

## Spiritual Blindness Part 3 World Changers

WE WERE JUST BARELY GETTING INTO THE PHILADELPHIA LETTER IN OUR THREE PART SERIES ON THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF ASIA WHEN HE RAN OUT OF SPACE, FOR PART 2. THEREFORE WE WILL START RIGHT OUT IN REVELATION 3:7, WHERE WE FIND JOHN WRITING TO THE SIXTH CHURCH OF THESE SEVEN CHURCHES. THIS WAS THE CHURCH THAT HAD CONDITIONS IN IT IN 96 A.D. THAT WOULD TYPE CONDITIONS IN THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN THE 6TH CHURCH AGE, THE AGE OF BROTHERLY LOVE. THIS, OF COURSE, WAS THE WESLEY AGE, AND THAT IS THE LAST ONE THAT HAS THE CHURCH AGE MESSENGER RECORDED IN HISTORY. BUT FOR THE LAODICEAN AGE WE DO NOT NEED HISTORY, FOR WE HAVE LIVING WITNESSES AS TO WHO THE CHURCH AGE MESSENGER WAS. THE MESSENGER HAS PASSED FROM THE SCENE, AND ENTERED INTO HIS REST, BUT THE AGE OF LAODICEA IS STILL RUNNING ITS COURSE, AND THE MESSAGE DELIVERED TO IT BY THE STAR MESSENGER WILLIAM MARRION BRANHAM, IS STILL RINGING LOUD AND CLEAR TO THOSE WHO HAVE EARS TO HEAR. WE DEALT WITH LUTHER'S AGE IN PART 2, BUT DID NOT READ THE PARABLE FROM MATTHEW 13:44, THAT PREVIEWED IT, SO WE WILL READ THAT ONE VERSE OF SCRIPTURE BEFORE ENTERING OUR STUDY OF THE PHILADELPHIA CHURCH, AND THE AGE IT TYPED. REMEMBER NOW, THE APPLICATION OF THIS PARABLE IS COMING RIGHT OUT OF THE DARK AGES, WHEN CATHOLICISM HAD SWALLOWED UP EVERY APOSTOLIC DOCTRINE TAUGHT BY THE EARLY CHURCH, AND HAD SUBSTITUTED THEIR MAN MADE DOCTRINES IN PLACE OF THEM.

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Everything offered here is my church sermons, speeches on the occasion of various solemn gatherings, and articles written between 1951, the year I arrived in the United States and began my ministry to the Russian Church Abroad at the Holy Trinity Monastery in Jordanville in the rank of Archimandrite, and then - in the rank of Bishop (since 1953) and Archbishop (since 1961). It is no accident that this joyful Easter period ends with a story about how the Merciful Lord healed the man born blind through His divine power and strength, and how the proud and arrogant Pharisees who hated the Lord did not want to recognize the reality of this miracle. Here as if a parallel is drawn, for comparison, between bodily and spiritual blindness, and it is emphasized how much spiritual blindness is more dangerous and destructive than bodily blindness. This is clearly indicated by the words of the Lord addressed to the Pharisees who stubbornly did not want to believe this miracle and to recognize in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ the Divine messenger, the Messiah predicted by the prophets: "For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind. And some of the Pharisees which were with him heard these words, and said unto him, Are we blind also? Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth." ( John 9: 39-41 ).

This carefully crafted ebook: "Summa Theologica (All Complete & Unabridged 3 Parts + Supplement & Appendix + interactive links and annotations)" is formatted for your eReader with a functional and detailed table of contents. This ebook is the best-known work of Thomas Aquinas (c.1225–1274). Although unfinished, the Summa is "one of the classics of the history of philosophy and one of the most influential works of Western literature." It is intended as an instructional guide for moderate theologians, and a compendium of all of the main theological teachings of the Catholic Church. It presents the reasoning for almost all points of Christian theology in the West. The Summa Theologica is divided into three parts, and each of these three parts contains numerous subdivisions. Part 1 deals primarily with God and comprises discussions of 119 questions concerning the existence and nature of God, the Creation, angels, the work of the six days of Creation, the essence and nature of man, and divine government. Part 2 deals with man and includes discussions of 303 questions concerning the purpose of man, habits, types of law, vices and virtues, prudence and justice, fortitude and temperance, graces, and the religious versus the secular life. Part 3 deals with Christ and comprises discussions of 90 questions concerning the Incarnation, the Sacraments, and the Resurrection. Some editions of the Summa Theologica include a Supplement comprising discussions of an additional 99 questions concerning a wide variety of loosely related issues such as excommunication, indulgences, confession, marriage, purgatory,

