I. REDEMPTION OF MAN: TO REALIZE THE DIVINE PURPOSE

- "To restore in man the image of his Maker.
- To bring him back to the perfection in which he was created.
- To promote the development of body, mind, and soul, that the divine purpose in his creation might be realized.
- This was to be the work of redemption.
- This is the object of education.
- The great object of life." Education, 15

II. WHAT IS THAT DIVINE PURPOSE IN THE CREATION OF MAN

"But the plan of redemption had a yet broader and deeper purpose than the salvation of man. It was not for this alone that Christ came to the earth; it was not merely that the inhabitants of this little world might regard the law of God as it should be regarded; but it was to **vindicate the character of God** before the universe." Patriarchs and Prophets, 68

III. CHRIST IN HUMAN FLESH: TO REVEAL THE FATHER

"Christ, the Light of the world, veiled the dazzling splendor of His divinity and came to live as a man among men, that they might, without being consumed, become acquainted with their Creator. Since sin brought separation between man and His Maker, no man has seen God at any time, except as He is manifested through Christ. —I and my Father are one. John 10:30....God saw that a clearer revelation than nature was needed to **portray both His personality and His character.** He sent His Son into the world to manifest, so far as could be endured by human sight, the nature and attributes of the invisible God." Ministry of Healing, 419

IV. IMAGE: FROM GENESIS TO REVELATION

This image adapted from the teaching of Dr. Haynes is a very unique and comprehensive way to understand and appreciate:

- The work of redemption.
- The object of education.
- The great object of life.

Starting with the first horizontal line at the top of the image we can **identify 7 Timelines in History** which take us from Genesis chapters 1-2 to Genesis 3, all the way to Revelation 19 and 20:1-6 with the Second Coming of Christ.

- V. The 7 Timelines in History Going from left to right on the image.
- VI. Going now to the left and vertically on the image.
 - FIRST TIMELINE Adam and Eve Before Sin Genesis 1 and 2

The **Inward Man** – His mind - His Character - Intellect/Conscience/Reason at all times controlled his -

Outward Man – His body – His Flesh - Passions/Appetites/Desires – were pure. **His Will by Faith** was submitted to His Creator - His Character and Body were pure.

Adam and Eve were not created Immortal.

Immortality was promised to them on condition of Obedience.

• SECOND TIMELINE - Adam and Eve after Sin - Genesis 3

The **Inward** man – His mind – Character became **affected and infected** by sin and got a record in his mind and in the heavenly sanctuary for his disobedience. His **Outward** man – became **affected and infected** by sin.

The **Passions** – Appetites and Desires **controlled** the Intellect – Conscience and Reason

Sin **did not change** the faculties of the mind but instead brought a **perversion of the faculties – perversion of character**. They lost the perfect functioning of their mind – they became upside down!

Adam and Eve **forfeited immortality** when they disobeyed their Creator and did not believe His warning not to partake of the tree of knowledge of good and evil – Ye shall surely die! He had said – instead they chose another master which lied to them by assuring them that they would 'not surely die.'

• THIRD TIMELINE - You and Me Before Conversion: Notice Same as Adam after sin

Some **would like us** to believe that we are **born perfect** and we become imperfect after we sin.

Others **believe** that all human beings have inherited the 'guilt' of Adam and Eve at birth and must be **baptized as infants**.

But the Bible is clear on the first statement – we are not born perfect -Romans 3:23 declares that "all have sinned and fall short of the glory
(character) of our God [Creator]." And in Isaiah 59:2 "But your
iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his
face from you, that he will not hear."

The children of Adam and Eve and their descendants were all born this way: affected and infected by sin in the inward and outward man. The outward controlling the inward man. And with a tendency, a bent to evil, a record, a knowledge of evil, character of Satan that man cannot remove himself.

And while we have not inherited the guilt of Adam's sin, we are instructed that "The **blood of Christ**, while it was **to release the repentant sinner from the condemnation of the law**, **was not to cancel the sin**; it would stand on record in the sanctuary until the final atonement." Patriarchs and Prophets, 357

Thus we have **inherited the condemnation of the Law** which is the **fallen nature of Adam** in the inward and outward man and **only a Redeemer** can pay the ransom for the result of that disobedience – the condemnation under the Law – **the first and second death**.

