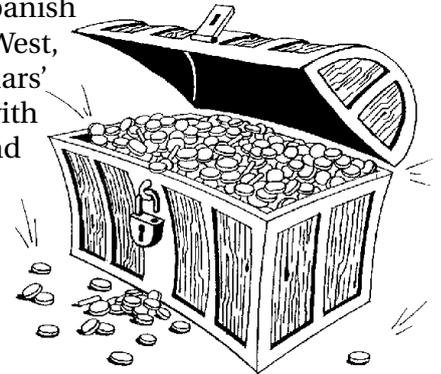


Treasure Hunt

Mel Fisher is a treasure hunter who searched for gold and found it. First he located a section of ocean floor covered with gold coins. From then on, Mel became what others called “a real dreamer.” But dreams are not all he ended up with. After 16 years of looking for one specific Spanish wreck, *Nuestra Señora de Atocha*, he found it in 55 feet of water near Key West, Florida. His divers have salvaged from the sunken ship millions of dollars’ worth of treasure—but it didn’t come easy. They toiled long and hard with metal detectors, diving to investigate every metallic “hit.” The dreams and work eventually paid off, and today Fisher is rich.

The good fortune of that treasure hunter reminds me of another kind of treasure, which the Bible describes as being “more precious than rubies” (Proverbs 3:15). It is wisdom. Solomon, who asked God for a wise and understanding heart, told us in Proverbs 2 that we must seek for wisdom with the same persistence and intensity as a treasure hunter searches for silver.—*M.R. De Haan, II*



Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in Heaven that will not be exhausted, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also (From the words of Jesus, Luke 12:33–34, NIV).

Yes, if you want better insight and discernment, and are searching for them as you would for lost money or hidden treasure, then wisdom will be given you and knowledge of God Himself; you will soon learn the importance of reverence for the Lord and of trusting Him. For the Lord grants wisdom! His every word is a treasure of knowledge and understanding. He grants good sense to the godly—His saints. He is their shield, protecting them and guarding their pathway (Proverbs 2:3–7, *The Living Bible*).



An atheist once said, in speaking of the Bible, that it was quite impossible to believe in any book whose author was unknown. A Christian asked him if the compiler of the multiplication tables was known, and the atheist answered, “No.”

“Then, of course, you do not believe in it?”

“Oh, yes,” replied the doubter. “I believe in it because it works well.”

“So does the Bible,” said the believer.



The greatest proof that the Bible really is the miraculous, supernatural Word of God Himself is that it works! So why not try it? It’s the greatest, most enduring, wisest, most truthful book in the whole world—a book you can really trust. I’m sure that you will find it an absolutely inexhaustible source of wisdom and knowledge, out of which you will constantly find “treasures new and old”! Beautiful!

And of course, the most wonderful thing about the Bible is that through its words, we can get to know its Author, for the Bible is God’s great love letter to us. Its life-giving words make it the greatest book in the world, with the only Author in the world that can guarantee life and love and happiness and Heaven forever through simply reading it and believing in its main Character, the One who loved us so much that He gave His own life to save us—Jesus Christ, the Son of God!

—*David Brandt Berg*