luke correctly described as a time of perplexity and distress (see ch. 21 v.25). The word 'perplexity' indicates that the problems have no foreseeable solution. So it is that with many current problems, the best man can do is to defer their catastrophic effects and often this is done only at the expense of creating a multitude of further problems in their place. At worst, man is completely baffled by their complexity and magnitude and takes no action towards their solution. Thus man is disheartened further when faced by the apparent hopelessness of the situation.

Many calamities which will soon affect the world are listed in verses 9-11 of Luke chapter 21 and confirmed by the early verses of Matthew chapter 24. Consider two verses on this subject.

'Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth ... .'

Luke ch.21 v.26

This clearly suggests that some people will suffer from heart failure (attack) purely because of the frightening things happening or expected to happen on the earth at the time of fulfilment.

'And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.'

Luke ch.21 v.27

This verse follows immediately after the unpleasant events prophesied to befall the earth, it shows that their occurrence is a pointer to the imminent return of our Lord and the establishment of the 'kingdom of God' on earth (v.31).

It is clear from these two verses that mankind will not master the problems perplexing him. The superior knowledge and power of God will be required to avert the disasters towards which the world is currently heading. The following text verifies these facts.

'For in those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be. And except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved: ... .'

Mark ch.13 vv 19-20

Unfortunately many people seek to blame God for the unsatisfactory state of world affairs, some even going so far as to claim that perhaps the world was imperfectly created, or, that God's foreknowledge did not extend to the age in which we now live. Reference to the Bible should, however, dispel such erroneous ideas and the following four quotations are given as examples of the truth.

1. 'In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. ... And God called the dry land Earth and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and **God saw that it was good**'.

Genesis ch.1 vv 1 & 10

2. 'The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, **the thoughts of his heart to all generations.**'

Psalms 33 v.11

3. 'Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.'

Acts ch.15 v.18

4. 'For if our heart condemn us. **God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.**'

1 John ch.3 v.20

From these, and many other corroborative passages in the Bible, we may say that God's foreknowledge extends not only to all the ages of time but also throughout eternity. Moreover we conclude that the universe was created perfect, for 'God saw that it was good'.

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