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## *A Spirit in Man*

*By Philip B. Marquart, Ph.D.*

*"But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding" — Job 32:8*

### **The Spirit of Man is a Real Thing**

Both the soul and the human spirit are real entities, parts of the essential make-up of man. The spirit is not just a function, operation or activity; these would cease to exist at the time of death. The spirit is that part of a human nature which is God-conscious, with which he worships God and has fellowship or communion with Him. A spirit is also a necessary entity in that organization of things which we call *personality*.

Animals have no personality, but merely a certain display of emotions and training. They have no true spirits. Angels are also spirits (Psm. 104:4), but they are not said to be persons. Personality also implies that a body is present. We do not speak of the Godhead as having Personalities, since two of them do not have bodies. Rather we speak of the Persons of the Trinity and they appear to be more complex than the angel spirits.

According to the Word, the human organism is a spirit. He has a body and he has a soul. Some would prefer to unite the body and soul into a so-called "Psychophysicum" and call it the instrument which serves the spirit's needs while on earth. This is not really an attempt to declare that man has only two parts, for it recognizes that the threesome are there. The body is merely the barrel we live in. The soul and the spirit are definite entities, even though they are not material. The human being is organized around a core or nucleus. "Core" is the Latin translation of the Bible word "heart," whenever it is used in a psychological sense. The "heart" therefore is the focus or center of what you are; you are a nuclear person. However, the "heart" is not an additional part of man like the other three. The only way to understand what the heart is, is to recognize that it must overlap both soul and spirit as the innermost center of human nature.

In Psalms 51:6, we learn that there are "inward parts" and, of course, this implies that there is also an outer part, the body. The same verse in-

dicates that one of these parts is the "hidden part," which can possess wisdom. Thus this verse from the Old Testament reveals a *tripartite* or *trichotomous* division of man. We know that the human spirit cannot be the "hidden part" because "the spirit of man is the candle of the Lord, searching" (Prov. 20:27). That which is spirit may express itself in terms of "light", "*that which doth make manifest is light*" (Eph. 5:13). The Lord also is the Light of the world (Jn. 8:12). Then later He told the disciples that they were to be the light of the world. Now the Lord is essentially in the realm of spirit. "God is a Spirit" (Jn. 4:24). Man also is a spirit, as it reveals in Job 32:8, where it says that "there is a spirit in man" ... A spirit cannot therefore be the "hidden part" that is mentioned in Psalm 51:6. "Behold thou desirest truth in the inward parts, and in the 'hidden part, thou wilt cause me to know wisdom."

The spirit of man may be said to have two distinct divisions or functions. (1) A Bright Light, and (2) a dark light. The bright light throws light upon the fact of heavenly things and furnishes a

way to communicate with God, praising and worshiping in His presence. It might be figured as a walkie-talkie, which we carry around with us, and with which we may tune in, if born again. The candle of our spirits was blown out when Adam fell. When it says in Psalm 18:28: "thou wilt light my candle," it pictures conversion. The unsaved may attempt to pray but it is a monologue.

The dark light is that phase of the human spirit which continues to be operative and active after the bright light is already dead in trespasses and sins. It is the intellect (mind, or noetic portion of man). Its light is dim and faulty and cloudy, in spite of the fact that natural man has nothing else to guide him. Take for example the big league baseball player, who is frightened when he sees a hat on a bed on Friday the thirteenth. "If therefore, the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness" (Mt. 6:23).

Through what is known as common grace, this "dark light" continues to function even in the unsaved, who are

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# The Messiahship of Sun Myung Moon -- Part 1

By Demas Brubacher

[The following article was written by Dr. Demas Brubacher in 1986 for **The Baptist Challenge** but was mis-placed. Though slightly dated, it will be of interest to our readers who know very little about the "moonies" and their founder. Because of its length, it will be run in two months.]

Someone once said that the skill of the oriental is not so much in his inventiveness as in his ability to duplicate. This is demonstrated in the economic and technological rise of Japan, Korea, Taiwan, and now China. Theologically, it is also true of Rev. moon as he has duplicated God's Christ Jesus and Christianity. He has produced "another Jesus and

another gospel." This cult is a most dangerous threat to the Lord's church. Moon is reaching Christians and Baptists who want a vibrant, relevant gospel but are stuck in dry, dead orthodox churches. Let us look at **The Man, The Message, The Messiah**, and the **Misrepresentation of God's Messiah** as we take a journey through the fantastic web of false doctrine that Rev. Moon has spun and spawned throughout the world.

## I. The Man

Sun Myung Moon was born on January 6, 1920 in North Korea. At the age of 10 he was converted to Christianity. He says "I had a very strong desire to live a life of

high dimension. When I was 12 years old I started praying for extraordinary things." On Easter of 1936 he claims Jesus appeared to him while in deep prayer on a Korean mountainside. After nine years of study he received the revelation that is known to us as **The Divine Principle**. "God himself told me that the most basic and central truth of this universe is that God is the Father and we are His children. We are all created as the children of God" (Word and Deed, pg. 11).

