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## *The Lord's Baptism and The Lord's Supper*

A few weeks ago my attention was aroused by a statement to the effect that a believer does not have to be baptized in order to partake of the Lord's Table. From what I had been taught, this statement rang an alarm in my thinking as to what Baptists really believe on the subject. I went to my library and the Word of God for a

close examination of the matter. As a result of this study, the following thesis has been prepared. In these lines I would have you consider with me three vital questions pertaining to this subject:

1. Why didn't Jesus

*By George Walters*

adopt an Open Communion policy when He instituted the Lord's Supper?

2. Where in the New Testament can we find the Apostles believed in the Open Communion policy?

3. Is the Open Communion policy in keeping with

God's divine order?

**1. Why didn't Jesus adopt an Open Communion policy when He instituted the Lord's Supper?**

The very first thing that Jesus did before He began His public ministry was to

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### **History Forgotten**

Did you know that 52 of the 55 signers of the Declaration of Independence were orthodox, deeply committed Christians? The other three all believed in the Bible as the divine truth, the God of scripture, and His personal intervention. It is the same Congress that formed the American Bible Society. Immediately after creating

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### **Genesis Vs. Evolution**

*By David Cloud*

Genesis is contrary to *evolution*, because it says God personally created the world. It is impossible to reconcile the theories of evolution with the teaching of the Bible. Following are six of the plain Bible statements that contradict the theories of evolution.

**1. Genesis says God created the world and everything in it in six days.**

According to the Bible, creation was brought into existence suddenly not gradually, which is strictly contrary to the doctrine of evolution.

**2. Genesis says all creation was made to reproduce after its kind.** The statement "after their kind" is found nine times in Genesis chapter one. This

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### **The Price of Iwo Jima**

This is a story to remember. Please read. Everything has a price and someone has to pay.

**A Tale Of 6 Boys**

After you read this it makes you glad you are where you are.

Each year I am hired to go to Washington, DC, with the eighth grade class

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## Quiz The Pastor -- #36

### Can We Trust Our Conscience?

By the late Nick Michalinos

**Question:** Can we trust our conscience to be a safe instructor and guide?

**Answer:** I don't think we know as much about the conscience that we would like to know, but I'm convinced there is enough light from the Bible to help us to better understand something about this important unseen faculty that resides within each of us.

By my count, I have found 32 direct references in the Bible that mention the "conscience." Since we cannot look at all of these 32 verses, we'll answer your question, and then give an explanation as pertaining to the purpose and function of the conscience.

To answer your question, I must answer with a qualified "yes." By this, I mean we can depend upon our conscience to be a safe guide *only* if our

conscience is guided by the Word of God. The conscience is a faculty of instruction and education.

The word conscience means "a knowing with" ("con" — with, "science" — to know). It is a witness borne to one's conduct according to the light one possesses. God inherently places within every man this witness that can be influenced by right or wrong information. From this information or knowledge, our conscience will set rules, standards or criteria that will either approve or disapprove our actions.

We have heard of some who can murder without any feelings of wrong doing or remorse. Their conscience does not condemn the wrong doing. Millions of innocent infants have been aborted over the last few years, but the conscience of the abor-

tionist does not accuse him or her of this bloodshedding. The abortionists do not go about their daily lives in a state of guilt or torment, because they are convinced their actions are proper and permissible. They have been educated by the views, the opinions, and the consciences of others. There is no inward guilt to be reckoned with. This is the point we are making. This God-created faculty acting as an umpire called a conscience can be cultivated to accept wrong doing as right doing by standards set by man, but apart from the Mind and Will of God.

Paul speaks of people who have their "conscience seared (cauterized) with a hot iron" (1 Tim. 4:2) so as to lose all feelings of right or wrong. Their conscience has been perverted. Just as "seared" flesh can lose all sensibility, the nerves being destroyed, even so there are some consciences which nothing can affect. They "call evil good, and good evil ... That put bitter for sweet, and sweet for evil" (Isa. 5:20).

Even after a person is born again by faith in Christ as Savior, the conscience alone is not a good guide to follow. We are under a constant barrage of ideas and thoughts from the ungodly, secular world, and we must beware that we do not find ourselves walking "in the counsel (advice, ideas) of the ungodly" (Psa. 1:1) instead

of the wisdom of God as revealed in His Word. (Read Psa. 19:7-11; 119).

The only safe guide for right living is the Word of God. We can always depend on the Word. At the moment of salvation, the believer has his conscience purged by the blood of Christ "from dead works to serve the living God" (Heb. 9:14). This is a new beginning for the saints of God, and we must move forward and upward in our Christian lives, allowing our minds to go through a renewing process as we adhere to the Word of God (Rom. 12:2).

We must "learn to do well" (Isa. 1:17). No man or law should demand of the believer that which is contrary to the dictates of his God instructed conscience. "We ought to obey God rather than man" (Acts 5:29).

We must live and move within the realm of the Word if we want to have a clear, approving conscience, and thereby glorify God. □

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the Declaration of Independence, the Continental Congress voted to purchase and import 20,000 copies of scripture for the people of this nation. Patrick Henry, who is called the firebrand of the American Revolution, is still remembered for his words, "Give me li-

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## Where Is Satan's Throne Now?

By M. L. Moser, Editor

*“And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write; These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges; I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth. But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication. So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitanes, which thing I hate. Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it” — Rev. 2:12-17.*

We note here in the beginning of this letter as in every letter, that the author identifies Himself. We usually think of John as being the author of the Book of Revelation, and that is true as far as the human instrument is concerned, but we should realize that the Lord Jesus Christ Himself is the author, especially of these seven letters written to these seven churches. The Lord uses a phrase in the introduction of each letter to show the church that this letter was coming directly to them from their Chief Shepherd, or from their Commander-in-Chief. In verse 12, it says, *“These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges.”* This recognizes that this is the Lord Jesus Christ writing to them. In each of these phrases found in the introductory portion of each letter, these churches only needed to go back to chapter 1 to find an overall description of the Lord, and to learn that the author is the Lord Jesus Christ.

The phrase used here is, *“Thus saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges.”* In the first

chapter and verse 16, it says, *“And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword.”* Notice, also in verse 2:16, he says, *“Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.”* Not a sword in the hand, but this is a sword of the mouth, and verse 12 says, that it is a sharp sword with two edges. You and I know that the sword refers to the Word of God. This is why it is the *“sword of His mouth.”* We are to use the sword of the Spirit; the sword of the Spirit is the Word of God, the Word that proceeds out of the mouth of God. These words are recorded for us here in our Bible composed of the 66 books that we have before us today.

The Word is described for us again in Hebrews 4:12. *“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”* If there were those at the church at Pergamos that



may have had any question as to the author of this letter written directly and specifically to them, this should answer any question that they might have. This is a message from the Lord Jesus Christ.

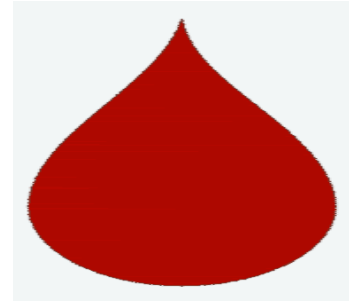
One thing that I want to look at tonight is a phrase mentioned in this letter concerning Satan himself. In verse 13, the Lord says, *“I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is.”* Satan has a seat and that word for seat is the same word for throne. Now just where is the throne of Satan? I imagine there are many people that do not really know where Satan's throne is.

Certainly we know that Satan's throne is not in heaven, but Satan does have access to heaven. In the book of Job we see that Satan, though he is the devil, does have access into heaven. His purpose is to

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# Your Blood And Its Uses



Today I would like to discuss with you the most important fluid in the body which is, of course, blood. An average adult has from ten to twelve pints or about one-fifteenth of the body weight. Blood consists of a viscid or sticky, straw-colored fluid, known as plasma, in which a vast number of minute reddish-yellow discs or red corpuscles are found, a smaller number of white or colorless corpuscles known as leukocytes, and many small flattened bodies called platelets. Blood temperature is about 100 F, its reaction alkaline, its specific gravity 1,058, and it has a characteristic odor. Blood has several important functions:

1. It carries oxygen to all the tissues and organs of the body.

2. It removes carbon dioxide and other waste products from the tissues and organs, so that these may ultimately be passed out of the body through the medium of the lungs, skin, and kidneys.

3. It distributes nourishment to all the tissues.

4. It distributes the so-called internal secretions which are formed in such organs as the thyroid,

parathyroid, suprarenals, etc.

5. It distributes heat and regulates temperature.

Remembering that the body is a combustion machine and that there can be no combustion without oxygen, it follows that there must be some device which will enable the various tissues and organs to secure this absolutely necessary gas. How shall this be accomplished? The solution was found by putting into these red corpuscles a chemical known as hemoglobin which has a strong affinity for oxygen, and then sending them constantly — countless millions of them — through the oxygen storehouse, the lungs, where they pick up all the oxygen they can hold and carry it along to the individual cells. These cells snatch their quota and at the same time dump into the blood stream their garbage, which is carbonic acid and waste material. The blood carries these materials to lungs, kidneys, and skin, from which they are eliminated from the body. Surely, this is a most ingenious arrangement which has been carefully planned.

The red cells are

formed inside the small capillaries of the bone-marrow. In the infant all the bones show active bone marrow. The small child needs blood very quickly at this stage, and so the factories are numerous. In the adult, the red marrow, which forms these blood cells, is found in the skull, ribs, sternum or breast bone, clavicle or collarbone, vertebrae, the pelvic bones, and the upper part of the thigh and upper arm bones — the femur and the humerus.

However, when there is an unusual demand placed upon the bone-marrow, additional blood-forming centers are found in the spleen, liver, kidney, and muscle tissues. Red cells are circular, biconcave elastic discs, so small that 5,000,000 of them can be packed into a cubic millimeter, which is only about one-fifteen thousandth of an inch. Approximately 25 million million blood cells float around in the ten to twelve pints of blood contained in the human body.

Red cells live from three to ten days, and some have lived as long as one hundred days. During their busy lifetime they are being

continually knocked around and broken. It must be remembered that they are not living cells but simply little bags containing hemoglobin and are finally broken down in the bone-marrow, spleen, liver, and by certain devouring cells that ingest them and destroy them in this way.

The way old, worn-out blood cells are taken out of the blood stream when their usefulness is at an end is most astonishing. The liver, which at any given moment contains one-quarter of all the blood in the body, has within the walls of the liver vessels certain star-shaped cells. We might call them policemen. They have several projecting arms, and when they see an old cell coming along, they reach out and arrest it, quickly breaking it up to release the iron-containing pigment which is needed for other purposes.

