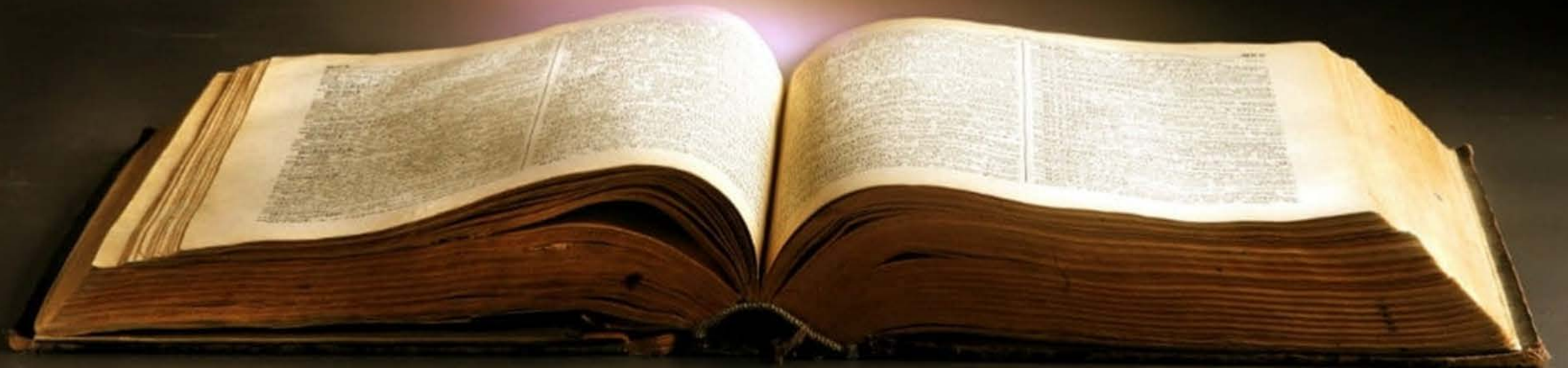
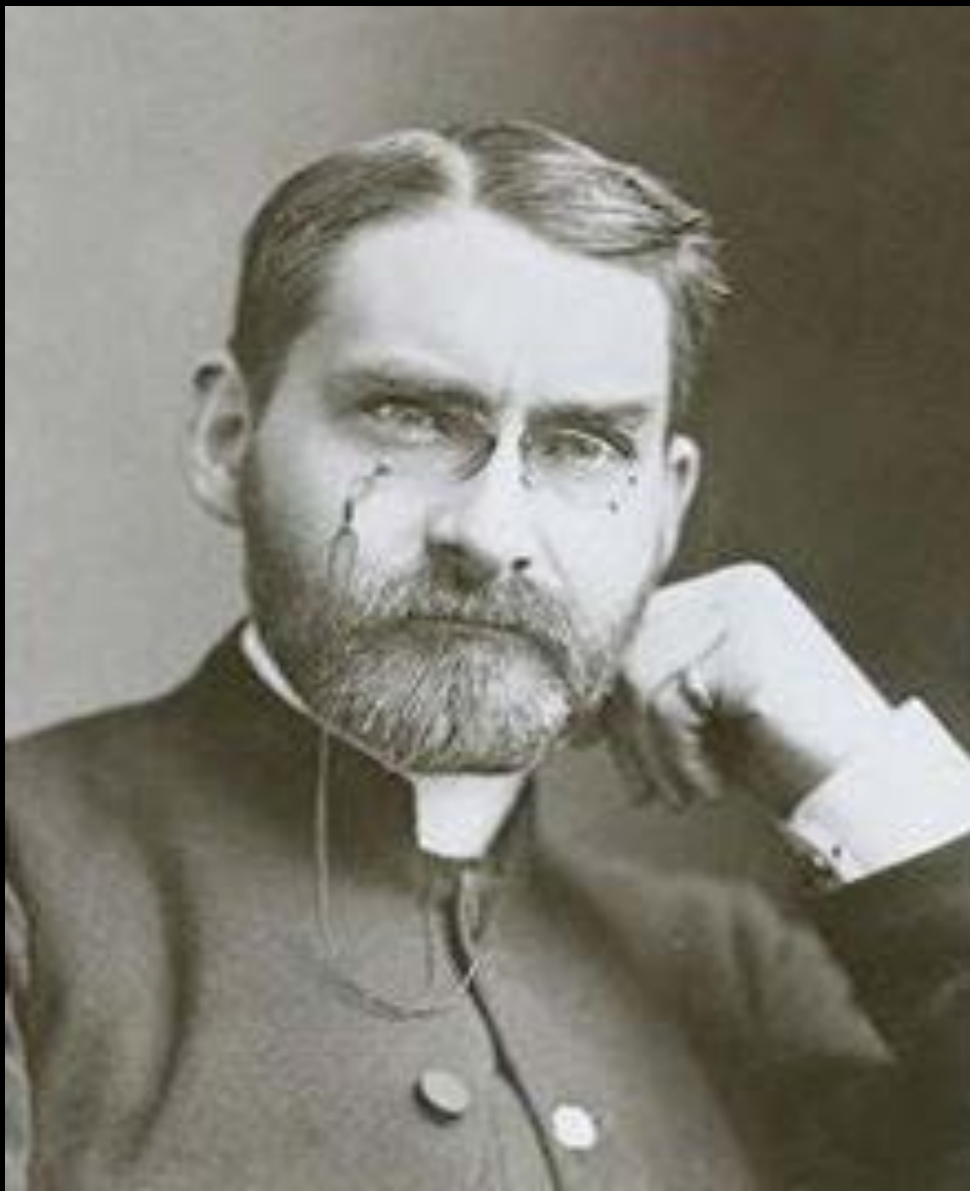