Completing his studies at Waseda University in Japan, he returned to Korea and fought for liberation from Japanese occupation. He then traveled to North Korea where he began his ministry under Communist tyranny. Through arrests, torture, and almost death he managed to survive, aided by his loyal followers. In 1948 he began three years in a communist labor camp where he again miraculously survived until liberated by the United Nations forces in 1950. Along with his present-day close associate Mr. Bo Hi Pak, Moon traveled to Pusan, South Korea where he built his first church out of discarded U.S. Army ration boxes. The Unification Church officially began in 1954 and has spread to 120 countries. In 1960 Moon married and today has 13 children.

Moon came to America in 1970 and is convinced that the U.S.A. is the only country that can be the model and springboard of interracial and international harmony and love for the rest of the world. Through her God will bless the world and usher in the Kingdom of God on earth. Moon is championing the fight for unity within the human family to reaffirm the central message of God: *love one another*.

Moon has recently been released from Danbury Prison, Connecticut, for income tax evasion. He feels he has suffered as Christ did, making him a possible fit candidate for the coming third Messiah. He writes "Today I am bearing my cross, but I will not die; I will open the doors of hell as a living person. From that point on, resurrection and Pentecost will come. Today I am going as a champion, to bring the unity of all of humanity, as well as the unity of heaven and earth." "I want you to understand that I am going to prison on the worldwide level at this time. If you want to follow Rev. Moon, you must bear the worldwide cross ... then I will be able to come out of prison" (God's Warning to the World, pgs. 160-162.) [All quotations following are from this book which he wrote while in prison, unless otherwise noted.]

It is interesting to note that Christ paid His taxes (Mt. 17:24-27). Moon's Unification Church is engaged in lucrative businesses, to list a few, that involve a fishing fleet, a bank, hotel, and newspaper in Uruguay; the U.S. "Washington Times" the movie *Inchon*; a New York City office building; and the Tokyo-based retail outlet, Happy World Inc. It is no wonder the IRS is interested in his church as a business venture.

Unification Church membership accounts vary greatly. In the U.S.A. it is somewhere between 3,500 and 40,000. In Japan it ranges from 8,000 to 300,000. One thing is certain, in the U.S.A. most of the followers have orthodox Christian backgrounds. It is a very carefully thought out theological system, based on distorted

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**Quiz The Pastor****"Ye Are gods"**

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**QUESTION:** Would you explain what God meant when He referred to certain men in the Bible as "gods?"

**ANSWER:** There is an Old Testament verse found in Psalms 82:6 that reads: "I have said, Ye are gods." Here God, through Asaph, is addressing human judges, magistrates, and rulers as the "Ye." They are men and nothing more. This is clear by noticing the context of verses 1-4, "How long will ye judge unjustly, and accept the persons of the wicked? Selah. Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy. Deliver the poor and needy: rid them out of the hands of the wicked." God here is judging the judges. God is rebuking those judges that had received delegated authority from him to act justly in His behalf in judging and ruling over His people. They were divinely appointed and the position instituted to maintain His justice. They were to make decisions according to the guidance of the written law of Moses. Such persons are referred to as "gods."

These Jewish magistrates and judges are representing God here on earth in administering justice to His people. Obviously they were negligent in their office and had failed in being fair in their judgments, and were swayed by partiality and thus justice was often perverted, corrupted and overthrown.

In verse 1 and 6 "judges"

are designated in the Hebrew language by one of the same names given to God Himself, "Elohim." Also in Exodus 22:8-9 the word "judges" is *Elohim* as found in the Hebrew language, and in that same chapter the people are warned "not to revile (to speak evil of) the gods (judges - Elohim), nor curse the ruler of thy people" (Vs. 28). This does not teach nor imply that these Jewish judges and rulers as men are gods by attributes and character, but only by power and authority as representing God in judgments and teaching men. This is confirmed in the New Testament in Romans 13:1-7. These authorities whether Jewish or Gentile, are ordained and commissioned of God, and when they judge and rule well, their sentences are God's sentences; their judgments are God's judgment. They are acting as His vicegerents, having delegated power. When the serpent held out an imaginary prize to Eve with the words, "Ye shall be as gods," (Gen. 3:5), he had another idea in mind. He was pronouncing the desire and ambition of his own malignant heart (Isa. 14:12-14; Ezk. 28:13-17), to become like God. This liar and deceiver was telling Eve she would in fact become a "god" as a Deity in attributes and nature. She would be on a level equal with her Creator. This is the "carrot" that the cult of Mormonism holds out to its deceived adherents, that one day they too

can reach the future state of true godhood. All are lies from the "father of lies" (Jn. 8:44). As we have seen, this is not what God meant when He called judges and magistrates "gods."

Now in John 10:34-36, our Lord Jesus quotes the Old Testament verse we are considering, Psalms 82:6, in reply to His enemies' charges of blasphemy for declaring Himself to be God. He said: "Is it not written in your law (Psm. 82:6), I said, Ye are gods? (GREEK - "theoi"). If He called them gods ("theous"), unto whom the Word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken (set aside or annulled); say ye of Him (Christ), whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world (from Heaven), Thou blasphemed; because I said, I am the Son of God?" His argument here is that if His adversaries accepted the truth of Psalms 82:6 to be of Divine authority, and that mere Jewish men were delegated authority from God and appointed by Him to administer justice to the people in His behalf and were called "gods" by God Himself; then why slander and bring charges against One who was sanctified (set apart and appointed) and sent by God the Father from Heaven with a unique and much higher commission than these mere human judges, and whose testimony was supported by many works and miracles approved by the Father (Jn. 10:37-38). Would they then charge the inspired Psalmist with blasphemy? Then why charge Him with blasphemy? Their magistrates and judges were commissioned by God and were called by one of God's own names, Elohim, Theos, or "gods," then may not the Messiah, God's only

