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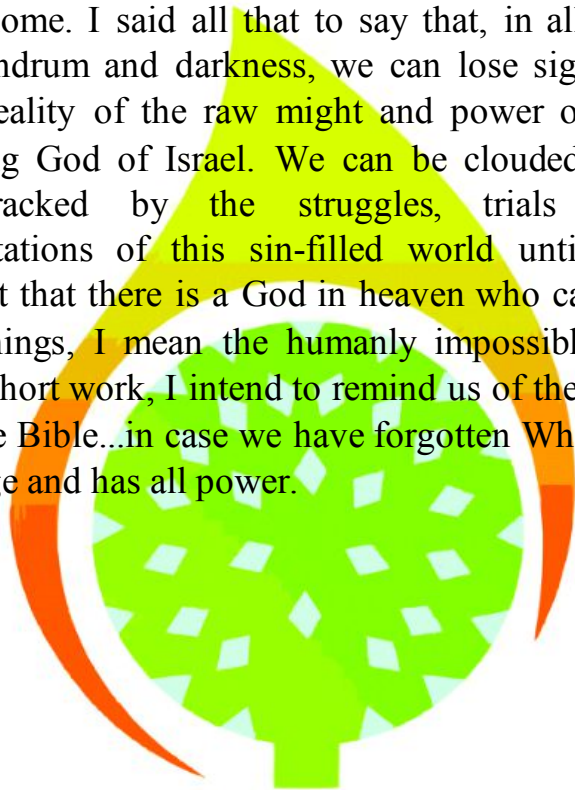
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Introduction

So much is happening on earth, human beings are busier than ever, Satan has unleashed all hell, disasters and troubles are on every side. I don't have nor watch television anymore, but when I still used to watch, I used to enjoy a cartoon called Samurai Jack. It always began with a short narration of the overarching plot, narrated by the villain named Aku in a hoarse voice, who is just the devil himself. It went like this: *“Long ago in a distant land, I, Aku, the shapeshifting Master of Darkness, unleashed an unspeakable evil! But a foolish Samurai warrior, wielding a magic sword, stepped forth to oppose me. Before the final blow was struck, I tore open a portal in time and flung him into the future, where my evil is law! Now the fool seeks to return to the past, and undo the **FUTURE THAT IS AKU!**”* Through this cartoon the devil clearly spells out his real plans for this planet, we are now certainly in “the future that is Aku,” which will climax in the great tribulation. In the cartoon “future that is Aku,” everything has his mark on it. The buildings even look like him. In our day, I

see the devil every direction I look, in fashion, morals, entertainment, and even in churches; that is one of the reasons why I cast television out of my home. I said all that to say that, in all this conundrum and darkness, we can lose sight of the reality of the raw might and power of the Living God of Israel. We can be clouded and sidetracked by the struggles, trials and temptations of this sin-filled world until we forget that there is a God in heaven who can do all things, I mean the humanly impossible. In this short work, I intend to remind us of the God of the Bible...in case we have forgotten Who's in charge and has all power.



Chapter 1

How Great is God?

In regard to Christopher Hitchens' book titled, *God is Not Great*, all I can say now is, indeed Allah is not great, but the God of the Bible, revealed in Jesus Christ, is such a strong force to be reckoned with that the very culture and civilization that gave Hitchens himself the freedom to vituperate Him is permeated through and through with His ethical influence, which actually has sustained the very civilization. Even the science Hitchens touted was born in the cradle of Judaeo-Christian influence. Hitchens died a few years ago and is almost already forgotten, Jesus Christ lived, died and rose from the dead 2000 years ago and He's as fresh as ever in the minds and experience of billions across the globe, the highly brilliant and the dullest alike, in the most prestigious centers of learning and in the remotest villages upon earth; and by the way the Bible is still the bestseller. Jesus

Christ, the God of the Bible is great, a fact acknowledged even by some of Hitchens' fellow atheists themselves.

That being as it may, how great is God?

