



2024

InSight

A PRACTICAL MONTHLY CALENDAR FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

I have hope in God

THAT THERE WILL BE A RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD,
BOTH OF THE JUST AND THE UNJUST.

ACTS 24:15

A Conversation in a Mother's Womb

A pair of twins is having a conversation
in their mother's womb:

"Tell me, do you believe in life after birth?",
asks one of the twins.

"Yes, of course!"

"I believe it's nonsense!", says the first.
"What's that life supposed to look like?"

"I'm not quite sure. But it'll surely be
much brighter than in here. And maybe
we'll be able to walk on our feet and eat
with our mouth."

"Nonsense. To eat with
your mouth: what
a crazy idea!



The umbilical cord nourishes us. And how
could you go for a walk? The umbilical
cord is way too short for that."

"I'm still convinced it'll work. Everything
will just be a bit different."

"Impossible! No one has ever come back
after birth. Life ends with birth."

Finally, the day comes when the twins are
born. They find out that there is indeed a
"different world". One day, we will expe-
rience this too when we enter into God's
eternity.

THE AFTERLIFE
GIVES PURPOSE TO
THE "BEFORELIFE".

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JESUS CHRIST SAYS:

I have come as a light into the world.

THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN ME SHOULD NOT ABIDE IN DARKNESS.

JOHN 12:46

Switch the Light On!

Why are shadows blurry?

Why is the evening sun red, why are oil spills colourful and why is there a double rainbow? Light raises many interesting questions that even the most skilled scientists have a tough time answering.

It is, however, very simple to switch on a light. These days, even a hand gesture or an audio command is enough.

It is also not difficult to receive light for our hearts. We only need to turn to God and put our faith and trust in Jesus Christ.

If anybody believes in the risen Saviour, darkness will vanish from their heart. The true light shines and it will never go out.

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD ALSO SHINES FOR THOSE WHO ARE ON THE DARK SIDE OF LIFE.



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JESUS SAID TO HIM:

I am the way.
the truth, and the life.

NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER EXCEPT THROUGH ME.

JOHN 14:6

Fake Bus Stops

They look like real bus stops, but a bus never comes and stops there. Fake bus stops have been set up on the premises of old people's homes so that dementia patients wanting to go home can sit there. This prevents them from running away and putting themselves in danger.

Throughout our life, **all human beings** have a similar deep desire to go home.

We want to meet God and find our purpose. This is not some kind of confusion but a true longing from our hearts.

Religions are like fake bus stops where people go and wait vainly for inner fulfilment and a connection with a higher power. But to experience true and happy fellowship with God we need Jesus Christ. He alone gives us eternal life and complete security.

ONLY THOSE WHO ACCEPT
JESUS CHRIST AS THE WAY
WILL REACH HEAVEN.

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Remember to magnify His work,
of which men have sung.

JOB 36:24

God's Praise in the Neandertal

Almost everybody knows about **Neanderthal man**. He is a so-called prehistoric man, whose skeletal remains were first found in 1856. From these bones people thought that the Neanderthal man must have looked unusual and wrongly concluded that he was a transitional stage before modern man.

The place of discovery is less well-known: the Neandertal (or the Neander Valley) is close to Dusseldorf, Germany. This valley was named after a preacher, poet and composer, called Joachim Neander (1650-1680).

Joachim Neander was converted to God and believed in Jesus Christ when he was twenty years of age. He often went down to that valley, which would later bear his name, to write poems and to praise God. In the Neander Valley, an alleged proof of the theory of evolution, the Creator was praised and songs for His glory were written!

We, too, should remember to praise God for His impressive creation because everything is the work of His mighty hand and not the result of chance.

PRAISE TO THE LORD, WHO HATH
FEARFULLY, WONDROUSLY, MADE THEE!
HEALTH HATH VOUCHSAFED AND,
WHEN HEEDLESSLY FALLING,
HATH STAYED THEE.

JOACHIM NEANDER, TRANSLATED BY CATHERINE WINKWORTH

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FOR THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH,
but the gift of God is eternal life
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

ROMANS 6:23



The Western Taipan

The most poisonous snake, the Western Taipan, lives in Australia. This snake is fifty times more poisonous than the Indian cobra. The quantity of poison discharged during a bite is enough to kill a hundred humans. Fortunately, there is an antivenom that “gives life” to the person bitten.