Son, make the claim of being God, yet not in the same sense of Psalm 82:6, but in the sense of being Deity? He made it clear when He said, "I and (my) Father are one" (Jn. 10:30), therefore laying claim to absolute equality with the Father. His enemies knew what He meant here for they immediately "took up stones again to stone Him ... because that thou being a man makest thyself God" (Jn. 10:31, 33; 5:18). He didn't make Himself God. He *was and is* God (Jn. 1:1-2; Tit. 2:13; Heb. 1:8), and the Creator of all things (Jn. 1:3; Col. 1:16; Heb. 1:10), and being God, He took upon Himself another mode of existence in the incarnation "and was made in the likeness of men" (Phil. 2:6-8), and thus "God was manifest in the flesh" (1 Tim. 3:16; Jn. 1:14). God was with us in the Person of Jesus (Isa. 7:14; Mt. 1:23) in a "body" prepared for Him by the Father (Heb. 10:5) and it was in that body He died on the cross for our sins (1 Pet. 2:24) and was raised from the dead for our justification (Rom. 4:25). He is the only Savior, and we can say with Thomas of old, "My Lord and My God" (Jn. 20:28). ■

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## The Pre-millennial Perspective

Premillennialism provides an adequate, accurate, consistent and satisfying perspective for scriptural prophecy. Essentially telescopic in its intent, it presents an "overview" of all prophecy, Old Testament and New. It is not basically microscopic with emphasis upon details in the divine prophetic program.

Christians should concern themselves with understanding the broad outline of prophecy, and the premillennial view is indispensable to that understanding. The differences among premillennial students of the Scriptures relate to the details, and not infrequently the intensity of the difference is in direct ratio to the uncertainty as to the meaning of a given detail.

Within premillennialism there are historical students of prophecy who have understood that most of the Book of Revelation has by this time been fulfilled and that the next event to be expected is the imminent return of the Savior for His own. Dr. A. B. Simpson and many of his contemporaries — Grattan Guinness of England, for instance — were historicists. Other contemporaries of theirs — W. E. Blackstone, C. I. Scofield and James M. Gray — were futurists, holding the view that only the first three chapters of the Apocalypse are now being fulfilled and the remainder will take place after the rapture of the saints.

Both historicist and futurist can be premillennarian in their understanding that there will be a kingdom of Christ lasting a thousand years here on earth, which kingdom will be inaugurated by the return

in person of the Lord Jesus. Premillennialism understands the Scriptures to teach that God has dealt with mankind in one era after another and that each of these dispensations ends in crisis and judgment that inaugurates the next period. God alone is the hope of the premillennialist.

Postmillennialism, so popular in the nineteenth century and the beginning of the twentieth and now in decline, holds the view that the return of Christ will come at the end of a millennium of peace and prosperity brought about largely by human effort. Amillennialism holds the persuasion that there will be no literal reign of a thousand years; rather, that references to it in both Testaments are to be understood figuratively and not literally. To the amillennialist the present age will culminate in the final judgment, after which there will be new heavens and a new earth.

Premillennialism gives meaning and insight into human history. It teaches that the Almighty has His plan for His creation and for mankind in particular, and that this plan is proceeding on schedule. This is summarized in the statement in Acts 3:20-21, "And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began." All prophecy points to the golden age of peace here on earth when the Prince of Peace Himself is the king thereof. Premillennialism understands the Bible to teach the restoration of creation to its pristine purpose and glory and the kingdom to Israel, and also the rapture of the saints.

Premillennialism provides the motive for the fulfillment of the Great Commission to preach the gospel in the power of the Spirit as a witness in all the world before the coming again of the Savior. Our Lord's final orders were coupled with the assurance that He Himself will return. Obedience to His command is the point of many parables, such as that of the talents and the pounds. We are to be obedient to the Great Commission and not occupied with details about the Great Tribulation.

Premillennialism provides an accurate measure of true values for the believer. We are to be ready at any moment to give account at the judgment seat of Christ. Life is a sacred trust in which the Savior is to have the preeminence so that in that day we can have His commendation, "Well done, good and faithful servant!"

Premillennialism gives motivation to holiness of life and to hopefulness. Believers are to be like Him when He appears, and that hope calls for pure lives dedicated to Him. — Copied from **The Baptist Challenge**, April, 1966. ■

## When Preachers Abuse Their Calling

Preachers abuse their calling (assuming they are Holy Spirit called — not all preachers are called by the Lord) when they conform to this world (Rom. 12:2). Thus doing, they hide their lamp under a bushel and their messages become blaringly empty, and their pews embarrassingly vacant. Conforming to this world, they cannot condemn sin, and as a consequence, worldliness conquers their churches and souls go along unfed.

Preachers abuse their call-

ing by side-tracking their job. Some are beguiled into heading up humanitarian organizations and into giving themselves over to charity and to other labors of serving the flesh. By divine appointment, the preacher's primary business is spiritual, requiring him to study, to pray, and to preach. 'Tis the business of the lay group to care for human bodies, and 'tis the business of preachers to care for human souls. As evidence of God's frown upon preachers who sidetrack their calling, the churches pastored by such men all but die on their hands.

