

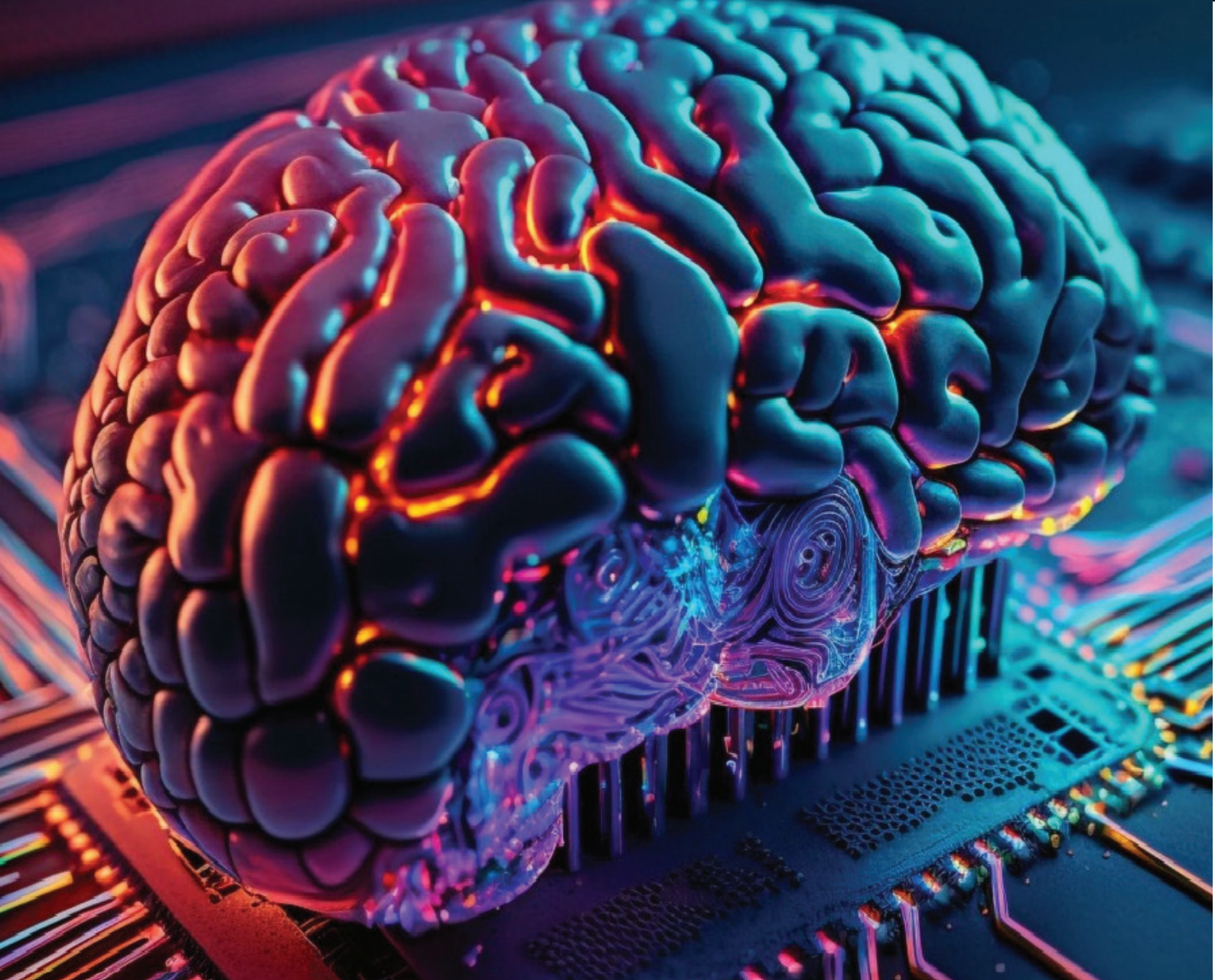
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STEPS TO CHRIST

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Now it's time to stand for truth!



AI Defeated!

It's September . . . already. Surely time is accelerating. Where has this year gone? You know the old saying - time waits for no man. It certainly appears to be true. But do you recall that time did stand still - for a whole day? Time DID wait for one particular man in history, and the victory that was wrought was recorded for our encouragement and blessing. More on this later.

Next month will mark one year since we published our first newsletter. If you haven't done so recently, I encourage you to re-read the newsletters on our blog page here. God never ceases to amaze. If nothing else it will refresh your understanding of our Steps to Christ project. The incredible miracles that God has performed throughout our journey is nothing short of awe inspiring. We truly serve a mighty God who always takes care of His creation.

How often are you needing to confess that you have no time. It seems nobody has time anymore. I've lost count of the number of times I've had to say, I don't have time. The truth is we all have an equal amount of time - twenty four hours every day. The question is what are we doing with our time?

