



PROSPECTUS 2022 / 2023

THE PURSUIT OF REAL TREASURE



Foreword

Pearl Academy (P.A.) is designed to assist individuals in the pursuit of life's real treasures, ultimately leading to a purpose-driven life.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, and upon finding a single pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. (Matthew 13:45-46)

P.A. is designed for the learner with an inquisitive mind, who is not prepared to accept the conventional answers and stick with the status quo but is prepared to dig deep and invest quality time in the pursuit of the goal. And, upon its discovery, invests everything to achieve the desired outcome.

Throughout our prospectus, there are snippets from a devotional called Word for Today that has been very useful as a hors d'œuvre for the last two decades, entitled 'God is', however I hope that the students who enrol on our courses will develop an appetite for a substantial meal.

Thank you for expressing interest in our Academy. To get more information about our courses, you can visit our website www.pearlacademyhanley.com. We believe that if you are prepared to put in the work then you will not be disappointed.

'He waters the mountains from his upper chambers; the earth is satisfied.' Psalm 104:13 NIV

Have you ever wondered why nowhere else in the universe do we find water in any abundance, except here on earth? To date, all our telescopes and space travellers confirm that. Water, the amazing solvent, dissolves almost everything upon this earth except those things that are life-sustaining. This amazing liquid we take for granted exists as ice, breaks up rocks, and produces soil.

As snow, it stores up water in the valleys. As rain, it waters and cleanses the earth. As vapour, it provides moisture for much of the arable land on earth. It exists as cloud cover in just the right amount. If it had clouds like Venus, the earth couldn't support life. But we have exactly 50 per cent of the surface of the earth covered by clouds at any one time, allowing just the right amount of sunlight to filter through. As steam, for centuries water has run some of the most powerful machinery we have. Other than bismuth, it's the only liquid heavier at four degrees Celsius than it is at freezing. If this were not so, life as we know it could not exist on this planet.

Therefore, when it's frozen it's lighter and it rises. If this wasn't the case, our lakes and rivers would freeze from the bottom up and kill all the fish; the algae would be destroyed, oxygen supply would cease, and mankind would die. So, when you feel God doesn't notice you or care about you, drink a glass of water and say, 'Thank you, Lord!'



Acknowledgement

Some of my favourite bible characters are:

- Prime Minister Daniel and his three special advisors, who, prior to taking up office, embarked upon intensive studies on a range of academic disciplines before finally being approved by the king;
- Doctor Luke, a medical practitioner, who embarked upon a detailed research project (thesis) to establish the claims that were made by the followers of Jesus Christ about his authenticity;
- The Wise Men, who travelled for a considerable period of time in search of one little baby who potentially was destined to change the history of mankind;
- Paul, the Jewish convert to Christianity, himself an outstanding scholar who was tutored by Professor Gamaliel, the foremost authority of his day in the study of his specific religious belief, who encouraged us to "Study and do your best to present yourself to God approved, a workman [tested by trial] who has no reason to be ashamed, accurately handling and skilfully teaching the word of truth." (2 Timothy 2:15 AMP)

Special thanks to:

- My late brother, Leonard George Lawrence who spent many years discussing with me the possibility of setting up a school of learning.
- The Lord, who has made it all possible.
- Finally the countless other individuals who have worked behind the scenes with excellence in mind.

All the courses offered in this brochure will be available and delivered over a period of time, but please check our website or with our office for further information.

'Lift your eyes...to the heavens; Who created all these?' Isaiah 40:26 (NIV)

Many of the world's greatest thinkers believe that God not only exists, but that He created the universe and its inhabitants. So, the next time someone tells you that only simple, uneducated people believe in God – don't buy it. Dr Robert Jastrow, founder and director of the Goddard Institute for Space Studies at NASA, writes in his blockbuster book, *God and the Astronomers*: 'The astronomical evidence supports the biblical view of the origin of the world...The details differ, but the essential elements in the astronomical and biblical accounts of Genesis are the same...Science has proved that the universe exploded into being at a certain moment...What cause produced this effect? Who or what put the matter or energy into the universe? Science cannot answer these questions...and for the scientist who has lived by his faith in the power of reason, the story ends like a bad dream.