Hemoglobin has a tremendous affinity for oxygen, and of course the lungs are the oxygen-containing organs. The lungs hold as much blood as the liver, one-quarter of the total amount. Every second at least two million

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is precisely what we observe in the world. Dogs reproduce dogs, spiders reproduce spiders, birds reproduce birds, and peanuts reproduce peanuts. Animals can interbreed and “evolve” within species; a Dalmatian can interbreed with a Poodle; but the lines of the species cannot be crossed; a dog cannot interbreed with a cat. This is what the Bible teaches and is what we can observe everywhere in nature, but it is strictly contrary to what evolution teaches.

**3. Genesis says man and animals are distinctly different creations.**

Man did not descend from the animals but is a separate creation. Animals were not made in the image of God.

a. Animals are not spiritual and do not relate to God. Animals were made to relate to man and to provide his enjoyment and needs. The dog lifts up his eyes to man his master, and the man alone lifts up his eyes to his Creator God. Man was made to relate to God, to fellowship with, serve, worship, and glorify Him. No animal ever considered his daily sustenance and then lifted his heart to God in thanksgiving and praise or prayed to God for direction and wisdom.

b. Animals do not have the inventive ability of man.

“The strongest evidence that men have certain powers which no other animals possess in any degree whatsoever consists in the thing which men can do but which other animals cannot do at all. One such indication is man’s power of making things. I know that bees make hives, birds make nests, and beavers make dams. But such productions are entirely instinctive on their part. A given species of bird makes its nests in the same way generation after generation. This shows that the nest is a product of instinct not of art” (Mortimer J. Adler, *Great Ideas from the Great Books*).

c. Animals do not have the communication ability of man. “Whatever may be said for doves cooing and monkeys chattering, or the larger beasts calling for their mates, none of them have articulate speech, which they can spell, write down in books, translate for other generations, nor can they deliver orations, write poetry, or publish a paper. This is the gift of God to man, made in His image” (O.E. Sanden, *Twelve Bridges No Evolutionist Has Ever Crossed*).

**4. Genesis says the world was created in six days and then the process of creation was finished.**

This is what we see in creation, from the basic level of energy all of the

way to the plant and animal kingdom. “No permanent change has ever since been made in the course of the world, no new species of animals been formed, no law of nature repealed or added to” (Jamieson, Fausset, Brown). The biblical fact of a completed creation is witnessed by the First Law of Thermodynamics, which is described by a secular scientist as follows: “To express all this, we can say: ‘Energy can be transferred from one place to another, or transformed from one form to another, but it can be neither created nor destroyed.’ Or we can put it another way: ‘The total quantity of energy in the universe is constant.’ When the total quantity of something does not change, we say that it is conserved. The two statements given above, then, are two ways of expressing ‘the law of conservation of energy.’ This law is considered the most powerful and most fundamental generalization about the universe that scientists have ever been able to make” (Isaac Asimov, “In the Game of Energy and Thermodynamics You Can’t Break Even,” *Smithsonian Institute Journal*, June 1970, p. 6). Dr. Henry Morris makes the following important observation: “The First Law is itself a strong witness against evolution, since it implies a basic condition of stability in the universe. The fundamental

structure of the cosmos is one of conservation, not innovation. [The evolutionist] assumes that the process of evolution takes place within the framework of energy conservation, never stopping to wonder where all the energy came from in the first place nor how it came to pass that the total energy was constant from then on. ... the First Law shows that the universe could not have begun itself. The total quantity of energy in the universe is a constant ... Since energy could not create itself, the most scientific and logical conclusion to which we could possibly come is that: ‘In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth’” (Morris, “Evolution, Thermodynamic, and Entropy,” *Impact No. 3*, Institute for Creation Research, 1973).

**5. Genesis says the world was created perfect, then fell under sin and God’s curse, and has been deteriorating ever since.**

This is consistent with everything we can observe. Everything is proceeding from order to chaos. Everything is corrupting. Evolution would require the exact opposite of this. The second law of thermodynamics is described by a secular scientist as follows: “Another way of stating the Second Law then is: ‘The

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universe is constantly getting more disorderly! Viewed that way, we can see the Second Law all about us. We have to work hard to straighten a room, but left to itself it becomes a mess again very quickly and very easily. Even if we never enter it, it becomes dusty and musty. How difficult to maintain houses, and machinery, and our own bodies in perfect working order; how easy to let them deteriorate. In fact, all we have to do is nothing, and everything deteriorates, collapses, breaks down, wears out, all by itself and that is what the Second Law is all about" (Isaac Asimov, "In the Game of Energy and Thermodynamics You Can't Break Even," Smithsonian Institute Journal, June 1970, p. 10). Dr. Henry Morris, founder of the Institute for Creation Research, observes: "Remember this tendency from order to disorder applies to all real processes. Real processes include, of course, biological and geological processes, as well as chemical and physical processes. The interesting question is: 'How does a real biological process, which goes from order to disorder, result in evolution, which goes from disorder to order?' ... Thus, the Second Law proves, as certainly as science can prove anything whatever, that the universe had a

beginning. ... The evolutionist will not accept this conclusion, however. He hypothesizes that ... some natural law canceling out the Second Law prevails far out in space. When he makes such assumptions, however, he is denying his own theory, which says that all things can be explained in terms of presently observable laws and processes. He is really resorting to creationism, but refuses to acknowledge a Creator" (Morris, "Evolution, Thermodynamics, and Entropy," Impact No. 3, Institute for Creation Research, 1973).

**6. Genesis says everything was created to fulfill God's purposes; this includes the world and everything in it, as well as the planetary universe.**

Teleology is the study of purposes, final causes, and evidences of design in nature. It is a fascinating study, because regardless of how minutely one studies the creation, one is impressed at the brilliant design in every detail. Study the eye, the ear, the leaf, the wing, the atom, light, sound, hydrogen — everywhere you find purpose and design. Michael Denton observes, "It is the sheer universality of perfection, the fact that everywhere we look, to whatever depth we look, we find an elegance and ingenuity of an absolutely transcending

quality, which so mitigates against the idea of chance" (Denton, *Evolution: A Theory in Crisis*, London: Burnett Books, 1983, p. 342). Even a microscopic one-celled bacterium (*R. Coli*) contains DNA information units that are equivalent to 100 million pages of the *Encyclopedia Britannica*, and all of that information works together in perfect harmony! Purpose and design is what one would expect if God created the world as the Bible says He did, but it is not what we would find if evolution were true. If the latter were true, we would find incredible chaos, happenstance, and haphazardness. We would have a world filled with monsters and unpredictable madness, part one thing and part another, a fish becoming a bird, a frog becoming a rat, a lizard becoming a bird, partially formed beaks which do not yet have a purpose, partially formed feet, partially formed wings, partially formed eyes, partially formed brains. We would have no fixed absolutes from which and with which to work. We would have no atomic clock because the atom would not be stable. We would have no sure guide across the trackless oceans because the heavenly bodies would be in fluctuation. Praise the Lord that evolution is a lie and the Bible is true.

a. Consider an example of design in the inanimate

universe, the proton: "Consider the mass of the proton. Such a property of an elementary particle might at first seem of trivial significance. However, closer inspection reveals that the proton's mass has been exactly chosen to provide both its own stability and that of the entire universe. In contrast, a free neutron (n), a slightly heavier particle, decays to a proton, an electron, and an antineutrino with a half-life of just twelve minutes. Free neutrons simply cannot persist in nature. However, if the mass of a proton were somehow increased by just 0.2%, then the proton would become the unstable particle. It would quickly decay to a neutron, positron, and neutrino: This second reaction does not occur, but it would if the proton were just slightly heavier. The implications are truly universal. Of chief significance, the hydrogen nucleus is just a single proton. Thus the hypothesized rapid decay of protons would destroy all hydrogen atoms. Furthermore, hydrogen is a major component of our bodies, as well as water molecules, the sun, and all other stars. Hydrogen is, after all, the dominant element of the universe. It is obvious that the proton's mass has been wisely planned to be slightly smaller than that of a neutron, to prevent the collapse of the universe.

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Also, protons are not subject to the influence of mutation or natural selection. Their physical properties were chosen from the beginning and have not changed. ... The knife-edged balance of protons and forces is indeed a strong testimony to the Creation. ... Evolutionary change is entirely unable to deal with such permanent properties of nature” (Dr. Donald DeYoung, “Design in Nature,” Impact No. 149, November 1985, Institute for Creation Research.).

b. Consider an example of design in the animal world, the Bombardier Beetle: The following is a brief excerpt from *Incredible Creatures that Defy Evolution* by Dr. Jobe Martin: “In the fall of 1971 I went to Baylor University in Dallas and gave my first lecture. It was on the evolution of the tooth. I talked about how these fish scales gradually migrated into the mouth and became teeth. A couple of students came to me after the class that day and said, ‘Dr. Martin, have you ever investigated the claims of creation science?’ That was 1971, and I had never even heard of it. So I said, ‘Sure, I’ll look into this with you.’ And I’m thinking, kind of as a cocky young professor, ‘I’ll blow these guys away.’ Well, they asked me to study the assump-

tions that the evolutionists make. In all of my eight years of scientific education, I had never had a single professor tell me about an assumption. So we started looking at the assumptions. I began to realize that evolutionists are making some claims that are based on assumptions that aren’t valid, when they tell us that rocks are so old and these kinds of things. Then they asked me to start studying some animals and see if I thought that animal could have evolved. The first thing that we studied together was this little bug called the bombardier beetle. This little insect, which is about a half inch long, mixes chemicals that explode. I began to think, O.K. how would that evolve? If evolution is true it had to somehow evolve that. Let’s assume it is evolving this defense mechanism, but the first time that it finally produces the explosion, what happens to the bug? Well, it is destroyed by the explosion, and we know that splattered bug pieces don’t evolve. So I thought, how could this have happened? Well, it doesn’t blow itself up. [And that is because of the intricate way that it is built.] It has another little factory inside itself and it manufactures a chemical that acts as a catalyst, so when it squirts that chemical into these other chemicals that are in a suspended state it produces the explosion. And it has

an asbestos lined firing chamber to protect itself. And it has two little twin tail tubes, and it can aim these tubes out the side, even out the front. Let’s say a spider is coming up toward its side and it doesn’t have time to turn around and shoot. It can just take its little gun turret, aim it out to the side, and shoot. If you are listening to the explosion all you hear is a single pop, but scientists have now put that sound into slow motion, and it is like about a thousand sequential little explosions that are so fast that all we hear is one pop. So you think, why would that be? It was a curious thing for the scientists that are studying this little bug. A lot of them are at Cornell University and some other places. What they discovered was that if it were just one big explosion, the little bug would be jettied away by the force! But as long as it is a sequential explosion, the bug with his little legs can hang on. How would evolution explain a sequential explosion? This little bug messes with all of the theories of evolution. There is no way a slow, gradual process is going to produce this bug. There is no way, even, that the newer theories, such as punctuated equilibrium, can explain this bug. I began to realize that this little bug needed to have all of its parts there at once or you just don’t have the animal. And my stomach started to

churn. My wife will tell you that my stomach churned for five years. It took a five-year struggle for me to begin to flip the way I think, from thinking in an evolutionary way to thinking that this creature was created fully formed just like it is. That went against everything I had ever learned.”