Preachers abuse their calling when they preach to please their flock. Imagine the hurt that must be in the Lord's heart when He sees a preacher put his ear to the ground to catch the ground-swell of sentiment among his members before he prepares his message. The preacher's business is to build sentiment by and for the Lord and not to reflect the sentiment of his flock. When preachers preach to please their flocks, they become time servers and demonstrate themselves to be nothing more than spineless, backboneless, nonentities, given to periodic brain spasms, therein demonstrating themselves to be genuine examples of brainless wonders.

Preachers abuse their calling when they dance to the ditties of the "Big Boys." To jump when headquarters speaks, and to hop when "smelling salts petticoats" nod, condemn preachers and show them up as "weak sisters."

May God give us courage in the pulpit, backbones like that attributed to Alexander A. Stephens — 'Twas said of him, "Stephens weighed 100 pounds and 98 pounds of that was backbone." ■

## Earth A Sphere, Says Bible

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It is a popular assumption among Bible-rejectors that the Bible says the earth is flat. In fact, the opposite is true, and this forms one of the most astonishing proofs of the truthfulness of Scripture — the fact that the Bible says the earth is round. Our first hint as to the shape of the earth is given by the prophet Isaiah. In the twenty-second verse of the fortieth chapter of his book he tells us, "It is He [God] that sitteth upon the circle of the earth." Now, in the original Hebrew, the word "circle" is *chuwq*, which is translated in modern Hebrew/English dictionaries as "circle, sphere, orb." In other words, when Isaiah was talking about the circular shape of the earth, he was referring to a sphere or an orb, not a flat, round disk. Considering the fact that Isaiah wrote his great book 700 years before the birth of Christ, long, long before the days of modern instruments and space travel, it makes us ask the question, "How did Isaiah know the earth was a sphere, since ordinary human perception cannot observe such a thing by just standing and looking at the ground?"

Isaiah was not the only Old Testament writer to give us a scientifically advanced view of the earth. Job 26:7 tells us correctly that the earth is suspended over nothing: "He [God] stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing." We now know, of course, that this is scientifically true. Compare the Bible's accuracy to the pagan Hindu

belief that the earth is a flat disk which rests on the back of four great elephants who stand on the back of a cosmic tortoise who in turn rests on a great, coiled cobra!

Moving to the New Testament, Jesus Himself knew the correct shape of the earth. The spherical shape of our planet is revealed thusly: Jesus described His Second Coming as occurring instantaneously — "as lightning" (Mt. 24:27), "suddenly" (Mk. 13:36), "as a snare" (Lk. 21:35). The Apostle Paul described it as occurring "in the twinkling of an eye" (1 Cor. 15:52). With this in mind, examine carefully Jesus' description of His instantaneous return in Luke 17:

"For as the lightning . . . so shall also the Son of man be in his day . . . In that day, he which shall be upon the housetop, and his stuff in the house, let him not come down and take it away . . . in that night there shall be two men in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other left (Lk. 17:24, 31, 34).

In verse 31 He says, "In that day." In verse 34, He says, "In that night." If Christ's coming is instantaneous, how can it happen both at night and during the day? There is only one way — it must occur on a spherical earth. If Christ should return when it is 12 noon in New York City, it will be the middle of the night in the Far East, and vice versa. A flat, disc-shaped earth cannot compensate for this fact. Only on a spherical planet can it be night somewhere and day somewhere else at precisely the same moment.

Thus, we see clearly that the Bible, a book written centuries before modern technology, tells us correctly that the earth is a sphere which hangs suspended over nothing in

the emptiness of space. How did these three men — Isaiah, Job, and Jesus — know such scientific facts? It is because they were divinely inspired — or at least, the first two were. Jesus is God, and as such was perfectly aware of the shape of the very planet which He created. So, the next time someone tries to tell you that the Bible is just a book full of ancient fables, or that Jesus was just a man, show them the truth! ■

## Bibliolatry, Or a Paper Pope?

Some present-day modernists characterize strict adherence to the Word of God and the full acceptance of its authority as Bibliolatry. They would make those who so hold and practice, near idolaters. Some belittle the Word by characterizing it as "A paper pope." This group of thinkers assume that the spirit within them is supreamer and surer than the Holy Spirit who dictated the Word.

We would not be uncharitable toward these brethren. We're convinced beyond measure that they are wrong. We believe the Bible. We believe that it was inerrantly dictated by the Holy Spirit to the Holy men of old. We believe that these Holy men of old spake as they were given utterance by Him. We believe that the Word is authoritative; that its teachings are right; that its doctrines are binding; that its guidance is sane; that its moorings are secure.

### My Bible And I

"We've traveled together, my Bible and I,  
Through all kinds of weather,  
with smile or with sigh,

In sorrow or sunshine, in tempest or calm

Thy friendship unchanging;  
my lamp and my psalm.

We've traveled together, my Bible and I,

When life has grown weary,  
and death e'en was nigh;

But all through the darkest of mist and of wrong

I found thee a solace, a prayer, and a song.

So now, who shall part us, my Bible and I?

Shall ism, or scism, or new lights who shall try?

