

## "For The Purpose Of Preserving The Sanctity Of The Lord's Day"

"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it".

Exodus 20:8-11

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- Belief in the essential Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, His Incarnation and Virgin Birth, the truthfulness of all His words, His all sufficient atoning vicarious death upon Calvary for sin, His bodily Resurrection, Ascension, and Coming Again.
- Belief in the whole Bible consisting of the 39 Books of the Old Testament and the 27 Books of the New Testament as the inspired Word of God, and therefore true and Divinely authoritative and as God's sufficient revelation in all matters of doctrine and practice. The Authorized or King James Version is to be employed for all work and activities of the CLDA.
- Belief that all men have sinned and come short of the glory of God: and in the necessity of the New Birth by the Holy Spirit in those who become children of God through faith in Jesus Christ.
- Belief in the Divine Authority and perpetual obligation of the Christian Sabbath or Lord's Day and conviction of the necessity that all effectual assertion, observance and defence of the Lord's Day rest, must be on this basis.
- Belief that in asserting the obligation of the Lord's Day the Gospel of the grace of God through Jesus Christ should be proclaimed.

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Built by the congregation of Rev. Donald Mackenzie in 1863

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## "It is finished." (John 19:30b)

These mighty words sounded on Golgotha. From the mouth of a dying Jesus. In the English language it consists of three words; in the Greek only one: 'tetelestai'. The cup that He had agonized over in the Garden of Gethsemane is empty. The cup filled with the indivisible wrath of God against the sin of the whole human race (H.C. 37) has been emptied by Christ to the last drop. The Surety has paid. Completely. The debt is gone. The righteousness of the Law has been fulfilled. The Law can never demand more. The second Adam has fulfilled what the first Adam didn't. It is finished. These words are spoken in the past tense. However, that is not the end of it. On the contrary, the Greek word clarifies that this word refers to an event that still has its effect till this very moment.

It is striking that all the last words of the Lord Jesus on the cross have an addressee. The first was addressed to His Father, the second to a murderer, the third to His mother and John, the fourth to God, the fifth to soldiers and the seventh again to His Father. The sixth saying is sometimes called the Last Word of Jesus on the cross without an address. Yet this mighty Word also has an addressee. It is addressed to heaven, to hell and to the earth.

It is finished! What does this mean for heaven? When God determined His plan of redemption, the Son spoke, "Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book *it is* written of me, I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law *is* within my heart." (Ps. 40:8-9). And the Lord Jesus has taken this task upon Himself and now completely accomplished it. Christ has completely fulfilled the righteousness of God. That is why God's Church sings at the cross: "Thy pard'ning grace has made us free and covered our iniquity" (Psalter 230:1). It is finished. God's honour has been fully restored and confirmed. The salvation of all God's people is now guaranteed.

It is finished. What does this mean for hell? The moment Jesus spoke these words, a shudder went through hell. The devil thought, when God the Father left His Son on the cross and let Him fight alone, that he would prevail. But Zion's Surety has trodden the winepress alone. He defeated His enemies – death, sin, Satan – without help from anyone else. No one helped Him: neither during the temptations in the desert, nor in the days of His suffering. What a mighty Saviour we have! It is finished. Satan's head has

been bruised. The lie has been conquered by the Truth. Evil has been overcome by Good.

It is finished. What does this mean for the earth? On this earth, sin and death have great power. "What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death? shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave? Selah." (Ps. 89:48) The ruler of this world is the devil. But death and the grave, sin and Satan have been fundamentally conquered by Christ. Paul writes it in 2 Corinthians 5:19: "To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them." That is what happened at Calvary. Paul continues: "and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation." God has revealed the deserved (merited) righteousness of Christ in His Word. That message may and must be proclaimed to this earth: it is finished! How gracious is our Lord to give us a Sabbath day to proclaim and to hear this gospel. How many powers are trying to take this day away, and to silence this voice from the cross.

