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Unfinished and Finished

KEY TO JOB.

[Luke 15. 30](#)

["This man began to build but was not able to finish"](#)

The meaning of the word finish as used in the text, seems not to be completion but completeness to be perfect and permanent. The seasons have their changes they come and depart. The stern **grandeur** of winter yields to the gentler challenges to vernal loveliness. Nature is silent but at work opening her wardrobes laying out her beautiful garments opening her jewel caskets selecting her brightest gems and getting ready for the June festival of roses The seedling is busy meekly at work out of sight toiling tirelessly in the dark and never sending a plaint above ground that earth is cold and hard but toils on for the history of a seed is its harvest The Scripture saith "**Summer and winter seedtime and harvest shall continue till the end**". But what is this end? The completeness and glory of time or its doom? The American Association of scientists have reported dolefully on solar physics. They claim that the sun is becoming **encrusted** and this incrustation will thicken until our planet is deprived of solar light and heat. That ultimately **satellite** will fall into planet and planet into sun, or that a collision with comet or planet out of its orbit may break the earth surface and the whole human family be **engulfed** in her

internal fires. Thus would chaos and old night end rather than finish the material universe and human race.

The history of men and empires is unfinished, Babylon Media Assyria **Nineveh** Thebes Palmyra are no more and for their pristine grandure or present decay who careth now the city of Petra excavated from a solid rock eight thousand years before Christ has crumbled into ruins there was not sufficient moral intellectual and spiritual force to preserve their foundations and structures. Not muscle nor matter constitutes and life of man or of nations.

A good builder finishes his work & before he begins it counts the whole cost of foundation and superstructure. He selects the right right place in which to build makes his foundations sure and employs only the materials in building that are fit and time worthy.

Adam began to build the human race but was not able to finish it; Adam was not man made in God's image and likeness. According to the Genesis of his creation his foundation was red sand stone, and he built on sand He was a type of mortals and a poor type of humanity. Not content with God's company unwilling to commune with the divine Principle of being and be guided by God he sought person for companionship and guidance this was the awful mistake he could not look outside of self for even that person nor bear a surgical operation in a state of consciousness. His self mesmerism closed consciousness and in a deep sleep he dreamed he was self-divided and his better half was a woman. He was afraid to recognize this state of being in animal magnetism and when he sinned and suffered for it he imputed the cause to his better half rather than the worse half of his nature. Mistaken misguided, deluded all the way he became deceitful dishonorable and dishonest He would shirk the responsibility of correcting his own faults and fasten them upon another hence his progeny are built on wrong foundations and the materials with which they are built are sin, sickness and death which are the doom rather than the finish of mankind.

[*]See p. no 2, 9

There is no difference between C.S., and orthodoxy except the enlargement of its views Instead of **beginning** with mortal man and matter it begins with Spirit, God, & immortal man hence it begins with perfection instead of imperfection as the rule

of the universe and for a perfect cause it derives perfect effect as the natural sequence in science

Solomon was a master builder materially but spiritually he was not able to finish with the gold of Ophir and the surpassing skill of art his temple was unable to stand his spiritual status was insufficient to draw a plan so elevated that its building is eternal in the heavens. His foundations were laid in sense not science his premises were false he believed in evil and good his faith in error was even greater than in Truth. He said "**there is a time for all things, a time to love and a time to hate**". This theory had rotten foundations and his materials were antagonistic to each other and self destructive hence he failed to finish his work and ended it by saying "**all is vanity and vexation of spirit**" And "how can one know whether he be a wise man or a fool"

Scholastic theology and medicine have been building six thousand years and have not reared one perfect superstructure The apex of either one is not God-crowned and eternal and wherefore because their foundations have not been wholly spiritual Paul said "**According to the grace of God**" etc copy 1 Cor 3:-10-15 inclusive)

The theory and doctrine of religion have build on evil as being as real & veritable as good, God whereas the Scriptures declare **God is all and there is none beside him** and whatever else seems to be is not to be considered a fact but the opposite of the fact not the real but the unreal this is the science of God & the universe. Religion has been based & built on a mortal & human sense of God & man Mortal, material & human hence it has not finished its work, so long as this sense is entertained, sin sickness & death will mingle with the foundation & superstructure of all things in time & eternity. We cannot start with God as Mind, Spirit & that Mind having a sense of evil disease & mortality & ever erase that sense from man since "**in Him we live move and have our being**" Man can have no mind that is not derived from his Maker & if God entertains the sense of discord it is eternal unavoidable & as much an element of Deity as harmony is. There must be a change in the foundations of the doctrines of religion They must be build on no other foundation than Christ perfection to rear imperishable superstructures "**a house, not made with hands, eternal in the heavens**"