In the Garden of Eden, a snake also played a key role. The devil used it as a medium to communicate with the first human couple. The devilish seduction was successful: Eve and Adam ate of the

forbidden fruit (Genesis 3). Immediately the poison of sin ran its course in them and death was only a question of time.

But God has a remedy for death. Those who repent and believe on the Lord Jesus will immediately receive eternal life, and later, in heaven, will be forever made free from all consequences of sin.

ETERNAL LIFE IS NOT
A DREAM BUT GOD’S GIFT
IN JESUS CHRIST.



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Lay hold on eternal life.

1 TIMOTHY 6:12

Mayflies and Everlasting Humans

Every year at **the Hungarian river Tisza**, you can observe an impressive spectacle: millions of larvae of the Tisza mayfly, which have been living in the sand of the riverbed, come to the water surface almost simultaneously in June. Then their skin bursts and they grow wings. From that time, they only have four hours for their first flight, mating and egg deposition. After that, they die.

Many people are like these peculiar insects. They live for the one great moment:

a perfect audition, a perfect wave for surfing, an audience's applause. Their happiness comes down to just a few eventful hours.

But all this falls short because God wants to give us both fulfilment in this life, led by His hand, and in the next, heaven's eternal joy. Those who have a new perspective in life through Jesus Christ will no longer live like a mayfly but as a person with everlasting value and significance.

GOD GIVES HAPPINESS
THAT HAS NO EXPIRY DATE.

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Foods which God created to be received
with thanksgiving by those
who believe and know the truth.

1 TIMOTHY 4:3

Cashews Are Not Nuts

Did you know that the cashew is actually not a nut but the core of the cashew fruit? The kidney-shaped cashew fruit grows on a fleshy thickened stem that is known as a cashew apple. This yellow and red apple is quickly perishable and is not traded internationally. What we find on our supermarket shelves is only the mild and nutty tasting cashew cores.

It isn't a problem **if you don't know** which botanic category cashews belong to. But it's fatal if we don't realise who is the giver of all good gifts. We shouldn't eat thoughtlessly but with thankfulness towards the great God, who desires the best for us and who wants to amaze us with His creative diversity.

IF WE THANKED GOD FOR
EVERYTHING HE GIVES US,
WE WOULD HAVE NO TIME
FOR COMPLAINTS.



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In this the love of God
was manifested
toward us.

THAT GOD HAS SENT HIS
ONLY BEGOTTEN SON INTO
THE WORLD, THAT WE MIGHT
LIVE THROUGH HIM.

1 JOHN 4:9



Verruga Peruana

In 19th century **Peru**, a long railway road was under construction from Lima to Oroya. A fever broke out amongst the railway workers that killed thousands. It was called Oroya fever. Those who survived the fever were diagnosed with a skin condition which is called verruga peruana.

Medical student Daniel Alcides Carrión wanted to show that both the Oroya fever and verruga peruana were caused by the

same pathogen. To further the research, he injected himself with the blood of a boy suffering from verruga peruana. A few weeks later Carrión died of the Oroya fever and thus provided the wished-for proof. This selfless man is revered as a hero in Peru.

What Jesus Christ has done for us goes infinitely further! He came to this earth and died on the cross to make us free from our guilt. In love He went into death so that we might receive eternal life.



CHRIST *DIED* FOR US SO
WE CAN *LIVE* THROUGH HIM.

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MY TIMES ARE

in Your hand.

PSALM 31:15

A Day of Horror?

This day comes at least once but not more than three times a year. In 2024 it will occur twice in the calendar. We are talking about Friday the 13th. In many countries people regard this as an ominous day and fear all kinds of misfortune and hardship.

It is truly amazing that people today still succumb to a superstitious fear that has no basis whatsoever. It's incredible: people who boldly ignore the Lord of eternity fear a date on the calendar!

Christians know that every day is in God's hand. Those who believe this need not fear superstitiously but can rejoice in God and live to His honour – every single day.

WE SHOULD SHOW LIVING JOY
AND NOT MORTAL FEAR!

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All things are
naked and open
to the eyes of Him
to whom we must
give account.

HEBREWS 4:13

The Dark Side of the Moon

Why do we always see the **same side of the moon**? Because the moon, in the time it revolves around the earth, turns on its own axis once. This phenomenon becomes clear when you go round a table and keep staring at it. As soon as you come to your starting point, you have turned round your own axis once.

