

KIDS' CORNER

Q: When God created the earth, were the trees fully grown or were they baby trees? If they were fully grown, did they have growth rings?

A: "And the earth brought forth grass, the herb that yields seed ... and the tree that yields fruit ... And God saw that it was good" (Genesis 1:12).

Well, let's see. We know by our Bible verse that the trees in the Garden provided fruit for food. And we know that Adam and Eve could eat the fruit from all the trees except one. They didn't need to wait for years for the trees to grow big enough to produce fruit, did they?

It seems that God created the trees to sprout, grow, and bear fruit all in one day. I do believe that the trees had growth rings, for a couple of reasons. First, they were fully grown trees to start with, and most grown trees have growth rings. Second, the growth rings of many trees are actually part of the structure of the tree and support the tree. Some trees would need those growth rings to stand tall and produce fruit for Adam and Eve. So the growth rings were part of what made these trees perfect and very good, like the rest of God's creation.


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Can you find the ten words hidden in the word search from this issue's article above?

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Luthermuir Gospel Hall Sundays at 4.30pm (During school term) It's Free!

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Subject: **Investigating Facts in the book of Acts**



JUST SUPPOSE!

That my good works, prayers, offerings, confessions or religious duties were sufficient to get me to heaven.

That the fact of being taught the Bible verses from my infancy would in some way gain the favour of a Holy God.

That when I come to leave this world I am assured that I have done the best I could and that maybe my good deeds will outweigh my wrong deeds.

That I have been made to understand that we are all the children of God and one day will be in heaven without a new birth experience.

Then tell me why did Jesus die?

"God commends His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."
ROMANS 5:8

GOOD NEWS

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"There is ONE God, and ONE mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave Himself a ransom for all."
1 Timothy 2:5-6

BATTLE OF THE SKIES



Brechin Born
Sir Robert Watson-Watt

RADAR (short for Radio detection and ranging) is used among other things today for detecting the flight path of every commercial aeroplane worldwide. During the Second World War it was developed by Sir Robert Watson-Watt to detect and intercept the Luftwaffe (German Air Force), which was used to great effect and contributed significantly to winning the Battle of Britain.

In 1941 Watson-Watt was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society and was knighted in 1942. He was awarded £50,000 in 1952 by the British government for his work on radar.

Surprisingly, other than a small plaque in Northamptonshire, where, during his early experiments he successfully bounced a radio wave off a Heyford bomber,

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JUST A MINUTE!

"I have only just a minute, Only 60 seconds in it, Forced upon me - can't refuse it, Didn't seek it, didn't choose it, But it's up to me to use it Give account if I abuse it; Just a tiny little minute - **BUT ETERNITY IS IN IT!**"

The Bible says:
"Remember how short my time is"
(Psalm 89:47)
"It is time to seek the Lord"
(Hosea 10:12)
"Behold NOW is the day of salvation"
(2 Corinthians 6:2)
"He that believes on the Son has everlasting life"
(John 3:36)

So why not this very minute prepare for the future by trusting Jesus Christ as your Saviour and your Lord.



You are invited to come and hear the message of the Gospel every Sunday, 6.30pm at Luthermuir Gospel Hall, Church Road.

Also on Sundays: Children's Good News Club 4.30pm
Bible Class 7.30pm

All Welcome!

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and an even smaller plaque on the wall of the house where he was born in Union Street, Brechin, there was no other memorial until quite recently. A statue created by sculptor Alan Herriot was unveiled in September 3rd 2014 by HRH the Princess Royal at St Ninian's Square in Brechin. The "forgotten hero" was at last honoured with a fitting and more substantial tribute.

As significant and important as Watson-Watt was to a world at war, there is One Man who has achieved the single-most significant victory on behalf of ALL mankind: Jesus Christ, the Son of God! He was sent by His Father in Heaven to become our Saviour: "The Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world" (1 John 4:14); "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (1 Timothy 3:15). Ultimately, after living thirty-three and a half years of perfect holiness and harmony with His Father, and unparalleled love towards mankind, He gave His life on the Cross. He suffered on our behalf, paying the penalty of our sin and winning, for those who trust in Him, the victory over sin and death (the consequence of sin). On the Cross at Calvary Christ also defeated "the prince of the power of the air" (Ephesians 2:2), the Devil, who is the arch enemy of God and man and the unseen enemy of the skies!

