

Operation Discovery

TOP SECRET

Hidden somewhere in the world lies a book with the secret of power more awesome than a cobalt bomb. I shall give it the code-name "F."

If our secret movement could discover and direct this energy, we could begin a rev-olution that might well sweep the world.

This document is Top Priority, and is concerned with the possibility of some-one like you finding that book and rediscovering its secrets for our world. Of course, the volume is in code. No secret of comparable importance could ever be left unprotected. Such frightening force in the wrong hands might well mean terrible and universal destruction. "F" was designed to turn the tide of destruction on a planet that was in trouble. Mystery surrounds both the structure and designers of "F." For the purposes of Operation Discovery it will suffice to call the creators of this power The Great Ones. "F" was to be made available by them only for those who qualified by meeting stringent conditions designed to protect the harmony of the universe.

No ordinary code protects this volume's priceless contents. The Great Ones designed a protective coding key so simple that a child could unlock its treasures, yet so intricate that none but those who meet the conditions can unlock its mysteries. You will recognize the book by its resemblance to a well-written book of history, poetry, and ethics. An un-initiated reader could scan any encoded lines and only see a good story. Even a lifetime of careful search by a trained decoder would still fail to decipher its true meaning.

Decoding qualifications are simple but not easy. Are willing to accept a challenge? You may be the one we are looking for. Someone must rediscover and apply the key secrets before it is too late. Yet the qualifications are costly. Are you willing to use this discovery for the highest good of our world? Are you prepared to harness the awesome energies of "F" for the betterment of mankind, whatever the cost? Are you ready to make any personal sacrifices necessary to apply your discoveries unselfishly for the needs of your generation? Are you willing to go on once you begin, although it may well cost you your life to continue?

I hope we were not wrong in choosing you for Operation Discovery. Do you dare say yes? The Great Ones will know of your choice. Right at this moment, scattered across the world others have already begun the search... the most challenging search of all time. Do we have your consent to begin? Time is running out, but if you succeed, we may yet turn the tide.

Within are your instructions. Oh, by the way, you will need to get a copy of the book! Strangely enough, it is not too difficult to obtain one. You may even find one in your own home somewhere.

It's called the *Holy Bible*.

This Book the Bible - a letter from the Living God!

For hundreds of years, this has been the passport of power for men and women of God who changed their world. God's new race to redirect history is people of His Word. Each new generation must have its men to rediscover the fiery reality of Holy Scripture. The destiny of your age may hinge on your venture into its secrets.

The unseen God cannot be discovered by unaided human reason. God is a God who hides Him-self. (Is. 45:15) He reveals His presence only to those who are honest enough to face their sin and surrender to His love. (Is. 59:1-4; 55:6-7; Heb. 11:6)

He can be discovered only when He wants to be. If a heart is dishonest, and a life is a lie, God will show that person nothing. He does not need to impress anyone He will share His powerful secrets only with those willing to become as little children - eager to learn, excited to discover, and willing to obey. No member of the Godhead will reveal Himself unless we meet the conditions. (Luke 10:21-22; Duet. 29:9; Pro. 1:23; Isa. 45:3; John 12:36-40; I Cor. 2:4-10; Eph. 2:17-19; Matt. 18:3) Neither can God's written Word be understood by ordinary methods of study and insight alone. Knowledge without corresponding goodness is terribly dangerous. God has locked His treasures so that the wise, (according to the wisdom of the world), will only be puzzled, blinded, and totally ignorant of its real meaning. A thousand people can all research the Bible with great intensity and each comes up baffled with different ideas and conflicting discoveries. No matter how high the powers of reason, no matter how deep the intellect, no one can discover God's secret messages without paying the cost of true discipleship. God has guarded His Word so that only the pure in heart can see its secrets. All other efforts will fail. (I Cor. 1:17-31) God has appointed an agent through whom the Bible can be understood. Only one person can open the mind to see the Bible's secrets - a person who knows the secret attitude of every human heart. He is the author of the Holy Scriptures. (2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:20-21) Filling all time and space, He is the most mysterious member of the Godhead. "Secret Agent X-3" is the third person of the Holy Ones, The Holy Spirit. He is the Father's chosen decoder through whom the simplest humble servant of the Lord God can understand the Bible. You cannot really love God's Book until you meet this wonderful person. He alone can open the glories of the Scriptures and thrill your heart with Christ. (John. 14:16-17, 26; I Cor. 2:11)