Paganism was the foundation of physic to subjugate man. The pagan priests deprived him of his natural sense of the recuperative powers of being and instructed him to turn from Mind to matter as the remedy of disease. This false sense has fastened itself with harder grasp upon human liberty at every epoch of the material history of medicine hence **"this man has begun to build and was not able to finish"** until medicine is found Mind & this Mind God, **"Who healeth in divine Science all our diseases"** there will be no permanence nor life in healing.

Enoch & Elijah built in C.S. & were able to finish. Their foundations were Spirit & the materials with which they built were so spiritual God-like they reached heaven, harmony the home of Soul.

We have a progressed type of mankind since Adam, named Job. There is a similarity as well as disparity in their history The character of Adam originally was weak & **vacillating** he was a negative good in the beginning & a positive evil in results. Job was the type of a perfect and upright mortal which is a **solecism** in language since to be mortal is to be deficient in Truth that is immortal. But Job began a stronger mortal & a better builder than Adam, hence the fruits of his life were more in harmony with divine Science & in accord with God the divine Principle of being His environments like Adam's were in the **beginning** like Eden abounding with spontaneous riches, but the allegory which depicts the human experience by which mortals advance above the clod notes a time in the life of Job when he must know God good better & eschew evil more than he had done. The scriptural allegory reads **"There was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, & Satan came also among them"**.

We learn from this scripture that good & evil were presented to the mortal sense of Job the same as to Adam apart from the different forms in symbols to illustrate them. In Genesis evil was named a serpent in Job its name is Satan hence satan was never personal but was evil in all its forms.

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The typical history of Job improves Adam's type by presenting the inquiry whence is sin. God said to Satan "whence cometh thou?" This question of whence sin cometh decided by science enabled Job to master the evil because he found it was not from God & Adam's history presupposed God the author of evil & Satan replied, evil owned its origin was in earth in matter not Spirit hence Job's ability to defy it with Spirit & to annul its claim & Adam's inability because of evil's more potent lie namely that God was the author of evil & the Lord knoweth evil & that knowing evil opens the eyes of mortals to be as God who knoweth evil

At this juncture in Job's experience he was to receive a lesson in divine Science showing him the nothingness of evil & the supremacy of good also that evil has no history that God, good recognizes since with God, all is good.

The allegory presents a colloquy wherein good & evil God as good denies the power of evil over good saying **Job is a perfect & upright man that fears God and eschews evil** therefore evil Satan has no power over him. This statement would have been valid and evil beaten as a mere boast of illusion without identity or personality had the the **premise** of Job's perfection not included "the fear of God" This error in the premises involved his sufferings in its conclusions by which he must master fear with divine science revealing God its principle so perfect that the sense of perfect love should so appear to Job as to cast out all fear To this end Job must experience & suffer good which is God tests the ability of Truth & the disability of error & the experiment goes on upon the terms of evil namely that because Job fears God he can only love Him on the basis of reward Satan said **"Does Job fear God for naught** take away his possessions & **he will curse thee to thy face"** Accordingly his earthly substance was removed from him & at each report of disaster "I alone am left to tell the tale" in other words, hope has fled. But in all this Job was not demoralized evil had not gained ascendancy over good. Another interval of this man's growth succeeds & he is ready for another test. This time, God good says to Satan, evil behold my man upright & not cursing but blessing God in his afflictions & evil Satan replied **"all that a man hath will he give for his life"** I have another, severer test touch his bone & skin with disease fill with helplessness & pain the false sense of being & it will curse you to your face this experiment was tried & the ordeal was awful. In the agonies of the flesh I go forward & he is not there & backward but I cannot perceive Him. In these mortal agonies Job's wife tempted him saying: **Dost thou still retain thine integrity?**