Knowing that his time is short and that his doom is sure, Satan's main objective is to take as many people as he can with him to his final doom in the Lake of Fire (Revelation 20:10-15). The good news is that the Son of God has intercepted the evil plans of this adversary. We're told in Hebrews chapter 2 verse 14,15: "...that through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; and deliver them who through fear of death (that's us!) were all their lifetime subject to bondage." God raised His Son out from the grave three days after Christ voluntarily entered into death. Today He is alive in Heaven, Victor o'er the skies! He is willing and able to save all that will come to Him by faith, trusting in what He has accomplished on the Cross.

Through time you may forget about Watson-Watt, but you can't afford to forget about Jesus Christ, the Son of God! Your eternity depends on what you decide to do with Him - whether you accept Him or reject Him. He's worthy of all your trust! The greatest tribute you can give Him is to acknowledge your need of Him, repent of your sin and surrender to Him your heart and life. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved" (Acts 16:31).

One Great Leap Saved His Life

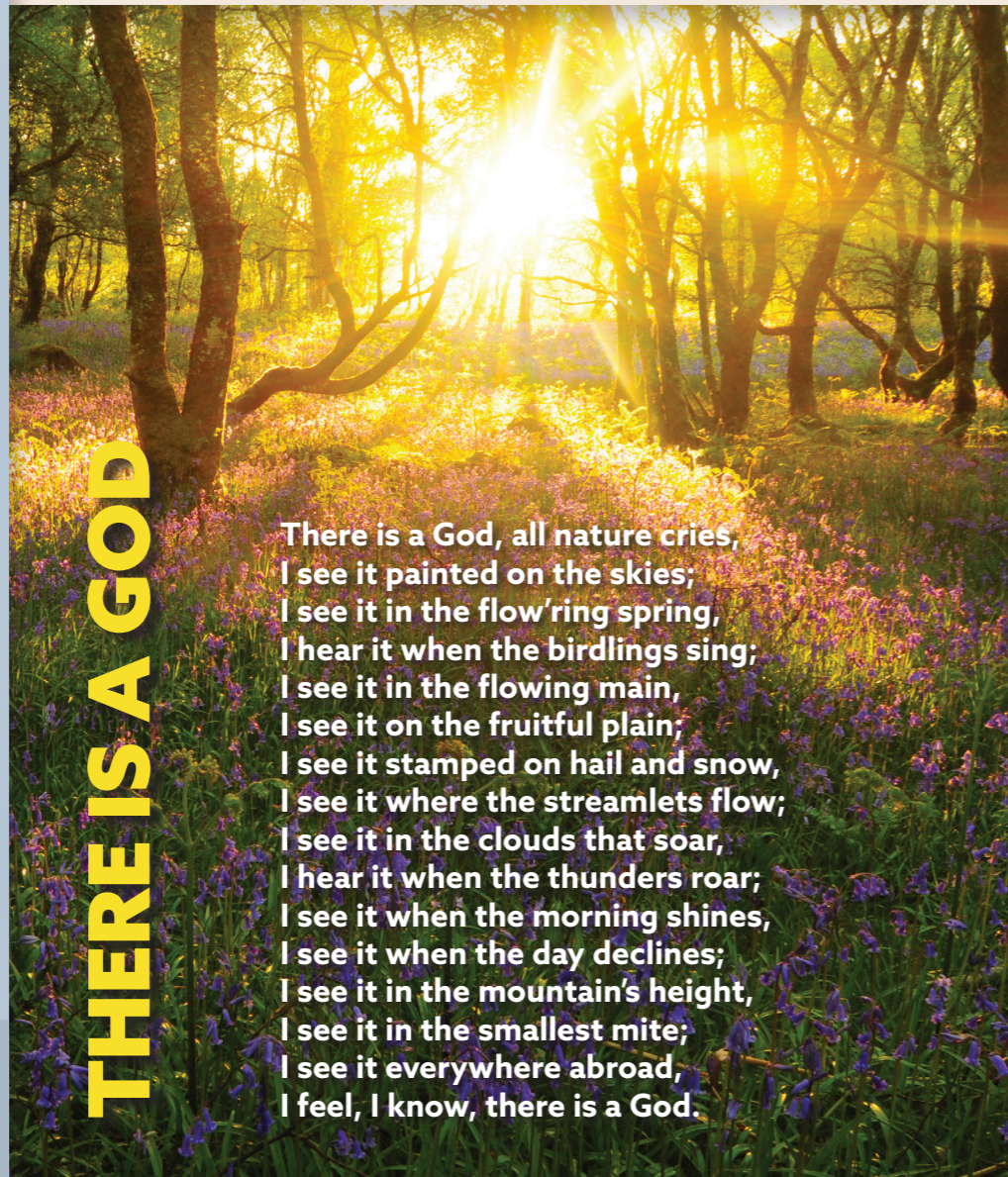
On the 27th July 1689, the Jacobite army of James the second defeated the government army of William of Orange at the Battle of Killiecrankie. Following the rout of William's army, government soldiers were fleeing in every direction. Among them was a certain Donald McBane who was being pursued by a number of bloodthirsty highlanders. As he was running ahead of them, he came to a deep ravine, at the bottom of which flowed the river Garry. Without hesitation and attired in his heavy redcoat uniform, he leapt across the chasm - an incredible distance of 5.5 metres - and escaped the now startled highlanders. If living today, that feat would surely have merited him a place in the next Olympic long jump team!

