

Destiny-Destination of Sir Donald Bradman

Introduction

While having a coughing fit last night I turned on the TV at about 2am. It was a biographical story on the life on Sir Donald Bradman. We all know who 'The Don' was of course, but I was impacted through this black and white presentation. I started wondering "Where does this fit in with The Kingdom of God?"

Destiny

Don Bradman's destiny was to be a cricketer.

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Don Bradman's destination was to become the greatest cricket player ever to grace this planet.

The Kingdom of God and Don.

- Was Don a believer? I am not sure. Was he a kingdom person, most definitely YES.
- Did Don represent the King of Kings, most definitely YES.
- How do I know this to be true?
- Don was a quiet boy and did not start playing cricket till he was 16 years old. God trained him up as a lad to be a batsman by using his favourite game of hitting a golf ball with a cricket stump up against a curved water tank stand!
- Don was a humble representative of his beloved game of cricket and his country. This allowed God to make him able, and to elevate him to be the greatest cricketer ever in the world. By his quiet and friendly attitude (which never changed) he became Australia's test cricket captain who expressed in word and deed many kingdom values. He became a statesman without him ever wishing to be one. He was loved and adored by his cricket arch rivals – the poms!
- He was like a modern King David. His batting average was 99.94 runs per innings! Mostly all of his cricket records or achievements still stand today. He has inspired thousands of young people and I guess us older ones as well.
- In his last innings he was bowled out, off the second ball, for a duck. He said afterwards "That was a silly thing to do – wasn't it?"

What can we draw from this story?

- That God will use whoever He pleases to achieve His Kingdom purposes. He used Cornelius with Peter and the Ethiopian eunuch with Philip.
- For ourselves we should recognise that God wants to use us as well.
- We should submit our natural gifting and talents to Him to supernaturally enhance as He sees fit.
- Our desires need to be examined in the light of His desires for His kingdom.
- We should determine our destiny under the Spirit's tutelage and then we can go on to be the destination He has planned for us.
- It will help if we can see how our part fits into the overarching framework of the Kingdom.