**Therefore, O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient
to the heavenly vision,
Acts 26:19**





Hugh Price Hughes
Feb 1847 - Nov 1902



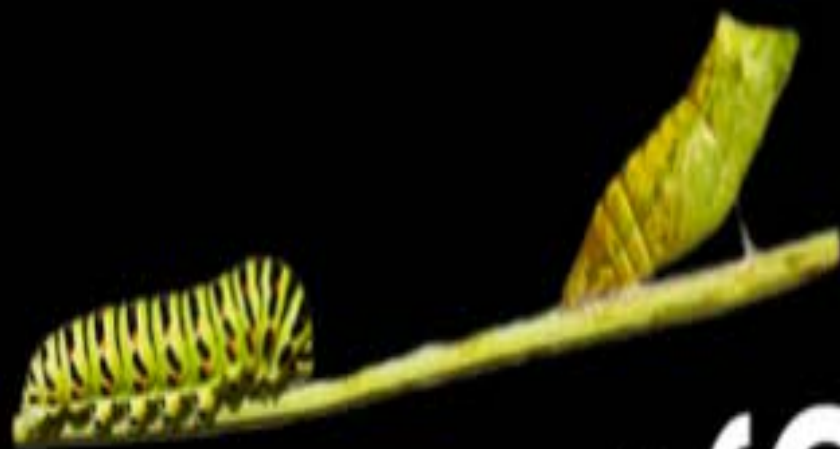
Charles Bradlaugh
Sep 1833 - Jan 1891

From
Darkness

To **LIGHT**

Power of a life

being transformed





Romans 8:11 (ESV)

11 If the **Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you**, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.



Preach the gospel
at all times,
when necessary,
use words

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Celebration of Hope

The Apostle Paul

Acts 26: 12- 18



Acts 26:15-16 (ESV)

15 And I said, 'Who are you, Lord?' And the Lord said, 'I am Jesus whom you are persecuting.

16 But rise and stand upon your feet,
for I have appeared to you **for this purpose**,
to appoint you as a servant and witness
to the things in which you have seen me and
to those in which I will appear to you,

Acts 26:17-18 (ESV)

17 delivering you from your people and
from the Gentiles—to whom I am sending you
18 to open their eyes, so that they may turn
from darkness to light and from **the power of Satan
to God**, that they may receive forgiveness of sins
and a place among those who are sanctified
by faith in me.'

Context





What was Paul like before he encountered the Lord?

- Pharisee
- Persecuted the church



Acts 26:12-14 (ESV)

12 In this connection I journeyed to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests.

13 At midday, O king, I saw on the way **a light from heaven, brighter than the sun**, that shone around me and those who journeyed with me.

14 And when we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It is hard for you to kick against the **goads**.'

Paul encountered the Lord!

- Bright light/voice
- Blinded physically
- Heart changed



Salvation Purpose

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“All of God’s people
are ordinary people
who have been
made extraordinary
by the **purpose**
He has given them”

Oswald Chambers

2 Corinthians 4:1-2 (ESV)

1 Therefore, having **this ministry**
by the **mercy of God**, we **do not lose heart**.

2 But we have renounced disgraceful,
underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning
or to tamper with God's word,
but by the open statement of the truth
we would commend ourselves to everyone's
conscience in the sight of God.

2 Corinthians 4:3-4 (ESV)

3 And even if our gospel is veiled,
it is veiled to those who are perishing.

4 In their case **the god of this world**
has blinded the minds of the unbelievers,
to keep them from seeing the light of
the gospel of the glory of Christ,
who is the image of God.

2 Corinthians 4:5-6 (ESV)

5 For what we proclaim is not ourselves,
but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves
as your servants for Jesus' sake.

6 For God, who said, “**Let light shine out
of darkness,**” has shone in our hearts to give
the light of the knowledge of the glory of God
in the face of Jesus Christ.



2 Corinthians

REFLECTING THE SERVANTHOOD OF CHRIST

Question: Why is Paul able to NOT lose heart?



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