Shall shadow for substance, or stone for good bread,

Supplement its sound wisdom,  
give folly instead?

Ah, no, my dear Bible, revealer of light;

Thou sword of the Spirit, put error to flight;

And still through life's journey, until the last sigh,

We'll travel together, my Bible and I."

Personally, we resent being accused of bibliolatry because we believe the Bible and accept its dicta as absolute. We protest against anyone characterizing the Bible as "A paper pope." This we do for all who accept its finality. We believe that it is the full and the final and complete revelation of the Lord's will to the sons of men. We do thus believe and make no apology for it. ■

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## Is The Death Penalty Justified?

By Haven Bradford Gow

An article in the May 5, 1996 USA WEEKEND focused attention of the morality or immorality of capital punishment; the article discussed the recent execution of a sadistic murderer in California: "When William Bonin ... was executed by lethal injection in California last February, Sandra Miller stood 5 feet away and watched him die ... For Miller, the execution was a long time coming. In 1980 her son's nude body was found beside a southern California highway. Her son, Rusty Hugh, 15, had been bound, beaten, sexually assaulted and strangled by Bonin. In a 10-month reign of terror, Bonin raped and killed at least 14 teenage boys ...."

Despite the presence on death row of such evil, sadistic butchers as Bonin, Sister Helen Prejean, author of **Dead Man Walking**, insists that capital punishment is barbaric, uncivilized, cruel and unusual punishment and state-sanctioned murder. She observes: "For me, the unnegotiable moral bedrock on which a society must be built is that killing anyone, under any conditions, cannot be tolerated. And that includes the government."

In Sister Helen Prejean's opinion, capital punishment amounts to state-sanctioned murder. However, if the execution of a vicious murderer like Bonin is state-sanctioned murder, then state imprisonment of rapists, drug dealers, child molesters, burglars and murderers is state-sanctioned kidnapping and state taxation on consumer goods is state-sanctioned theft.

Religious opponents of

capital punishment argue that the commandment "Thou shalt not kill" prohibits capital punishment. But the commandment is more precisely understood as "Thou shalt not murder." In fact, a few passages after that commandment is given, there is a verse affirming that a murderer forfeits his own right to live. If the state has the moral right to authorize its citizens to wage a just war against Adolph Hitler, then the state also has the moral right to authorize the executions of sadistic murderers like Richard Speck, Ted Bundy, John Gacy and Jeffrey Dahmer. ■

## Fumblers

In the athletic field when they play a game, the players of one team are lined up against the players of the opposing team. Each side watches very carefully that they do not make a mistake that will penalize their team.

Let us watch for a few minutes a game of baseball. They have been playing for some time; the bases are all full; the best batter, as well as the swiftest runner, is at the bat; the umpire has called "ball three, strike two"; every muscle is tense; the pitcher winds up and sends the ball squarely over the plate; the batter hits the ball just right to lift it over in front of short-stop, who picks it up easily and sends it back to the catcher on home base, who grabs at the ball but fails to make the catch and drops it in such a way that three men on bases run in home before he can retrieve it — Just a poor dumb fumbler. Fumbler, you say? Yes, a fumbler in just a game of sports.

Another game of more importance is on, in which each of us are contestants Instead

of a leather covered ball used in the field of sports, we have the ball of truth with which to play in the field of spiritual endeavor. We may be first basemen, second or third basemen, and as the game goes on we surely will receive the ball of truth pitched to us by some other player of our team. Shall we fumble, or shall we receive the same with full assurance that we can put it over the plate, where the Devil is doing his best to defeat the forces of righteousness? Our pastor, or maybe some teacher will deliver the ball of truth to your hands, with which you can put one over on the enemy in this game of righteousness vs. unrighteousness.

Let us be real catchers, not fumblers, of the word of truth and help overcome the enemy at every opportunity. Don't be fumblers. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Tim. 2:15). ■

## Our Christian Heritage

It is appropriate, as we celebrate this 220th year of our Constitution, that the Christian faith of more than 90% of our Founding Fathers needs redoubled emphasis.

This nation was not the product of humanism, secularism or atheism. It was launched as a *Christian* nation.

Our earliest American history is intertwined with a fervent religious faith. A century and a half before the Bill of Rights was framed, the early colonists declared their devout faith and steadfast purpose.

The Constitution of the New England Confederation proclaimed these solemn and

joyful words to the world:

"Whereas, we all came into these parts of America with one and the same end and aim, namely, to advance the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ and to enjoy the liberties of the Gospel in purity and peace" (1643).

## Our Founding Fathers Honored God

The little colony of Rhode Island became the first political state in the history of the world to guarantee absolute religious freedom to all faiths, in 1644.

Before the Liberty Bell was hung in Independence Hall, in Philadelphia, in the year 1752, our Christian patriots directed that this inspired Scripture from Lev. 25:10 be inscribed thereon: "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof."

The brave Christian patriots who signed the Declaration of Independence included in it these immortal words: "With a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."

And at the Constitutional Convention Benjamin Franklin rose to utter these words:

"I have lived, Sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth that ... God governs the affairs of men: and if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid?"

Those men knelt in prayer, and the result was the Bill of Rights, the Magna Charta of our freedoms.