He has scaled the mountain of ignorance...is about to conquer the highest peak, and as he pulls himself over the final rock he's greeted by a band of theologians who've been sitting there for centuries.' Pierre-Simon Laplace, another of the world's great astronomers, said that proof in favour of an intelligent God was infinitely more probable than that a set of writing implements thrown promiscuously against parchment would produce Homer's *Iliad*. The evidence for God, as opposed to the evidence against Him as the creator of this universe, is infinity to one.

COURSES AVAILABLE

Through a series of interactive lectures, presentations, seminars, workshops and placements, students can choose to do a part-time certificate or diploma (evening or daytime), or a full-time degree. Full-time students will get placements in the appropriate settings.

SUBJECTS COVERED

(1 DAY COURSE)

Walk Through The Old & New Testament – Introduction to Leadership, Discipleship, Stewardship, Community Engagement – Every Believer a Minister – Bible Study Methods – Independent Study

P/T CERTIFICATE (Internal) – 13 WEEKS

Bible Truth for Faith and Life pt 1 (pt 2 – 14wk) – Building Character through Character Study – Patriarchs of the Bible and their Families – Comparative Religions – Introduction to Principles of Biblical Interpretation

DIPLOMA: 12-24 MONTHS

Synoptic gospels – Book of John – Church History (Acts) – Pauline epistles – Leadership – Youth ministry – Christian worship – Preaching – Evangelism – History of the English Bible – Role of Women in Ministry

DEGREE: Full Time

Origins of the Scripture – History of the Bible and its Translation – Typology – OT Hebrew – NT Greek – Historical, Poetical, Wisdom Literature – Psalms – Major & Minor Prophets – Radical Reformation – Missions – Theology – Pastoral Care and Counselling – Messianic Prophecy – Advanced Church Leadership and Administration



HISTORY

of Stoke-on-Trent

Stoke-on-Trent, also known as the Six Towns, is a city situated in Staffordshire, which forms a metropolitan area of about 12 miles long and covers an area of about 36miles². Together with the Borough of Newcastle-under-Lyme and Kidsgrove they form the Potteries Urban Area.

Stoke-on-Trent continues to be polycentric (multi-central), having been formed by a federation of six towns and numerous little villages in the area in the early part of the 20th Century. This federated town, which wasn't granted city status until 1925, took the name Stoke-on-Trent, as the town of Stoke is where the main administration and mainline railway station are located. This would later cause some confusion to visitors to the city, as Hanley emerged as the primary commercial centre of the city despite the efforts of Burslem.

The name Stoke comes from the Old English 'stoc,' a word that means place, and because Stoke was such a common name for a settlement a distinguishing affix was added later. In this case it was the name Trent.

In 1925, when granted city status, the city took the motto 'Vis Unita Fortior,' which translates one of three ways as: 'United Strength is Stronger,' or, 'Strength United is the More Powerful,' or, 'A United Force is Stronger.' Since the 17th Century the area has been exclusively known for its pottery manufacturing, with world-renowned names as Royal Doulton, Dudson, Spode, Wedgwood, and Minton.

The presence of abundant supplies of coal and clay, which could be used in earthenware production, led to the development of the area's pottery industry. The construction of the Trent and Mersey Canal allowed the import of china clay from Cornwall, and together with other materials enabled the production of creamware and bone china.

Josiah Wedgwood, together with other willing local potters, experimented and carried out detailed research along with scientists and engineers to nurture, develop and raise the profile of the Staffordshire Potteries.

North Staffordshire was once a centre for coal mining and the first reports of coal mining in the area come from the 13th century. The Potteries Coalfield covers an area of 100miles². The industry developed over time, with new mining projects planned for the 1990's before the collieries were shut down. 1933 saw Chatterley Whilfield Colliery become the first colliery in the UK to mine 1 million tons of coal, and in the 1980's Florence Colliery, in Longton, repeatedly set regional and national production records.

Other industries in the area includes iron and steel located at Goldenhill and Shelton. The Shelton Steel Works operated heavily in the World War II industrial effort but was closed down in 1978. Between 1864 and 1927 the North Staffordshire Railway housed their repair shops in the area, and between 1881 and 1930 Kerr Stuart & Co. Ltd, manufactured locomotives in the area, Michelin Tyre Company built their first UK plant in Stoke-on-Trent in the 1920's.



