

# *Gleanings from the Missionary*

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## GREAT CHRISTIANS AND WHERE THEY START

“Great Christians were not born great. They did not have greatness thrust upon them. One by one, in agony, in self-denial, in self-surrender, in total oblivion to the things of the world, the flesh, and the devil; toiling, struggling, striving, up and up they climbed the steep ascent to Victory. Treading in the bloody footprints of their Great Example, they left many a drop of blood to mingle with His. With Paul, they filled up the cup of Christ’s sufferings. There is no other way to lofty Christianity, to successful service in the field of the Master. It is all or nothing. Trifling, piddling, dribbling, all these may avail in other fields, although even in them the guerdon goes to the single-minded, to the stout-hearted, but in triumphant kingdom building, they have no place. Give Christ the right of way in all things, in all places, at all times. That is the first step” (*God’s Answer to Man’s Sin*, Hyman Appleman, theWord Bible Software).

## THE IMPACT OF THE AUTHORIZED VERSION ACCORDING TO RICHARD DAWKINS

“Even a leading 21<sup>st</sup>-century atheist agrees [that the Authorized Version of the Bible has made a tremendous impact on English-speaking society]. Richard Dawkins, being asked why he wanted to participate in the 2011 celebrations of the Authorised Version, replied ‘You can’t appreciate English literature unless you are steeped to some extent in the King James Bible, people don’t know that the proverbial phrases which make echoes in their minds come from this Bible. We are a Christian culture, we come from a Christian culture and not to know the King James Bible, is to be in some small way, barbarian’” (*The Authorized Version: A Wonderful and Unfinished History*, C. P. Hallihan, 2010, p.63).

## REMINDED OF OUR DYING DAY

“A [looking] glass of mortality is here set before us, wherein we may see our own fragile condition. There is a sentence passed upon us all: “It is appointed unto men once to die” (Heb. 9:27); so that our life is but a short reprieve from death, which is granted to a condemned man. A wise man’s life, saith Plato, is nothing else but a contemplation of death. The Lord would have us inure [accustom] ourselves to dying thoughts (Deut. 32:20); and, as it were, by meditation, often to stretch ourselves upon our deathbed. God clothed our first parents with skins of dead beasts, and feeds us with dead flesh—that so often as we see the death of other creatures we might not forget our own” (*The Christian Soldier, or Heaven Taken by Storm Shewing the Holy Violence Is to Put Forth in the Pursuit After Glory, to Which Is Added, The Happiness of Drawing Near to God, and the Saint’s Desire to Be with Christ*, Thomas Watson, 1816, p. 196).

## THE PRICE OF THE BIBLE

“It has been estimated that an early handwritten Bible on vellum might cost the price of a farm, a 16<sup>th</sup>-century printed Bible the price of a cow, and the price of a modern printed Bible the cost of a gallon of milk” (*The Authorized Version: A Wonderful and Unfinished History*, C. P. Hallihan, 2010, p.37).