He is from everlasting to everlasting

Who made God? Where did He come from? Well God came from nowhere because there is nowhere for Him to come from. If we could answer that one made Him, it would behoove us to have to answer as to who made the one who made God and ad-infinity. That would be a logical fallacy. All explanations end somewhere. The finite human mind which is subject to time and a corrupt body cannot comprehend how any entity could exist timelessly and thus have no beginning nor end. We began to exist and everything we know (except God) has a beginning, so locked up in that mode of thinking and being irreducibly and intrinsically beings of time, we inevitably would attempt to bring the Creator within the bounds of the questions of time as we try to relate with and understand Him. We are hopelessly clueless in that regard. To the

point where atheists would rather pathetically believe in... ‘nothing’...then...(((bang)))...then ‘everything!’ They call that science and say it provides better explanations than the assertion of the existence of deities. But to come up with such theories is just an indication of how pathetically limited the human mind is, not to mention how corroded by the entity called sin. God just is, there is no end to Him. He is infinite. Nobody voted Him into being God, and He's not going to resign, and that's what rebels hate.

He simply speaks

Chapter 1 of my book titled *A Revival of the Scriptures* begins with these words:

To the secular thinker, in the beginning was nothing, and the nothing banged into everything; to those of us who believe in ‘The Book,’ the power of God’s Word is ‘throughout the universe displayed.’ We are on the earth; the earth is in the universe and the universe is in the Word. The universe was framed (Hebrews 11:3) and is sustained (Hebrews 11:3) by this Word. From the vast universe to the individual

human being, the Word is active and working, “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). That is the majesty of the transcendence and immanence of God in his Word. The Lord Jesus Christ is the personification and the Bible contains the written expression of that Word.

As for us, poor finite creatures, we toil and exert ourselves to get even the simplest things accomplished. But God, ladies and gentlemen, simply spoke and the universe came into being from nothing. How great is God?

Every detail

God’s knowledge is immeasurable, He knows every detail in the universe. What do we know? Less than a drop in the ocean in comparison. God knows where the smallest particle in the universe is right this moment and its every movement and its exact purpose. He knows us

more than we even know ourselves. He made us you see, so He knows where exactly He put what, and thus where to touch to effect whichever purpose. His ways are past finding out (Romans 11:33). His knowledge is unmeasurable, His peace surpasses understanding, His joy is unspeakable, and His love incomprehensible; that's our God. God knows the human being thoroughly, He knows every single cell in our bodies. He knows our going out and our coming in, our highs and lows, our joys and sorrows, our birth and death, our thoughts and words, our sitting and rising, our hunger and fullness - David said, *such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it* (Psalms 139). God knows everything that exists and happens in one single moment and act all the time. He knows what is the height that is higher than the highest height (that's Himself) and the depth that is deeper than the deepest depth. He knows the furthest past and the furthest future. He knows the furthest east from the furthest west. We go to school for ages, and apply our minds rigorously just to attain a Phd, but God's knowledge is perfect and He does not need to

learn anything. He knows instantly all matter, all the stars by name, all thoughts, all mysteries, all angels, all human beings, all animals, insects, and trees, all sea creatures, all desires, all feelings, all the water that exists, all presidents and their deeds, everything; there is nothing to be known that God doesn't know. He never sleeps, so He never misses any event, He could never be surprised by any news. How great is God? Greater than the greatest great? Certainly

He doesn't fight

God has enemies. He always sends angels and humans to the battle. He doesn't fight because He has no match. Let the creatures fight each other, the Creator is in a class of His own. Perhaps if there was some rival 'creator' He would fight, but He is the only One. His enemies are to Him less than a flea. He sent just one angel to destroy 185 000 of them at one point (2Kings 19:35). Just an appearance of a hand He sent (perhaps that of an angel) turned Belshazzar pale and caused his joints to be loosed and his knees to knock on each other (Daniel 5). He will send just one of His angels to go arrest His arch foe the

devil at the beginning of the Millennial Reign (Revelation 20). He dwells in unapproachable light and no one can see Him and remain alive (1Timothy 6:16). He doesn't have to fight because just attempting to see Him means evaporation for the creature. When we see Him in Christ we fall at His feet as though dead (Revelation 1:17). How great is God?

