

Biographical Update 3

Christmas 2015

On 12th November 2015 my beloved Sister Doris passed on in Woking Hospice after quite recent diagnosis with a very aggressive cancer.

I said this at he funeral:

“Doris did not have the blessing of parents of practising Christian faith. Though it has to be said that our parents taught us to love. She made her own decision to trust in Jesus as her saviour and lord as a teenager, and never wavered in that faith through life and death. She gave great help to countless others in her life with boundless generosity in terms of time, commitment, money, and love, to friends, relations and others, the young to the old, being a rock of dependability. I may never have found faith but for her influence, as my song for her briefly tells. The significance of this can be judged from my website. This extract from my favourite part of the Bible encapsulates the nature of her love for me:

From the Living Bible, 1 Corinthians 13 v 7

“If you love someone you will be loyal to him no matter what the cost. You will always believe in him, always expect the best of him, and always stand your ground in defending him.”

Thank you Doris”

My song for her can be found on the next page.

I pointed out after reading and singing the song, assisted by my Wife, Sue and Daughter Joanna, that one hundred miles apart, Doris and my future Wife to be, Sue, had given their hearts to Jesus at relays of the same Billy Graham rally in June 1961. Those reading my autobiography may conclude as I do that this was more than just co-incidence, but further evidence of the fact that I was unknowingly being guided and prepared from an early age. It was just a few years before that, when sitting near the piano at my Cousin Tricia's house in Weybridge, that my first idea about gravity came to me. After stirring a cup of tea and observing how bubbles revolved around each other as they revolved around the cup, the thought came to me that perhaps the orbits of planets was maintained by some overall, governing rotation. The fact that I appear to have been quite probably right suggests to me that the idea was implanted in my mind by a intelligence far greater than mine at that time.

Bye bye the apple of His eye (my song for Doris)

(sing to music for American Pie)

Intro (lyricly spoken)

A long, long time ago I can still remember how the music used to make us smile
And that if we had the chance, we would love to sing and dance
And we would be so happy for a while
But this November made me sigh, when I knew that you were soon to die
Bad news on the stone steps, it was hard to take one more step
But I know why I had not cried, for something touched me deep inside
knowing our future was assured, the day you loved the Lord
And now I'm singing:

Chorus

Bye bye the apple of His eye, we've come to the chapel to say a last goodbye
And good old friends give thanks for things assured, the day you loved the Lord

Verse 1 (pick up tempo)

Well, did you write the book of love
When you believed in God above
Because the Bible told you to
When I believed in rock and roll
Can music save our mortal soul
And did He start to teach me then through you
I knew you were in love with Him
Cause I saw your face in every Hymn
He knew what you would choose
When I loved those rhythm and blues
I was a lonely teenage boy at school
Loosing faith as is the rule
But I know my faith was assured
The day you loved the Lord
And now I'm singing:

Chorus

Verse 2

For many years I struggled on
Thinking my faith in God had gone
I wished I could believe like you
But God gave me my own sweet Sue
And bye and bye our true love way
would teach me how to really pray
And then Sue prayed for me
And God gave me Ephesians 3
I knew not what the awesome promise meant
Nor what God told me as I dreamt
Except to be a light in some way
But what was it I was meant to say
It was not till I was broken
That God at last had spoken
The awesome things He showed me then
Bring wondrous hope for mortal men
This all was on the board
The day you loved the Lord
And we are singing:

Chorus