Faith in God and the Bible is interwoven into the very warp and woof of our nation's history. ■

## FELLOWSHIPS AND CONFERENCES

### GREENCASTLE, IN

September 10-13, 1996,  
Antioch Baptist Church,  
3988 S CR 300 W, Greencastle,  
IN 46135, Bill Becher, Pastor.

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### GRENADA, MS

September 16-17, 1996,  
Central Baptist Church, 2nd  
and Mound Sts., Grenada, MS  
38901, Cecil A. Fayard, Jr.,  
Pastor.

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### LIBERAL, KS

September 16-18, 1996,  
Fellowship Baptist Church, 216  
W. Wilson, Liberal, KS 67901.  
Larry K. Landis, Pastor.

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### SIoux FALLS, SD

September 30-October 2,  
1966, Empire Baptist Temple,  
412 S. Hawthorne, Sioux Falls,  
SD 57104, Ron Tottingham,  
Pastor.

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### FORT WORTH, TX

October 7-9, 1996, Pastors  
School, Lake Worth Baptist  
Church, 4445 Hodgkins Rd., Ft.  
Worth, TX 76135, Jerry D.  
Locke, Pastor

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### LITTLE ROCK, AR

October 21-23, 1996, Cen-  
tral Baptist Church, 15601 Tay-  
lor Loop Rd., Little Rock, AR  
72221, B. Lawrence Jones,  
Pastor.

## Inspiration of the Bible Proven By An Infidel

Professor A. C. Totten, Yale University, wrote a book in 1890, in which he proved the inspiration of the Bible so as to convert an infidel scientist.

There was a fellow professor, who was an accomplished astronomer, and made the discovery that the earth was 24 hours out of schedule. That is to say that there had been 24 hours lost out of time. In discussing this point with his colleague, Prof. Totten challenged this man in the inspiration of the Bible. He said: "You do not believe the Bible to be the Word of God, but I do. Now, here is a fine opportunity to prove whether or not the Bible is *inspired*. You begin to read at the very beginning and read as far as need be, and see if the Bible can account for the missing time."

The astronomer accepted the challenge and began to read in Genesis 1:1. Sometime later Prof. Totten asked him if he had proved the question to his satisfaction?

"I believe that I have definitely proved that the Bible is *not* the Word of God. In the 10th chapter of Joshua, I found 24 hours accounted for. Then, I went back and checked my figures and found at the time of Joshua there was only 23 hours and 20 minute lost. If the Bible made a mistake of 40 minutes, it is not the Word of God.

Prof. Totten said, "You are right in part, at least. Does the Bible say a *whole* day was lost at the time of Joshua?" So they looked it up and saw that the text said; about the space of a whole day."

The word *about* changed the whole situation. The astronomer took up his reading again. He read on until he came to the 38th chapter of Isaiah. Here the prophet records of King Hezekiah about to die. In response to his prayer, God promised to add fifteen years to his life. To confirm the truth of that promise He offered a sign: Go ye to the court and look at the sun dial of Ahaz. I will make the sun dial back up ten degrees. While the King looked the shadow returned back 10 degrees it had gone down (Isa. 38:8).

"The settles the case," the infidel astronomer said, "for 10 degrees — are forty minutes."

"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my word shall not pass away" (Mt. 24:35).

— The Flag of Truth ■

## Who Owns You?

By Walter E. Williams

[Dr. Walter E. Williams — a distinguished Black educator, author and patriot — is Professor of Economics at George Mason University, Fairfax, Va.]

Here's a question to ponder as we celebrate this Anniversary of the U. S. Constitution. Who owns you? Does Congress? What about President Bill Clinton? Does he own you?

Maybe you never thought about this ownership question, but who owns what and whom is very important in providing answers to other very important questions.

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# Is Roman Catholicism No Longer A Threat To Biblical Christianity?

By Tod Brainard

Chuck Colson and the now famous "Evangelicals and Catholics Together" document, the Promise Keepers movement, Jack Van Impe Ministries, James I. Packer, and many other men and movements declare that Roman Catholicism holds no threat to Biblical Christianity and should be received with open arms as a friend of the faith. Yet the Romish church, the Harlot of Revelation 17 and present form of Babylon, has not changed. Papal authority and infallibility, Mariology, Transubstantiation, Mass, and a host of other Catholic heresies are glossed over and her "evangelical similarities" are capitalized.

The Harlot, Roman Catholicism, is charming the world and evangelical Christendom with her flattering words and offerings of peace (Prov. 7:5, 14). Nineteenth century Bible expositor Robert Govett well said, "Rome's influence over kings is a sort of personal influence, such as that of a harlot: her power over the nations is more distant, like that of wine. Her doctrine is 'wine of fornication.' Christianity is too holy, strict, self-denying, humbling for men by nature. *Rome discovers to the nations a way of enjoying the world to the full, yet with the flattering belief that they are the servants of Christ*" (emphasis mine).

What the Roman Catholic church has been unable to do for itself in opening its doors to evangelicalism, the Promise Keepers movement has accomplished in just a few short

years. The Promise Keepers movement has embraced Catholicism with open arms as an evangelical sister and friend of the faith.

Sadly, there are some fundamentalist leaders who do not see the apostate harlot and her institutions as a threat to Biblical Christianity. Satan, the master duplicator and manipulator, has duped the majority of the evangelical world.