He is not man

He doesn't get tired, sleepy, hungry, thirsty, tempted, defiled, lonely, needy, poor, sick, unfaithful, forgetful, weak, late, worried, lazy, depressed, etc. He had to become one of us in order to experience some of these things. God doesn't need us, we need Him. He is the author of life and He does not die because life depends on Him to exist; He is life. God sustains every breath we take. How great is God?

I heard that after the Soviet sputnik orbit of the Earth in the 50's the scientists involved boasted that 'we've orbited the earth and there was no sign of God anywhere.' That would be like an

ant crawling on a man's lap and shouting to its fellows, 'There's no human being.'

He doesn't need to travel

He sees everything everywhere every time. He is everywhere always. David said even if I made my bed in hell, 'Thou art there' (Psalms 139), even at the uttermost parts of the sea, He is there, David went on to declare. The prophet Jonah found that out the hard way. God sent him to Nineveh and he tried to flee to Tarshish via the sea, and God commanded a big fish to get him out of there.

When He judges

God is the ultimate Truth which transcends all truth claims and puts them in perspective. He is eternal Truth, the ultimate unchanging and fixed point of reference, the one who ultimately knows and by whom we know what is true and what is false, what is right or wrong. *What God sees and regards as truth is true, because he sees things as they are and when we have the divine estimate of anything, we understand what the thing is,* according to Albert Barnes.

So, when He judges, His judgement is perfect, no mistake. Since He knows everything, His evidence is full and clear. He does not allege, He declares. He will judge the nations and they will tremble at the sight of His majesty. He is a consuming fire. None shall escape, and none shall dispute His judgements. But every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.



Chapter 2

The Anatomy of a Miracle

What are Miracles?

The standard definition of a miracle is, *an event that is inexplicable by the laws of nature and so is held to be supernatural in origin*. Miracles look different in the eyes of God than they do in human eyes.

To human beings

Human beings and other earthly creatures are physical and dwell in the natural world. The natural world is quite limited. We are subject to time and space (or distance). The spirit world is just the opposite. God is spirit, His angels are spirits, and so is Satan and his minions. The operations of the spirit world are far surpassingly sophisticated than the physical world. Remember God is spirit and He created the physical world, meaning the spiritual world existed before the physical one, is responsible for it, and is

consequently far superior and more real than it. How ironic that the world that originated our own and is more real than it seems so unreal and as a consequence naturalist are out and out to prove that there is nothing to it. Many things that are impossible in the physical world are possible in the spiritual world. When beings of the spirit world act in and upon the physical world as they would in the spirit world, whatever they do appears wondrous to physical eyes because their actions defy the limitations of time and space which our eyes subject to. That is why even demons can perform supposed miracles. It's because what is natural to the spirit world is supernatural when disclosed to the physical world. However, miracles are more than just spirit beings passively acting in defiance of the natural order, they are also a result of exertion of spiritual power. This is where now we come to differentiate between God's power and the devil's power, the greater power can go exceedingly abundantly and infinitely further than the lesser power. That means Satan can do miracles with his power, but he, being a creature can only do so much, and even the power he uses originally

came from the Creator. But imagine what the Creator with unlimited power can do. When Moses the servant of the Lord threw down his rod and it turned into a serpent in front of Pharaoh, Lo and behold the servants of the devil (Pharaoh's magicians) could perform the same miracle. Today's false prophets are weak compared to the magicians of Ancient Egypt, I'm not yet impressed. Satan's miracles are quite limited because they are dependent on God's existence and sustenance of the universe to happen, and on the limitation of his overall power as a mere created being. But to show His superseding power God caused the snake-rod of Moses to devour all the snakes of the servants of the devil. God went further to perform through Moses such astounding miracles against Egypt that the men working with the limited power of the devil confessed to their master Pharaoh that, "This is the finger of God" (Exodus 8:19). Now God knows everything that Satan is doing but Satan knows little of what God is doing. This is seen in the cases of Joseph and Daniel. The king of Egypt had a dream and none of the magicians or wise men of Egypt could decipher its mystery,