• FOURTH TIMELINE - Adam and You and Me after Conversion

Once we repent, confess and accept Christ as our **Redeemer** represented by the **lamb in the Court in the Sanctuary** – we are **justified and imputed the mind of Christ**. But the work has just begun. We will still face temptations and often fall – the outward man taking over the inward man as sanctification in the Holy Place is a **work of a lifetime**. The **Record of Sin** – **still remains** in the Most Holy Place in the Heavenly Sanctuary and in our mind and body.

Day by day we must **submit our will** on the **altar of burnt offering** – being washed in the water of life **at the laver** representing baptism and drinking from the water of life day by day -- being born and filled with the Holy Spirit **at the candlestick** – feeding upon the Word at the **table of shewbread** – praying and meditating at the **altar of incense** where a **Continual Atonement in the Court and Perpetual Intercession in the Holy Place** were performed by Christ on man's behalf till 1844 when the Anti-Typical Day of Atonement or **Judgment started (Most Holy Place)**.

• FIFTH TIMELINE - Jesus our Redeemer at His birth and Life

Without a doubt, this is the most critical part of the image to understand: Many theologians and preachers teach that Christ's Nature was the same as Adam before sin.

Others teach that Christ's Nature was the same as Adam after sin.

These are 2 opposite teachings in the realm of Christianity. Both cannot be correct. Either one is right and the other one is wrong or both are wrong. The answer is: **Both are wrong**.

What does the Bible teach?

The apostle John in 2 John 1:7 declares "For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist."

John is saying that those who **do not believe** that Christ did come in the flesh – are antichrist. Those who deny that **Christ took our sinful fallen nature in the outward man upon His sinless Divine Nature in the Inward man are antichrist**.

The apostle Paul, in Hebrews 4:15 declares: "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin."

Observe the image attentively and notice that Christ at His birth and during His lifetime possessed the same mind as Adam before he sinned. That is why the Bible says in Philippians 2:5 "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." Christ possessed the perfect undefiled mind of Adam and though tempted more than anyone of us will ever be, He never gave in into temptation – remember temptation is not sin.

We are tempted through passions, appetites and desires and the 5 avenues to the soul, the 5 senses – but we sin through the Intellect, Conscience and Reason.

At no time Christ sinned – and while He **took upon Himself our fallen human nature in the outward man**, He took the **pure inward man** as Adam received

at Creation – pure – with no perversion or propensities to sin – with no record of sin.

He was Messiah – the Redeemer – the Son of God who came to live and to teach us how to live a perfect life even in this body of sin. He had no record of sin on His Inward Man – He was not affected or infected by sin at that level. But He was affected by sin in the Outward man and He could be hungry, thirsty, wept, and die and He did go through all that as a man. But His divinity conquered in all points. And He is wanting for us to have this perfect mind through the work of the Sanctuary: specifically in the Most Holy Place and the Final Atonement – Judgment.

The answer to this major theological question:

Which nature did Christ took when He came on the earth?

ANSWER:

Christ took the **Perfect Inward Man** – Mind – Character of Adam **before sin**. And the **Fallen Outward Man** – Body – Flesh – Carnal flesh of Adam **after sin**. At all times **His will was submitted to His heavenly Father**.

• SIXTH TIMELINE - 144000 Probation Closes

Other theological questions:

Who are the 144000?

"And I **heard the number** of them which were sealed: and there were sealed **an hundred and forty and four thousand** of all the tribes of the children of Israel." Revelation 7:4.

"These were redeemed from among men, being the **Firstfruits [Barley – Revelation 14:14-20; Exodus 9:31, 32]** unto God and to the Lamb." Revelation 14:4.

"The living saints, 144,000 **in number**, knew and understood the voice." Early Writings, 14.

• 144000: Is it a literal or prophetic number?

How many people were in the ark? (Genesis 7:7)

Answer: 8

How many people were in Gideon's army and won the battle? (Judges 7:7)

Answer: 300

How many apostles did Jesus choose? (Matthew 10:2)

Answer: 12

Do the test for every number of people mentioned from Genesis to Revelation and it is always a **literal number**. There is **no 'prophetic number'** for people in the whole Bible. Prophetic numbers have to do with '**times**' not people. Therefore, there is no precedent in the Bible for prophetic number of people – thus, the **144000** in **Revelation 7** and **14** are 'literal'.

