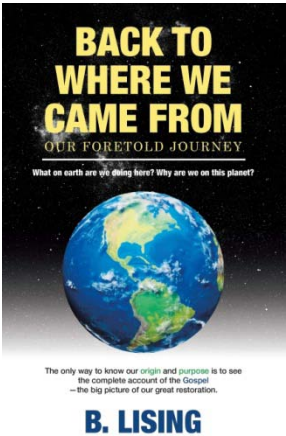




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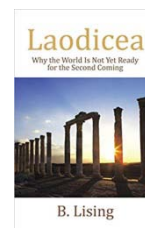
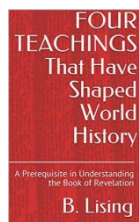
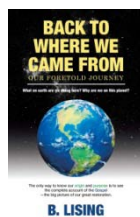
B. Lising believes in the perfect consistency of the Scripture—that all books of the Bible hold only a single message. He is also convinced that the last book is the summary of the whole Bible—the book of Revelation will connect all the dots and will reveal to us the big picture.

B. Lising got his first copy of the Bible at the age of 14. The year was 1986, and after only twelve months, he was able to read entirely the Old Testament once and the New Testament twice. He recalls that he did not understand much then, but he loves to read the Scripture.

Three decades later, he was able to write his first book *Laodicea—Why the World Is Not Yet Ready for the Second Coming*. His other books are *Four Teachings That Have Shaped World History* and *Back to Where We Came From—Our Foretold Journey*. These articulate and well-presented manuscripts will give readers a clear understanding about the origin of mankind and will provide the blueprint to prepare for the Second Coming.

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The Highest Form of Relationship

I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. (John 15:15 NIV)

How can we see the complete account of the Gospel? Making known the Gospel is the work of the Father, the Lord Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. God as one has been constantly active in advancing the Gospel. The Scripture states that God had decided to make known everything to us because of only one reason—friendship. We are no longer like a servant who does not know his master's affairs.

How blessed were the first disciples. The Lord Jesus called them friends and because of this, they were able to hear face to face the complete message from eternity. Notice the word *everything* from the above passage; no information was withheld from them. Everything that they needed to know, as in everything, was made known to them at that time—they were able to see the big picture of our great restoration.

Friendship is a significant part of the Gospel. The greatest love proclaimed by the Lord Jesus in the Scripture is to lay down one's life for one's friends. Yes, He did not only declare it but also demonstrated it. He revealed the highest form of love by laying down His own life for those He called friends.

To emphasise, it is because of this friendship that we were able to know the complete account of the Gospel. Our Creator knows everything about us, and He is more than willing to make Himself known to us because we are His friends.

With God, friendship is a boundless deal. The Lord Jesus told His disciples about the parable of the shrewd manager and gave them this conclusion:

I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.
(Luke 16:9 NIV)

The manager had acted shrewdly by partly cancelling the debts of those who owed his master, thinking that these people would welcome him into their homes (since he could no longer work). The master did not condemn but instead commended the dishonest manager. Why? The master himself is willing to cancel debts for the sake of friendship. The Lord Jesus is the master who called off our debts not only partly but wholly because we are His friends. And He cancelled our debts by paying the price with His own life.

Also, the Lord asserted that we cannot serve both God and money. This means that the only way to serve God in relation to money is to use it in the context of friendship (money will vanish, but real friendship will remain forever).

Friendship is the highest form of relationship. This does not mean that we need to put our friends in priority over our family. Every relationship is progressive, and each can reach its highest form. A husband who was able to establish friendship with his wife means that their relationship has reached its fullest. How beautiful to see the friendship between a father and his son, or between a mother and her daughter, or between siblings, or between colleagues, and so on. But these are even more delightful to see: God establishing friendship with His people, the Creator becoming friends with His creations, the King calling His heirs as His friends. We are God's people, His only creations who were fashioned after His own image and likeness. And we are His friends whom He declared as the only heirs to His everlasting kingdom.

Before going back to the Father, the Lord Jesus said,

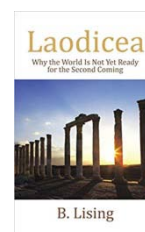
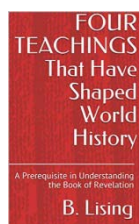
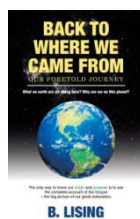
But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. (John 14:26 NIV)

The Holy Spirit was given the task to teach God's people about the Lord Jesus. Just as there is only one way to know the Father, so there is only one way to know Jesus. To be one with the Holy Spirit is to be one with Jesus. This is the work of the Father, the Lord Jesus, and the Holy Spirit—to know God, for us to understand the eternal Gospel.