Stoke-on-Trent is the home to two professional football teams, Stoke City and Port Vale. Stoke City was formed in 1863 and is the second oldest professional football team in England. They currently play at the Britannia Stadium after moving there in 1997 from the Victoria Ground. In 1888 Stoke City was among 12 football teams that formed the Football League, but they didn't win their first and only major trophy until they won the Football League Cup in 1972.

The second team, Port Vale (originally called Hanley Port Vale), were formed in 1876 and play at Vale Park after moving there from a ground in Hanley. Port Vale joined the Football League in 1892 but had to resign in 1907 due to financial problems. They returned to the league in 1919. In 1931 they finished fifth in Football League Second Division, which is their highest league position to date.

One of the legacies of Stoke-on-Trent is its own version of the Lancashire holiday Wakes Week. Potter's Holiday occurs in the last week of June, first week of July, and there is a further week at the end of August. Before all school holidays across the country were made the same, children in the area would have two weeks holiday, go back to school for three weeks, and then have a five-week summer holiday.

Stoke-on-Trent has two much loved culinary specialities, the Potteries Oatcake and Lobby. The oatcake is popular in Staffordshire, even though it is no longer a cheap alternative to bread. They can be eaten hot or cold, with a mixture of ingredients inside. Lobby, made with meat, vegetables, potatoes and gravy, is not unlike the hotpot you can get in Lancashire.

The dialect of the Potteries is very distinctive. While it contains many non-standard words, like 'nesh' which can mean soft, tender, or cold, and 'slat' which means to throw, the best-known word is 'duck' which is used as a greeting to both men and women. The best-known phrase is, "Going up 'anley, duck." A cartoon published in The Sentinel (Stoke-on-Trent's local paper) called May un Mar Lady (Me and My Lady) was written in the Potteries dialect and first appeared on July 8th 1986, and the original run lasted for over 20 years. The Sentinel continues to this date to re-print the cartoon strip.



Christian LEADERSHIP



Provisional Start 2022 (Selected Modules will make up your course)

Modules

- Leadership Qualities and Styles
- Leadership Skills
- The Nature of Church Leadership
- Apostolic Reformation
- Becoming a 3M (Member, Minister, Missionary) Leader
- Biblical Prosperity and Financial Freedom
- Christian Mentoring
- Christian Vision and Leadership
- Developing Identity in a Christian Context
- Growing Organically in a Christian Context
- Managing Personal Boundaries
- Prioritising and Time Management for Leadership
- Prophecy and Prophetic Activity
- Relational Leadership in the Church
- Spiritual Wellbeing in a Christian Context
- Team Leadership in a Church Context
- The Nature of Christian Worship
- The Study of the Christian Church as an Expression of God's Kingdom
- The Study of the Five-Fold Ministry Gifts of Ephesians Apostle, Prophet and Evangelist
- The Study of the Five-Fold Ministry Gifts of Ephesians Pastor and Teacher
- Understanding the Effects of Life Changes

'The LORD is... the Creator of... the earth.' Isaiah 40:28 (NIV)

Contrary to what we've been led to believe, science and Scripture aren't necessarily opposed. The ranks of Bible-believing scientists have grown rapidly since the discovery of quantum physics, which demonstrates the amazing symmetry and order that make up the universe. Did you know that one of the most brilliant scientific books of our time was written by no less than sixty notable scientists, including twenty-four Nobel Prize winners? The book's title is *Cosmos, Bios, Theos*, which means Universe, Life, and God. And one of the contributing authors, Yale physicist Professor Henry Margenau, concludes, 'There's only one convincing answer' for the intricate laws that exist in nature. And what does this brilliant man think it is? Evolution? Coincidence? Happenstance? No! Margenau believes that 'creation is by an omnipotent omniscient God.' So to believe in God is to believe in science...and the infallible Word of God.