and the relations of the saints toward the damned. Scholars believe that Rainaldo da Piperno, a friend of Aquinas, probably gathered the material in this supplement from a work that Aquinas had completed before he began working on the Summa Theologica. It seeks to describe the relationship between God and man and to explain how man's reconciliation with the Divine is made possible at all through Christ. To this end, Aquinas cites proofs for the existence of God and outlines the activities and nature of God. Approximately one-half of the Summa Theologica then examines the nature and purpose of man. Finally, Aquinas devotes his attention to the nature of Christ and the role of the Sacraments in effecting a bridge between God and man. Within these broad topical boundaries, though, Aquinas examines the nature of God and man in exquisite detail. His examination includes questions of how angels act on bodies, the union of body and soul, the cause and remedies of anger, cursing, and the comparison of one sin with another. Aquinas is attempting to offer a truly universal and rational view of all existence. Thomas Aquinas, O.P. (1225 – 1274), also Thomas of Aquin or Aquino, was an Italian Dominican priest, and an immensely influential philosopher and theologian in the tradition of scholasticism, within which he is also known as the "Doctor Angelicus", "Doctor Communis", and "Doctor Universalis". He was the foremost classical proponent of natural theology, and the father of Thomism. His influence on Western thought is considerable, and much of modern philosophy was conceived in development or refutation of his ideas, particularly in the areas of ethics, natural law, metaphysics, and political theory.

Does it take a miracle to read the Bible? God wrote a book, and its pages are full of his glory. But we cannot see his beauty on our own, with mere human eyes. In *Reading the Bible Supernaturally*, John Piper aims to show us how God works through his written Word when we pursue the natural act of reading the Bible, so that we experience his sightgiving power—a power that extends beyond the words on the page. Ultimately, Piper shows us that in the seemingly ordinary act of reading the Bible, something miraculous happens: we are given eyes to behold the glory of the living God.

For the first time in 2,000 years, this book analyzes the Gospel of John and unveils the historical Jesus, His identity, and image of God. All words, parables, and miracle stories are decoded and interpreted, and all unheard-of facts and truths are disclosed. It is revealed that Peter was a sinner in the village of sinners; that Peter, James, John, and Andrew were not fisherman, but were spiritual fisherman who preached to the suffering people of the village of sinners and harvested the holy spirit from them; that Jesus saved one thousand men by preaching 10-20 times at the villages of sinners for three years; that Jesus cleared the temple spiritually, not physically, with his Word; that Jesus' Passover meal was not the mutton but the word and holy spirit; and that the God's last judgment was concluded in AD 70. These facts are disclosed when the scriptures are read in spiritual language. It turns out that the four Gospels Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John have never been interpreted correctly. As a result, Christianity has lost Jesus for nearly 2,000 years and follows the path of ruin. Now it is revealed that the Gospel of John contains astonishing revelations and good news which will rescue Christianity from extinction and lead all mankind to God. This book speaks to Biblical scholars, Christians who worry about the corruption of churches and extinction of Christianity, and those who want to receive the Holy Spirit and meet Jesus and God.

The economy is in shambles. Riots and demonstrations in the streets have become daily occurrences worldwide. The unemployment rate is staggering, global debt is out of control, and the world is paralyzed in the grip of terror. What in the world is going on? What if all of this could be happening just for your benefit as a Christian believer? What if we are experiencing a great global orchestration of God's ability, plan and purpose to transfer the immense wealth of the world into the hands of those who serve Him? And what if this prosperity phenomenon forecasted in Scripture has already begun? Dr. Don G. Pickney's ministry is dedicated to proving that on the fateful day of September 11,

2001, the Lord of hosts began to unfold a biblical prophetic event revealed in Scripture as the Day of Jehovah Tsaba, during which He would plunder the nations of their “created glory”—their wealth, goods, substance, means, men and other resources—converting it into the hands of the righteous, a happening already being widely forecasted in charismatic Christianity. Insightful and thought provoking, A Prosperity Phenomenon will offer you a renewed sense of hope in the midst of global turmoil. This God-given message of purpose and prosperity will encourage you to face uncertain times in a different light, reminding you that God is in control and faithful to those who love Him.

Surveys the content and theology of the Fourth Gospel. Includes photos, maps, line drawings, and an instructor's manual.

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A Christian devotional on the person of Christ As a Christian, you are called to keep your eyes on Jesus, the founder and finisher of your faith. This book will help you do just that. In this third volume of Daily Readings from the Life of Christ, highly acclaimed author and speaker John MacArthur walks you through the final days of Jesus' life and ministry. See how Jesus interacts with the disciples, the crowds, and the religious echelon of His time. From His conflicts with the Jewish leaders to His teachings and prayers from the upper room, you'll gain a fresh appreciation for the perfection of Christ. And by concluding with Jesus' death, burial, resurrection, and ascension, you'll be left face-to-face with the gospel itself. What better way to start your day than by gazing upon Christ. Finding time to spend with Jesus isn't always easy, but it's vitally important, and always worth the effort. Let Daily Readings from the Life of Christ transform your devotional life today.