Does this then mean that all is now well? That we can put this joyful message in our pocket and continue living our own lives? No, Paul says more. And that is the core message from the cross of Calvary on behalf of Christ: "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God". We do not automatically share in the finished work of Christ. A reconciled God is proclaimed to you. But the touching thing is that you may not be waiting for that at all. What do I want with a reconciled God? Give me my familiar sins, my bosom sins. Give me money, a good name, fame. Give me my lusts. That's my life. Give me my religion. Oh yes, it may be solid and orthodox. Give me my superficial religion. Oh yes, then I also sing of Jesus. That is my element. And yes, I certainly hope to go to heaven one day. But what am I to do with a reconciled God? What am I to do with a crucified Jesus? Oh yes, I also know that I do sin. I do suffer from them. I do confess them and I do weep over them and I have already changed my life quite a bit. Do you see where your inability to be reconciled lies? Do you see where your enmity lies? With you! You want to reconcile yourself with God, without a paying Surety. Do you see the necessity of reconciliation with God? Do you see the total imperfection of your means of payment? Do you hear the righteousness of God's holy Law that justly condemns you? Hear Jesus call: it is finished! Be reconciled to God. Through the Lamb of God. By faith that - weaker or stronger - embraces this Word of Christ, yes Christ Himself. That adheres to Him and stammers: 'It is finished, also for me'.

## **Recent CLDA Activity**

The first months of 2022 have provided encouragements and new opportunities for promoting the work of the Canadian Lord's Day Association. In this issue we would like to update you on some of these recent activities.

First, our Alberta CLDA auxiliary requested a speaker from the general council to update supporters on the current work being done to promote the Lord's Day. At the same time, we received an email from Rev. Paul A. Backhurst of Calgary Free Presbyterian Church requesting a CLDA deputation visit along with magazines for his congregation. He wrote: "I am encouraged that, by God's grace, a testimony to the Lord's Day, its sanctity, and its necessity for all peoples, has been raised in Canada."

Subsequently an Information Evening was held in Calgary, following which Rev. Backhurst wrote

"My family and I arrived in Calgary in March 2020, having lived in the Netherlands and the UK, where some still make a clear stand for the

sanctity for the Lord's Day. I was pleasantly pleased to come across a copy of "To Keep It Holy", last summer and was resultingly able to book Mr. Heikoop for the evening of February 22, 2022, to give a presentation at Calgary FPC. We also welcomed visitors from the Netherlands Reformed Congregations.

Mr. Heikoop opened the Scriptures to show the firm foundation the people of God have for the

weekly Sabbath. He then went on to explain the history of the Canadian Lord's Day Association, and then went on to describe its important work. It was very gratifying to hear of the continued growth of the Bible-study ministry to prisoners in the US and Canada. He closed the presentation by giving a number of anecdotes concerning the necessity and duty of keeping the Lord's Day. After a short question-time, we closed the evening by singing Psalm 100, with prayer and the Benediction

We were all humbled and encouraged by the CLDA's work and witness, both to edify God's people in Sabbath-keeping, and by its efforts to spread the Gospel."

Our visit to Alberta also allowed for time to work with the auxiliary president, Mr. Aris Slingerland, on tasks such as reviewing mailing lists, calling prison chaplains, sharing correspondence course materials, and updating CLDA telephone and computer technology. On Thursday evening the 25th Annual Meeting of the Alberta CLDA Auxiliary was held at Calvin Christian School. We began by reporting briefly on the topic presented a few days earlier in Calgary to the group desiring to learn more about the Lord's Day. While on Tuesday night we had focused on how God's word calls us to **remember**, to **keep**, and to **teach** the Lord's Day, the Alberta auxiliary requested us to provide a more detailed overview of the activities and opportunities that are now presenting to us. Other items we reported on included:



- the www.clda.ca website update has been completed
- 174 lessons from 3 different Bible Courses are available on the internet for free distribution
- the evangelism committee of a supporting church intends to use our correspondence courses to lead Bible studies at an inner-city YMCA study group
- 1200 introductory Bible Course packages were ordered by prisons and sent in January 2022
- 3500 *To Keep it Holy* magazines are being distributed with a more regular publication schedule
- all 80,000 diaries printed for distribution in Canada along with the 40,000 sent to the US have been spoken for this year. There are approximately 6000 additional orders so we will need to print more copies once our 300 prison chaplains have been surveyed about need

It was good to meet the Alberta Auxiliary members and feel the strong support for and dedication to the work.

