

# THE PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

FROM

THIS WORLD TO THAT WHICH IS TO COME:

DELIVERED UNDER

THE SIMILITUDE OF A DREAM.

BY JOHN BUNYAN

This edition is prepared from a careful collation of the *twelve editions* published by the author during his life. It embraces the whole allegory in its native simplicity and beauty; illustrated with appropriate engravings; and VAIORUM NOTES; being extracts from Bunyan's various treatises which illustrate the "Pilgrim's Progress," together with the most striking and valuable Notes by Cheever, Macaulay, Newton, Mason, Scott, Ivimey, Burder, M'Nicoll, Dr. Dodd, and other Commentators, with a few by the Editor. To preserve the uniformity of the text, the *facsimiles* of all the original woodcuts, with the verse under each, are placed together in the order in which they first appeared; presenting a short pictorial outline of the principal scenes of this spiritual pilgrimage, in those rude representations which so delighted and interested us in our childhood.

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# SYNOPSIS OF THE ALLEGORY

## BY THE EDITOR.

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### FIRST PART.

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The Author's Apology, a poem. Graceless becomes a Christian; alarmed for the safety of his soul; is treated by his family as one diseased; guided by Evangelist; runs towards the Wicket-gate; is overtaken by Obstinate and Pliable; persuades Pliable to fly with him; fall into the Slough of Despond; Pliable returns; Christian, assisted by Help, goes on; meets Worldly-wiseman; complains of his burden, and is sent out of his way to the house of Legality; terrified at Mount Sinai; Evangelist appears and puts him again into the right road; arrives at the Wicket-gate; is admitted by Good-will, and sent to the Interpreter's house; is shown a picture; a dusty room; Passion and Patience; the fire of grace; the valiant man; the man in despair; the trembler; proceeds to the Cross; loses his burden; angels give him a pardon, new clothing, a mark, and a roll; tries to alarm three men asleep, but in vain; meets Formalist and Hypocrisy; ascends the Hill Difficulty; sleeps in the Arbour, and drops his roll; is awakened, and pursues his journey; meets Mistrust and Timorous; misses his roll; returns in grief, and recovers it; goes on to the Palace Beautiful; encouraged by Watchful, he passes the lions, and, after examination, is admitted *according to the laws of the house*; entertained; sleeps in the Chamber of Peace; sees the study; the armoury; the Delectable Mountains; enters the Valley of Humiliation; fights with and overcomes Apollyon; comes to the Valley of the Shadow of Death; terrified by the spies; assaulted with foes who care not for his sword; betakes himself to another weapon, "All-prayer"; comes out of the Valley, and passes the old giants, Pagan and Pope; overtakes Faithful, a fellow-pilgrim; hold communion with each other; converse with Talkative; Evangelist forewarns them of persecution; enter Vanity Fair; are maltreated; imprisoned; Faithful is tried and burned; Christian pursues his journey, and is joined by Hopeful; By-ends wishes to join them; the sophistry of Hold-the-world detected; Demas tempts them to the hill Lucre, but they refuse; arrive at the River of the Water of Life; they go into By path Meadow; follow Vain-Confidence; are taken by

Giant Despair, and imprisoned in Doubting Castle; arguments for and against suicide; escape by the Key of Promise; erect a pillar to caution others; arrive at the Delectable Mountains; entertained by the shepherds; are shown Mounts Error, Caution, and Clear; see the Celestial Gate; receive some cautions; fail in attempting to convert Ignorance; robbery of Little-faith; meet the Flatterer, and are caught in his net; released by a Shining One; meet Atheist; adventures on the Enchanted Ground; means of watchfulness; enter the Land of Beulah; are sick with love; approach the River Of Death; no bridge; full of fear and dread, but get safely over; received by angels; admitted to glory.

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## SECOND PART.