c. Consider an example of design in the human body, the eye. “The eye is constructed exactly like a camera except that it is infinitely more complex and sophisticated. Like some modern cameras, it has autofocus and automatic adjustment of the iris diaphragm. In the case of the eye, the lens actually changes its shape or correction to focus at different distances. The lens is made of living cells that are marvelously transparent as is the cornea, the window like skin that covers the eye. The most amazing component of the camera eye is its ‘film’ or retina. This light sensitive layer, which lines the back of the eye ball, is thinner than a sheet of Saran-Wrap and is vastly more sensitive to a wider range of light than any man-made film. The best man-made film can handle a range of 1,000-to-one. By comparison, the human retina can handle a dynamic range of light of 10 billion-to-one and can sense as little as a single photon of light in the

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**School Teacher Fired For Allowing Graduation Prayers.** — In Arkansas, a school teacher who sued his district over prayers has now lost his lawsuit. A federal court jury in Little Rock has ruled that a former art teacher failed to prove he was fired by an Arkansas school district for complaining about religious discrimination and Christian prayers in public school. During the trial, Judge Susan Webber Wright held the Devalls Bluff District in contempt for allowing Christian prayers at a May 2004 graduation service. [AP]

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**Calif. Judge Strikes Down Ban on Same-Sex Marriage.** -- A judge in San Francisco County ruled on Monday that California's law banning same-sex marriage is unconstitutional. Superior Court Judge Richard Kramer said in his 27-page decision that by itself, the state's historical definition of marriage cannot justify the denial of marriage licenses for homosexual couples. "The denial of marriage to same-sex couples appears

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impermissibly arbitrary," Kramer wrote in his ruling, which is certain to be appealed to the state's highest court. "Simply put, same-sex marriage cannot be prohibited solely because California has always done so before."

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**First U.S. Military Buddhist Chaplain.** — The U.S. Armed Forces commissioned its first Buddhist chaplain July 22, 2004. Lt. Junior Grade (JG) Gracie Shin, of Midwest City, Okla., was commissioned by Chief of Navy Reserve, Vice Adm. John G. Cotton. Shin enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1988. After being honorably discharged from the Marines in 1992, she attended George Mason University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in Philosophy and Religious Studies. In May 2004, Shin earned a master's degree in Buddhist Studies from the Graduate Theological Union/Institute of Buddhist Studies in Berkeley, Calif.

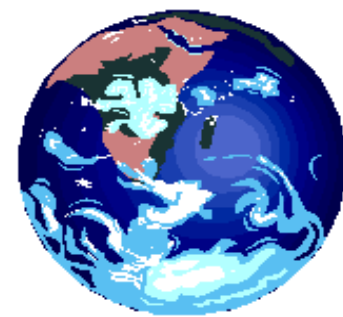
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**Homosexuals Recruited.** — The British Royal Navy has announced that not only will it accept gays into its ranks, it will actively recruit them. The Royal Navy is cooperating with a gay activist group to

devise better strategies for recruiting homosexuals, in the wake of a European court ruling that found Britain's ban on homosexuals in the military violated human rights laws. — AFA

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**Deceptive Bible Advertising.** — Zondervan is advertising the inclusive language Today's New International Version (TNIV) as "Timeless truth; today's language." A bigger lie was not told by former President Bill Clinton. In countless places the TNIV changes "he" to "they" "brothers" to "brothers and sisters" "father" to "parent"; etc. This might be today's language but it is not the truth and it is not accurate translation. No man has the authority to change the words of Scripture, because God has expressed His thoughts in specific words, and to change the words is to change the meaning. For example, in Revelation 3:20 the Lord Jesus says, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." It is a lovely invitation to individuals. But the TNIV changes this to "I will come and eat with them, and they with me." Who gave the TNIV



translators the right to change the pronouns? What audacity! Have they never read Revelation 2:18-19? — CN

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**Confused Lawmaker Offers \$5,000 For Proof From Bible That Marriage Is Only For A Man and a Woman.** — Alabama State Representative Alvin Holmes, a Democrat, has offered a \$5,000 award to anyone who could show proof from the Bible that marriage is between a man and a woman. But when calls flooded into the switchboard of the House of Representatives giving such proof (which begins in the second chapter of the Bible), he claimed that it was merely an issue of interpretation and refused to receive the evidence. For example, in regard to 1 Cor. 7:2, which says, "let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband," Holmes replied, "OK, but what that says [is] ... if two people should get married and if they are of the same sex then he becomes his wife

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and he's the husband." The Alvin Holmes method of biblical interpretation truly turns the Bible upon its head! — FBIS

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### Another Evolutionary Hoax Uncovered.

— Reiner Protsch, an influential German scientist, a supposed expert in carbon dating, has been exposed as a forger and plagiarizer and his dating of the northern European "Neanderthal man" has been found to be bogus. During a routine check of Protsch's work last year, it was found that a skeleton he had dated at 27,400 years was actually that of a man who died 250 years ago. Another skeleton, which Protsch had dated at 21,300 years, is actually 3,300 years old ("Anthropologist resigns in 'dating disaster.'" Chris Stringer of London's Natural History Museum said "What was considered a major piece of evidence showing that the Neanderthals once lived in northern Europe has fallen by the wayside. We are having to rewrite pre-history." Frankfurt University president Rudolf Steinberg apologized for the university's failure to curb Protesch's misconduct for decades, admitting, "A lot of people looked the other way." The Bible believer is not deceived by "science

falsely so-called" (1 Tim. 6:20).

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### ACLU Threat Causes Boy Scouts To Drop Public School Ties.

— The Boy Scouts of America is removing the charters of thousands of scouting units from public schools after an American Civil Liberties Union threat to sue taxpayer-funded institutions that charter BSA units. The ACLU sent a letter to the Boy Scouts of America in February threatening legal action against public schools and other governmental agencies that charter Boy Scout groups on grounds that their sponsorship amounts to religious discrimination and violates the separation of church and state. Boy Scouts open their meetings by holding three fingers aloft and repeating an oath in which members vow their allegiance to God and country, resolve to help others and commit to keeping themselves morally straight. Central to the BSA's stated mission is character development and values-based leadership training. ACLU leaders view these conservative emphases as warrant for legal action, according to documents in the ACLU website. While BSA is continuing to assess the number of Boy Scout and Cub Scout unities that will be affected, BSA national spokesman Gregg Shields

said units whose charters will be pulled from public schools would number in the thousands. BSA is America's largest youth organization that includes thousands of units and 1.3 million adult volunteers. Defending against a wave of ACLU lawsuits would cost schools untold thousands of dollars, Shields said. Instead of risking financially draining litigation, the BSA is pulling scout units from schools as a matter of stewardship, he said. "We obviously don't want that [expensive lawsuits against schools] to happen," Shields said. "Instead, the Boy Scouts have tried to protect the resources of our education partners by moving our charter from public schools to other community-based organizations such as parent-teacher organizations or Salvation Army units or nearby religious organizations."

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### Muslim Militants Attack Christian Community.

— Muslim militants attacked the Christian community in Demsa village, Adamawa state, northern Nigeria, on Feb. 4, killing 36 people and displacing about 3,000 others. The surviving Christians have taken refuge in Mayolope village in the state of Taraba. Rev. Jolly Nyame, governor of the state of Taraba, expressed sadness over

the attacks and said the country could progress only through peaceful coexistence.

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### Arkansas Governor To Let Gambling Bill Become Law.

-- Governor Mike Huckabee said he will allow a bill to become law that would give local voters the option to expand gambling at race tracks in Hot Springs and West Memphis, Arkansas. Huckabee, a Baptist minister and critic of previous gambling measures said local voters would have the ultimate say on whether gambling would be expanded in their communities. He doesn't have to sign the bill. It can become law by sitting on his desk.

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### Tennessee Sends Marriage Amendment To Voters.

-- Tennessee's legislature passed a constitutional marriage amendment March 17 sending it to citizens for a November 2006 vote. The amendment, which would ban same-sex "marriages" within the state, passed the Tennessee House 86-7. It had already passed the Senate. Tennessee is the fourth state legislature this year to send a marriage amendment to voters, following similar actions in Alabama, Kansas and South Dakota. □

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from Clinton, WI, where I grew up, to videotape their trip. I greatly enjoy visiting our nation's capitol, and each year I take some special memories back with me. This fall's trip was especially memorable.

On the last night of our trip, we stopped at the Iwo Jima memorial. This memorial is the largest bronze statue in the world and depicts one of the most famous photographs in history — that of the six brave soldiers raising the American flag at the top of a rocky hill on the island of Iwo Jima, Japan, during WW II.

Over one hundred students and chaperones piled off the buses and headed towards the memorial. I noticed a solitary figure at the base of the statue, and as I got closer he asked, "Where are you guys from?"

I told him that we were from Wisconsin. "Hey, I'm a cheesehead, too! Come gather around, cheeseheads, I'll tell you a story."

(James Bradley just happened to be in Washington, DC, to speak at the memorial the following day. He was there that night to say good night to his dad, who has since passed away. He was just about to leave when he saw the buses pull up. I videotaped him as he spoke to us, and received his permission to share what



he said from my videotape. It is one thing to tour the incredible monuments filled with history in Washington, D.C., but it is quite another to get the kind of insight we received that night.)

When all had gathered around, he reverently began to speak. Here are his words that night.

My name is James Bradley and I'm from Antigo, Wisconsin. My dad is on that statue, and I just wrote a book called, "Flags of Our Fathers", which is #5 on the New York Times Best Seller list right now. It is the story of the six boys you see behind me.