Christian STUDIES

Selected Modules will make up your course



Modules

- Biblical Doctrines
- Biblical Financial Stewardship
- Biblical Foundations
- Christ, His Work and the Christian Church
- Christian Doctrine
- Christian Identity
- Christian Life Skills
- Christian Ministry and Evangelism
- Christian Principles
- Christian Relationship with God
- Old Testament Studies
- Prayer, Healing and Christian Faith
- The Christian Concept of Grace
- The Christian Concept of The Holy Spirit
- The Four Portraits of Christ's Life
- Understanding the Bible



'You give life to everything.' Nehemiah 9:6 NIV

Nitrogen is extremely inert – if it wasn't we'd all be poisoned by different forms of nitrous combinations. However, because of its inertness, it's impossible for us to get nitrogen to combine naturally with other things. But it's definitely needed for plants in the ground, so what provision does God make for getting it out of the air and into the soil? Lightning! A hundred thousand lightning bolts strike our planet daily, creating a hundred million tons of usable nitrogen plant food in the soil every year. Forty miles up, there's a thin layer of ozone. If compressed it would be only a quarter of an inch thick, yet without it life wouldn't be sustainable. Eight killer rays continually fall on our planet from the sun; without ozone we'd be burned, blinded, or boiled. The ultraviolet rays come in two forms: longer rays, which are deadly and are screened out, and shorter rays, which are necessary for life on earth and are administered through the ozone layer. Furthermore, the most deadly of these rays are allowed through the ozone layer in a very limited amount, just enough to kill the green algae which otherwise could grow to fill the lakes, rivers, and oceans of the world.

Famous PEOPLE



Captain Edward John Smith (1850- 1912)

The famous captain of RMS Titanic was born 27th January 1850 in Hanley. Smith built a reputation as one of the world's most experienced sea captains. Its officially not known how Smith died since his body was never found after the Titanic sank. He died on 15th April 1912. There is a statue to Smith's legacy in Beacon Park, Lichfield



Josiah Wedgwood (1730- 1795)

Born 12th July 1730 in Burslem. Wedgwood started working as an independent potter in 1759. He is credited with the industrialisation of the manufacture of pottery. After building a factory at Etruria, Wedgwood adopted a scientific approach to developing new pottery techniques. This enabled Wedgwood to create many different types of products that the Wedgwood company are still famous for. Wedgwood died on 3rd January 1795 and is buried at St Peter ad Vincula. Josiah Wedgwood was a member of the Darwin- Wedgwood family and his grandson is Charles Darwin.



Arnold Bennett (1867—1931)

Bennett born 27th May 1867 in Hope Street, Hanley. He spent time as a journalist and then became a novelist. Bennett wrote numerous novels about the area, though he only wrote of 'five' towns, not 'six.' He died 27th March 1931



Reginald Mitchell (1895- 1937)

Mitchell, born 20th May 1895, is most famously remembered for designing the Spitfire. Mitchell's design skills at the Supermarine Aviation Works in Southampton earned him rapid promotion, and in the 1920's he developed the successful Schneider Trophy aircraft. This attracted the attention of the Royal Air Force where he went on to design the Spitfire. March 1936 saw the first tests of the prototype Spitfire, but by this time Mitchell was terminally ill with cancer. He died at home on 11th June 1937 never seeing his aircraft entering active service.



Sir Stanley Matthews (1915- 2000)

Matthews born 1st February 1915 is regarded as one of the greats of the English game and is the only player to be knighted while still playing the game. Matthews was a vegetarian teetotaler who was still fit enough to play at the top level until he was 50 years old. He played for Stoke City, Blackpool, and managed Port Vale in the late 60's. The last competitive game he played was in 1970 at the age of 55. Matthews was inducted to the English Football Hall of Fame in 2002 to honour his contribution to the English game.



Josiah Spode (1733- 1799)

Spode was born in Lane End, now Longton. The company he founded still remains on the same site as it did in the 18th Century. Spode is best known for two developments in ceramics—the perfection of blue underglaze, and the development of bone china, - both of which still remains in production today.

General ASSESSMENT CRITERIA



GUIDED LEARNING HOURS (GLH)

Guided Learning Hours are defined as the number of hours of supervised or directed study time required for a unit or qualification. Some learners will be able to achieve units and qualifications in a shorter time than indicated. Others, for example those with additional support requirements, may need longer.

Each course credit is usually approximately 8-9 hours of guided learning hours which may include both teaching and discussion. Further time will be expected from the student in home research, reading and assessment completion.