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The Author's way of sending it forth, a poem. Sagacity narrates how Christiana, the widow of Christian, reflects upon her former conduct, feels her danger, and agrees with her children to follow her late husband in pilgrimage; is encouraged by a secret influence on her mind that, she would be received; her neighbours dissuade her, but she prevails upon one of them, Mercy, to go with her; they are reviled by her acquaintance; get over the Slough of Despond, and are admitted at the Wicket-gate, and rejoice together. They are fed, washed, and sent on their way; the children eat the enemies' fruit; are assaulted, but rescued by the Reliever; arrive at the Interpreter's house; shown the significant rooms, the man who prefers a muck-rake to a celestial crown, the spider in the best room, the hen and chickens, butcher and sheep, the garden, the field, the robin; the Interpreter's proverbs; tree rotten at heart; they relate their experience; Mercy is sleepless for joy; they are washed, which enlivens and strengthens them; sealed and clothed; Great-heart guards them to the house called Beautiful; pass the sepulchre where Christian lost his burden; pardon by word *and* deed, an important distinction; see Simple, Sloth, and Presumption hanging; names of those that they had ruined; Hill Difficulty; By-ways, although stopped and cautioned, still entered; rest in the Arbour, but are afraid to sleep; still suffer by forgetfulness; punishment of Timorous and Mistrust; Giant Grim slain; pilgrims arrive at the Palace Beautiful; Great-heart returns; they are entertained for a month; & children catechised; Mr. Brisk offers love to Mercy; her sister Bountiful's unhappy marriage; Matthew sick with the enemies' fruit; is healed by Dr. Skill; his prescriptions; instructive questions;

they are greatly strengthened; Mr. Great-heart sent to guard them; enter the Valley of Humiliation, and are pleased with it; shepherd boy's song; see the place where Christian and Apollyon fought; come into the Valley of the Shadow of Death; are greatly terrified; Giant Maul slain; find Old Honest, a pilgrim, sleeping; he joins them; story of Mr. Fearing; good men sometimes much in the dark; he fears no difficulties, only lest he should deceive himself; case of Self-will; a singular sect in the author's time; are entertained at the house of Gaius; pilgrims the descendants of the martyrs; Matthew and Mercy betrothed; riddles in verse; Slay-good, a giant, slain; Feeble-mind rescued; proves to be related to Mr. Fearing; Not-right killed with a thunder-bolt; Matthew and Mercy, and James and Phebe, married; Feeble-mind and Ready-to-halt join the pilgrims; profitable converse between Honest and Great-heart; Vanity Fair; the death of Faithful had planted a little colony of pilgrims there; pleasant communion; courage and an unspotted life essential to pilgrims; Samuel and Grace, and Joseph and Martha, married. The Monster [state religion] assaulted and wounded; believed by some that he will die of his wounds; pass the place where Faithful was martyred; the silver mine; Lot's wife; arrive at the river near the Delectable Mountains; By-path Meadow; slay Giant Despair and Diffidence, his wife, and destroy Doubting Castle; release Mr. Despondency and Miss Much-afraid; Great-heart addresses the shepherds in rhyme; Mounts Marvel, Innocent, and Charity; see the hole in the side of the Hill; Mercy longs for a curious mirror; the pilgrim are adorned; story of Turn-away; find Valiant-for-truth wounded by thieves; account of his conversion; the question debated, that if we shall know ourselves, shall we know others in the future state? arguments used by relatives to prevent pilgrimage; the Enchanted Ground; an arbour called the Slothful's Friend; in doubt as to the way, the book or map is examined; Heedless and Bold in a fatal sleep; surprised by a solemn noise, they are led to Mr. Stand-fast in prayer, he having been assailed by Madam Bubble; arrive in the Land of Beulah, and are delighted with celestial visions on the borders of the River of Death; Christiana summoned, addresses her guide, and blesses her children and her fellow-pilgrims; her last words; Mr. Ready-to-halt passes the River; Feeble-mind is called, will make no will, and goes up to the Celestial City; Despondency and Much-afraid die singing; Honest dies singing *Grace reigns*; Valiant-for-truth and Stand-fast joyfully pass the river, leaving a solemn message to relatives. Joy in heaven on the arrival of the

pilgrims. Christiana's children a blessing to the church.