Dr. James A. Froude, the English historian, wrote in the 1870's, "Protestantism has made no converts to speak of in Europe since the sixteenth century. It shot up in two generations to its full stature, and became an established creed with defined boundaries, and it has come about that *the old enemies have become friends in the presence of a common foe* (anti-churchism and atheism of Froude's day). Catholics speak tenderly of Protestants as keeping alive the belief in creeds, and look forward to their return to the sheepfold, while the scarlet woman on the seven hills, 'drunk with the blood of the saints', *is now treated by Protestantism as an older sister, and a valued ally in the great warfare with infidelity. The points of difference are forgotten; the points of union are passively dwelt upon; the remnant of idolatry, which the more ardent European Protestants once abhorred and denounced, are now regarded as having been providentially preserved, as a means of making up the quarrel and bring-*

*ing back the churches into communion*" (emphasis mine).

Although written over 130 years ago, Froude's accurate and pointedly prophetic observations illustrate the heart and purpose of the Roman Catholic system. Catholicism is exactly where Satan wants it to be, wrapped in the loving arms of evangelicalism.

Now, more than ever, Fundamental pastors need to sound the alarm against ecumenism, compromise and accommodation. When a person or group supports Promise Keepers, they indirectly support Roman Catholicism, the enemy of Christ! Those who support Jack Van Impe, indirectly support the Pope! Bold preaching of the Word of God that exposes compromise with the great harlot is a must in order to maintain purity of doctrine within the local church in these days of apostasy and compromise. — The Projector. ■

## The Vanity of 'Scientific' Evolution

By Raymond H. Wagoner

Have you ever wondered why so much time, energy and effort have been devoted to the task of convincing man that he is the lineal descendent of an environmental accident? What motivated Lamarck, Darwin and all those others who so assiduously promoted the notion that man is an "evolving animal"?

I submit that, either consciously or unconsciously, the evolutionary premise arose, not from any humble search for scientific truth, but from human vanity. If such a conclusion might seem paradoxical in the light of evolution's implied relationships (i.e., man's

kinship to the lower forms of life), let us consider what is involved in the alternate or creationist view.

The Bible tells us that God created man out of the dust of the ground, blew the breath of life into his nostrils, and man became a living soul. The Bible says that God created man in His own image and gave him dominion over all the earth. It doesn't say anything about man becoming more highly developed through the centuries as he "reacted to his environment." Quite the contrary; man, according to the Scriptures, disobeyed God and thus fell from his first high position.

Even so, man still had dominion over the earth and all its creatures, therefore why would he wish to take a position which denies the Bible record?

Lucifer, that bright cherub — loveliest of all God's angels — became vain, enamored of his own person, and undertook to challenge the Lordship of his own Creator. When he appeared to Eve in the Garden he tempted her by disputing God's Word. Lucifer — Satan — appearing as a serpent, offered Eve the fruit of the forbidden tree, saying, "Thou shalt not surely die."

Here is where we may discover the reason for the production of the theory of evolution; Adam disobeyed God and thus became a sinner. Since, according to Scripture, all men are descendants of Adam, all men thus inherit his sinful nature. Thus we are born sinners by our Adamic inheritance and cannot justify ourselves before God who is righteous and just.

The Scriptures tell us that the human (Adamic, or natural) heart is "deceitful," yea,

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“desperately wicked.” If, then, man can destroy God (which is the Luciferian goal) and thus preserve his own self-love (vanity), his very nature gravitates toward such a course of action. How pleasant to remove all burden of guilt from man and make God’s Word of none effect — by depicting man as innately good and continually becoming better! This is precisely what the theory of evolution declares.

The theory of evolution directly denies the truth of holy Scripture and points the sacrifice of Jesus Christ as a senseless accident, an example of disorder in the trial and error continuum of evolution, a too early manifestation of a human type not yet reached, but attainable by mass mankind. While pretending to espouse an orderly progression of life through adaptation to environment changes, an outright denial of God as Creator *ex nihilo* is made along with an intimation of some vague and arcane “first cause” beyond all definition.

To the Christian believer, evolution is simply the age-old attempt of the worshipers of Antichrist to bend discernible fact to fit their Luciferian attempt to make a case for the denial of God’s authority and revealed Word. To the pagan moralist evolution has a certain appeal, but even here a thorough study of its many unexplained failures to coincide with demonstrable scientific truth reveals it as one of the phenomena of our humanistic and materialistic age. For all those who sincerely desire to arrive at judgments through honest processes of logic and order, objective analysis of the evidence, pro and con, will inevitably result in disenchantment with both the theory and

the honesty of the “science” used in its promotion.

The widespread teaching and acceptance of this anti-Christian theory as proven fact is a tremendous indictment of the prevailing moral climate, not only in America, but also throughout the so-called civilized world.

There is, fortunately, a growing revolt among qualified scientists against the evolutionary hoax, and your attention is directed to such organizations as the Creation Research Society. It is tragic that the atheistic and socialistic conspiracy has gained such control of our educational system that fair exposition of opposing philosophies is largely prevented and viciously opposed.

It is to be hoped that the public may come to understand the gravity of the peril to all freedom and liberty inherent in the acceptance of this Satanic theory which denies the revealed Word of the true Author of Liberty and Creator of all. ■

**Remember When —**

A Coke was a Coca-Cola and not a drug?

Crack was a fracture, a break or a sharp sudden sound and not dope?