STEP 1:

The first step to cracking the code of Scripture is to yield your mind to the Holy Spirit of God. He will take command of your life and direct your thoughts to the secrets hidden in Scripture. He is admitted to the control room of your reason when you surrender your life to the Son of God, Jesus Christ. (I John. 3:23-24, Rom. 10:8-10; 8:1-9) This is the first, and greatest cost of Operation Discovery. It involves death - death to your own proud ideas, death to your own natural wisdom without God, death to selfish ambition. It demands total surrender of every life faculty to the guidance of Christ, When you enthrone Jesus Christ as the King of your life, He will give you the gift of the Holy Spirit. God's own Secret Agent. He will strengthen you against the counter attacks of the Enemy. He will help when the journey becomes difficult, His chief purpose is to show you how wonderful the Lord Jesus is, and reveal that glory in the Bible. Let Him take over the controls of your perception and turn on your spiritual understanding. (John 16:12-15; I Cor. 1:17-31; Rom. 8:26; 12:1-2)

STEP 2:

The second Scripture code lock opens with another key - human need. Approach the Bible without sincere desire to discover and the door of understanding will stay closed. God does not do business with people who do not mean business with Him. He never used anyone He could easily get rid of. Only those who are willing to come with need - devotedly, determined, even desperately - can discover the secrets of the Lord God. (Gen. 32:26; Matt. 15:21-28; Luke. 8:15; 11:5-8; 18:1-8; 2 Tim. 2: 14-15) Insert the key of need and the Bible will light up with meaning. It is not by chance that Christ is called the Word of God. (John 1:1) Our attitude towards the Lord Jesus is directly reflected in our attitude towards His written Word, the Bible. It is the only material link we have with heaven. If you really love the Author, you will love His Book. Disinterest in the written Word of God is a sure sign of spiritual apostasy from the Living Word of God, the Lord Jesus. Spiritual desire or need is deepened by prayer. Bring the key of your need to God in prayer. Whatever you desire for His glory - comfort, strength, direction, or praise - it will be gloriously revealed by the God of love who delights to meet human helplessness with divine power. If your life is clean from sin, no matter how limited your education or your natural understanding God will show you His Scriptural treasures. The deeper your desire for God, the more rapidly His Word will open to you. (Matt.5:6; John 4:34; 7:15-17) Right now, you are able to understand all of God's Word that you honestly want to understand.

STEP 3:

The last code can only be cracked by the sacrifice of time. It is nearly impossible to find time for the study and reading of Scripture; you must make time! Satan does everything possible to keep you away from God's Word. The "sword of the Spirit," (Eph. 6:17), is a deadly weapon against the Enemy in the hands of a trained Christian. Jesus answered each of Satan's temptations with Scripture - "It is written!" (Malt. 4:4, 7, 10) If you ever must guard your life against Enemy infiltration it will be right here - in making time to decode God's daily instructions for sabotaging the Enemy lines. If you are pressed with a multitude of things that must be done instead of your Bible reading - know where they come from. You must discipline your life to make time for God's Word, and determinedly resist all the subtle suggestions for forgetting it. If you are too busy for this, you are too busy. Without the knowledge of Scripture, you are like a toothless tiger in a jungle of danger.

1. READ

The basic reason most Christians do not understand the Bible is that they never read it! You must learn to live in the great truths of Scripture until they become a living part of you. God's plan for world evangelism is to incarnate His Word in twice-born men. It is this awe-some unity that releases the power of faith to revolutionize lives. (John 17:6-21; Rom.10:13--17; Malt. 13:23, cf. Matt. 13:28) D. L. Moody once said, "I prayed for faith and thought that some day faith would come down and strike me like lightning. But faith did not seem to come. One day I read Romans 10:17. I opened my Bible and began to study, and faith has been growing ever since." True, world-changing faith is a loyalty of love to the Word of God. The Bible can be read right through aloud in just 70 hours and 40 minutes. Read 10 chapters a day and you can finish it in about 18 weeks - three times a year. By reading it just five minutes a day, you can finish the entire Bible at least once a year. Right now you must decide how much time you intend to give to God to train you for His work. If you gave only one-tenth of your time each day that would be over 2 hours! Jonathan Edwards studied 13 hours a day. Billy Graham spends at least 6 hours a day in the Scriptures. If you had to live on a "meal" of the Bible, would you starve to death?