but Joseph came and did it as easy as a-b-c. Daniel did the same thing with Belshazzar king of Babylon after the hand from God wrote MENE MENE TEKEL - UPHARSIN. One other thing about the spirit world of the dark side is that God, being sovereign, can easily limit their work. This can be seen in the matter of Job. Satan could only afflict Job at God's permission and to the extent allowed by God. In the matter of Elijah, Satan can surely make fire fall from the sky (Revelation 13:13), he could have done that for the prophets of Baal, and perhaps he wanted to, but it depended on whether the Lord would permit it or not. I mean the Lord permitted the magicians of Egypt to perform their wonders, didn't He?

Miracles to God

Whereas a miracle is cause of wonder to us, to God miracles are a triviality. God knows no miracles, to Him they are as easy as simply breathing, if I could put it that way. Does it not say in the Bible that nothing is too hard for God? Why would anything be hard for the Being who called the universe into existence ex nihilo?

Furthermore, He sustains every single thing in existence through Jesus Christ His Word. When you say, “wooww it's a miracle,” God says ‘yawn,’ it's normal.’ He only looks at miracles as such for the accommodation of poor pathetic man. What is man that thou art mindful of him oh Lord?

Types of miracles

- Creative miracles - Creation ex-nihilo is itself a miracle. God is able to create anything from nothing. No one else but Him can do anything like this. If you ever see Satan doing anything like this just know it is an illusion, it is not real. The Lord Jesus multiplied food and turned water into wine. These were creative miracles.
- Healing miracles - God can remove disease and take what's wrong and make it right in an instant.
- Signs and wonders - These are displays of power that cover creative miracles, healings, and other displays of supernatural power apart from healings

and creative miracles. When the Lord Jesus walked on water, that was a wonder. When He rebuked the storm and it immediately obeyed Him, that was a sign of great faith and a wonder.

All in all these terms (miracles, signs, and wonders) are generally interchangeable and mean more or less the same thing.

The purpose of miracles

God does miracles to help people and draw them to Himself for salvation and reverence. He did them to deliver His people out of Egypt and to magnify His holy name that it might be feared. He has to be feared for He is holy and man can get dangerously be irreverent and that tendency has to be put in check.

Miracles can at times serve as a sign that someone is truly sent from God. Moses had to perform the sign of turning the rod into a snake. The Lord Jesus turned water into wine to establish Himself in the hearts of His disciples. The Holy Spirit did miracles in the book of Acts

to confirm that Jesus Christ had risen from the dead.

The Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Jesus Christ, glorifies Jesus, false prophets operating by another spirit glorify themselves.

How to test the origin of a miracle

Check with the Lord - Nothing is hidden from the fiery eyes of Jesus, ask Him if what you are seeing is from Him.

Check for the purpose - All miracles in the Bible were performed for a purpose. God did wonders in Egypt in order to deliver the Israelites from slavery and confirm Moses. Christ changed water into wine for a purpose. Miracles performed for a sideshow are not of Christ; like with the so-called prophet from Malawi who in a church service showed people a video of himself walking on air for the purpose of self-exaltation. Miracles performed by the Holy Spirit will point people to Jesus Christ.

Check the message - What is the preacher's message? Does it comfort people in sin or does it

call them out of it? A preacher who comforts people in sin is false even if he is using God's true power. In this days of many false prophets, many are not even using the Lord's power but are direct employees of Satan.

Check with the Bible - Anything that is not in line with the Bible is to be rejected.



Chapter 3

All Things are Possible

The God of the Bible is still the same

The God of the Bible hasn't changed, He can still do the same things we read in the Bible. God doesn't change because He is the ultimate Being. He doesn't need any change whatsoever. He doesn't always work the same way but as long as something is recorded in the Bible, it can still happen the same way, why not? Don't mind those Calvinist cessationists, the Holy Spirit's gifts of revelation and power are still here and can work the same way. Cessationists used to believe that Jesus doesn't appear to anybody anymore, then He began appearing to Muslims in the Middle East and saving them, now under pressure they changed the theory and say, "God can do anything He wants." People make up doctrines and suppose that they can lock God up within their man-made traditions. Let me assure you that God is able to do anything and His gifts

have not ceased. If you want to walk in the power of the Lord seek Him incessantly and watch.