LEVEL	SIZE	CREDIT	GLH
2	Award	12	96
	Certificate	24	200
	Diploma	40	340
3	Award	12	96
	Certificate	24	200
	Diploma	40	340
4	Award	12	96
	Certificate	24	200
	Diploma	40	340

Term Time

[Mandatory Study Skills module for all students] Autumn 2022—8 weeks; Spring 2023—12 weeks; Summer 2023—10 weeks; Autumn 2023—12 weeks

Attitude and Conduct

Pearl Academy (P.A.) is a Christian academy; we expect our students to behave according to Biblical principles. Staff are ready and willing to support students appropriately. P.A. reserves the right to discipline or dismiss students who, in the judgement of the Academy, do not conform to Biblical principles in their conduct or adherence to our policies. Such dismissal may be without prior notice and without refund.

Dress Code

It is required that the dress of students, both men and women, be modest. Students wearing clothing which is considered to be inappropriate may be corrected by the academy staff.

Spiritual Life

Students are encouraged to take advantage of every opportunity to cultivate and deepen their spiritual life. They are strongly urged to use their time at P.A. to develop life-long habits of personal prayer and communion with God. In keeping with this objective, students are required to involve themselves in the vision and activities of their local church or Fellowship in as many ways as possible. At P.A. we believe that preparation for Christian Ministry is incomplete without practical experience in a local church.

General ASSESSMENT CRITERIA



Level	Summary	Knowledge & Understanding	Application & Action	Autonomy & Accountability
2	Achievement at Level 2 reflects the ability to select and use relevant knowledge, ideas, skills and procedures to complete well defined tasks and address straight forward problems. It includes taking responsibility for completing tasks and procedures and exercising autonomy and judgment subject to overall direction or guidance	Use understanding of facts, procedures and ideas to complete well defined tasks and address straight forward problems. Interpret relevant information and ideas. Be aware of the types of information that are relevant to the area of study or work.	Carry out structured tasks and Complete well- defined, generally routine tasks and address straight forward problems. Select and use relevant skills and procedures. Identify, gather and use relevant information to inform actions. Identify how effective actions have been activities in familiar contexts. Be aware of the consequences of actions for self and others.	Take responsibility for completing tasks and procedures. Exercise autonomy and judgment subject to overall direction or guidance.
3	Achievement at level 3 reflects the ability to identify and use relevant understanding, methods and skills to complete tasks and address problems that, while well defined, have a measure of complexity. It includes taking responsibility for initiating and completing tasks and procedures as well as exercising autonomy and judgment within limited parameters. It also reflects awareness of different perspectives or approaches within an area of study or work.	Use factual, procedural and theoretical understanding to complete tasks and address problems that, while well defined, may be complex and non routine. Interpret and evaluate relevant information and ideas. Be aware of the nature of the area of study or work. Have awareness of different perspectives or approaches within the area of study or work.	Address problems that, while well defined, may be complex and non routine. Identify, select and use appropriate skills, methods and procedures. Use appropriate investigation to inform actions. Review how effective methods and actions have been.	Take responsibility for initiating and completing tasks and procedures, including, where relevant, responsibility for supervising or guiding others. Exercise autonomy and judgment within limited parameters.

Museums TO VISIT



The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery

An amazing collection that tells the story of the Potteries can be seen by the whole family for free. Open daily

For more information: 01782 232323



Gladstone Pottery Museum

The history of 'pottery' in the potteries all wrapped up in one museum, and also you can find out the story of the toilet in the flushed with pride exhibition. In the mid 80's the sci-fi series Doctor Who filmed at the Gladstone Pottery Museum for episodes 13 and 14 of the serial The Trial of a Time Lord with Colin Baker. Open daily

For more information: 01782 237777



Ford Green Hall

The 17th Century timber framed farmhouse once owned by the Ford family for nearly 200 years is now an award winning museum offering a fascinating insight into the Stuart age. Open Sunday to Thursday

For more information 01782 233195



Etruria Industrial Museum

See the last steam powered potters' mill in Britain.

For more information on opening times and bookings: (01782) 233144

Enrolment APPLICATION FORM



Date of Application

Part Time

Daytime

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Evening

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Full Time

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*Passport
Style
Photo*

Name.....