As this magazine is going to press, we can also briefly note our appreciation for the support shown for the CLDA in British Columbia. This past week I was able to visit the BC Auxiliary's Annual meeting which was held in Chilliwack. Although it was a disappointment for all that Rev Greendyk was unable to speak at the meeting due to a bad cough, the meeting was able to proceed under the direction of the auxiliary chairman Mr Bill Klaasen. It was good to feel from those who attended genuine interest in the efforts of the CLDA and heartfelt support for the cause. I returned home hopeful that the auxiliary's desire to revive awareness and support for the Lord's Day and our expanding prison outreach were blessed.

Please pray that the Lord will revive His cause in our churches and families. Pray for a revival in our land. Then the Lord and His day will again be remembered, kept and taught as it once was by our Canadian forbears.



## CLDA General Meeting



The 35th Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Lord's Day Association is planned for *Friday, April 8, 2022 at 7:30pm*.

Ebenezer Free Reformed Church, 243 Weir's Lane, Dundas, ON, D.V. Rev. Ian Macleod is scheduled to speak. All are warmly welcome to attend.

Those wishing to join the session remotely can listen on sermonaudio.com.

## Three Ways to Donate:

- 1. <u>Cheque:</u> Send to CLDA, c/o Krista Wilbrink, 245 Hwy. 8, R.R. #1, Dundas, ON, L9H 5E1
- 2. E-transfer: Send to donations@clda.ca
- **3.** <u>Credit Card:</u> Use the link on <u>www.clda.ca</u> to the CanadaHelps online donation platform. Although tax receipts are issued immediately and auto-monthly giving is possible, please note (when giving larger donations) there is a 4% fee from CanadaHelps for this service.

As a registered Canadian charity, we provide tax receipts for all donations. Your support is appreciated!

## **Daily Diary Update**

## **An Open Door**

Consider that every day thousands of prisoners across Canada open the little Daily Diary and encounter the Word of God on every page. And who can tell what it might do? "For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." (Hebrews 4:12)

Messages of appreciation for the Daily Diary and the Bible Correspondence Course are sent to the CLDA frequently. To those who support through donations, and to those who bring the cause before the Lord in prayer, there is encouragement to continue!

## **Diary Distribution Update**

In Canada this year, 80,000 English diaries have been distributed, and 3000 French diaries. An additional 40,000 have been sent to the USA and distributed by US Prison Diary Ministry. More will be printed yet, the Lord willing, according to the need.

## **Further Opportunities**

The diary has been used as a means to provide an open door for more engagement with prisons. There are over a thousand requests for KJV Bibles and pocket New Testaments each year. These are provided by the Trinitarian Bible Society. Our Bible Correspondence Course has also had considerable response. This initiative is the subject of the next article.

It is possible that the Daily Diary may yet open more doors for prison

ministry, and this is something which the CLDA is considering for the future. Once again, please pray for a blessing upon His Word in the hearts of every one who comes under it by means of the little diary.

"Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving; withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance..." (Colossians 4:2-3)

## **Bible Courses Update**

## How it Began

As the diary ministry grew, CLDA increasingly received messages from prison chaplains expressing the desire of some inmates to learn more about the Bible. About 15 years ago the late Rev. G. Hamstra developed a Bible Correspondence Course to teach the main truths of the Bible. Our ability to advertise overtly is limited. However, a small note inside the diary offering the course upon request has been sufficient to lead many inmates to reach out.

