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"Holding forth the Word of Life" (Phil. 2:16)

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Chance

"Chance is a word that does not make sense. Nothing happens without a cause." – Voltaire

"God casts the die, not the dice." – Albert Einstein

"Chance is a name for our ignorance." – Leslie Stephen, *English Thought in the 18th Century*

"Surely there are in everyone's life certain connections, twists and turns which pass awhile under the category of Chance, but at the last, well examined, prove to be the very Hand of God." – Sir Thomas Browne

"Living at risk is jumping off the cliff and building your wings on the way down." – Ray Bradbury

So many folks think that life is but a series of random chances. It is like the old flip of the coin, "Heads I do, tails I don't." Hence there are some who feel they are risk takers, and others who just go with the flow.

Regretfully, even in religious circles we have those who seem to think that life and what it holds is just mere chance. There is the Deist, who essentially believes that God created the world, kind of like winding the proverbial clock, and then stepped back far out of the picture.

Some years ago, Bette Midler made famous the song in which she sang, "God is watching us from a distance." Is God really so impersonal that He only watches what happens?

It is striking the number of folks who deny the Providence of God. They struggle to grasp that God is actually working through the natural events in life. Yet does not the apostle Paul write, "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose" (Rom. 8:28)?

Was it random chance that Joseph helped his people through a great famine by becoming second only to Pharaoh? Was it random chance that Moses was raised by His own mother at a time when male Hebrew children were to be killed? Was it random chance that Jesus was born into the world when He did? Was it random chance that the Gospel went forth at a time when the Roman road system was in place?

The skeptic loves to say that everyone is just a coincidence. Yet time after time, the Bible affirms that God was causing things to happen.

Beware of those who would have you think that life is nothing more than the rolling of the dice. To them it is a series of chances and coincidences. The evidence of God's providential working in the lives of His children says otherwise.