Address

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Town/City..... Postcode

Day Time Phone Number.....

Mobile Phone Number

Email.....

Date of Birth Nationality.....

Is English your first language?

Yes

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No

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Marital Status

Single

☐

Engaged

☐

Married

☐

Divorced

☐

Widowed

☐

Do you have a Criminal Record

Yes

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No

☐

Do you have any unspent
convictions?

Yes

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No

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Please provide details of your previous education history:

if you need more space, please continue on a separate piece of paper

Institution	Qualification Title	Level Achieved



Please provide your work history over the last 3 years:
if you need more space, please continue on a separate piece of paper

Institution	Qualification Title	Level Achieved

Present occupation/studies.....

Do you consider yourself disabled in a way that could affect your studies?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If Yes, please give details

CHRISTIAN BACKGROUND

Date of Salvation (approx)

Date of water baptism (approx).....

Your present church Pastor/Minister's name

Church Address

.....

Town/City..... Postcode

How Long have you been a member of this church?

Will this church be providing your pastoral references?

Yes ☐ No ☐

What involvement do you have in your church?

On a separate piece of paper, give a 250-word summary of your Christian life since salvation and subsequent journey.

REFERENCE INFO

Pastoral Referee

Full Name

Email.....

Phone #

Character Reference

Full Name

Email.....

Phone #

How did you hear about Pearl Academy?.....

☐ I have given full details of both my referees

☐ I have completed all of the application form

☐ I have attached any separate pieces of paper

☐ I have enclosed the appropriate course fee

☐ I have attached a passport-style photograph

Please return this form to

Pearl Academy, Unit 1 Palmerston Street, Joiners Square Industrial Estate, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent, ST1 3EU

Admissions CRITERIA



1. GCSE Maths and English at 'C' or above, and 2 A Level passes (grade E or above) or equivalent.
2. As a mature student (21+) if you do not meet the educational requirements, you will need to pass an initial student evaluation.
3. We also consider applications for entry with advanced standing (with previous experience) on a case-by-case basis.
4. All students will be required to attend a Study Skills module to assist them in the structuring of assignments and coursework

REGISTRATION/ADMINISTRATION FEE

A £35 non-refundable registration fee is required with your application to Pearl Academy.

COST (per student)

- 1 Day course
- Award to be
- p/t Certificate reviewed
- Diploma

TUITION

Course fees will be invoiced at the start of the school year. Any students not paying in full at the start of the Academy year will receive a monthly statement showing the amounts paid and amount outstanding. Bursaries may be available for those in financial hardship. Non-payment of fees will result in suspension from the course.

Tuition payments can be made via the office or by bank transfer. Please enquire for bank details. **OPEN DAYS** If you would like to visit and meet the team, please join us at one of our Open Days. Visit our website for more information.

* includes: OCN Student registration; OCN External verification; DtN P/A Assessment verification; DtN P/A Learning outcomes.etc.

'The moon marks off the seasons.' Psalm 104:19 NIV

Here's an amazing thing: without the moon it would be impossible for us to live on this planet. And if anyone ever succeeded in deflecting the moon from its orbit, all life would cease. It acts like a maid to clean up the oceans and the shores. Without the tides created by the moon, our harbours and shores would become one big stench pool of rubbish, and it would be impossible to live anywhere near them. Because of the tides, continuous waves break upon the shores of the ocean, aerating the waters of the planet and providing oxygen for plankton, the very foundation of our food chain. Without plankton there would be no oxygen, and all life would end. God is a creative genius, isn't He? He made the moon the right size and placed it the right distance from the earth to create the exact atmosphere we need. We live within a great ocean of air – 78 per cent nitrogen, 21 per cent oxygen. These elements are continually mixed by the tidal effect of the moon upon the atmosphere. This has the same effect it has upon the seas and always provides the same proportion of oxygen. Though we keep dumping carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, it's absorbed into the ocean and we're able to continue to live. If the atmosphere wasn't as thick as it is, we'd be crushed by billions of pieces of cosmic debris and meteorites that fall continually upon our planet. Who takes good care of you? God! And He's on the job twenty-four/seven! Aren't you glad?



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