Six boys raised the flag. The first guy putting the pole in the ground is Harlon Block. Harlon was an all-state football player. He enlisted in the Marine Corps with all the senior members of his football team. They were off to play another

type of game. A game called "war." But it didn't turn out to be a game.

Harlon, at the age of 21, died with his intestines in his hands. I don't say that to gross you out, I say that because there are generals who stand in front of this statue and talk about the glory of war. You guys need to know that most of the boys in Iwo Jima were 17, 18, and 19 years old. (he pointed to the statue) "You see this next guy? That's Rene Gagnon from New Hampshire. If you took Rene's helmet off at the moment this photo was taken and looked in the webbing of that helmet, you would find a photograph ... a photograph of his girlfriend. Rene put that in there for protection because he was scared. He was 18 years old. Boys won the battle of Iwo Jima, boys, not old men.

The next guy here, the third guy in this tableau, was sergeant Mike Strank. Mike is my hero. He was the hero of all these guys. They called him the "old man" because he was so old. He was already 24. When Mike would motivate his boys in training camp, he didn't say, 'Let's go kill some Japanese', or 'Let's die for our country.' He knew he was talking to little boys. Instead he would say, 'You do what I say, and I'll get you home to your mothers.'

The last guy on this side of the statue is Ira Hayes, a Pima Indian from Arizona. Ira Hayes walked off Iwo Jima. He went into the White House with my dad. President Truman told him, 'You're a hero.' He told reporters, 'How can I feel like a hero when 250 of my buddies hit the island with me and only 27 of us walked off alive?'

So you take your class at school, 250 of you spending a year together having fun, doing everything together. Then all 250 of you hit the beach, but only 27 of your classmates walk off alive. That was Ira Hayes. He had images of horror in his mind. Ira Hayes died dead drunk, face down at the age of 32 ... ten years after this picture was taken.

The next guy, going around the statue, is Franklin Sousley from Hilltop, Kentucky. A fun-

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go before the throne of God so that he might accuse God's people and their lives and their manner of living here upon the earth. In Job we read, *"Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them. And the Lord said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the Lord, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it. And the Lord said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? Then Satan answered the Lord, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought? Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land. But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face"* (Job 1:6-11).

Job writing here speaks of the fact that Satan has gone before the throne of God and is there accusing Job of serving God only because God has poured out His blessings upon him.

He says, would Job serve Thee for nothing? Is not Job's service simply because You have blessed him with these many material things, good physical life, plenty of prosperity, etc. Then, Satan, says to the Lord, now if You will simply remove these blessings from Job, You'll find in a hurry that Job is only serving Thee for what he can get out of it, not because of any real love that he has for You.

That is the subject of the entire book of Job. We're not going into that tonight, but the Lord did allow Job to be touched by the hand of Satan. Satan was able to do many things against Job, but the Lord did tell Satan that you can not touch Job's life. Then, of course, we did find Job going through much misery and suffering. He lost his family, he lost all of his flocks, he lost all of his money, he lost all of his friends. All of his so-called friends turned upon him, and finally, even his wife turned against him and said, why don't you just curse God and die. But through all of this, Job never once turned against God. Not one time did Job ever understand really why this was happening or occurring to him, but he never turned against the Lord at all.

But you see, Satan was there to accuse Job. This is where Satan does his dirty work today against those of us who are believers. Do not think that

Satan does not know where you live. Do not think that when you do things that are wrong Satan is not aware of them. Satan is a tattletale, and Satan will go before God's throne and will point a finger down at you upon earth and accuse you before God, and say "Do You see what Your servant, what Your believer, what that Christian is doing down there?" Satan accuses you before the Lord.

I wonder how many times ... I don't mean to put it in the wrong light, because God does not embarrass and I don't mean that. But using human phraseology, I wonder how many times Satan might embarrass the Lord by pointing out our own inconsistencies and our own sins and the things that we might do that are wrong. Then Satan would go before the Lord and say, "Now look at that woman down there. Look at that man down there. Look at that preacher down there. Look at that deacon down there. Look at that Sunday school teacher down there." So Satan will accuse us before the Lord.

The Lord allowed Job to undergo many things, but not one time was Satan ever to come before the Lord and say that Job failed. I'm afraid that I might not be able to pass that test that Job did. I'm afraid that there are many times that Satan is able to point the finger at me down here upon earth, and he

may accuse me before the Lord of failure to do that which I ought to do, or of doing those things that I ought not to do.

Satan does have access to heaven. He has the ear of God, so to speak, and he makes provision, he makes use of this so that he might accuse us. Should not this make us aware of the fact that when we do wrong, Satan is going to take advantage of that and make certain that this is called to God's attention.

But Satan can even do worse than this, as far as this earth is concerned. Not only will Satan call God's attention to it, but you can mark it down as a fact, that Satan, if you do something wrong, will make sure that somebody else's mind is attracted to it as well and knows about it. If you stay home on Sunday morning and wash your automobile in your driveway, or you are seen loading your car to make a fishing trip or hooking up a boat, etc. you can be confident that Satan is going to make sure that your neighbors see that. Satan is going to accuse you to your neighbor and say, "Now there's that fellow that invited you to church over there at Central Baptist Church. Look at him. He's out here washing his car and its Sunday morning, time for him to be in Sunday school and church."

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who is always aware of what we do and what we don't do, and he will not only accuse us before the Lord, but he is going to accuse us to those round about us that will be influenced by what we do. Influenced for the bad! Sometimes we may be accused to other Christians. Sometimes we may be accused to unsaved people, used as an example. Satan, will come to you as an unsaved person and point out to you the inconsistencies in the lives of believers. He's going to point you to the preacher, and show you things in his life that you and I both know ought not to be there. He's going to emphasize those to you and will try to cause you to turn against God and to turn against salvation, based upon the fact, "well, I saw the preacher do so and so, and if he did that, then he's not very much of a Christian." Or perhaps a Sunday school teacher, or a deacon, or a man or a woman, or a young person. Satan is going to do all these things. He not only accuses us before heaven, before God's throne, but he's going to accuse us to those round about us as well. But listen, Satan, though he has access to heaven, he does not reign in heaven, and he does not have a throne in heaven. So don't think that Satan's throne is in heaven.

There are others who think that Satan's throne is down in hell. They conjure up that picture that so many people have of a devil with horns, a forked tail, a pitchfork, looking like an old dragon, and with a throne in hell surrounded by fire and brimstone. He's supposed to be down there stoking the fires of hell and trying to cause everybody to be punished in hell. Some have the idea that Satan is the king of Hell, and has his throne in hell, and that Satan is the one that is going to pour all the punishment and judgment upon all of those who are in hell. But this is not true!

Satan at one time was in heaven, but when Satan was cast forth out of heaven, he was cast down to this earth, and has not yet seen the pits of hell, and he won't for at least 1,000 years. Now some day he will, but the time is not yet. Satan, even when he is cast into hell is not going to have a throne. Satan is himself going to be cast into the lake of fire. But that is not so that he will be seated upon a throne, for Satan is going to be placed in the lake of fire so that he might suffer. In reality, he is going to suffer more than anyone else because he has fallen lower from a higher position than anyone else. So Satan is not going to be in hell as the King of hell even when he gets there. Satan is not going to concern himself with going around and trying to stoke

the fire and brimstone under you to make hell hotter for you, but Satan himself is going to be the arch criminal in hell, and will suffer more than anyone else.

Well, where is Satan's throne? Satan's throne is right here on this earth. When Satan fell from heaven, he was cast down here on the earth. Now, I don't think that I want to get into it in too much detail tonight, because of time, but Satan was not always the devil. Satan was one of the three archangels, apparently the highest one, the highest created being that God created. His name is Lucifer. Lucifer was in charge of all the worship in heaven. Now I can't prove that, but indications are that this was probably what it was. Whatever his position, at least he had a very high position in heaven, associated around the throne of God, and he reached the place that he became jealous of God and wanted to become the object of worship himself, rather than to see everyone worship God. Pride is the real sin of Satan.

Satan, you see, was not as we think of him today. Satan was an angel of light, the most beautiful creation that God had ever made. I think of Satan in the sense, that if they had a mirror up there, Satan would go and stand before that mirror and look at himself and pride himself about how beautiful he was, how

gorgeous he was. Why he was the greatest thing that God had ever created, and pride entered into his heart.

In First Timothy we find the requirements for one who is to be the bishop, a pastor, or the preacher, it says, "*Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil*" (1 Tim. 3:6). This is what the problem with Satan was. We are warned that a preacher must not be a novice. A novice simply means one that is very young, a beginner, and Paul refers to one that is to be ordained to the ministry, and he is talking about one with no experience, or very little experience. They ought to be observed first, and there should be a period of training and observation, so that they will not be hastily ordained. If not, the result might well be that they might be "*lifted up with pride and fall into the condemnation of the devil.*" This should be one of the real concerns that a young preacher ought to have. He should be careful, that he not be overtaken by pride, and I'm not certain that can be limited just to a young preacher. That can apply to just any man, any preacher. But this is exactly what happened to Satan. He was overcome by pride and he fell into the condemnation that God had for him.

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book of Ezekiel chapter 28. Now this is a picture of Satan. This could not apply to just a human being or a man. This is a picture of Satan before he fell into sin. This is probably why Eve was so easily deceived. She didn't see a serpent, crawling on his belly with a forked tongue spitting out at her, as we see the serpent today. What Eve saw was a creature that was the most beautiful creation that God had ever made. Here we find a description of Satan.

*"Moreover the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord God; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty" (Ezk. 28:11-12).* Now note, here's the description of this created being that came and deceived Eve in the garden. *"Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold" (Ezk. 28:13).* My wife gets shook up when she passes a jewelry store and sees beautiful glass, much less all these jewels like this. This is what Satan looked like when he came down

to Eve in the garden of Eden. Here was a creature that was the most beautiful creation that God had ever made.

Notice further on in that same verse, *"the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created"* (Ezk. 28:13). Now Satan, then, was not created as Satan. He was created as Lucifer, an Archangel. There is no such teaching anywhere in the Bible of this philosophy that says that there is an eternal "Good" called God, and an eternal "Evil" or "Bad" called Satan, and that both have existed for all eternity, and always existed in conflict. This is not true. Satan is not eternal. He is a finite being. He was created as Lucifer.

