

The Keeper

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As far as eye can see or instrument can detect and beyond, is that orderly presence which sometimes seems draped in silence, but in control of everything that affects us all and the world in which we live. In this brochure He is addressed as both Creator and Keeper.

The Creator of this universe and all other things, wherever they may be and whatever they may be, is the one we call "God". From before the foundation of the world as we know it, God planned His creation. When He made it, He called it good. It is His handiwork and His creation. He did not seek assistance nor counsel from anyone when He fashioned it but promised He would bless and keep the earth. He promised He would keep us, too. There is no reason to doubt His word. He is the Keeper. Believe it!

Our world is replete with all types and versions of thinking. Sometimes bad thoughts are expressed from good people who should know better, but at other times good thoughts prevail, too, and they can come from almost anyone. All of us should know we are not a creation of orphans who have been placed on a land mass without direction or hope. The Creator is also the Keeper and He has committed Himself to keep not only the earth, but all those who will trust Him.

Sometimes education supersedes intelligence and when it does it could easily be an invitation for trouble. Those who are smart will get the true message. It's all about who we are, where we are, and where we are going. It's about people and the One we call God.

Guided by a temptation to reach too far is that propensity to test God-given skills and use them for other than common good. When used unwisely, they can become hindrances, not only to ourselves but to others as well. Gifts and aptitudes are blessings from God and are not self-endowed. None is self-appointed neither to perfection nor to self sufficiency. Remember, we are the created, not the Creator.

When we stop and think, the person of modest reasoning will conclude somebody is in control of such a vast creation which we call the world. Most good things don't just happen, but are controlled by someone or something greater than ourselves. There is a rhythm and an order to our world. It was never thrown together by some disruptive force. Instead, it is a masterpiece of superhuman power and continues to operate independent of human ingenuity and even political influence. The "Keeper" seems to be in full control.

"It is the fool who says there is no God." (Psalm 14:1). Most people believe in a Supreme Being and millions worship Him and call Him Saviour and Lord. To some degree His message of true love has been communicated and received throughout the world. Some do not recognize Him, though.

King David wrote in the Psalms: “The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof and they that dwell therein”. (Psalm 24:1). This earth on which we find ourselves was made to last forever and is indestructible by any standard of man or angels. According to the scriptures it will “abide forever”. That is a Divine promise. (Ecc. 1:4.) When God made it, He placed an order that has permanence. Change is in God’s future planning for the earth, but destruction is not a part of His plan.

Buried in history are fragments of what used to be, but no longer is. The future will offer only a glimpse of what now is in a world we call modern and the future is controlled by the “Keeper”.

Often we read of learned men and women who have expended much energy trying to fit pieces of history’s puzzle together. Some pieces never fit. It is like trying to fit a square peg into a round hole. They just don’t go together, regardless of how much we try or how much filler we use. Only God can make something from nothing and we humans must learn to work within His system.

Think of the mighty oceans of the world which cover so much of the earth’s surface. Remember, they, too, must honor their bounds. Under Divine order they are guarded and restrained by shorelines and are providentially hindered from going further. Even they are ruled by the “Keeper”.

No order, however strong, or from whomever, puts “the Keeper” in a legal harness and stops His entry into any place on earth or beyond. He is always present everywhere and is acutely aware of every word spoken both for Him and against Him. He stores them in eternal memory and states that all must give an accounting on Judgment day for our words and actions as well.

The “Keeper” will never be removed from social functions, sports events, and not even the classroom, regardless of how hard we try. He will be there even if His presence is in silence and seeming obscurity. From all the affairs of the human family, He will never budge. Invited or uninvited, He will always be present and is never restrained by a human legal hand.

In the Bible the “Keeper” spoke of a man who by standards of earth was successful, but passed into a different world: one of torment. Among the first words the “Keeper” uttered to him was “son, remember”. What was, had now passed for Him and what now was, became unfortunate. It has been said that the human mind never forgets; our recall is sometimes hindered. Our memory could haunt us in the future. The “Keeper” who knows both worlds – here and now and there and then prodded the “rich man’s” memory. It became an eternal blight as his memory was reactivated.

The wise will think of the here and now as well as the there and then and will remember that our most precious possession is time and opportunity. The “Keeper” is watching and we should be careful about how we use our life. It’s important! For all of us our “Keeper” wants us to know He is securely at home in His universe. He wants

all of us to have His love and very best, and we can if we follow Him and respect Him. From the heavens to the earth and beyond He will never go away and will never be removed. It is a promise to creation and to us. He is God and the “Keeper.” Trust Him.

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