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"The Golden Text"

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7 P.M.

Barclay
anon. "Everybody's Test."

Luther: "The Bible in miniature."

John 3:16.

(I.)

I. Question: How easy would it be to clearly explain this beautiful verse to: 1. a Communist - atheist in Moscow, Russia, who had never heard of God - except in derision, ridicule and mockery - AND/OR 2. to an average citizen on the street in Dallas, Texas, who has never attended Bible School classes nor church worship services? % T.A.

II The Golden Text:

1. A. GOD: ^{GR.} ^{HEB.} Elohim. Jehovah. ^{not:} ^{fickle -} creator - unoriginated, immutable (changeable), eternal - a (I AM) or self-sustained existence. Father (source of life.) Supreme Being. An invisible Spirit. all mighty - all powerful. Omnipotent. able to be everywhere & anywhere. Omnipresent. Most wise & knowing. ^{most able to} ^{know}. Omniscient. Lord. Savior. Love. Consuming fire. Light. (Know of Him by? Nature & revelation.)

2. B. LOVED. what is the simplest def. of love possible? Ans. "GIVING". How ill ~~love~~ without giving? who loves most? ans. He who ^(gets) gives most!
Ill. Giver at the temple. Widow's mite. Lk. 12:42 / Luke 8. 500 pence. 50. " who loved most? (master-giver.)


Romance & courtship:

Song: "you don't bring me flowers any more!" on Back

3. (C) "WORLD" (GR: KOSMOS) Sig. of sph.: Metonymy =

"Mankind" - The Human Race - Every man!
Which nations? Which colors? Which class?
Ed. level? Financial status? Which Pol. Party?
any other religion this widespread?

4. (D) GAVE: Traded? Bartered? Exchanged?
Bargained? Forced Sig. Au: Committed!
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GR. MO-NOG-ENES.

E. "ONLY BEGOTTEN" Son: Mean?

Ans. "Unique relationship". One of a kind. ^{only} one!
One like there is none other like!
Modern translators: "Only Son." ^{not saying enough!}

F. BELIEVES: How much? What?

Question: Does one have to understand God's terms of pardon before he can be pardoned? Then, can he be saved in ignorance? Mk. 16:15-16.
??? Does one have to understand what baptism truly is + what it's for before he can be scripturally bap. into Christ?

What all does "Believe" involve?

Intell. Mental assent + obedience to Christ's will?
In So. Amer. no word for accepting the identity of Jesus only + calling it faith. ~~must~~ have 2nd part. - obedience.

G. "PERISH": to "destroy"! { not cease to exist. ^{NOT} Complete destruction.

To die. To corrupt. To decay. Dissolve.
N.T.: Separated from God + Wonderful living.
Separated from the true, the good and the Beautiful. Punishment. Penalty.

H. "Everlasting" life. Eternal. Unmeasured-time. Permanent. Unchangeable.
The Duration. Endless. Without end.
Immortal. Imperishable.

Vs 17. I. "Condemn." "To know something against. ^{and speak} Think ill of. To Cast blame. Pronounce judgment. Pass sentence upon. To render a guilty verdict. Passing of judgment. Justice exercized. Administration of justice.

V. 17. I. "Saved." Deliverance "from" danger - harm - suffering - pain. Made whole. Escape harm - pain etc. Delivered "to" glory, honor + abundant life. I Cor. 15: 25. Escaping loss - death or tragedy. To be preserved. Accepting the grace of God. Freedom from guilt or penalty of sin.