THE SUMMA THEOLOGICA: COMPLETE EDITION SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS — A Classic in Western Philosophy and the Catholic Church — Complete and Unabridged, contains the Complete Text and Supplements — Three Parts, 38 Tracts, 631 Questions, 3,000 Articles, 10,000 Objections and Answers — Over 2.5 Million words — Includes an Active Index and multiple Table of Contents to every Part, Question and Article — Includes Layered NCX Navigation — Includes Illustrations by Gustave Dore The Summa Theologica, or 'Summary of Theology' was written from 1265 to 1274. It is the greatest

achievement of Saint Thomas Aquinas and one of the most influential works of Western literature and Philosophy. His influence on Western thought is considerable, and much of modern Philosophy was conceived as a reaction against, or as an agreement with, his ideas, particularly in the areas of Ethics, Natural Law, Metaphysics, and Political Theory. It is intended as a manual for beginners in Theology and a Compendium of all of the main Theological teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. It presents the reasoning for almost all points of Christian Theology in the West. The book is famous, among other things, for its five arguments for the existence of God, the *Quinque viae*. The *Summa Theologica's* topics follow a cycle: The Existence of God; Creation, Man; Man's Purpose; Christ; The Sacraments; and back to God. The first part is on God. In it, he gives five proofs for God's existence as well as an explication of His attributes. He argues for the actuality and incorporeality of God as the unmoved mover and describes how God moves through His thinking and willing. The second part is on Ethics. Thomas argues for a variation of the Aristotelian Virtue Ethics. However, unlike Aristotle, he argues for a connection between the virtuous man and God by explaining how the virtuous act is one towards the blessedness of the Beatific Vision (*beata visio*). The last part of the *Summa* is on Christ and was unfinished when Thomas died. In it, he shows how Christ not only offers salvation, but represents and protects humanity on Earth and in Heaven. This part also briefly discusses the sacraments and eschatology. The *Summa* remains the most influential of Thomas's works. Saint Thomas Aquinas was a Dominican Priest, born near Aquino, Sicily in 1225. He was an immensely influential Philosopher and Theologian in the tradition of Scholasticism, known as Doctor Angelicus. He died in 1274. As one of the 33 Doctors of the Church, he is considered the Church's greatest Theologian and Philosopher. Thomas is held in the Catholic Church to be the model teacher for those studying for the priesthood. He was canonized in 1323. PUBLISHER: CATHOLIC WAY PUBLISHING

This package includes the complete two-volume set of the Gospel of John from the MacArthur New Testament Commentary series: John 1-11 and John 12-21. The MacArthur New Testament Commentary series continues to be one of today's top-selling commentary series. In the volume one and two of the Gospel of John, MacArthur gives verse-by-verse analysis in context and provides points of application for passages, illuminating the biblical text in practical and relevant ways. The series has been praised for its accessibility to lay leaders, and is a must-have for every pastor's library.

THROUGH false emphasis by many religious leaders, Christianity has become in the estimation of a large part of the public no more than an ethical system. The revealed fact, however, is that the supreme feature of the Christian faith is that supernatural, saving, transforming work of God, which is made possible through the infinite sacrifice of Christ and which, in sovereign grace, is freely bestowed on all who believe. God has given instruction to those who are saved, it is true, as to the manner of life which is consistent with their new heavenly calling and

standing in Christ; but in its spiritual blindness, the world, led by its blind leaders, sees in Christianity only the rule of life which is secondary. The blindness of the world at this point, with the consequent neglect of all that is vital in the Christian faith, is both anticipated and explained in the Word of God. The two foundation truths which determine all spiritual perception are that, by divine arrangement, (1) the Spirit is given only to those who are saved, and (2) spiritual understanding is made to depend exclusively on the presence of the Spirit of God in the heart. The precise body of truth which may be understood only through the ministry of the indwelling Spirit is described as, "things" related to the Father, "things" related to the Son, "things" related to the Spirit, "things" to come, and "the kingdom of God". We read: "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually [by the Spirit] discerned" (1 Cor. 2:14). "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3). "Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him" (John 14:17). "But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: in whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ ... should shine unto them" (2 Cor. 4:3, 4). "The world by wisdom knew not God" (1 Cor. 1:21). "He that is spiritual judgeth [discerneth] all things, yet he himself is judged of no man" (1 Cor. 2:15). "Now we have received ... the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God" (1 Cor. 2:12). "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you" (John 16:13-15). "But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him" (1 John 2:27). "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God" (1 Cor. 2:9, 10). "Through faith we understand" (Heb. 11:3). Spiritual understanding is not, therefore, dependent upon human sagacity or learning; it depends only on the teaching of the indwelling Spirit. Possessing this Biblical testimony, misunderstanding at this point is without excuse.