The back side of the moon can never be seen from earth. In the English-speaking world it is known as “the Dark Side of the Moon”. Naturally, this only describes

things from earth’s perspective. Obviously, all areas of the moon will sooner or later be illuminated by the sun.

We want to hide the dark side of our lives from **other people**. But are you aware that God sees everything and that His light shines into the darkest corners of your heart? What are you going to do with this knowledge; what does it mean to you today?

THE FACT THAT GOD SHINES INTO EVERYTHING ONLY DISTURBS THOSE WHO HAVE A BAD CONSCIENCE, AND REASSURES THOSE WHO HAVE A CLEAR CONSCIENCE.



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IF WE CONFESS OUR SINS,
HE IS FAITHFUL AND JUST

To forgive us
our sins and
to cleanse us
from all
unrighteousness.

1 JOHN 1:9

We Will Pay For Your Sins

A German radio station was baiting its audience with a competition, called “We Will Pay For Your Sins”. Did you spend too much money on your shopping binge? Did you leave your new handbag on the bus? Have you had ‘one too many’ and done something stupid? Listeners were able to report such wrongdoings and mishaps to the station. Afterwards, there was a vote from the audience: the station then bore the costs of the damage for the person with the most votes.

This game was limited to material damage. But what if a person hurt somebody verbally or even offended God? And what if a person had so much guilt for a life of shady dealings that they felt completely overwhelmed? Calling the radio station wouldn’t help.

But God has made an unparalleled offer that applies to more than just individual cases with public appeal: He will forgive us everything if we genuinely ask Him and trust His grace!

GOD DOES
NOT EXCUSE THE DEBT,
BUT HE EXCUSES
THE DEBTOR.

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AND NOW, O LORD GOD, YOU ARE GOD,
and Your words are true.

2 SAMUEL 7:28

Myth or Truth?

There are many **myths and legends** about water. In the 4th century BC, Plato coined the myth of Atlantis, the sunken continent; for 1500 years, dinosaurs have allegedly been spotted in Loch Ness; and in the Bermuda triangle in the Atlantic, ships and planes apparently disappear as if by magic.

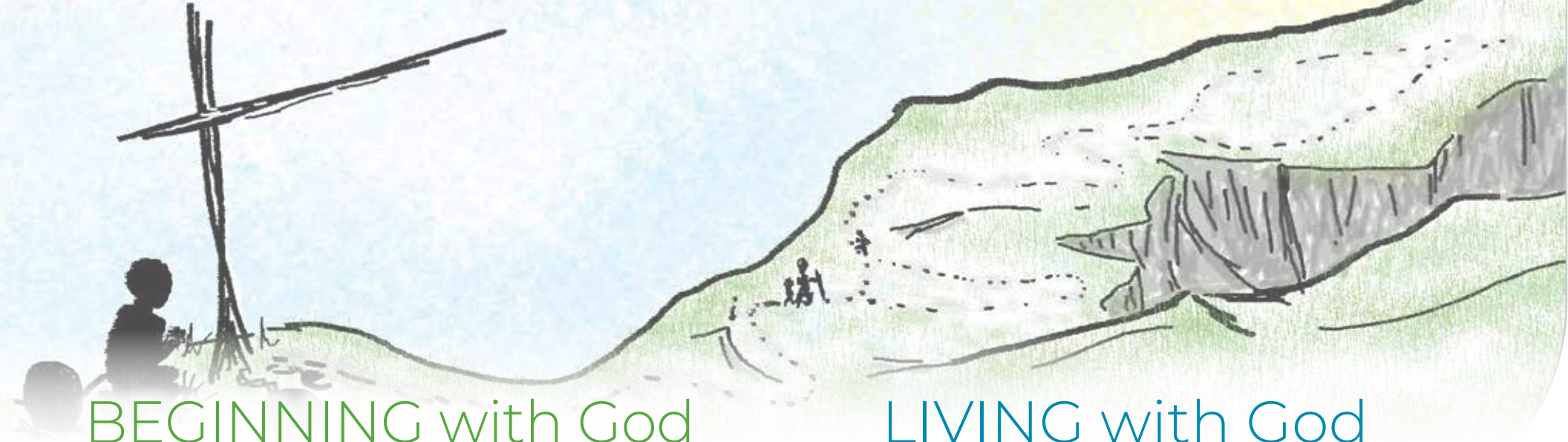
And what about the Flood that the Bible mentions? Is this also a myth as many atheists claim? No, because the Bible is the book of the truth, not least because it has proved itself through its fulfilled prophecies and its virtue. And because Jesus Christ, the Son of God Himself, spoke about this great Flood (Matthew 24:38).