If your back is against the wall, know that the same God who opened the Red Sea can easily make a way for you.

If you're facing a giant of a situation, know that the same God who used a young rudy boy to slay Goliath is well able to make your situation fall at your feet. I remember watching the testimony of a young Christian lady who had just lost her husband after just a few months or so of blissful marriage. She was left so completely shattered that she even tried to use some drugs to quiet the pain. She just could not imagine herself continuing to live with that amount of pain. She went to a church service where a visiting evangelist was preaching. By a gift of revelation, the evangelist called out her situation exactly, called her forward and prayed for her and her shattered heart was instantly healed. She said the pain literally left and peace and joy filled her. I'm so glad she did not meet a Calvinistic

cessationist who would have left her with a
“thanks for nothing.”

If you are bound by alcohol, Jesus can turn the beer in your system into water, and He can remove those addictions and put in your soul a hunger and thirst after righteousness. Google the story of Mel Trotter and read of the grace of God. Furthermore, I myself was addicted to something for many years but continued to believe, pray and fast. I woke up one day and the addiction was ‘gone with the wind.’ That's the power of the Holy Spirit. These things are nothing to God.

If you want your loved ones to be saved, know that the God who answered the fervent prayers of Elijah and Hannah still answers prayer.

If you are crippled, the same Jesus who healed blind Bartimaeus, who healed the man with the withered hand, who healed the lame and cleansed lepers can command you to get up, carry your bed and walk, only believe. I know of a preacher who was preaching on the rod of Moses in his tent, he called forward someone walking with crutches, took one crutch and declared that if what God did with the rod of

Moses was true He should still do it again, he threw the crutch down and it turned into a snake, people were on top of chairs in the tent but the power of the Lord descended and healed the sick with great demonstrations. Cessationists can be gone. The preacher's name is P.V Ndlhebende.

If you need financial help, let me tell you that the same Jesus who produced money to pay tax from the mouth of a fish is well able to provide for you. He multiplied food, it is a triviality for Him. He provides for me everyday. Stop being afraid, He is not a respecter of persons, He cares for you, only believe.

Are you feeling dry spiritually? Jesus Christ is the restorer of the soul and the baptizer in the Holy Spirit. Pentecost is still available for your soul, believe and pray. He can revive you, draw near to Him and He will draw near to you.

Those who are preachers, stop being satisfied with a powerless ministry, pray and fast and fast and pray and pray and fast and fast and pray until you are endued with power from on high. Let's revive our prayer lives, get the power of the

Lord, and go help the people of God and the lost. Your shadow can heal the sick, for the Holy Spirit has not changed. The power is unlimited.

The God of the Bible is still God today, He can do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us (Ephesians 3:20).

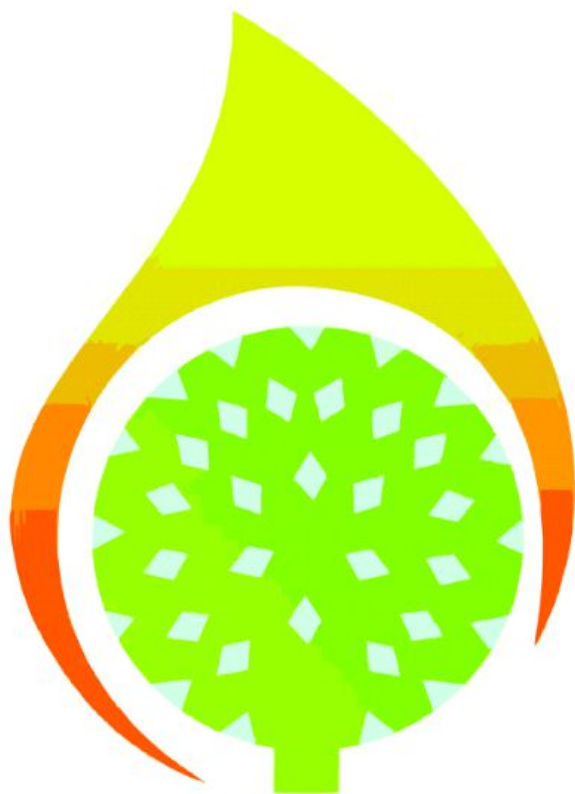
All things are possible to him that believeth (Mark 9:23)