### **How it Works**

After inquiring about the course, an inmate receives the first four lessons of

the course (of 25 lessons in total) along with an introductory letter to the student. If the inmate does not own a Bible, they are invited to request a free Bible from the Trinitarian Bible Society. Upon completion of lessons 1-4, the student can send their answers to a CLDA volunteer, and it will be marked and returned with lessons 5-8. We are especially thankful for the extensive marking and inmate correspondence done for many years behind the scenes by Reynold Jansen of Ontario and Aris Slingerland of Alberta.

Every lesson of this Bible Correspondence Course begins with a passage from the Bible to read and proceeds to some written instruction. Questions are then given for students to complete, which require some searching in the Bible.





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The following is a sample of the lessons included:

Lesson 1: The Bible, Our Infallible Teacher

Lesson 2: The Sinfulness of Man

Lesson 6: The Mediator Who Saves

Lesson 8: What the Bible Teaches about God

Lesson 17: The Christian Church

Lesson 21: Prayer

Lesson 24: The Final Judgement

Lesson 25: The Lord's Day or The Christian Sabbath

### **Course Distribution**

This year, **1200 introductory packages** (the first four lessons) have been printed, packaged, and sent out to prison chaplains across Canada in response to their requests. Remarkably, several students have gone on to complete the course after their release from prison.

## **Appreciation for the Course**

The course has been well received. Recently, chaplains have acknowledged receipt of their orders with the following notes:

"Thank you so much, your Bible courses and daily diary are very much appreciated at our jail."

"Thank you so much for your scripture daily diaries. Over the years our inmates (and I) have been blessed by them. Your Bible courses are a big hit."

#### **Additional Courses**

Two other courses have been prepared more recently. Each was originally written by different authors and for different audiences, but they have been kindly shared and adapted where necessary. They are:

- 1. An **advanced Bible doctrine course** based on the Heidelberg catechism (60 lessons), and
- 2. A **Bible study on Acts to Revelation** (89 lessons), which was originally intended to encourage teenagers to read the Bible more closely and carefully.

#### A Gift for You

We all need the same instruction that prisoners need. The CLDA is pleased to make these three courses, comprising a total of 174 lessons, **available to view online and be used by you!** This is a valuable resource for every individual and family. We encourage and invite you to print off the lessons and use them for yourself and your family on the Lord's Day. View them using the link on the new CLDA website: clda.ca/prison

At this time, the correspondence part of the course (sending in the answers and receiving marks) is only intended for prison inmates. However, studying the Bible using this course as a guide would be a profitable way to spend some time on the Lord's Day.

We should all be stirred up to pray for a blessing upon these endeavours. It is impossible to know all the fruit of these labours but "let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (Galatians 6:9). "To do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased." (Hebrews 13:16)

## Thank you from a recently released inmate:

Hello.

You inquired as to how it was the Daily Diary was of such help to me while incarcerated...

The first thing which comes to mind are the quotes of scripture on each day. These provided an opportunity to read each specific quote, but then to read further by opening the Holy Bible. Routine is so much a part of prison life, so this was but one more component of my every day.

Naturally, the calendar allowed me a method of maintaining an organized place for tracking my appointments. Additionally, I would also note incoming and outgoing letters, as well as phone calls (perhaps with a brief overview of the content). Further, I kept informed as to upcoming birthdays and/or other special dates to remember, for I noted them all on the appropriate dates.

So again, I thank you and your organization for the tremendous job you all do for me and many others. May God Bless you, now and always.

-Received in January 2022 from a former inmate in BC



# Sabbath Observance in Ontario Leads to Blessing

## George L. Mackay in Ontario

It was one hundred and fifty years ago this spring that George L. Mackay arrived in Taiwan and determined to labour in the gospel among the Taiwanese. He had travelled from his home and birthplace in Zorra, near Woodstock, Ontario. Godly men such as Donald Mackenzie (minister in Zorra for 38 years) and W. C. Burns (Scottish minister whose two years in Canada were greatly blessed) had had a significant influence on him and he always kept them in high regard.

Mackay grew up under a faithful ministry in a Christian community which kept the Lord's Day holy. In fact, the dominion of Canada was formed as a Christian country, with laws preserving one day in seven for rest. The last law related to keeping the Sabbath was overturned as recently as 1992: only 30 years ago.