A Dynamic Reading of the Holy Spirit in Revelation attempts to read the book of Revelation in a new way as a narrative, embracing literary elements such as plot, point of view, narrative voice, character, and story structure to help readers discover its meanings by tracing the story anew. Lee's unique narrative perspective offers readers a bird's-eye view to experience four levels of the story: heaven, earth, abyss, and the lake of fire. Lee develops a theological account of John's pneumatology and surely extends Christian pneumatology, a doctrine inseparable from the life of the church. Readers will come away with a greater understanding of the role of the Holy Spirit, which will enable them to enjoy a deeper fellowship with the Holy Spirit more intimately than ever before. Lee portrays the book of Revelation as a mission-oriented book that tells how the kingdom of God will be built in this world through spiritual warfare, rather than as a book of eschatology. Lee's book will serve as a spiritual wake-up call to the modern church and the people of God in its accurate portrayal of the Holy Spirit and vivid description of spiritual warfare.

There are many devotional books available containing brief, daily inspirations that benefit all who read them. This book is different in two respects. The first is obvious: it contains two readings per day—732 in all. The second, more important difference is that the author wanted to do more than offer inspiration; this would make this book no different than so many others. The messages in the book are study sketches in that the content is not only inspirational, but also educational, challenging, and encouraging. Most of these writings were based on author

Michael J. Akers's teaching of adult Bible studies for more than thirty years and learning what really brought adults to want to deepen their knowledge and application of the Word of God.

All too often our modern society lacks both sight and insight resulting from a refusal to see the reality of creation. Such lack of recognition and appreciation for the Creator is spiritual blindness. Yet, the fruits and evidence of His love and wisdom are clearly demonstrated everywhere we look. Author Dr. James Gills, a world-renowned ophthalmologist with a deep love of the Bible, writes about spiritual blindness with stunning clarity and relevance.

From one of today's top-selling commentary series comes volume one of the Gospel of John, the 25th installment to the MacArthur New Testament Commentary series. John MacArthur gives verse-by-verse analysis in context and provides points of application for passages, illuminating the biblical text in practical and relevant ways. The series has been praised for its accessibility to lay leaders, and is a must-have for every pastor's library.

Old Testament Study Guide, Pt. 3: The Old Testament Prophets. This volume is the third of three on the Old Testament. This volume is an unusually large volume that includes nearly all of the Old Testament prophets, their teachings and warnings to their people, and their prophecies of the coming of the Messiah and the latter days. It covers the period of the Bible from the end of King Solomon's reign through the end of the Old Testament, including the ministries of Jonah, Micah, Hosea, Amos, Joel, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Esther, Daniel, Ezra, Haggai, Nehemiah, Zechariah, and Malachi (Elijah and Elisha were covered in Volume 8). We are taken from 826 BC to 430 BC, when the Old Testament closes. Then finally, we read of the Intertestamental Period between the ministry of Malachi and the rise of John the Baptist to open the New Testament. The cover features a classic painting of Daniel in the lion's den, painted by Riviere in 1890.

Minicourse appropriate for grades 11-12 Encounters with Jesus in the Gospels invites young people to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ by exploring key Gospel stories about him. Three stories that can reach the heart of a young person's experience are explored: the man born blind, the woman at the well, and the rich man. Each session challenges the participants to enter into one of the stories experientially, intellectually, and prayerfully. Such journeys into the Gospels can lead to a profound sense of Jesus' nurturing, compassionate love as well as to deeper awareness of the radical demands of his message.

This book will allow you to experience, as you read, what it was like for this woman of God, as she graciously started ministry at just 18 1/2 years old. Elder, Evangelist, Della Clark, has been called, chosen, and appointed by God to go into all the world to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. She is equipped and anointed to finish the work that He has called her to do. This book is a great read, and as you peel back each page, you will begin to see, that, on her journey, she has made full proof of the ministry by the power of the Holy Spirit. Elder, Evangelist, Della Clark, boldly confesses with conviction that "No devil in hell can stop it" because her work and call into the ministry is ordained by God. And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that, he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry; 1 Timothy 1:12 KJV Authors note... Keep pressing on as you are courageous and free and never held back by fear, intimidation, or defeat. The battle belongs to the Lord, and He has the final victory...

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