When time stood still. . .

While the Amorites were continuing their headlong flight (from the Israelites), intent on finding refuge in the mountain strongholds, Joshua, looking down from the ridge above, saw that the day would be too short for the accomplishment of his work. If not fully routed, their enemies would again rally, and renew the struggle. "Then spake Joshua to the Lord, ... and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon. And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies.... The sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day." – {PP 508.2}

During my morning worship I was studying Joshua chapter 10. I found myself considering a number of points. In the interest of time I'll only share a couple . . . no pun intended! Think about this. Joshua defeated Ai and her king. But for Joshua to have been able to achieve this result, there were a few things that had to take place. First, he needed to personally know the One who would bring the victory through him. He had to hear his Commanders voice. Earnest prayer was a necessity. He was required to exhaust all human effort in pursuit of victory. . . and then, only then, did God perform a miracle. Joshua's persistence and personal surrender enabled divine intervention which commanded the sun and moon to stand still. What faith! What perseverance!

Before the evening fell, God's promise to Joshua had been fulfilled. The entire host of the enemy had been given into his hand. Long were the events of that day to remain in the memory of Israel. "There was no day like that before it or after it, that Jehovah hearkened unto the voice of a man: for the Lord fought for Israel." "The sun and moon stood still in their habitation: at the light of Thine arrows they went, and at the shining of Thy glittering spear. Thou didst march through the land in indignation, Thou didst thresh the heathen in anger. Thou wentest forth for the salvation of Thy people." Habakkuk 3:11-13. – {PP 508.3}

The Spirit of God inspired Joshua's prayer, that evidence might again be given of the power of Israel's God. Hence the request did not show presumption on the part of the great leader. Joshua had received the promise

that God would surely overthrow these enemies of Israel, yet he put forth as earnest effort as though success depended upon the armies of Israel alone. He did all that human energy could do, and then he cried in faith for divine aid. The secret of success is the union of divine power with human effort. Those who achieve the greatest results are those who rely most implicitly upon the Almighty Arm. The man who commanded, “Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon,” is the man who for hours lay prostrate upon the earth in prayer in the camp of Gilgal. The men of prayer are the men of power. – {PP 509.1}

So powerful and so encouraging. I stand in awe of how God uses His word and the stories of the bible to lift us up and keep us moving forward - little by little when the mountain seems impassable and the circumstance impossible.

There was something else that caught my attention whilst reading in the book of Joshua. . . Ai. Could it be that God purposefully put Ai in His word to fore warn us as to what was going to happen with our modern day A.I. (Artificial intelligence)? A “potential” prophecy maybe? I don't know, and I'm certainly not suggesting anything, but I did find it interesting to learn what the primitive root word Ai actually means. From Strongs

Concordance:

H5753 (Strong)

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‘âvâh

aw-vaw'

A primitive root; to crook, literally or figuratively: - do amiss, bow down, make crooked, commit iniquity, pervert, (do) perverse (-ly), trouble, X turn, do wickedly, do wrong.

Total KJV occurrences: 17

A number of things come to mind as I read the meaning. Is AI an entering wedge that has the appearance of good but is inherently evil? Is AI the cornerstone of evil deceit? Is AI going to play a part in how Satan plans to appear as Christ? Do any of us really know how far AI is going to reach in terms of the misuse of our privacy and identity?

It raises the question - can we safely use this technology to advance the gospel? I don't have the answer. I do know that when we have finished filming the Steps to Christ project and the social media content, we plan to use the capability of this technology to reach millions of souls by translating it into many languages. This I would consider is an outcome for good.

As each day passes, the depth to which AI is reaching into our lives becomes clearer. Yes, it is unprecedented and can be troubling. Maybe our biggest question is, “Am I going to be deceived?”

My mind is directed to this passage in John - Chapter 14 verses 1 to 3:

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

Friends, there are things happening right now on a global scale that we cannot see. Intellectually, physically, and spiritually. AI is taking hold. But more the point, now is the time when we must know the truth as it is in Jesus - not artificial truth, but real truth, spiritual truth . . . Biblical truth. Even more so, do we know He who is truth?

Jesus said in John 17:3:

This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou has sent.

In His service,

Nicole



**Breaking
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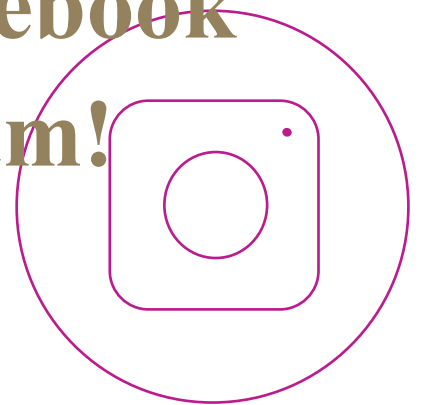
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