## George L. Mackay in Taiwan

His work was blessed by the Lord, many Taiwanese were converted, and his legacy of Christian service is still remembered with admiration by Taiwanese people today. Mackay wrote of the beginning of his work in Taiwan:

"While studying the language I was also coming into touch with the people. The proud, conceited literati would enter my room, open my Bibles and other books, throw them on the floor, and then strut out with a grunt of contempt. I got a large sheet of Chinese paper, printed on it the ten commandments, and pasted it on the outside of my door. It was soon daubed with mud and then torn down. A second was similarly treated. The third was put up and remained untouched.

One forenoon a young man, prepossessing in appearance, and of more than ordinary intelligence, called upon me and questioned me on many subjects. When he was leaving I invited him to return in the evening and have another talk. He promised, and was there at the time mentioned, and remained during brief exercises and the singing of a hymn." (Mackay (1896) From Far Formosa, p.137-138)

The story continues with a touching account of the conversion of this young man who continued with him and helped him in his work. During thirty years, a Christian community grew throughout Taiwan including 2,400 baptized communicants at the time of Mackay's death. Over 60 churches were established with native preachers, and several institutions were built including a hospital, a school for girls, and a training centre for native church leaders named "Oxford College" after his home county.

 $(\underline{http://www.internationalbulletin.org/issues/2010-04/2010-04-221-rohrer.html})$ 

As a country, Taiwan has made him one of their national heroes. In commemoration of

the 150th anniversary of Mackay's arrival in Tamsui in 1872, President Tsai wrote to the Canadian Mackay Committee on March 10, 2022 that Mackay is "still held in great esteem by the people of Taiwan who look back on his remarkable life as missionary, educator, and medical practitioner." Celebrations are underway this year to commemorate his services to Taiwan.

## Zorra Sabbath Keepers

Mackay always spoke highly of his upbringing. He wrote of his parents' generation: "Peace to the honoured dust of those brave pioneers! ...Little of this world's goods did they possess. All day long their axes rang in the forests, and at night the smoke of burning log heaps hung over their humble homes... They worshipped and served the eternal God, taught their children to read the Bible and believe it, listen to conscience and obey it, observe the Sabbath and love it, and to honour and reverence the office of the gospel ministry." (Mackay (1896) From Far Formosa, p.14-15)

Rev. W. A. Mackay, just two years older than George (not a brother), wrote of the same people:

"The pioneers of Oxford were Bible-reading, God-fearing, Christ-loving men and women, who believed something, and lived as they believed. To them truth was the Saviour's crown-jewels, and they would as soon think of loving a king and trampling on his crown, as pretend to love Christ, and then trample on his law.

Who will deny that the devout observance of the day of rest developed in the fathers a vigorous and Christian manhood and womanhood, and made them strong physically, mentally, morally?

Even if men had no immortal souls to be cared for, their brains and their bodies require a day of rest. If we are to make the most of ourselves even in this life, we must take one day in seven for a quiet rest from physical toil and mental excitement. It is one of the cunning devices of the devil to destroy men, by tempting them to turn God's appointed day of rest into a day of work or pleasure." (Mackay (1899) Pioneer Life in Zorra, p.55-57)

## **Further Study**

There is a wealth of resources available about the life and work of Mackay, many available online. We mention a few:

His autobiography: From Far Formosa, by Mackay, G. and Macdonald, J. A. (1896)
https://www.oxfordhistoricalsociety.ca/category/george-leslie-mackay/
http://www.internationalbulletin.org/issues/2010-04/2010-04-221-rohrer.html
https://www.ocl.net/Services/Local-History/Zorra/Zorras-People/George-Leslie-Mackay
https://www.tourismoxford.ca/plan\_your\_trip/arts\_and\_culture/explore\_reverend\_geor
ge\_leslie\_mackay\_sites\_in\_oxford\_county.aspx

## A Lesson from a Scottish Pioneer of Southwestern Ontario

The following incident will illustrate the loyalty of our ancestors to the Sabbath, and the quaint, original manner in which some of them could enforce their views of the holy day. A good elder one day came upon a number of young lads who were grossly profaning the Lord's day. In gentle tones, and without the slightest sign of anger, the old man said: "Boys, let me tell you a story. There was a rich man, and he owned seven fine cows. He had a neighbor who was very poor, and possessed nothing at all. But the rich man was so generous that he gave the poor man, free, without any price, six of his fine cows. And now what think you the poor man did?"

