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World Trade Towers before they were felled by terrorists

"He will be the sure foundation for your times, a rich store of salvation and wisdom and knowledge; the fear of the Lord is the key to this treasure."—Isaiah 33:6NIV)

Cain's descendants were truly remarkable in the ways of the world. They built cities, excelled in arts like music and poetry, and forged advanced iron and bronze implements. They excelled in power, riches, making merry, and all the embellishments of life but no mention of God is made as part of all these achievements. They were the first to break the law of marriage by practicing polygamy, and bragged about murder and the cruelty with which they enacted revenge.

Where does your sense of security, pride, and significance come from? Is it in your work, your riches or even wives? As opposed to Seth's descendants who were their contemporaries, the Bible does not give any record of how long Cain and his descendants lived. Their years were wasted and did not count for eternity. Do not be consumed by your work and worldly pursuits. Let your life count by walking with God and leading others to him.

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If you are kept in ignorance of the true way and permit yourself to rely upon and be guided by the opinion of imperfect man, you can never gain the riches that will bring you peace and lasting happiness. Joseph Franklin Rutherford