Curse God & die, but **Job resisted this temptation of evil & rebuked his wife**. Hereby we learn that Adam's estate in error where the senses were supposed to supply him only pleasure was more subtle than the pains of sense to mislead mortals. He yielded to the temptations of the flesh & thereby lost a sense of harmony, he had never possessed its science, while through the pangs of sense Job was instructed and made able to resist the temptations of evil. **Affliction so disfigured Job physically that his friend knew him not**, but these friends were not able to discern the mental transformation that should bring down the glories of creation and immortality to his view the friendship of his friends, their philosophy & religion were superficial because they were the ties of the flesh & not Spirit & Job closed their counsel to him by saying "**miserable comforters are you all** if your mortal sense was in my senses stead pierced through & through with all human agonies you could better judge & would not condemn. "**Ye are physicians of no value**" Then Job opened his mouth & **cursed the day wherein he was born** "**& the night in which it was said there is a man child conceived**" Mark this, he cursed not God as the origin of man hence the scripture that he sinned not in all that he said nor charged God foolishly. He said "**let the day perish that gave birth to a mortal man**" let the origin of mortal man be found a myth & man be found immortal without **beginning** or end of days, hence not subject to the pangs of a false sense of existence. "**Let darkness & the shadow of death stain as a misconception of life this evil sense of existence. Let blackness nothingness terrify the night, drive away the history of material conception, "let it not be joined to the days of the year"** let this error of material birth have no history & never come to the light "**let it look for the light but have none**" "**Wherefore is light given to him that is in misery & life unto the bitter in soul**" why do I discern the error & myth of mortal existence then feel its pangs & long for death because of the bitterness of sense. "**Why is light given to a man whose way is hid & whom God hath hedged in**".

It was that Job should learn His way was not hidden only to sense & it was made clear in divine science, also that he should learn as in the context **that what he was afraid of had come upon him** hence his fear of God must be removed by his love of God & this would destroy his sufferings & heal him. He must learn the falsity of Soul in body & intelligence in matter & he did learn it for he learned to trust not in them "**that dwell in houses of clay whose foundation is in the dust**" whose existence has a material origin or end, "which are crushed before the worth they

perish forever without any regarding it". This **so-called** material existence is illusion. Mind is not in matter, Life is not in matter. **"Doth not their excellency in them go away, they die even without wisdom"**. That Spirit breathed into matter life & matter became sentient & a living soul is pantheism & infidelity which costs mortals my experience my agony," and **happy is the man whom God correcteth therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty**" Blessed is it that evil sees itself as evil and according to the divine law of good through suffering is self-destroyed I have proven friendship false **"my brethren have dealt deceitfully as a brook and as the stream of brooks that pass away"** **"Ye dig a pit for your friend"** Job saw he must be delivered from the sense of material existence in every one of its modes for this sense to be redeemed from dust & life be learned spiritually and not materially. He said **"my soul (my sense) is weary of my life"** **"and he that is ready to slip with his feet is despised in the thought of him that is at ease"** **"The tabernacles of robbers prosper & they that provoke God are secure"** & yet Job charged not God foolishly but was learning wisely the falsity of life substance or intelligence in matter & the false sense that saith God either created it or prospers it **"For who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean, not one"** **"Oh that knew where I might find Him"**. Job was growing rapidly and soon his understanding of where God is & what He is even that He is Spirit and all hence there is no matter to decay nor flesh to suffer would bind up his wounds heal him & restore more possessions than he had lost. The error of Old age became an agony to him & he said **"they that are younger than I have me in derision"** but as the truth of man's eternal manhood appeared the cords were loosed that bound him to a false sense of existence & he made a covenant with his eyes "never to look upon a maid, never to be the father of a human folly so terrible in its consequences as the conception birth & history of a lie, namely mind growing from matter & matter governing mind from the cradle to the grave. At this juncture of human experience of righteous resolve & the discovery of man's being in divine science God good was seen as the all & only and error disappeared. **Out of the whirlwind** of despair good girded up the loins of the righteous man & healed him through the sense of God's omnipotence & the impotence of matter this is the subtlety of evil to say that all good comes from evil & all evil comes from good.

He **awakened** to behold the divine of being and exclaimed **I know that my Redeemer liveth and in my flesh shall I see God** This Truth rent the **veil** of error

and the crucified was free Pain was doubt darkness fled and flesh had no voice to declare a lie and Spirit held dominion

[*]Sermon on Job