Further, there are more than 250 ancient flood records that have been preserved by tribes all around the world. This worldwide flood has also left some impressive traces in nature, such as countless fossils.



THE TRUTH OF THE BIBLE
FEARS ATHEISM AS MUCH AS
THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS FEAR
BOMBARDMENT BY SOFT-
BOILED BEANS.

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BEGINNING with God

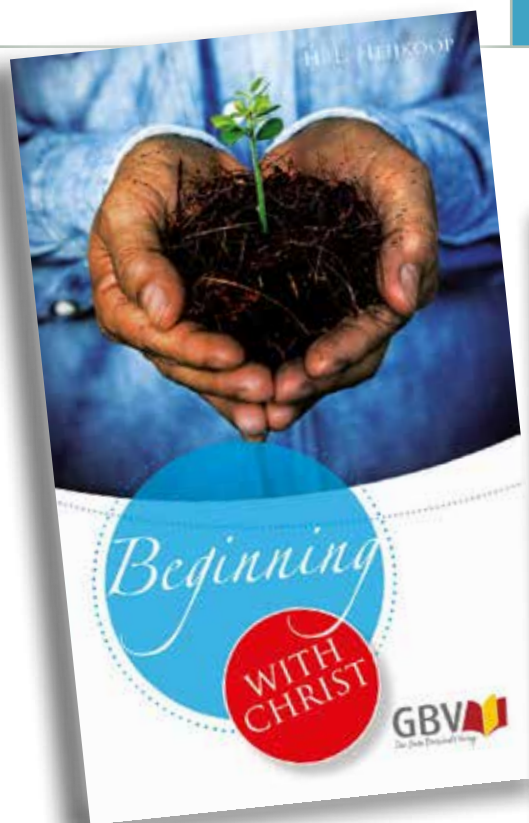
- **LISTENING** – It isn't easy nowadays to find enough peace and quiet to listen attentively. But it is worth hearing what God has to say. "Stand here awhile, that I may announce to you the word of God" (1 Samuel 9:27).
- **RECOGNISING** – You have to acknowledge that you have a difficult problem: God is holy and perfect, and you are a sinner. "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). You cannot have fellowship with God just as you are.
- **CONFESSING** – Show genuine sorrow over your guilt and confess the wrong you have done in your life. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).
- **BELIEVING** – Believe that the Lord Jesus can save you, that He died on the cross of Calvary for your sins and rose from the dead the third day. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved" (Acts 16:31).

LIVING with God

- **PRAYING** – In our relationship with others it's important that we speak to each other. Speaking to God is even more important for our relationship with Him. You can pray to Him at any time. You can thank Him and ask Him for advice and comfort.
- **READING** – God answers your prayers by speaking to you through the Bible. The Bible isn't called the Word of God for nothing. Read the Bible to discover God's wonderful thoughts and His desires for you.
- **TESTIFYING** – If you are excited about something, you immediately tell your friends, don't you? The fact that the Lord Jesus died for sinners is very important. Therefore, tell your family and friends. They need to hear that God wants everyone to be saved.
- **EXPECTING** – Sometimes it isn't easy to live as a Christian. But God has promised you heaven. When the Lord Jesus Christ comes again, you will be able to live with Him forever. This could happen at any moment. Look forward to it, and live by it!

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Even if Thomas Edison did not invent the lightbulb at all, he still laid an important foundation for electrification almost 150 years ago with the development of a long-lasting carbon filament light bulb. When the sun disappears behind the horizon, artificial light dominates all areas of our life these days.

Even though there has never been more light shining in this world, it is still dark in the hearts of many people. There are unanswered questions about human origins and destiny. There is fear of the next day. There is complete perplexity on account of the babel of worldviews.

This InSight calendar 2024 is intended to give some points of light for every day through some quotes from the Bible, interesting texts and nicely chosen pictures. Enjoy!

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