But when God created Lucifer, He created Lucifer with what we term "free moral agency." He had a free will, and Lucifer had the choice of either serving God, or he could rebel against God. Now I don't know how long he served God before he rebelled. The Scriptures do not tell us how long, but we do find in the next verse, *"Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth"* (Ezk. 28:14). When it says *"the anointed cherub"* it means one of a kind. There were no others. *"Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God;*

*thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee"* (Ezk. 28:14-15).

As we see, Lucifer was created without sin. He was given the highest position in heaven, termed "the anointed cherub that covereth," but he remained perfect "until iniquity was found in him." That iniquity was pride. He desired to be worshiped in the place of God. He was there, he saw all of these angels that had come and given all of their obedience, their allegiance, their worship, their praises unto God. Then he decided that he wanted to become the object of all of that worship.

So Isaiah describes for us the thoughts of Satan, and what pride led him to do, how pride led him in rebellion against God, in order that he might dethrone God and put himself there on God's throne to receive all of the worship of angels, mankind, etc. Isaiah says, *"How are thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart ..."* Now it began in the heart, as sin always does, "For thou hast said in thine heart." Now he didn't tell God this, but you remember that God is able to read the hearts as well

as he can read the mouth or the lips or anything else. "For thou hast said in thine heart," and there are five things that Satan says "I will do." Not I'm going to try to do, not I want to do, but I will do. *"I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High"* (Isa. 14:12-14). Satan, then, is going to become God, throw God off His throne and make his throne superior to the throne of God, for he says, *"I will exalt my throne above the stars of God."* Iniquity was found in him, and because of sin, the sin of pride which led him into the sin of rebellion, Satan was cast from heaven down to this earth.

Now this is not his final resting place. We'll get to that later on in the Book, but notice in the next verse. "Yet." In other words it hasn't happened yet, for it's future, but it is certain, *"Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit"* (Isa. 14:15). That's where Satan will be cast in the future, but for right now, Satan's throne is right here on this earth. When Satan was cast down to this earth, he went to the Garden of Eden and there deceived Eve. Then Adam yielded to the temptation

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given to him by his wife when she handed him that forbidden fruit, and Adam ate, and by doing so, Adam disobeyed God and gave his allegiance unto Satan right then.

From that time on, Satan has been in control of this earth. Satan wrested the control of this earth from Adam, who at that time was the Federal Head of this earth, for God had given it to him. Everything belonged to him. He could do with it as he wanted. God has said to Adam that all of these animals are yours to eat, whatever you want, and Satan wrested that control from Adam, and now this very day, Satan has his throne here upon earth. Satan walks up and down this earth today.

In the book of Job earlier we read where it said, *“Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them. And the Lord said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the Lord, and said, from going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it”* (Job 1:6-7). This is where Satan is tonight. Satan is here on this earth. He walks up and down this earth. He walks backward and forward, he walks to and fro, because as the god of this world, he is over-

seeing all of those who are his agents here upon this earth.

This earth, its society, all the organizations of mankind upon this earth, are all under the control of Satan today. In Ephesians we read concerning the armament that God has for His children, those who are saved, He tells us *“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood.”* In other words, our warfare is not against men, not against women. It matters not how great sinners they may be, they’re not our enemy. We do not wrestle against those that are of flesh and blood, but he says, *“against principalities, against powers.”* Principalities means governments. *“Against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places”* (Eph. 6:12). This is what Satan is doing as he walks back and forth, up and down, and to and fro upon this earth. He is in the middle directing and controlling the principalities, the powers, the world rulers of darkness, the spiritual hosts of wickedness in high or heavenly places. This is what Satan is doing today.

If you want to know why this world is as it is today, don’t blame God. Blame Satan! He is the one that’s the cause of all of these things. Somebody says, but couldn’t God stop it? Certainly He can, and He will when the time is ripe. God has His purposes.

God is still sovereign. Satan can do nothing without God’s permissive will, and Satan is, so to speak, on a leash. His power is limited. He can only go as far as God will permit him to go. If you ask me why does God let Satan do all these things, I don’t have all the answers. God is not honor bound or obligated to explain to me why He does things. He’s God, and He’s able to do what He desires to do, and what He wants to do. But I do know this, that God has a purpose, and that all of His purposes are high and holy and just and righteous. Our God cannot be unjust. Therefore, God, whatever He has chosen to allow to occur, He has His own purposes, and He has His own rights in that.

One of these days, Satan’s term or time is going to run out. We’ll cover it later on when we get into the “little book.” When God gave the control of this earth to Adam, it was only for a period of time, and when Adam allowed Satan to wrest that control, he could only give it to him for that same length of time.

For instance, if you have a lease on a house, or a building, you may lease it for ten years, and that’s what your lease is, ten years. Now, I may come along to you and I may sublease it, or you might sublet it to me, but you can’t lease it for longer than what the ten year period is, for that’s all your lease is

for. Satan has charge and control of this earth, but only for a period of time, and that period of time is that length time that God gave it to Adam.

Now Adam has lost it to Satan, but only for that period of time. When the time expires (and I’m persuaded that it is 6,000 years), when the end of that 6,000 years takes place, God is going to come back and take charge of this earth. Because Adam only had it for 6,000 years, then Satan only has it for 6,000 years, and when the six thousand years expires, the Lord is going to come back and dethrone Satan, and set up His own throne, and set up His own millennial kingdom upon this earth.

But for right now, Satan’s throne is right here on this earth. He’s in charge of this earth. He runs this place. You might think President Carter runs that place in Washington. No! He doesn’t, the devil does. If you want to know why Carter does like he does, because the devil tells him to do it, and he does it. If you want to know why President Carter said he wasn’t going to allow alcoholic beverages in the White House, and now all of a sudden, he’s become just about as big a drinker in the White House as any President that we’ve ever had before, it’s because Satan has done all of this.

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why President Carter claims to be a Baptist Sunday School teacher and claims to be a good strong Southern Baptist and then you see him and his wife doing the disco and all of these other kind of dances in the White House or at the Kennedy Center, it's because Satan is behind all of this. He is willing to allow himself to be used by Satan. Satan is behind the principalities and powers of this world. He's controlling. He's governing. His throne is here upon this earth.

Now usually he has his seat located in some principal city, some primary location. As you go back into the Old Testament, and if you want to read a book that tells you a lot about it, read the book from our church library called "**The Two Babylons**," written by Hislop. It will tell you about Nimrod's founding the old Babylonian worship, and Satan then had his throne in that wicked city called Babylon located on the Euphrates river.

In Ezra chapter 1:1 we find that the time came that the Lord wanted to use Israel again, so under the leadership of Ezra, Zerubbabel, and Nehemiah the Jews were allowed to go back to their land. In preparation for this, He used a man by the name of Cyrus, the King of the Persians. Babylon is in Persia. We find in pre-

paration for this that Cyrus, the Persian, expelled the Babylonian worship because it was considered as detrimental to the religious convictions of the Medo-Persians. This is how God moves in human affairs even in the hearts of kings, because Cyrus issued a decree. If you read the first chapter of the book of Ezra you find that Cyrus issued a decree giving the Jews complete freedom to go back to Palestine, to the city of Jerusalem and to rebuild the city, to rebuild the temple, and to re-establish the nation Israel again. God moved through Cyrus to do this.

But for Cyrus to do all that, he had first to expel Satan's throne from the city of Babylon. Here in Revelation chapter 2 we find where Satan moved. He moved to this town called Pergamos. We read in Revelation 2:12, "*And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write; These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges; I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is*" (or throne). At the time of the writing of the book of Revelation, Satan's throne was located in the city of Pergamos. When the Babylonian priests and priestesses were all forced to flee from Babylon, they fled to Pergamos and Pergamos welcomed them with open arms, and when this was written, this was

where Satan's throne was located.

Later on we find under Julius Caesar that it was transferred to the city of Rome so that he might seek to introduce a religious element into his own government. This is why that as you read in the Bible, you will find that Rome has been identified with Babylon religiously.

But Satan moves his throne. He moved it from Babylon, to Pergamos, to Rome, and at the time of this writing Satan was enthroned in Pergamos, but he may have moved his throne different places since then. I am not sure where it is today. Sometimes I think it is in Washington, DC. Sometimes I think it is in the United Nations, sometimes I think it is now in Rome with the ecumenical movement and all these other things. I'm not really sure where Satan's throne is located this very day, April 29, 1979, but I do know this, when you turn to the 17th and the 18th chapters of Revelation, we see that Satan's throne once again is going to be located in Babylon during the last days, the days of the Tribulation Period.

But this is not speaking of physical or material Babylon that is still located in Persian (Iraq) on the Euphrates river. This is talking about spiritual Babylon, and in the 17th and 18th chapter of the Book of Revelation, spiri-

tual Babylon is identified as the revival of the Holy Roman Empire and that is located in the City of Rome. Whether Satan's throne is there today or not I am not certain, but I do know, when we read the 17th and 18th chapters of the Book of Revelation, Satan's throne is going to be located in spiritual Babylon, and that is identified for us as the city of Rome, Italy.

Now what is Satan doing on this earth? Walking about. Peter tells us he's walking about as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. But Satan is moving upon this earth and he has not changed his plans since he was first cast out of heaven. Satan is still trying to thwart God's plan of redemption for lost men and women.

Where is Satan tonight? Somebody says, "He's out there in all those bars and taverns and places like that." Others say, "He's probably out there in the middle of the crowd of fallen women, and men that are chasing them around, and all of these things." No, he's not out there. You know where Satan is tonight? Satan doesn't waste his time with those people. They're already under his control and doing what he wants them to do and he's satisfied with them. Satan tonight is located in every church that preaches the gospel of the Lord Jesus

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lovin' hillbilly boy. His best friend, who is now 70, told me, 'Yeah, you know, we took two cows up on the porch of the Hilltop General Store. Then we strung wire across the stairs so the cows couldn't get down. Then we fed them Epsom salts. Those cows crapped all night.'

Yes, he was a fun-lovin' hillbilly boy. Franklin died on Iwo Jima at the age of 19. When the telegram came to tell his mother that he was dead, it went to the Hilltop General Store; a barefoot boy ran that telegram up to his mother's farm. The neighbors could hear her scream all night and into the morning. The neighbors lived a quarter mile away.

The next guy, as we continue to go around the statue, is my dad, John Bradley from Antigo, Wisconsin, where I was raised. My dad lived until 1994, but he would never give interviews.