Why doesn't God heal amputees? That is one of the mock questions of atheists. All things are possible to him that believes. God heals amputees, He made the human body, that is a little thing to God. There just needs to be a man of God with fire power in his hands and faith in his soul. I don't care that I have never seen an amputee healed, I know that God can do it and I believe one of these days He will do it. I also believe that moral perfection is possible. Why not? If He wants me to abstain not just from sin but from the very appearance of it, who said I cannot? All things are possible. Twins born merged together? God can separate them

instantly. What of midgets? Jesus Christ can make them instantly tall, why not? All things are possible. If you are weak in faith, don't disparage those who believe.

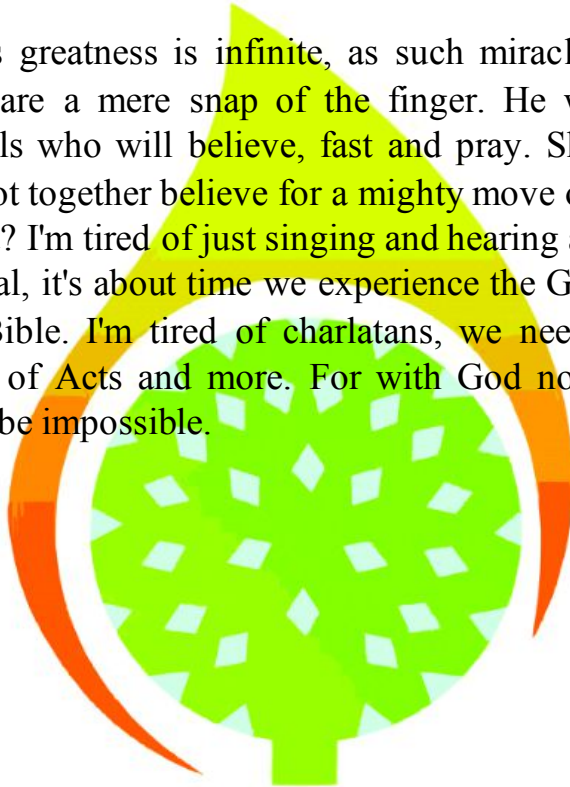
Now when you are a Christian, the Lord Jesus lives in you through the Holy Spirit, that's what makes all things possible. Jesus Christ must increase in you and you must decrease. When you spend entire nights in prayer, when you fast and pray and wrestle with God, Christ is increasing, and as He does, you may be shocked one day with what He will do through you. The problem with today's Christians and preachers is that they are lazy. Television is not going to fill you with the Holy Spirit, nor sanctify you. Today we come up with doctrines that help to lull us on in our spiritual laziness, especially the Church in the West, particularly America. As for Europe, the Church there is buried, but I know God has not left Himself without a witness there. The power of God is released through praying and fasting vessels. We spend all our time writing books and articles because we're afraid of the prayer closet. If the Church prayed enough,

we would need less articles and books. Oh! I love reading but I'm sick and tired of “article Christianity,” we need revival.



Conclusion

God's greatness is infinite, as such miracles to Him are a mere snap of the finger. He wants vessels who will believe, fast and pray. Should we not together believe for a mighty move of the Spirit? I'm tired of just singing and hearing about revival, it's about time we experience the God of the Bible. I'm tired of charlatans, we need the book of Acts and more. For with God nothing shall be impossible.