Again, take note of the words 'all things' and 'everything' from the above passage. The Holy Spirit is our friend who will remind us of everything that the Lord Jesus said. The generations of believers that follow (including our generation) were all able to see the entire message that the Lord Jesus had given to the first disciples. This is all because of the friendship that we have with God.

But when was the beginning of this friendship? Was it after the foundation of the world or before the beginning of time?

We can refer to the following books if we want to know more about our origin in eternity past, our foretold journey on earth, and our new beginning in eternity future:

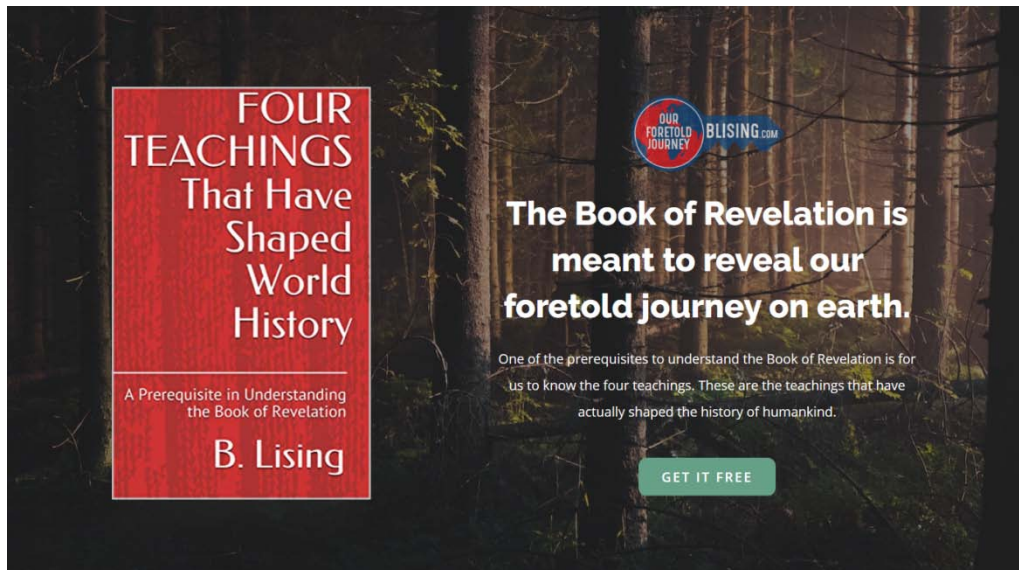


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Why are there so many religions in the world? Why are there so many church denominations? Did God foresee that this would happen?

Was this included in the deliberate plan of God? The answer is a resounding yes. This is actually part of the prophecy as indicated in the book of Revelation. This is definitely included in God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge because our God is in full control.

One of the utmost misconceptions in the Church today is the way God's people think about the last book of the Bible. The book of Revelation has long been regarded as the most divisive part of the New Testament (or of the Bible as a whole).

It is considered a controversial text containing apocalyptic imagery and mysterious symbolism that many say predict the end of the world (doomsday). For this reason, many do not even take time to read this

important part of the Scripture (the end part). Yes, the end part is the most significant part. It is placed intentionally and strategically at the ending.

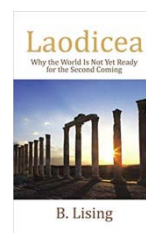
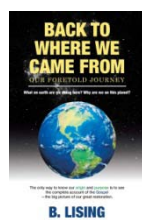
In fact, the first generation of believers had waited for this final epistle in full anticipation. It is supposed to contain the final instruction of the Lord Jesus before His Second Coming. Unknown to many, the book of Revelation is actually the summary of all the books of the Bible.

The book of Revelation, as the name suggests, means that this book has been given not to confuse the Church but to reveal the full Gospel message. The word *revelation* means the act of making something known that was secret—an enlightening or astonishing disclosure. The last book of the Bible is meant not to baffle us but to enlighten us.

To give emphasis, this controversial book was never written to confuse the Church—it is the testimony of the Lord Jesus, so it was designed to provide clearness.

FOUR TEACHINGS That Have Shaped World History is a prerequisite in understanding the Book of Revelation.

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