When Walter Cronkite's producers, or the New York Times would call, we were trained as little kids to say, 'No, I'm sorry, sir, my dad's not here. He is in Canada fishing. No, there is no phone there, sir. No, we don't know when he is coming back.' My dad never fished or even went to Canada. Usually, he was sitting there right at the table eating his Campbell's

soup. But we had to tell the press that he was out fishing. He didn't want to talk to the press. You see, my dad didn't see himself as a hero.

Everyone thinks these guys are heroes, 'cause they are in a photo and on a monument. My dad knew better. He was a medic. John Bradley from Wisconsin was a caregiver. On Iwo Jima he probably held over 200 boys as they died. And when boys died on Iwo Jima, they writhed and screamed in pain.

When I was a little boy, my third grade teacher told me that my dad was a hero. When I went home and told my dad that, he looked at me and said, 'I want you always to remember that the heroes of Iwo Jima are the guys who did not come back. Did NOT come back.'

So that's the story about six nice young boys. Three died on Iwo Jima, and three came back as national heroes. Overall, 7,000 boys died on Iwo Jima in the worst battle in the history of the Marine Corps. My voice is giving out, so I will end here. Thank you for your time."

Suddenly, the monument wasn't just a big old piece of metal with a flag sticking out of the top. It came to life before our eyes with the heartfelt words of a son who did indeed have a father who was a hero. Maybe not a hero for the reasons most people would

believe, but a hero nonetheless. We need to remember that God created this vast and glorious world for us to live in, freely, but also at great sacrifice. Let us never forget from the Revolutionary War to the Gulf War and all the wars in between, that sacrifice was made for our freedom.

Remember to pray praises for this great

country of ours and also pray for those still in murderous unrest around the world. STOP and thank God for being alive and being free at someone else's sacrifice. God Bless.

REMINDER: Every-day that you wake up free and put your feet on the floor, is going to be a good day. □

## Light Shining Out of Darkness

God moves in a mysterious way,  
His wonders to perform;  
He plants his footsteps in the sea,  
And rides upon the storm;

Deep in unfathomable mines  
Of never-rafting skill,  
He treasures up his bright designs,  
And works his sov'reign will.

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take,  
The clouds ye so much dread  
Are big with mercy, and shall break  
In blessings on your head.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,  
But trust him for his grace;  
Behind a frowning providence  
He hides a smiling face.

His purposes will ripen fast,  
Unfolding ev'ry hour;  
The bud may have a bitter taste,  
But sweet will be the flow'r.

Blind unbelief is sure to err,  
And scan his work in vain;  
God is his own interpreter,  
And he will make it plain.

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Christ. Satan is here in this building this very night. Maybe not him personally because he's not omnipresent, and Satan cannot be everywhere at one and the same time, but when Satan fell into sin he had a host of angels that fell with him, and these angels, called demons, are at his beck and command. Every time there is a gospel message preached, you can know that Satan is going to be present right there in those services.

Now remember that Satan and the demons are spiritual beings and therefore you cannot see them. They may be seated right there in your lap. They're right there to tell you "You don't really want to be saved," or "You don't want to be saved tonight." Satan is doing everything to thwart God's purpose of redeeming lost and sinful man, and Satan is going to do everything in his power to prevent you from believing Jesus Christ and receiving Him as your Lord and your Savior.

Satan has no scruples. He'll use any tactic that will suit his purposes. He'll lie. He'll lie about the pastor, he'll lie about a Sunday school teacher, he'll lie about a teacher, he'll lie about a deacon, he'll lie about anybody. He'll lie about your wife, or your husband. He'll lie about your children, and he'll lie

about your parents. Satan will do anything, and everything in his power to prevent you from ever coming to know Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior. Not because he has any love for you. Satan could care less about you. He doesn't love you; he doesn't care anything about you. But Satan has an undying hatred for God that will not quit. Because God loves sinners, Satan hates sinners as a means of trying to defeat God and His purposes.

If you're not saved, you have listened to the deceitful remarks of Satan. You have allowed Satan to deceive you. That's why you're lost tonight, because Satan has pulled the wool over your eyes, deceived you into not being saved. He uses all kinds of ways and means of doing it. But may I remind you of this, Satan is not all powerful. All he can do is to seek to deceive you. He will seek to persuade you, but Satan cannot force you to do anything. If you really want to be saved, if you really want to trust Jesus Christ as your Savior, Satan has no power at all to prevent you from doing that. Therefore, if you're not saved, you can't blame the devil with it. You are personally accountable and responsible to God because of your own rejection of Jesus Christ as your Lord and your Savior. You can't say "the Devil made me do it," or "the devil kept me

from doing it." Satan does not have any power to coerce or to force you or to keep you from being saved. All he can do is influence and deceive. All he can do is try and prevent you from trusting the Lord, but he cannot stop you if you really want to be saved. If anyone dies and spends an eternity in hell, they are going to go there because of their own unbelief, their own rejection of Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. If you should die and spend an eternity in Hell, you will not be able to point the finger at God and say, "Now God you shouldn't put me down here because it is the devil's fault." You'll not blame anybody else.

Romans chapter 1 and Romans chapter 3, twice, the Bible tells us "*so that they are without excuse.*" The other case says, "*that every mouth may be stopped.*" You'll not be able to answer one word. You'll not argue with God one minute because you are going to know that when you are in hell, you got there simply because you would not trust Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior.

Up until now, if you're lost, unsaved friend, you have allowed Satan to deceive you. You've been listening to Satan as he speaks to you. Are you going to listen to him tonight? He'll provide you with every excuse that is necessary. If he needs to invent a new one, he'll

invent a new one, but he'll provide you with any excuse that will keep you from being saved tonight. What are you going to do? God's command is "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." Satan says "some more convenient day I'll look into it again." God says "And God now commandeth all men everywhere to repent." "Now is the day of salvation, Behold now is the accepted time." Satan says "Almost thou persuadedest me to become a Christian." □

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erty or give me death." But in current textbooks the context of these words is deleted. Here is what he actually said:

"An appeal to arms and the God of hosts is all that is left us. But we shall not fight our battle alone. There is a just God that presides over the destinies of nations. The battle sir, is not to the strong alone. Is life so dear or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it almighty God. I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty, or give me death."

These sentences have been erased from our textbooks. Was Patrick Henry a Christian? The following year, 1776, he wrote this "It cannot be

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million blood cells pass by the air chambers in the lungs, so that a tissue surface of approximately 370 square yards hold the respiratory gas of the atmosphere.

The white cells or leukocytes are formed *outside* of the vessel wall in the bone-marrow, spleen, and lymphatic glands, and are able to pass right through the vessel wall and into the circulating blood by certain movements known as amoeboid movements. There are three main groups of these cells, but I shall not attempt any description. They are living cells with a nucleus, the little condensed portion in the center. Their function is to protect the body from disease, and they contain many enzymes, the exact function of which is not known. They are much fewer in number than the reds, and normally there are from 4,000 to 10,000 per cubic millimeter of blood. An individual's leukocyte count may show a wide fluctuation from day to day, or even at different times during the day.

One kind known as polymorphonuclear — because they adopt many different shapes — have been called phagocytes because they destroy bacteria by absorbing and digesting them. This process is known as phagocytosis. How won-

derful it is to realize the thoughtfulness and wisdom of the Creator in placing these powerful and alert policemen in our bodies, giving them the ability to protect us against germ burglars which would speedily kill us, were it not for these wonderful fighters who actually rush to our defense against the invading army, and consume the enemy.

Blood platelets are formed also in the bone-marrow. They do not possess a nucleus and are extremely small. They are easily broken up and exert a remarkable function in connection with the clotting of blood.

A wonderful series of operations takes place immediately after a blood vessel is cut and our body begins to bleed. The blood clots or coagulates. Have you ever thought what would happen, if this did not occur? Death would be the inevitable result. We would expect that the Creator would adopt certain pre-ventive measures and we are not disappointed.

What happens when we cut our skin and begin to bleed freely? This seems to be the course of events. The cut skin releases a ferment called thrombokinase, and the platelets rushing to the injured area also pour out this same substance — an emergency provision which is among the most remarkable in the body. Remember, if this blood flow could not be

stopped, we would surely bleed to death. The thrombokinase, in the presence of ionized calcium salts, reacts with prothrombin, which is normally present in the blood plasma — apparently for this purpose — to form thrombin. The thrombin now reacts with soluble fibrinogen, another normal ingredient of the blood plasma, and forms an insoluble fibrin. This fibrin gives the appearance of a number of threads, which proceed to pack themselves into the cut portion of the blood vessel and very quickly — in a few minutes — close the leak. We ought to think of these blood platelets as expert plumbers, it seems to me. And they never have to go back to the shop to find some needed tools! They are always quipped to handle leaking pipes!

There is a strange and dangerous disease known as hemophilia, in persons whose blood clots very slowly or not at all. The cause is some defect in the blood-clotting mechanism and the disease, fortunately, is very rare. These bleeders are always men, but the disease is transmitted from the father to a daughter who herself remains healthy, and by her in turn to her son, the grandchild of the sick father. As a result we have this strange rule. The son of a bleeder is always healthy and does not transmit the disease. The daughters of a bleeder are likewise always well.

Among the sons, however, the grandfather's disease reappears.

Man can sustain a loss of blood amounting to as much as one-third of the total quantity in the body. In any severe hemorrhage the bone-marrow works with feverish activity so that the rapidity of recovery from blood loss is very astonishing. As is commonly known these days, there are four different types of blood in which the proteins of one type are "foreign" to the blood of others. This incompatibility of blood groups is discovered by means of a process known as agglutination. If a drop of one blood type is added to the blood, or to the blood serum of an incompatible type, the blood cells are clumped together, the first stage of blood destruction. Before this was known, blood transfusions resulted in the death of the recipient. Now it is an easy matter to type the blood, and no mistakes are made. This membership in a certain blood type is an hereditary characteristic, and is determined by a certain gene in the chromosomes.