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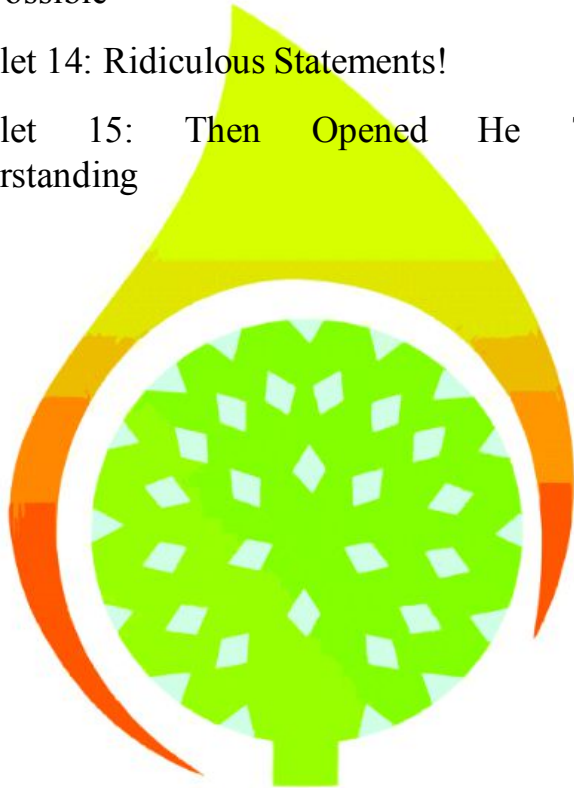
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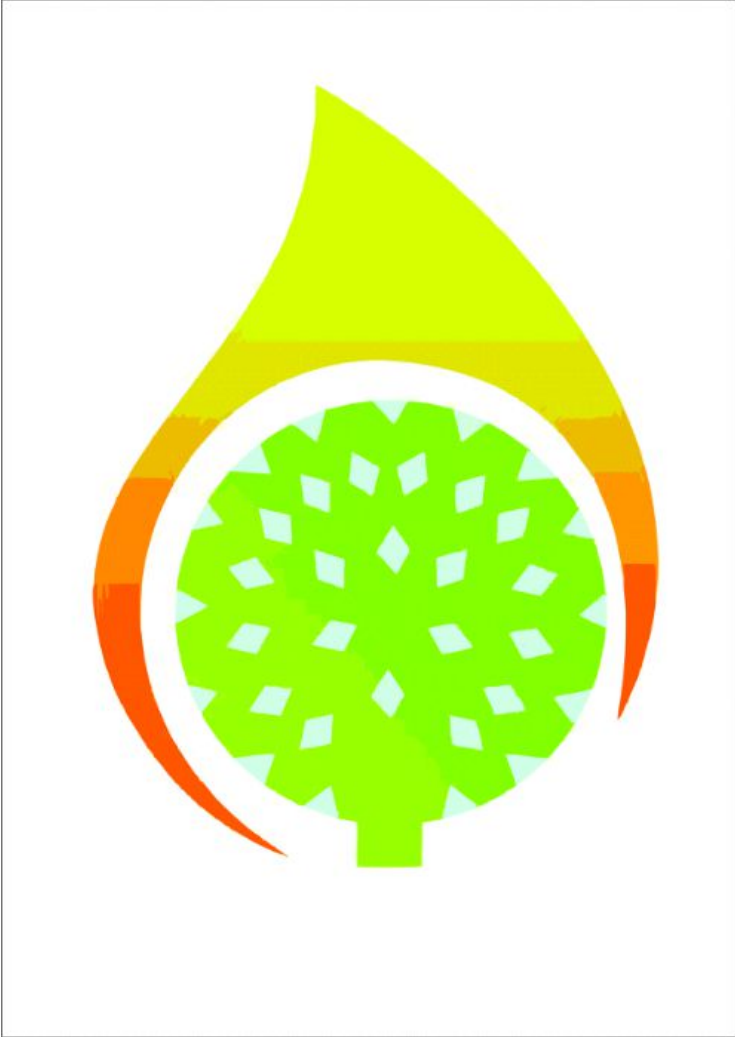
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