Do not dare patronize God with a hurried glance at His Holy Word, and then call this affront "devotions". If you love a person you will want to spend time with them. Is God so hard to love? Are His promises so boring you really couldn't care less about using them? Or will you now ask God for the courage to discipline your life to spend time with His Book? If so, decide sensibly, on the amount of time that you can afford each day or the number of chapters or verses you decide to read each day. Make a solemn vow to God before the recording angel. (Eccl.5:4-6) You may afterwards increase your time, but do not lessen it, so decide carefully and intelligently. Better a few understood verses than chapters of hurried scanning. You should read so you that will not need a bookmarker to remember where you were reading. When you have done this, sign the following pledge and paste it in the front of your Bible.

After reading Ecclesiastes 5:4-6 and realizing the seriousness of such a vow to my Lord, I vow to read ____ chapters a day in the Word of God.

2. RESEARCH

Reading alone will not open all the treasures of Scripture. You must spend some time in study. The Holy Spirit will help you here if you ask Him, (John 16:13; Jas. 1:5), but you must pay the price of extra discipline to study "to show yourself approved to God, a workman that doesn't need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth." (2 Tim. 2:15; John. 5:39; Acts 17:11) Your most useful tool will be a concordance. This is a sort of Bible index that helps you find words that you only partly remember. Simply look up one word you do remember in the concordance and go through the list of verses until you find the one you are looking for. Some Bibles have small concordances in the back. For a moderate cost you can buy much better ones to help you study.

Keep a notebook in which you can record your studies. Work neatly and you will have a good record of your progress through Scripture. In your Bible, mark all the verses that God opens up to you in a special way. If funds permit you may even like to buy a loose-leaf or wide-margin Bible. Abbreviate books, verses and chapters as you see in this sheet; i.e. the First Epistle of John, chapter one, verses nine through to ten becomes simply "I Jn. 1:9-10." Expect the direct teaching and illumination of the Holy Spirit when you study. (I Cor. 2:12-13; I John. 2:27)

3. MEDITATE

Meditation involves rethinking all passages of Scripture into our daily experiences, and using God's Word to express our feelings and decisions. Thinking God's thoughts after Him through meditation on the Scriptures purifies the thought life and helps us learn God's own language to talk to Him. We will never grasp all the depth of meaning in the Word of God, as God's thinking is higher than ours is in all levels. (Is. 55:8-11; I Cor. 1:25) But, by rethinking His thoughts after Him, through Scriptural meditation, we can alter the old habits of our minds and bring every thought into captivity for Christ. (2 Cor. 10:5; 3:18) To help you meditate on a verse say it aloud. Repeat it to yourself a number of times, and mentally underline each key word in the verse. "Chew the cud" with Scripture until it becomes a vital part of your spirit. Constant mental repetition of a verse is like dialing a familiar telephone number remembered through habit. Many blessings are promised through meditation. (Josh. 1:7; Ps. 1:2-3; I Tim. 4:15) You can meditate on Scripture in many places. (Deut.6:7) Take time to meditate!

4. MEMORIZE

Scripture memorization is the most effective tool for using the Word of God in life. One of the simplest ways to memorize is to write out the verse that you want to learn on a card and carry it with you all day. Read it every spare moment; on the bus, in a line, waiting for someone. See if you can quote it word-perfect without looking at the card. After you have learned one verse like this, you can begin another, adding that to your cards. A daily memorization program is the single most important practice for using Scripture in life yet discovered. One Christian lost his arms and legs, his sight and his hearing, in an accident. He learned to read a Braille Bible with his tongue. He completely read the whole Bible four times. Of all those dedicated to Operation Discovery, he is the leader when compared to what we, the "seeing ones," have done. Will you take time daily to hide the Word of God in your heart that you might not sin against God? (Ps. 119:11; Jas. 4:7; 2 Tim. 2:15; 3:15-16; Ps. 119:42; I Pet.3:15; John 6:63; Ps. 19:7; Heb. 4:12)

Operation Discovery is now under way for you. You must learn to feed yourself from the Word of God, to unlock the secrets of power with God and light a torch of faith and fire for your generation. God's will is expressed in His Word. Your world is waiting for the discoveries you must make.