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the congregation

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Sunday:
8:00 AM: WGCY
9:00 AM: Worship

Wednesday:
7:00 PM: Bible Study

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This Past Week:
Worship—40
Wednesday—13
Contribution—\$970

For meditation:
Proverbs 27.7–8
To appreciate a
thing you must
want it. What
factors would
keep us from
wanting good
things intellectu-
ally and/or spirit-
ually?

Radio program:
WGCY FM, 106.3
Sundays at 8 AM

that they are without excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened."

This humble Christian, with a great scientific mind, saw no contradiction between the Bible and Science. Truth and Science are compatible. This led him to write two hymns which became popular in the Lord's church and are now sung throughout the world.

Impressions of Israel, 16

"Great multitudes followed Him from Galilee, and from Decapolis . . ." (Matt. 4.25)

Tucked away in the hills east and south of the Sea of Galilee are the ruins of Greek cities that flourished in the time of Jesus—the ten cities of the Decapolis. These were stately cities filled with colonnades, theatres, forums, baths, temples, and public buildings—everything you'd expect in a Greek polis.

Our stop at Bet She'an caught me by surprise. The ruins are splendid. The contrast between this Gentile city and the Jewish sites we had visited was so sharp you would have thought you were touring European antiquities rather than Asian.

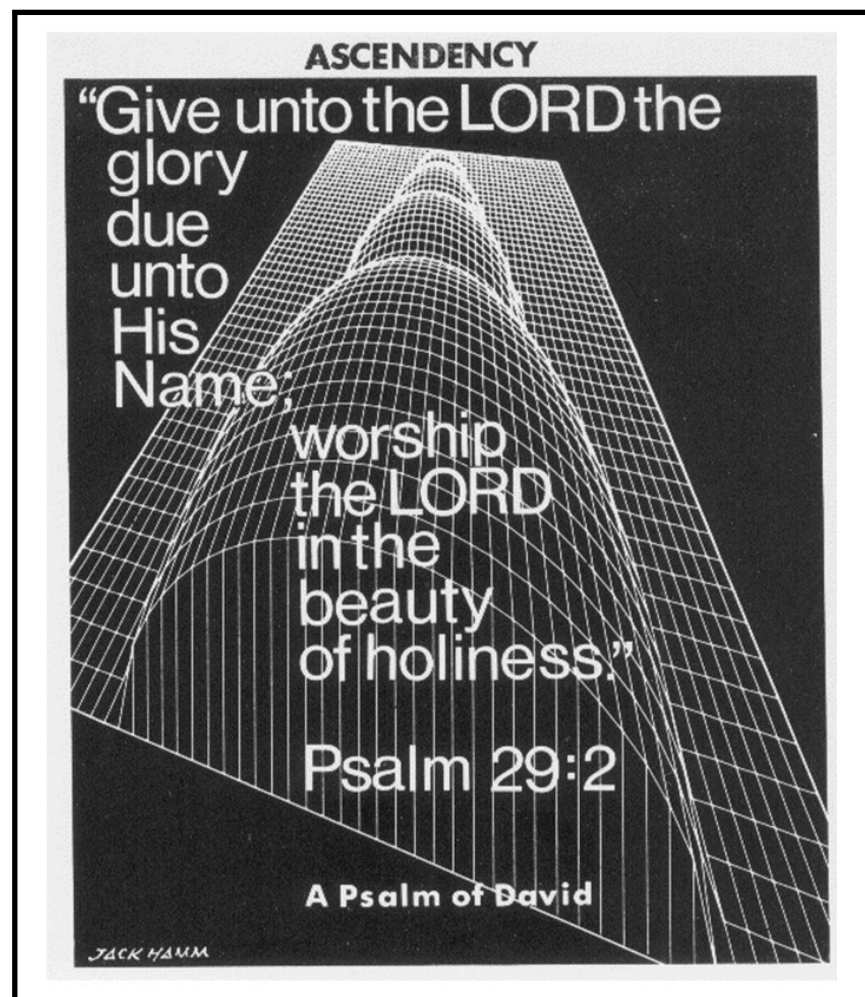
Notably, it was a city of Decapolis that allowed for the survival of Christians in first-century Judea, for it was to Pella, one of the ten cities (located in what is now Jordan), that Christians fled when Titus camped on the Mount of Olives.



