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The story of ADITYA BORNZON

as told by Hulda Buntain



Hulda Buntain with Pastors of North Bengal in the Himalayan Mountains region

Aditya Bornzon's father was a militant leader of a local political party. In the Himalayan mountain areas there is much strife because the people want their own state, therefore, local political parties have a great following. During the time of uprising all businesses, stores and schools can be closed for days and it is a very tense time.

Things, however, did not go well for Aditya's family. His father became very depressed as he was at a low ebb in his political career. In his desperation, he was witnessed to by a Christian friend and the life of his entire family was changed. Aditya's father died soon after because of medical issues and his mother

worked hard in the maintenance department of a local hospital to support and raise four children, Aditya being the oldest. Once Aditya completed school, he left home, got into wrong company and went astray. However, God had his hand on Aditya's life and one day, full of resentment to God for taking his father, depressed, and without employment, he walked into our Darjeeling church. It was that day his life was changed. He knew that the Lord had a plan for his life.

Aditya joined our Bible School and was a devoted and excellent student. After his graduation, he commenced working with Pastor Claude Barua

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DESIGNED FOR RESCUE

Key Scripture: Roman 8:18-25

"I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us."

Aristotle once said: "The nature of man is not what he is born as, but what he is born for."

The question I would like to address is: Why are we the way we are?

Mankind distinguishes himself from all other creatures in that he is probably the greatest disturber of all nature. In his quest for survival, man plunders the earth by polluting the air, by poisoning the lakes, by depleting the soil, by polluting the oceans, by depleting our forests ... and not being satisfied with destroying the earth, man has also invaded space with space junk.

In his attempt to be creative man is essentially destroying the natural order of things. In fact history has proved that man is capable of more evil than any other creature on planet earth.

Why is this so? Why is man so destructive?

The problem is that man is a fallen creature. In his fallen nature man is capable of being a demon and also a saint. Despite his fallen state, man's potential is almost unlimited whether he is building an airplane, designing a cathedral, composing music or sending a rocket to the moon.

For many reasons, such potential for good and evil does not reside in the animal kingdom. Man's constitution makes him far superior to the animal kingdom.

But the greatest difference between man and the animals is that he has a different destiny and unlike any other creature, man alone has the capacity for redemption. Even angels do not have this capacity. In short, man is a unique creation designed by God for the purpose of rescue.

Scientists pretty well agree that man could not exist unless the universe is constituted the way it is. Even planet Earth would not exist unless the universe was constituted the way it is.

Therefore, since neither the earth nor man could exist unless they are constituted the way they are, they are constituted the way they are for a reason.

What's that, you might be asking?

The answer is simple: "Failure". In the final analysis man and the universe were made so that it could fail ... not that it would fail ... but that it could fail.

Romans 8:20 tells us: **"For the creation was subjected to frustration (vanity, failure), not by its own choice, but by the will of the One who subjected it, in hope."**

So what does Paul mean?

God in His foreknowledge knew that man would fail and frustrate all creation and God would allow that to happen ... "in hope"... in such a way that man and creation could be rescued.

To help us to understand this better we can take the simple example of building a house. A man builds a house to suit the occupant. Every house is determined by the use to which it is put.

In the same way, when God created man in His image He designed a perfect house to express Himself in. That perfect house was man's body.

As the apostle Paul would say in 1 Cor. 3:16: **“Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit.”**

When God designed a body for man He actually had Himself in mind and that one day would actually step into the very house which He designed.

Because God designed man’s body Paul would write in Roman 12:1: **“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.”**

Man was given a body designed for the builder’s use, and so therefore it is a reasonable request from the builder to use his body for its designed purpose.

When King Solomon prepared to build the first Temple, God gave very specific instructions as to how it was to be built. The house that Solomon was to build was to be exceptional ... and exceedingly magnificent.

The body of the first Adam was also exceptional and exceedingly magnificent, and this is the kind of body that Jesus inhabited for 33 years.

Herein lies the answer to the question of why the apostle Paul uses the word “in hope”.

The universe was created to support man, and man was created to house the Spirit of God ... and everything was created in the hope ... “that it could be rescued”.

Romans 8:18-25: **“I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope.”**

Let us read on: **“that the creation itself will be liberated (rescued) from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the**

Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.”

This rescue plan began when God sent His Son, Jesus, 2000 years ago, who came into this world in a human body just like ours. The plan of rescue was accomplished at a place called Golgotha, on an old rugged cross. So simple and yet so profound that it still baffles the so-called wise men of the world. God, the Son, used an old wooden cross to rescue the world.

One day God is going to create a brand new heaven and a brand new earth ... which will support our brand new bodies ... this is the hope that we have as believers in Jesus Christ.

May you be encouraged, and may God continue to pour out His blessings upon you and your household. Thank you for your faithful giving.

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Roman

MISSIONFEST VANCOUVER

The Sunday Line booth will be located at site J05 during Mission Fest January 25-27. Please stop by and meet with us if you are able to attend and enjoy the various mission displays and guest speakers.



Pastor Aditya with children from the Darjeeling school

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and the staff at our Main Church in Darjeeling, and today is one of their most valuable and hardworking pastors.

I will never forget the day when Mark and I, with our daughter, Bonnie, went to Darjeeling for a short vacation. At that time we had no ministries in the mountains and Mark was very concerned that this entire large Himalayan Mountain area had no gospel witness. I can clearly remember one morning around 4:00 a.m. I saw

the door open to a small veranda outside our bedroom. Mark was standing overlooking the mountains as the sun was rising, praying, "God, give me these mountains." I only wish he had lived to see this prayer fulfilled, as today, in the large number of tea gardens with thousands of workers which cover the mountains, we have hundreds of churches and wonderful pastors. This would not have been possible if had it not been for our Darjeeling Bible School supported by Sunday Line and the faithful and wonderful donors.

The story of Aditya is just one of the hundreds of students who have graduated from our Darjeeling Bible School who are now pastoring churches across the Himalayan Mountains, which covers thousands of miles.

Announcing

"Sunday Line Fellowship"

It gives us great pleasure to announce that Sunday Line and World Ministries to Others has recently launched a brand new ministry called "Sunday Line Fellowship" which presently meets on Sunday mornings in Pastor Roman and Pat's house to celebrate and

worship together, and whose focus is to raise awareness for ongoing future support for the ministries that Sunday Line presently supports.

The Fellowship is totally missions oriented and was created in response to Sunday Line's founders (Bernice Gerard & Velma Chapman) to continue to support the ministries which rely on our ongoing support. The fellowship invites those who are looking for a place of worship to join hands with us to reach out to a hurting world and to make a difference.

We invite anyone in our area to visit us and enjoy the fellowship of believers whose desire is to reach out to those in need. For information please call Sunday Line at **778-294-4040**.

A vibrant poster for a performance by the Watoto Children's Choir. The central image shows a young girl in a yellow dress with her arms raised in a joyful gesture. The background is a colorful, abstract pattern of yellow, orange, and red. Text on the poster includes:

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