LITTLE LOVE LETTER

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YOM KIPPUR-"DAY OF ATONEMENT"

THIS SUNDAY AFTERNOON WAS BEAUTIFUL. I sat at the dining table reading, then I began thinking (had already been doing a wee bit) as to what of interest and vital concern I could put in writing for each of you in October Little Love Letter.

THIS DINING ROOM WINDOW GIVES ASCENDING VIEW. Three sma' blocks over the tops of the houses, situated on a flattened hill, is Mira Costa College. Close-left center of the cluster of buildings is a round-domed structure. I keep saying that it must be their planetarium. (But as I'm not so collegiate since my retirement- -well, it could be only a water tank.)

THE IMMENSE GOD-GIVEN PLANETARIUM of the heavens was domed above it all, beautifully. So my mind mingled into the magnificent meditations. Could I but type it all on this LLL.

TONIGHT AT SUN DOWN IS TO BEGIN Yom Kippur (the Jewish "Day of Atonement"). And if God so willed to "pull the trigger" to destroy this world and all things therein, then there would-not be any college campus, or a planetarium (made or the real one above), or even any Yom Kippur. Then what y'all gon'a do?

HOWEVER, THERE WAS AN ATONEMENT, "-because of their transgresions in all their sins"- "for the children of Israel for all their sins once a year". (Lev. 16: 16 + 34). Their's was "a shadow of good things to come". It was made once ayear.

THE PERFECT SACRIFICE IN CHRIST, "once for all"— our's, our atonement, our reconciliation, "perfected for ever".He.10:14 We receive the "atonement" ("reconciliation")in Christ(Ro.5:6-11&21, go on Ro.6). Washed white in His blood,NEW,"for ever".

"HE TAKETH AWAY THE FIRST, THAT HE MAY ESTABLISH THE SECOND. "BY THE WHICH WILL WE ARE SANCTIFIED THROUGH THE OFFERING OF THE BODY OF JESUS CHRIST ONCE FOR ALL." "For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified." (Heb.10:9-10 and v.14). "What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid.Ro.6:1-2. "-even so we also should walk in newness of life."(v4) ALIVE.

FROM BIRTH TO ETERNITY

NO "TRIGGER WAS PULLED", NO END at sundown; so at my desk this writing is begun. By the grace of God let's go on. We, you and I, started this life way back there at birth,and we're still going; every individual a living soul. "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replinish the earth,-". (Gen. 1: 27-28 and 2:7). So here we in 1972 A. D. are still alive, and are still going.

"AND THE LORD GOD PLANTED A GARDEN eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil." (See Gen.2:8-9+16-17+3:11-15). They ate of the fruit "of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil", sin entered, and death by sin."In Adam all die"(1 Cor.15:22). "And the Lord God said,- -and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:- -So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life."(Gen.3:22-24).

ASSUREDLY, THE TREE OF LIFE, AND THE TREE OF KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL, are of vital concern to every living soul. "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed;-".(Gen.3:15).Death in sin, OR life in Christ. "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive."(1Cor.15:22). "For God so loved the world,that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."(Jno.3:16). "When the Son of man shall come in his glory- - he shall separate them one from another,-""And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. "Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father,-". "Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:-" "And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal." Read about Lazarus and the certain rich man after death(Lu16). We die (separated from this life),"but after this,JUDGMENT."

FIRST DEATH: "IN Adam all die"

FIRST RESURRECTION: IN Christ;death,burial,RES(Ro.6&Rev.20:6).

SECOND RESURRECTION: General,"all-shall come forth-"(JNO.5:28)

SECOND DEATH:"hath no power,on such—1st RES".(Rev.20:6+14.).

WE ARE GOD'S

THE SUM-TOTAL OF IT ALL IS: from birth to eternity we belong to God. "For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's." (Ro. 14:7-8).

"IN THE BEGINNING- -AND THE LORD GOD formed man dust of the ground(margin),and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."(Gen.2:7). "THEN shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it."(Eccl.12:7).Alpha & Omega;A to Z.

LEAVE THIS BODY IN DEATH(SEPARATION), the soul (spirit) lives on. Just like that little caterpillar- he's dead but the butterfly lives on. Abraham died years before Moses and still longer before that certain rich man. But he was alive and told the rich man, "They (5 brothers-v28) have Moses and the prophets;let them hear them."(Lk.16:29).V26,"gulf FIXED." That was still under the law of Moses. (John5:39 & 45-47).

"FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD,that he gave his onlybegotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."(Jn.3:16). "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."(Mat.3:17). "This is my beloved Son: hear him."(Mk.9:7 & Lk.9:35).The GOSPEL via Mt.Mk.Lk.& John.

"I TELL YOU, NAY; BUT, EXCEPT YE REPENT, ye shall all likewise perish." (Lk.13:3). "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins,and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."(Act.2: 38. RSV) "-the Holy Spirit,whom God has given to those who obey him."(Acts 5: 32, RSV). "But they which shall be ac-(ac) counted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead,- - Neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection." (JESUS said it.Lk.20:35-36).

LITTLE CHILDREN ARE INNOCENT. Jesus said,"Suffer(permit) the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God."(Mk.10:14). "Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones;for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven."(Mt.18:10). CHRIST came to save SINNERS.

THOSE THAT ARE OF ACCOUNTABLE AGE: "For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give (ac) account of himself to God." (Ro.14:11-12). Jesus said, "xcept ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven"Mt.18:3

FROM BIRTH TO ETERNITY WE'RE GOD'S: OUR VITAL CONCERN: LIFE.

((P.S.LATER-I hiked to college. Yep,that's a tank,3000000 gals.)

NEWS

(Not so plentiful)

AUGUST 18, CORRESPONDENCE WITH BROTHER SPURLIN,of Reydon, Okla. They are fewer in numbers now as Brother & Sister Couchman have moved away. The Spurlins "are as well as could be expected, for old people." We're glad to hear. The Couchmans "moved to Amarillo, Texas, where they would be closer to good doctors,-" Yes, they surely miss them.(Their new address?)

AUGUST 20, We two went to Lakeside for the worship, and I gave the talk,"Unsearchable Riches". Some away on trips.

AUGUST 26, Box of the LLLs mailed;but one or so returned.

AUGUST 27, We two went to La Habra for the worship.Heard a good sermon, with a board outline, The Way of the Cross Leads Home, well presented by Brother Claud Perigen from the Bellflower Congregation. Brother Roy Snoderly was on vacation recuperating. Brother & Sister Marion Serrano were in process of moving to Fresno. Ten or so of the few at Church spliced a dinner together later at Sister Roxie Adams' place. I heard Bro. Claud say that Yakima, Wash. is preparing to have him in their meeting beginning Nov. 5.(Who's going to go,surprise'm?) Bro.Jerry Perigen was to talk at Bel.that A.M. Bro.Olan,P.M.

SEPTEMBER 3, I was asked back to La Habra, and subject was re-given, Unsearchable Riches. Bro. Roy and also the Bro. Serrano family were returned. Roy had been to Port Orchard, and Yakima, Washington. The Serranos went to Waterford,Calif. However they are yet to move to Fresno soon. In La Habra,via dinner; some of us visited Brother & SisterEdward Cavin. He's doing fairly well but his surgery has been quite a chore. It rained heavily that afternoon; so we hit it to Oceanside. I must report that Brother England, and also Sister Stringham, were both Sundays at La Habra services. They do fairly well and keep going not-with-standing their health problems.

SEPTEMBER 10, Back to Lakeside, and my subject "From Birth to Eternity".(As also in this LLL.). Present from up Bellflower way, and helpers in the worship, were: Brother Bill Taylor and family, young Brother Lyons lately from the new Ventura Congregation, our new Brother Roy Dabbs, & also his two sisters. Bros. Lyons & Dabbs;2 coming young helpers.

SEPTEMBER 17, We at Lakeside heard Brother J.D.Johnson, and we all gave "Rejoicing for Those Saved". The Johnsons were at the Stilwell Meeting. Then on their trip north he preached at Eugene (Springfield). All seemed as usual there. However we have heard that the little daughter of Brother & Sister "Sonny" Greenway was to have surgery.We pray for her. Sister Edwards of Yuma,J.D's mother, was in hospital a week.

THAT'S THE WAY IT IS. Some personal letters & finances. Brother & Sister C. Kellems were by,to Spring Val.&to Yuma. We're all on the way. May we be accounted HIS SHEEP,IN<u>CHRIST</u>.