The effects of blood transfusion are often truly miraculous. In a few hours the patient who seemed at the point of death is again lively and on the road to rapid recovery. We read away back in Leviticus 17:14, "The life of the flesh

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dark! In bright daylight, the retina bleaches out and turns it's 'volume control' way down so as not to overload. The light sensitive cells of the retina are like an extremely complex high gain amplifier. There are over 10 million such cells in the retina and they are packed together with a density of 200,000/mm<sup>2</sup> in the highly sensitive fovea. These photoreceptor cells have a very high rate of metabolism and must completely replace themselves about every 7 days! If you look at a very bright light such as the sun, they immediately burn out but are rapidly replaced in most cases. Because the retina is thinner than the wavelength of visible light it is totally transparent. Each of these minute photoreceptor cells is vastly more complex than the most sophisticated man-made computer. It has been estimated that 10 billion calculations occur every second in the retina before the light image even gets to the brain! ... Attempts to explain the evolution of the eye, like most other evolutionary 'explanations,' are merely untestable scenarios in the guise of science. Not only must one account for the eye itself but also an optically transparent 'skin,' the cornea through the eye must look, and a brain to process the optical information. The visual cortex

of the brain, together with the eye, which is actually part of the brain, must translate optical information which begins as nothing more than differences in the amplitude and wave length of light rays into what is perceived as real time 3-dimensional color vision. There is undoubtedly a scientific explanation for all of this signal processing and we already know a great deal about it but we are no closer to a scientific explanation for how we came to have eyes in the first place. No wonder the Bible says, 'The hearing ear and the seeing eye the Lord hath made them all'" (Dr. David N. Menton, *Can Evolution Produce an Eye?* Missouri Association for Creation, 1994; Dr. Menton received his Ph.D. in Biology from Brown University and has been involved in biomedical research and education for over 30 years.)

d. Consider the ultimate example of design in the human body, the human brain. "The adult brain weighs about 1350 grams, just three pounds, yet it handles the information of 1000 supercomputers. The fundamental unit within the brain is the neuron, or nerve cell. Each cell, about 10-6 meter in diameter, contains a nucleus and branching fibers called dendrites and axons. When a cell 'fires,' it sends electro chemical impulses

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is in the blood."

There is another and greater miracle effected by blood which I want to bring to you. In Leviticus we read, "The soul that sinneth it shall die." In Romans 5:12, we are told that "death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." That means that the sentence of death hangs over you and me — over every individual in the world, no matter what your condition. Is there any way by which this sentence can be erased? Is it possible that God will change His law? God does not change His mind, and so there must be death where there is sin. But this is the wonder of it. God will accept an infinite and Divine Substitute. Hebrews 9:22 says, "Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin." So blood must be shed. If I am to suffer, I myself must shed my own blood. You also must pay your own penalty.

And just here God steps in. Can he get a sinless Substitute of infinite worth who will die for the

whole world? The answer is given us in many places in God's Word. Let us read 1 Peter 2:21-24: "Christ also suffered *for* us ... who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: who when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him who judgeth righteously: who his own self *bare our sins in his own body on the tree*, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by *whose stripes ye were healed.*" Listen to 1 John 1:7, "The blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanseth us from all sin."

And here is one more statement in John 5:24: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."

There is a perfect and present salvation for the taking. Will you avail yourself of this magnificent offer? JESUS CHRIST IS WONDERFUL! [Next Month: "People who Bleed to Death." □

**Opportunity may knock once, but temptation**

**Bangs on your front door forever.**

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**Quit griping about your church; if it was perfect, you couldn't belong.**

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along its axon extension to neighboring neurons. Our brain contains about 10 billion neurons ( $10_{10}$ ). During the first nine months of life, these neurons form at the astounding rate of 25,000 per minute. ... Each neuron is in dendritic contact with perhaps 10,000 other neurons. The total number of neurological interconnections is on the order of  $10_{14}$  (100 trillion). This number is equivalent to all the leaves on all the trees of a vast forest covering half of the U.S. The total length of the nerve dendrites in an adult brain is over 100,000 miles! ... the brain holds at least  $10_{14}$  bits (binary digits) of information. Actually, it is a much greater number, since the neurons also show intermediate firing states, somewhat like a light-dimmer switch. The storage capacity of this supercomputer [the Cray-2] is 1,000 times less than that of the human brain. ... Note that the potential brain capacity is estimated as at least equivalent to that of 25 million volumes, a 500-mile-long bookshelf! ... The beautiful complexity of our brain contrasts sharply with all simplistic, secular attempts to explain it away. Our brain remains a frontier of science; we actually know very little about it, but what is known is overwhelming. In addition, every single neuronal cell

within the brain contains a trillion atoms. This is like a microscopic universe within each cell, complete with order, purpose, and interdependence of components. ... The brain truly provides an ultimate design challenge for evolution. It should be a cause for humble praise in considering the wonder of the mind. It is a privilege to dedicate these minds to the Creator" (from the article "Thinking About the Brain" by Dr. Don DeYoung and Dr. Richard Bliss, copyright 2004, Institute for Creation Research). □

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emphasized too strongly or too often that this great Nation was founded not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religions, but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For that reason alone, people of other faiths have been afforded freedom of worship here."

Consider these words that Thomas Jefferson wrote on the front of his well-worn Bible: "I am a real Christian, that is to say, a disciple of the doctrines of Jesus. I have little doubt that our whole country will soon be rallied to the unity of our Creator." He was also the chairman of the American Bible Society, which he considered his highest and most important role.

On July 4, 1821, President Adams said, "The

highest glory of the American Revolution was this: it connected in one indissoluble bond the principles of civil government with the principles of Christianity."

Calvin Coolidge, our 30th President of the United States reaffirmed this truth when he wrote, "The foundations of our society and our government rest so much on the teachings of the Bible that it would be difficult to support them if faith in these teachings would cease to be practically universal in our country."

In 1782, the United States Congress voted this resolution: "The Congress of the United States recommends and approves the Holy Bible for use in all schools."

William Holmes McGuffey is the author of the McGuffey Reader, which was used for over 100 years in our public schools with over 125 million copies sold until it was stopped in 1963.... President Lincoln called him the "Schoolmaster of the Nation."

Listen to these words of Mr. McGuffey:

"The Christian religion is the religion of our country. From it are derived our notions on the character of God, on the great moral Governor of the universe. On its doctrines are founded the peculiarities of our free institutions. From no source has the author drawn more conspicuously than from the sacred

Scriptures.. From all these extracts from the Bible I make no apology'."

Of the first 108 universities founded in America, 106 were distinctly Christian, including the first, Harvard University, chartered in 1636. In the original Harvard Student Handbook, rule number 1 was that students seeking entrance must know Latin and Greek so that they could study the scriptures: "Let every student be plainly instructed and earnestly pressed to consider well, the main end of his life and studies is, to know God and Jesus Christ, which is eternal life, John 17:3; and therefore to lay Jesus Christ as the only foundation for our children to follow the moral principles of the Ten Commandments."

James Madison, the primary author of the Constitution of the United States, said this:

"We have staked the whole future of our new nation not upon the power of government; far from it. We have staked the future of all our political constitutions upon the capacity of each of ourselves to govern ourselves according to the moral principles of the Ten Commandments."

Today, we are asking God to bless America. But, how can He bless a Nation that has departed so far from Him? Prior to September 11, He was not wel-

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go to the Jordan and to be baptized of John. We also know that during the first six months of His ministry He either baptized (Jn. 3:22), or witnessed the baptisms (Jn. 4:1-2), of His twelve disciples. It was two and one-half years after these baptisms that the Lord's Table was instituted. During that time He had gathered as many as five hundred brethren (1 Cor. 15:6) about Him, all of whom were believers in Him; yet when He instituted the Lord's Table, only twelve (of whom we have no reasonable doubt concerning their act of baptism) were present.

I quote from *McConnell's Manual for Baptist Churches*, published by the Judson Press in 1926, as follows from page 65: "No man can make me believe that Mary the mother of Jesus was not, at that time, a saved woman. She was in the city and was at the cross the next morning. She was not invited to the Supper. The man who owned the house in which the Supper was taken was not invited. Lazarus whom Jesus loved and raised from the dead a few days before that Supper was not invited. His sisters, Mary and Martha, were not invited. Mary Magdalene and the 'other Mary' were not invited. Joseph of Arimathaea, who within twenty-four hours of

that time furnished a tomb for Jesus' body and wrapped it affectionately in fine linen, was not invited. The first Supper was restricted beyond doubt."

Here is another quotation from the *New Directory for Baptist Churches* by Edward T. Hiscox, D.D., published in 1902 by the American Baptist Publication Society, page 134, under the title, "Its Subjects": "Who ought and who have a lawful right to come to the Lord's Table will be seen by a careful study of the Scripture narratives. From these it is manifest that baptized believers, walking orderly in the faith of the Gospel, and in the fellowship of the Church, constitute the proper subjects for this privilege. *And no others.* Some have insisted on its having a wider scope; some even going so far as to hold that no limitations or restrictions whatever should be imposed on the privilege.

"Observe that our Savior at the institution 'sat down, and His apostles with him' (Lk. 22:14). Here is a very restricted, and so to say, Close Communion. Neither His own mother, nor His brethren, nor the many relatives and friends who had followed Him, were invited to be present; for what reason we do not know, but they were not there. Only the twelve Apostles. He gave the bread and the cup to His disciples, and said, 'Take

this and divide it among yourselves' (Mt. 26:26; Lk. 22:17). He did not tell them to distribute it to others, nor invite others to come in and partake of it. That little company in the upper chamber was substantially the incipient Church; and the Supper was with and for the Church alone."

A third quotation, this time from *The Moral Dignity of Baptism* by J. M. Frost, published in 1905 by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. On page 190, under the title, "The New Testament Law," we read: "The New Testament must govern concerning these two ordinances of the New Dispensation. In all questions arising here, settlements must be made by appeals to this new law. Not to family relations — not to men, however learned and wise and good — not to tradition, though dignified as church history — not to customs, personal comfort or private preference or convenience — not even to the Old Testament Scriptures.

"Baptism and the Supper are New Testament ordinances, and all questions concerning them must therefore be settled by the New Testament law. If it be silent, silence best becomes us; if it command, verily 'to obey is better than sacrifice.' We have no right even to think as we please about baptism and the Supper. Here private right

and individual duty coincide; it is at once our right and our duty to study the New Testament for ourselves and so find out what we must think and do concerning these high matters which God is requiring of our hands, and for which *each one must give* account in personal obedience.

"There is a fixed order between these two ordinances. It is this, Baptism and the Supper, not the Supper and Baptism. They come to us from our Lord in this order, and are so stamped with His authority. This order is of universal acceptance by all denominations of Christians, an individual here and there dissenting, as being the order authorized and commanded in the New Testament.

