

RESTORING THE IMAGE

#3 “AWAKEN” SERIES

INTRODUCTION: The story of Stookie Bill.¹

Have you heard the story of Stookie Bill? He played an important part in history. It all began in 1926 with a scientist named John Logie Baird. John, an eccentric Scotsman invited members of Britains Royal Institution to look at a homemade contraption he had assembled. He'd not had an easy run – most people scoffed at his contraption. On one occasion, he turned up at the “*Daily Express*” newspaper in London to show his invention to the Editor. He scared that man, for he ran upstairs and said “*Get that lunatic out of here! He says he has a machine for seeing by wireless! Watch him! He may be dangerous!*”

On 26th January, 1926, he had an inquisitive audience. They came into Baird's room, and the inventor unveiled a machine made of a bicycle chain, wax and model-maker glue, and pushbike lights – all powered from an unearthed two-pin socket.

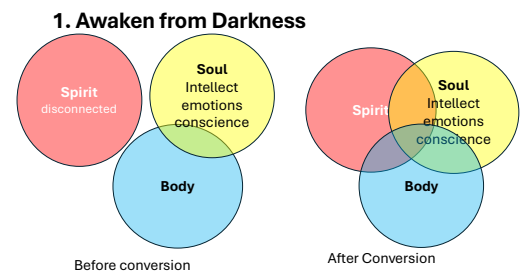
He had decapitated a ventriloquist's dummy and painted the head for maximum contrast. His machine started rotating a set of lenses, that focused light on the dummy's head, and a photoelectric cell converted the image into electrical signals and sent this to a receiver by radio waves. At the other end, just 1 meter away, these images were recreated on another rotating disc at the rate of 12.5 pictures per second.

100 years ago, John Logie Baird broadcast the first moving pictures anyone had ever seen. This was the forerunner of TV. Who was “Stookie Bill?” He was the dummy.

¹ “Tragedy of the Scientist who almost invented TV” - Alan Howe. (The Australian Jan 24-25, 2026)

Ephesians 5:8-11 *For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord. Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness but rather expose them.*

1. Awaken from Darkness



“Awakening is the outcome of encountering Jesus, through whom the love of God the Father is poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit. This leads to the deep wholeness in people, renewal of the church, evangelization of a generation, and transformation of society.”

- In Ephesians, it says “*Light has come...*”

Romans 5:5 *And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.*

- Love is poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit....

2. Awaken to Life

- The challenge for many after conversion is how to live right.

Ephesians 5:8(b)-9 *Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth)*

- We have light from the Lord
 - So live it!
- What does this life look like?
 - Goodness:
 - Generosity
 - Kindness
 - Moral excellence – integrity, honesty, purity and involves the pursuit of moral values and the will of God

- Goodness that is consciously or steadily maintained, often in spite of evil influences.
- Righteousness:
 - Right standing before God
 - Right standing with people flowing out of goodness, kindness, integrity, honesty etc.
 - This is where forgiveness comes from
 - If I have been forgiven, why should I hold forgiveness from others.
 - If I have been declared not guilty, why should I put guilt on others real or unreal.
 - Why should I allow guilt to reign in my life.
 - Levi's death has shaken many and when a loved one dies the questions arise. Should we have done more or should they have done more, whoever they may be.
 - Guilt always raises its head during such times and if in fact are guilty. Does God understand. Yes he does and offers forgiveness if we ask him.
 - For others we did all that we could humanly do and the guilt you feel is false.
 - Bring your feelings of guilt and shame and lay it at the foot of the cross where Jesus paid the price for our guilt and shame and receive healing.
 - Asbury example.

3. Awaken to Flourish.

Ephesians 5:10-11 ... *and find out what pleases the Lord. Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness but rather expose them.*

- WWJD? Find out what pleases the Lord.
- Check out the fruit – is it good? Fruitless?
- Are we influenced by algorithms?
 - Where does TRUTH come from?
 - Hypocrisy is everywhere...

- Exposing the lie has to be done with love and truth
- Believing a lie can lead to a hardened heart.

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