It is incredible what a human can achieve when the "hound of death" is on their track; but sadly, inevitably, it will catch up with us all. It is an appointment we must keep, as the Bible says, "It is appointed unto men once to die and after this the judgment" Hebrews 9:7. Death, as a result of the first man's (Adam) one act of disobedience, has a claim upon all. The Word of God says, "As by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned" Romans 5:12.

We cannot bridge the great chasm of sin that separates us from God by our own good works or religious devotions. However, the amazing good news is that God, in His love, has provided us with a Saviour, Jesus Christ, His Son. He, by His atoning death upon the cross and His resurrection from the dead, has made a way back to God for us. The Bible says "Christ also has once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God" 1Peter 3:18. Turn from yourself and your sin and receive Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord.

One great leap saved Donald McBane from certain death; one simple step of faith will save your soul for eternity!

But One Small Step Will Save Your Soul



THERE IS A GOD

**There is a God, all nature cries,
I see it painted on the skies;
I see it in the flow'ring spring,
I hear it when the birdlings sing;
I see it in the flowing main,
I see it on the fruitful plain;
I see it stamped on hail and snow,
I see it where the streamlets flow;
I see it in the clouds that soar,
I hear it when the thunders roar;
I see it when the morning shines,
I see it when the day declines;
I see it in the mountain's height,
I see it in the smallest mite;
I see it everywhere abroad,
I feel, I know, there is a God.**



Could I persuade you to stop for a few moments and take a fresh look at the cross?

All through our lives we have been familiar with the symbol of the cross. On our schoolwork, the cross, simply but starkly, informed us that we were wrong. When we receive a birthday card, the cross reminds us that we are loved. The cross on the ballot paper indicated that we had made a choice. The fabled pirate map told that the treasure was to be found at the cross.

The cross of the Lord Jesus Christ has strikingly similar lessons for us to learn, read on.

We are the ones who got it wrong, we have broken God's laws: "All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." Yet, on the cross, Jesus Christ died, having borne the judgment that our sins deserved. Unlike our schoolwork, the wrongs (sins) of life can't be corrected, but they can be forgiven, through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Pondering the cross of Jesus Christ reminds us that we are loved: "God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while

we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." This love is further described as a "great love" and "an everlasting love." Jesus Himself said "greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends"; but remember, we were sinners when He laid down His life on the cross.

In considering the above truths of our sin and God's love, we realise that the cross of Christ leaves us with a stark choice: to believe or not to believe. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and He that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the the wrath of God abideth on him." You will be responsible for making many different choices in life, but none will be so important as the choice that you will make concerning your soul's salvation. Only a deliberate choice to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ will result in the blessing of God's forgiveness.

Carefully following the guidance of the map, each instruction in succession, eventually led the seeker to the cross which marked the spot where the treasure would be found. The list of the treasures, described as spiritual blessings in the Bible, contains such riches as: forgiveness of sins, peace with God, placed in the family of God, an inheritance to be enjoyed eternally, to name a few. To claim such treasures follow the directions in the Bible. In the light of the cross confess to God the sin of your wrongdoing. Thank Him that in spite of your sin He has shown His love in sending the Lord Jesus Christ to die on the cross. In making such a choice you are opening the treasures of God's grace and goodness for your soul to enjoy for all eternity.

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Bible quotes in italics are from the King James Version: Romans 3:23; Romans 5:8; Ephesians 2:4; Jeremiah 31:3; John 15:13; John 3:36