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2. They seize the planetary government in times of grave crises.
3. The politics of this planet are now in a critical stage (1487)

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In A Grief Observed, C.S. Lewis said he believed "that I, or any mortal at any time, may be utterly mistaken as to the situation he is really in."

Correct me if you think I'm wrong — and tell me why.



HAPPINESS is a BY-PRODUCT



If you set out to search for happiness — to get your "needs" met — you probably won't find it. Jesus tells us many times and in many ways — both in the Bible and the U-Book — to seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and everything else that you need will be given.

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That set me to thinking.

How is he different from the other members of the group, most of whom have been attending for years?

It seems that his coming to the group was sort of a subjective type thing. He was chasing happiness, satisfaction. What's in it for me?

The others were objective. They came to study the Book. To learn what it tells them about God. To seek the Father. To enter the kingdom. To learn how to pray. To ask what God's will is for them.

And guess what! There was a serendipity! They have enjoyed many years of fellowship, fun, love, and learning. Their needs were met.

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On page 1823 Jesus tells the apostles: "Let me assure you, once and for all, that, if you dedicate your lives to the work of the kingdom all your real needs shall be supplied. Seek the greater thing, and the lesser will be found therein; ask for the heavenly and the earthly shall be included. The shadow is certain to follow the substance." (emphasis mine)



Let us hear from you.




Nearing Eighty-one



This year I'll be 81
Time to relax and have some fun
Time to spread good news and cheer
For I have lived another year.

It doesn't seem like a year to me
for I'm as happy as I can be
Of course I have my aches and pains
But that is as natural as sunshine and rain
So I'll take life as it be
and bow my head in humility. (not false, I hope.)



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But there does seem to be one area in which our free will is superfinite. On page 1300 the Book states: "When a man chooses to find God and be like him, such a choice is superfinite; only eternity can disclose whether this choice is also superabsonite." (which I don't understand.)

So, it seems that the one area in which we do have unconditional free will is in the creation of our own destinies. On pages 1134-35 the Book says: "Man, in his spiritual domain, does have a free will. Mortal man is neither a helpless slave of the inflexible sovereignty of an all-powerful God, nor the victim of the hopeless fatality of a mechanistic cosmic determinism. Man is most truly the architect of his own eternal destiny." (my emphasis)

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A bad environment might prolong his period of confusion and conflict — but if he dies with only a "flicker of faith" he still has a chance. And on the first mansion world he can make up for that bad environment. If he so desires!

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Not a thing in this issue about eugenics! But that doesn't mean that I don't still think it's our most pressing social issue. Solve it — the dysgenics problem — and many other social evils will gradually fade away.