

## Eternal Life

One Sunday evening in 1953, I had just returned to Abingdon from Oxford where I had spent the day with friends and attended meetings. As I entered the door of Cosener's House I could hear the radio. The speaker was Dr Carl Von Weizaecker at the Max Planck Institute in Goettingen. He was both a Scientist and a Mystic. The subject of his talk escapes my memory, but his final words are firmly stored in my mind. "Eternal Life can be a present day experience for the human soul."

Cosener's House was an idyllic residence on an island in the Thames. It was a perfect dormitory for young scientists working at the Harwell atomic energy establishment. I had joined the year before as a scientific assistant in the Electronics division, and studied part time at the Oxford College of Advanced Technology, which is now the Oxford Brookes University. I earned a National Certificate in Nuclear Physics and Electronics from the Institute of Physics.

It was only after I had retired and began to study the fundamental physics of the Creation that I really understood what eternal life is. When you study the works of the Creator, you sometimes acquire a better understanding of the Creator himself. Eternity is not endless time. Time had a beginning at the big bang when God said "Let there be light" and all matter began to separate at the speed of light, and it will also have an end, when everything will be made new. But in the spiritual universe there is no time - it is always 'now.' To experience this, all we have to do is, in our minds, to step out of the 'river of time' and stand on the banks of eternity where there is perfect stability and peace.

I do not understand why there is tension between religion and science. God made the Universe because he wanted to do something different. He himself does not experience distance, because all things are where he is. To him a thousand years are as day, but separation in space and time and in other dimensions is what makes the universe what it is. He does not know change, but the Universe is based on change. He made the universe as we would make tree-house, and it is perfect in all respects because it obeys all of the Natural Laws. He made us in his image and likeness because he wanted to see what he would be like if he were a physical being. We are the ultimate survivors on earth, as He is the greatest power in the Spiritual Universe. But we failed through disobedience.

We are the only part of the Creation that ever suffered a recall, more than one in fact! At first He restricted man's access to the tree of life, then he destroyed all except a few living things with the flood. Then He tried the imposition of laws but these were

not obeyed. Finally he replaced the original disobedient Man with a perfect one, whose perfection was in his obedience to the Will of God, even to his death, which allowed for a New Creation and provided forgiveness for members of the old one. We now can experience eternal life any time we want to.

“He that believes in me, though he shall have died, yet he shall live, and he that lives and believeth in me shall never experience death.”