

The Word Is Like a Mine of Gold and Silver

The Word is like a mine containing in its depths gold and silver in great abundance...opened in the measure of person's understanding of the Word.

(True Christian Religion 245)

How is the Word like a mine with precious things hidden within? It is hard work getting gold and silver out of a mine. In a similar way, our efforts to read and understand the Lord's Word can bring great rewards. There are several ways to approach the Word, depending on our objectives. But our main goal should be to find out what the Lord is telling us and how we can apply it to our lives.

The Word Is Like a Treasure Chest

The Word in its literal sense is like a treasure chest, where precious stones, pearls and diadems lie in order. The thoughts of a person's mind who regards the Word as holy and reads it for the sake of the uses of life, may be compared to one holding such a casket in his hand, and throwing it toward heaven; and the casket opening in its ascent, the precious things in it are disclosed to the angels, who are deeply delighted in seeing and examining them....

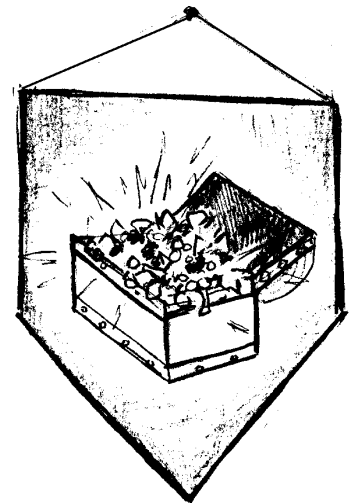
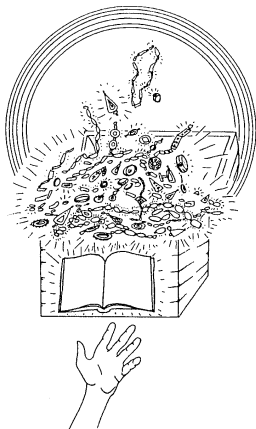
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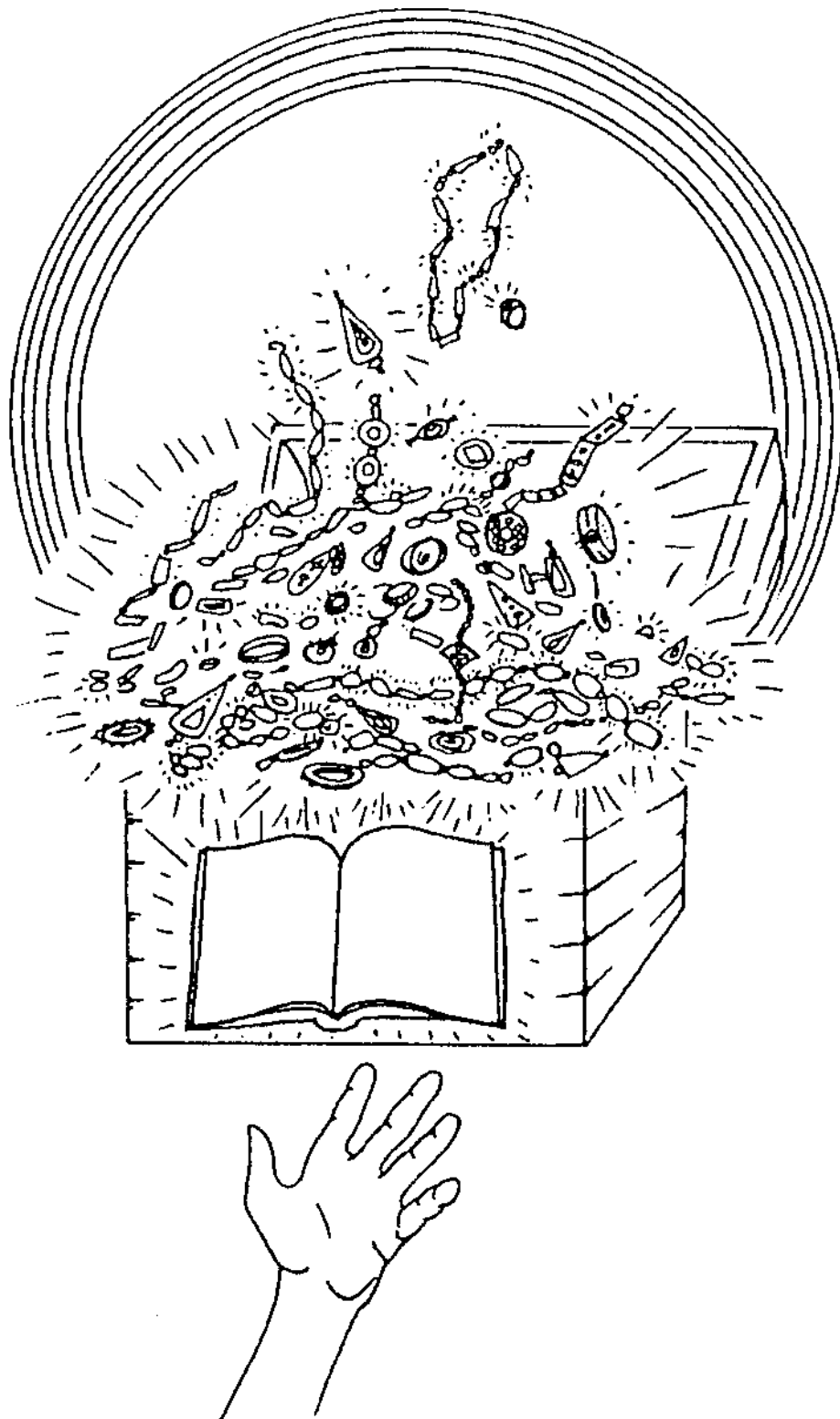
If we regard the Word as holy and read it for guidance in being useful to others, then it is as if we take precious stones and pearls out of a treasure chest and throw them towards heaven so the angels can see them and examine them.

Banner Project (adapted from Cascade Sunday School Lesson)

Use squares of felt and then cut out felt scraps and apply sequins, ya glitter, glue, etc. to create a banner of the Word as a treasure chest. Then attach yarn to hang the banners.

Coloring Page (see next page)





The Word...is like a treasure-chest which holds precious stones, pearls and diadems.

If a person regards the Word as holy and reads it for the sake of the uses,

his thoughts may be compared to the treasure chest being thrown toward heaven.

As it ascends, the chest opens and the angels see and delight in the precious things inside.

(see True Christian Religion 238)