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Highway 47 South, Gibson City, IL



Sermon: 1 Peter 2.21–25

Three views of Christ's submission

10 September 2023

My friend, A. W. Dicus

Rick Lanning

It was August, 1971. My parents were with me that Sunday morning as we entered the Temple Terrace church building across the street from Florida College. I was entering my freshman year the very next day. I saw my dad start talking to someone he obviously knew from his past. He soon introduced him to me as one of his old college professors at Tennessee Tech in Cookeville, Tennessee. “Rick, I want you to meet brother Dicus, my former physics teacher.” I politely said to this very old gray-haired man, “Hello sir, nice to meet you.” But I was far more interested in seeing if there were any pretty girls. Soon worship began. J. D. Evans was the song leader that day. He announced we would sing “*Our God, He Is Alive*.” I turned to the page. I happened to notice the writer of the song was some man named A. W. Dicus. We began singing this beautiful hymn. Suddenly I looked at my dad, who was singing while looking at brother Dicus. He looked at me and just smiled, then nodded as if to say, “Yes, he is the author.” Whoa. Now that’s pretty cool. I sat with him many times the rest of that year. A grand man!

Aaron W. Dicus was born in 1888 near St. Louis, Missouri. His family soon moved to Indiana where he spent his growing up years. He was born with an incredible curiosity for the sciences and his education and career moved in that direction from an early age. In 1912 he received his

Bachelor’s degree in Marion Normal College, then later was awarded the Master’s and Doctorate degrees from the University of Indiana. He taught science in both high school and college for several years before becoming a science professor at Indiana University until 1930. He then accepted a professorship and was made Head of the Physics Department at Tennessee Tech University until 1950. During that time he became President of the Tennessee Academy of Science and a member of the Southern Association of Physicists.

He was a preeminent scientist who actually trained a number of the physicists who worked at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, which helped developed the atomic bomb for the famous Manhattan Project. This helped end World War 2. His keen intellect, fueled by curiosity, led to his inventions of such things as the automobile turn signal, the electric pencil sharpener, the

automobile speed governor (which limits how fast a car can drive), and the electric skill saw. So if you drive, write or build things then your life has been impacted by this man more than you know.

I wanted to give you his technical background so that you would better appreciate some of the hymns he wrote late in his life. Brother Dicus was baptized at the age of 20 and remained a faithful Christian until his death in 1978. During his 70 years as a disciple of Christ he made his life’s priority, not the fame of an inventor, nor the notoriety of a scientist, or the prestige of a university professor, but as a preacher of the gospel. Nearly every Lord’s day he would drive somewhere to preach. “*Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness*” was his main vocation in life (Matt. 6:33). Having known him, I knew how well he loved God’s word and studied it daily.

At the encouragement of his wife Flora he spent the last years of his life writing gospel hymns. He wrote about 38, among them “*Lord, I Believe*” and “*Our God, He Is Alive*.” He wrote them to counter our age of skepticism and secularism which shouts, “God is dead!” Dr. Dicus understood that just as an invention must have an inventor, so must creation have a Creator. He read Hebrews 3:3-4 and drew the natural conclusion that all rational people can clearly see. It says: “*For this One has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as He who built the house has more honor than the house. For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things is God.*” Being a nationally recognized physicist he did not let his academic achievements override his common sense. A design must have a designer. Duh.

I saw old gospel meeting posters of him where he preached on Evidences of God. He focused on scriptures like Romans 1:20-21, which reads, “*For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so*

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News about us

- Kent and Kim and Mark and Lisa are all out of town this weekend.
- Nancy has been dealing with some serious sinus issues recently.