• Are the 144000 the same people as the great multitude? "After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude [Wheat], which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues." Revelation 7:9; 14:14-20; Matthew 13:29.

Are the 144000 from the tribes of Israel exclusively?

"Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep **the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus**." Revelation 14:12.

"Thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for **the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy**." Revelation 14:10.

If they are from the 12 tribes of Israel – they have to be **converted to Messiah** and **believe in the Spirit of Prophecy**!

Who are the 144000?

"Upon the crystal sea before the throne, that sea of glass as it were mingled with fire,—so resplendent is it with the glory of God,—are gathered the company that have "gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name." [Revelation 13, 15:2.] With the Lamb upon Mount Zion, "having the harps of God," they stand, the hundred and forty and four thousand that were redeemed from among men; and there is heard, as the sound of many waters, and as the sound of a great thunder, "the voice of harpers harping with their harps." [Revelation 14:1-5; 15:3; 7:14-17]

And they sing "a new song" before the throne, a song which no man can learn save the **hundred and forty and four thousand**. It is the song of Moses and the Lamb,—a song of deliverance. None but the **hundred and forty-four thousand** can learn that song; for it is the song of their experience,—an experience such as no other company have ever had. "These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth."

These, having been **translated** from the earth, from among the living, are counted as "the **first-fruits** unto God and to the Lamb." "These are they which came out of **great tribulation**;" [Revelation 14:1-5; 15:3; Revelation 7:14-17.] they have passed through **the time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation** [Daniel 12:1]; they have endured the anguish of the time of Jacob's trouble; they have stood without an intercessor through the final outpouring of God's judgments.

But they have been delivered, for they have "washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." "In their mouth was found no guile; for they are without fault" before God. "Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them." [Revelation 14:1-5; 15:3; Revelation 7:14-17.] They have seen the earth wasted with famine and pestilence, the sun having power to scorch men with great heat, and they themselves have endured suffering, hunger, and thirst. But "they shall hunger no more; neither thirst anymore; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat; for the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters; and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes." [Revelation 14:1-5; 15:3; 7:14 -17.]" The Great Controversy, 648.

Observe the image and compare the 144000 and Christ as He came and **lived a perfect life on the earth**. The 144000 will have gone through the work of the Great Day of Atonement **while alive**. The **judgment of the living is to follow the judgment of the dead**, but no man knows when. But we know the **test** for the **living** starts with the declaration of the **Sunday Law in the USA** followed by a **Universal Sunday Law**. The **probation closes**, the **plagues start** falling on the earth and the 144000 go through, with the wicked, into a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation, according to Daniel 12:1.

The **144000** are called to be the **Witnesses** which **vindicate** the **character/Law of the Heavenly Father before the whole Universe** and they will not fail even under the duress trials. They can do this because the work in the Most Holy Place has been accomplished in them: **the removal of the knowledge of evil**, the **character of Satan** (Education, 26), **the record of sin**, the blots, the bent to evil they obtained from the fall of Adam and Eve. Though tempted to the uttermost, they will remain faithful to their allegiance to their Redeemer.

• <u>SEVENTH TIMELINE - Jesus Second Coming</u>

When Christ's return the second time, His reward is with him. Revelation 22:12 He comes for the **executive judgment** of the **righteous**. The **righteous dead** are resurrected at the sound of the trumpet and the **righteous living** see Him coming in the cloud of glory.

Both groups have received already the perfect mind of Christ: October 22, 1844 marks the beginning of the Judgment of the dead according to Daniel 8 and 9. The record of their sin is removed and pardon is written beside their names. And now, with the righteous living, they receive a glorious body and are taken together to meet their Redeemer in the air and ascend to heaven with Him.

Their **Inward man and Outward man are restored like Adam at Creation**. They are still in possession of the **freedom of choice** and the **gift of immortality** is given to them. Sin and its tragedy will never rise again in the whole Universe. We have His promise: "He will make an utter end: **affliction shall not rise up the second time.**" Nahum 1:9.

The whole Universe has witnessed the malignity of sin and the destruction of sin, Lucifer and his angels and all the sinners. The righteous will consciously choose to never disobey their Creator or allow sin or rebellion to rise again.

We must strive to be among the 144000 and to vindicate the character of our Heavenly Father before the whole Universe.

May His will be done, His Kingdom come in earth as it is in heaven!