"Well," said one of the boys, "he would be very grateful to the rich man."

"I would think," said another, "he ought to show his gratitude by doing what he could

to please and honor the man who treated him so kindly."

"No, my boys," said the old man, "you will be surprised when I tell you that he was neither grateful nor respectful to his benefactor; but, on the contrary, he used to come and steal the milk from the only cow the good man kept for himself."



"Is that story true?" said one boy.

"Who is that man?" cried another.

"Why, that man's too mean to live," shouted a third.

"Stop, my dear boys, and I will explain. I have told you a story to teach you a moral. God in His infinite goodness has given us six days in the week for our own use, but the Sabbath He has retained to Himself. But, boys, you seem not to be satisfied with six days, for you are robbing God of His day. Is this right? Is this manly?"

There was no more desecration of the Sabbath for them that day.

(Taken from Mackay, W.A. (1899) Pioneer Life in Zorra)

## The King Does Not Do Business on Sundays!

When King George IV of England was still crown prince, he summoned a merchant on Sunday to order various things for a journey he was to begin on Monday. The merchant was a God-fearing man who wanted to honour the Lord's Day, and therefore he did not go. He sent word to the prince that it was impossible for him to come that day, but that he would be present early Monday morning.

The next morning the prince asked him, "Why did you not come yesterday?" It was clear from his tone of voice that he was displeased.

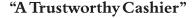
"I hope that Your Royal Highness will forgive me," the merchant said, "but I had to be with the King!"

"That is not possible, the king does not do business on Sundays!" the prince replied.

"But I mean the King of kings, Your Highness," the merchant said. "It was His day, and therefore I had to be present!"

The crown prince blushed with shame. He apologized to the merchant, and said, "We must honour that Majesty above everything else, you are correct. It will not happen again that I require such a thing of you!"

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Girard\*, the infidel millionaire of Philadelphia, one Saturday ordered all his clerks to come on the morrow to his wharf and help unload a newly arrived ship.

One young man replied quietly:

"Mr. Girard, I can't work on Sundays."

"You know our rules."

"Yes, I know. I have a mother to support, but I can't work on Sundays."

"Well, step up to the desk and the cashier will settle with you."

For three weeks the young man could find no work; but one day a banker came to Girard to



ask if he could recommend a man for a cashier in a new bank. This discharged young man was at once named as a suitable person.

"But," said the banker, "you dismissed him."

"Yes, because he would not work on Sundays. A man who would lose his place for conscience' sake would make a trustworthy cashier." And he was appointed.

(Taken from Mackay, W.A. (1899) Pioneer Life in Zorra)

\*Stephen Girard (1750-1831) was a wealthy merchant, banker, and philanthropist who resided in Philadelphia in the late 18<sup>th</sup> and early 19<sup>th</sup> centuries.

## The Day of Rest

by REV. TH. KELLY

I fain would love the day of rest, Would still esteem this day the best, But oft, alas! I've need to say, 'How barren is my soul to-day!'

True, I frequent the house of prayer;
I go and sit with others there;
I hear, and sing, and seem to pray,
But oft my mind is called away.

I fain would see the Saviour near,
Of Him would think, and speak, and hear;
But vain and sinful thoughts intrude,
And draw my soul from all that's good.

Redeemed from earth by Jesus' blood I fain would give the day to God; But seldom to my purpose true, 'Tis mine to plan, but not to do.

Of sinners, Lord, I am the chief;
O bring Thy worthless worm relief!
Revive Thy work within my soul,
And all my thoughts and powers control.