*"There is no authority for inviting and admitting the unbaptized to the Supper. There is fundamental law against it ...*

"The prerequisites, prescribed and required as understood and stated, at least nominally, by all the creeds and confessions of faith, are these — namely, profession of faith in Jesus, baptism, and church membership. This covers what is commonly, but erroneously, called 'close communion.' It is the Baptist view of the Lord's baptism in relation to the Lord's Supper. There is no difference between Baptists and others, either in the

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principles or the prerequisites of the order. We simply insist that the Lord's baptism and the Lord's Supper must be observed as the Lord requires. This issue between us and others really concerns baptism, and this issue in its last analysis is a question of much moment. It is a question not of 'how much water,' not about 'going to one place by different routes,' but simply and earnestly *a question of obedience*. We ought to understand this issue and insist upon the principle of *obeying the commands of our Lord*.

"Christ has put restrictions on these ordinances; before baptism there must be faith; before the Supper there must be baptism. Baptism is the privilege of believers, and the Supper is the privilege of baptized believers who are walking orderly before the Lord and among their brethren. Restriction of baptism means restriction of the Supper, and the law, as interpreted by all, means the restriction of both ordinances."

**2. Where in the New Testament can we find that the Apostles believed in, or supported, such a policy?**

When the Apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthian Church his instructions

about the Lord's Table in chapter 11 of the first epistle, he was writing to an *assembly made up entirely of baptized believers*. He knew no other type of church member. That the Christians in Corinth were baptized believers was a commonly accepted conclusion. So when Paul took the Corinthians to task in verse 27, he was not disputing about the exclusion of unbaptized believers, but he was reprimanding them for their turning the Lord's Table into a gluttonous feast and a drunken orgy. Note in verse 1, "Be ye followers of me even as I also am of Christ." Our Lord was baptized three years before He instituted the Communion Service. Paul also was baptized before he ever became acquainted with the Lord's Supper. Why should unbaptized believers have privileges in the Church today that our Lord, who is the Head of the Church, did not allow for Himself or for His Apostles?

In verse 2, Paul commands the Corinthians to keep the ordinances (plural) as he delivered them to the church. Since there are but two ordinances for the New Testament church to keep, Paul made it his business to faithfully teach them wherever he established a Christian assembly. So the question as to whether unbaptized believers had a right to partake of the

Lord's Supper was never brought up. They didn't have that problem.

When an individual in the days of the Apostles accepted Christ on the terms of Romans 10:9-10, "he and his household were baptized immediately" (Acts 16:33).

Peter, James, John and Jude wrote with the same idea in mind. I quote again from the *New Directory for Baptist Churches* by Edward T. Hiscox, D.D., page 69: "The spiritual change of the new birth begets Christian fellowship; but to secure Church membership, that change must be confessed in baptism. This is the New Testament order. At the first it was so; they repented, they believed, they were baptized, then added to the Church. Without confession in baptism there could be no Christian churches."

**3. Is the Open Communion policy in keeping with God's divine order of events?**

To answer this question we must examine God's divine order in Old Testament events; and in them we will see the New Testament law clearly revealed. In Genesis 6:8, "But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord." Noah was a saved man, and was held in favor with God. In chapter seven we find Noah in the ark; and in chapter nine the new food

in the new world is given. The Apostle Peter, in his first epistle, chapter 3:20-21, used these events to illustrate the important place that baptism holds in the New Testament law. He said that baptism is "the answer of a good conscience toward God." According to the Apostle Peter, then, those who have not been baptized have not given "an answer of a good conscience toward God." Therefore, when they approach the Lord's table without this rite, they do so unworthily.

Again in Exodus 12, we have the story of the institution of the Passover Feast. In Egypt, a type of the world, the lamb, a type of Christ, our sacrifice, was slain. According to verse thirteen, wherever the blood of the lamb was applied, there judgment was stayed. In chapter fourteen, Israel is seen passing out of Egypt through the Red Sea into a new life of freedom. In chapter sixteen they received the new food: manna from heaven. In chapter twelve they were still eating the onions, leeks and cucumbers. But not until they passed through the sea could they receive the new food.

In 1 Corinthians 10:1-4, the Apostle Paul refers to this event, giving me the impression that he recognized in it the divine law of the New Testament regarding the relation between the

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Lord's baptism and the Lord's Table: first, there was salvation through faith in a substitutionary sacrifice; second, baptism by passage through the Red Sea, and third, the Lord's bread from heaven in a new environment free from bondage.

In this passage also Paul is writing to baptized believers. But note in verses five and six: "but with many of them (who passed through the Red Sea) God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness. Now these things were for our examples (who are baptized believers), to the intent that we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted."

Another striking illustration as found in the books of Moses is the order of the Tabernacle. At the door of the Tabernacle there stands the brazen altar where the substitutionary sacrifice is made. Between this altar and the door to the Holy Place stood the brazen Laver. Inside the Holy Place was the Table of Shewbread, the priest's food. No priest could enter the Holy Place and approach the Table of Shewbread without first visiting the altar of atonement and the Laver for cleansing.

The Apostles recognized the divine order of events on the day of

Pentecost. When Peter reached the climax of his sermon, the people demanded his instructions as to what they should do. His answer was, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." In verse 41 we read, "They that gladly received his word *were baptized*: and the same day there were added unto them (who had already been baptized) about three thousand souls."

Then follows verse 42, "And they continued steadfastly in the Apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread and in prayers." There is no room for Open Communion here. Find it if you can! The same order is recognized here: 1. Repentance; 2. Baptism; 3. Church Membership; 4. Breaking of bread; 5. Prayers.

In *The Moral Dignity of Baptism* by J. M. Frost, beginning at the bottom of page 192, we read, "There seems to be a fundamental reason for the order in which these two ordinances come. *Baptism indicates the beginning of the New Life*, and so comes first and at the beginning — and only once. *The Supper marks the maintenance and continuance of that life*, and so comes after and is of frequent repetition. Baptism as a symbol shows spiritual life to be connected with Christ in its

beginning; the Supper shows spiritual life to be connected with Christ in its continuance. In the Supper we have a picture of the new life feeding on Christ — as when the daughter of Jarirus was raised from the dead, they set refreshments before her. There is no need for the Supper until after baptism — no need of feeding life until there be the sign of life begun. Displacing the ordinances disarranges the system and destroys their beauty and meaning. *Baptism first, and afterwards the Supper.*"

Again, on page 194: "Baptism and the Supper may be called the externals of the Gospel system — but not non-essentials. There is no saving efficacy in either of them, or in the two together. But who will venture to say that these ordinances are non-essential or of little moment in the Kingdom of God?"

The Open Communion policy is of rather recent interpretation. The Presbyterians, Methodists, Congregationalists and other denominations follow the New Testament order of steps toward communion as outlined above, even though they do not accept immersion as the Scriptural mode of baptism. "Close communion" was not confined to the areas south of the Mason-Dixon Line. The *New Directory for Baptist Churches*, written by Edward T. Hiscox, to which I referred above,

was published in 1902, and *McConnell's Manual for Baptist Churches*, written by J. M. McConnell, to which I also referred, was issued in 1926. Both of these books were printed by the American Baptist Publication Society for churches located north of the Mason-Dixon Line. The contents of these books were accepted as the basis of rules and order by a large majority of the churches of the then known Northern Baptist Convention.

This fact necessarily places the Open Communion policy outside of the ranks of Baptists altogether and establishes it as an anti-Baptist position. Allow me again to quote from *The Moral Dignity of Baptism* by J. M. Frost, page 198, as follows:

"Baptism and the Supper are in danger from two directly different things — namely, the spirit of controversy and the spirit of 'Christian liberality,' so called. At times and places controversy has caused people to disregard the ordinances, or talk of them only in the spirit and language of strife. Indeed, Baptism and the Supper have caused the fiercest conflicts through the centuries, and today are foremost in causing divisions among the followers of Christ. This is a source of regret, and yet shows the immense importance of the

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came in America. Most of what you read in this article has been erased from our textbooks. Revisionists have rewritten history to remove the truth about our country's Christian roots, which is the very basis of what this country was founded on! □

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ordinances and the earnest conviction and purpose to withstand any infringement on their exalted character and to maintain them as our Lord gave them to His people. Controversy may be bad, especially when conducted in an unchristian spirit, and yet better this way by far than unfaithfulness to Christ and Christ's laws and ordinances. *Any surrender here, or compromise of any kind, would be traitorous to Christ,* and disastrous to His truth and to His ordinances as expressing great truth."

Summing up the whole matter, we may conclude *obedience to Christ to be the chief principle involved.* Our Lord emphasized obedience.

John 14:15: "If ye love me, keep my commandments."

John 15:10: "If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide

**Cruel and Unusual Punishment**

By Thomas Sowell

**If the tragic case of Terri Schiavo shows nothing else, it shows how easily "the right to die" can become the right to kill. It is hard to believe that anyone, regardless of their position on euthanasia, would have chosen the agony of starvation and dehydration as the way to end someone's life. ...**

**No murderer would be allowed to be killed this way, which would almost certainly be declared "cruel and unusual punishment," in violation of the Constitution, by virtually any court. ...**

**Terri Schiavo's only crime is that she has become an inconvenience — and is caught in the merciless machinery of the law. ...**

**Make no mistake about it, Terri Schiavo is being killed. She is not being "allowed to die."**

in his love."

John 15:14: "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you."

Matthew 28:19-20: "go ye therefore, and teach all nations, *baptizing* them ... teaching them to observe all things whatsoever *I have commanded you.*"

Finally, there is one more quotation from *The Moral Dignity of Baptism* by J. M. Frost, page 203:

"The law of Christ concerning these ordinances is imperative. Baptism and the Supper are still binding, and *require obedience at our hands*

(Italics mine). They are the same now in form and spirit and meaning as with the early Christians. To change them, or to mar them in any way, is to break the law of Christ, and has in it every essential of disloyalty. Duty seems clear. His voice of command comes to us — 'teach them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you'; 'this do in remembrance of me — as oft as ye eat this bread and drink this cup ye do show the Lord's death till he come.' Baptism must still tell in lofty symbol of His death and burial and

resurrection, also of our union with Him in the risen life; the Supper as the New Testament in His blood must still tell in symbol of its shedding on the cross for the remission of sins and of our continued life in Him. And together baptism and the Supper must show to all the world our loyalty to Him.

"A plea for these ordinances is a plea for organic Christianity, and should appeal to all Christians of every name. We must give them due prominence, and so fulfill the law of Christ. They are still the Lord's baptism and the Lord's Supper. They are our high privilege and solemn, earnest duty. Enshrine these ordinances in your hearts for conservation; let the love of the Master kindle and glow around the Master's institutions and become most ardent and unconquerable when standing for faithfulness and loyalty in the things He has commanded." □□

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