Drugs were something you bought at drug-stores to relieve discomfort or were prescribed by your doctor and not something go get hooked or “high” on or an addictive substance to be sold on the streets with sales in the billions of dollars?

Ladies wore dresses and not pants or shorts?

Earrings were for women, small and not African-style huge circles or miniature chandeliers?

“Dikes” were protective seawalls in Holland not lesbi-

ans?

Femininity was what men liked in their ladies — wives, daughters or girlfriends — and not imitations of the masculine sex?

Women wore shoes and stockings in public and not shower slippers or sneakers?

Home-making was an art and not looked upon as drudgery or female slavery?

Mother was adored as a wonderful role model for her daughters?

Men were men and you could easily tell it?

Effeminates were called sissies, fruits and queers?

Gay was an adjective to describe happiness or happy people, such as the words to “When Irish Eyes Are Smiling, All The World Seems Bright and Gay”?

None of the male sex wore earrings, necklaces, bracelets (arm) or slave ankle chains?

Men wore coats and ties in public places and not blue jeans, pajama-type pants with a drawstring?

The “casual look” was only for sports events, picnics and at home?

Shirt tails were tucked in trousers and not left hanging out and down to the knees?

Slacks fit the length of the legs and not crumpled over the shoes, 8 inches too long?

Male haircuts were short, neat and trimmed around the neck and ears, not flowing down the back, tied in bunches with a ribbon or rubber band or having to be continually brushed aside, off the cheeks, in order to see?

Athletes did not have their ears pierced and brilliants or dangles inserted?

Athletes did not make millions of dollars for throwing a ball through a hoop or carrying a pigskin up and down a field; and people did not pay \$1,000, 500, or 100 for a seat to watch it?

Sunday was the Lord’s Day — one day out of seven given to honoring the Creator?

Families went to church both Sunday morning and evening instead of staying home and watching sports, murder mysteries and howling “rockers” on TV?

Christian colleges closed all sports arenas on Sunday and urged the students to attend churches or do mission work?

No blaring of stereos or TV audio out dorm windows with worldly music on Sunday? ■

## The Unequal Yoke

By Martin Paul

“If I have failed both to point out the danger and the cure of Liberalism within the churches, in as convincing and urgent a manner as I should have wished, may the Lord use these pages at least to inspire an abler pen to lay hold on the idea and do its better share to open the eyes of sleeping Christians everywhere to the fact that Christianity without Christ spells both temporal and eternal ruin” — Martin Paul. Order from:

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# Love Abating

By the late **Claude King**

*“And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold”* (Mt. 24:12).

There can be no doubt about our Lord’s warning here, though it may be hard some times to determine which of the three questions of the disciples that He is answering, when we look at all the 24th chapter of Matthew. Looking at verses 4-14, we find that His first warning is, “Don’t be deceived by false prophets who will come saying, ‘I am Christ.’” Then He warns that we can expect commotions and wars among nations, famines, pestilences, and earthquakes; that believers will be afflicted, hated and killed; that many will be offended; and that false prophets shall arise and deceive many.

The grand result of all the lawlessness that shall prevail before the coming of our Lord is that the love of the masses shall wax or grow cold. And of course, this will have its effect on our churches. Both Peter and Paul warn that more professed believers will be conformed to the world than will be conformed to godliness and true holiness. Of course, there will be those who will die for the principles of Christ and His redemptive purpose. There always has been a remnant according to the election of grace.

If we compare verse 13 with Rev. 2:10, and leave both of them in their context, I believe that we can rightly conclude that the obvious meaning is: “Be faithful, even though it costs your physical

life.” If God predestinates, calls, justifies, glorifies, seals and keeps by His power, those whom His enabling grace brings to genuine repentance toward Him and absolute faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior — then the burden of “holding out” is not placed on the believer. Salvation is wholly of the Lord.

I do not know the date of Christ’s coming, but I do know that He is coming. It looks like that things are fast shaping up for His return. All of us will have to admit that believers do not seem to have the love that we saw manifested among Christians just a few years ago. This is revealed in many different ways, and I would like for us to think of some of them together.

The most important thing in life to any individual is the matter of his soul’s salvation, and the next is the salvation of his life; this includes his spiritual growth and development, his dedication to God (1 Cor. 6:19-20; Rom. 12:1-2), and his testimony to the lost. The believer’s affections should be set on things that have eternal value — things of Heaven. Too many of those who claim to be saved are more concerned with material things, than they are with spiritual things and the material has hidden from their view the things of real value. The philosophy of Christ, “sell all that you have, distribute to the poor, and come follow me” has been changed to the world’s philosophy of “get all

you can, and can all that you get.”

The concept of the real purpose of a church has either been lost, or badly distorted. The main business of a New Testament church is to witness to the lost, to baptize those who believe on Christ as Savior, enlist them in church capacity, and to teach them. The New Testament assures us that when this commission is carried out according to God’s plan and purpose that the Holy Spirit Himself will provide the power and “know how” to get the job done. Most folk would say, “that is the business that we are engaged in;” however, we believe that a close examination of most churches would give us a different revelation.

First, we are trying both to enlist and hold the lines of what we already have through the medium of entertainment. If this isn’t so, then tell us why so many Baptist churches are building great recreational buildings with bowling alleys, tennis courts, TV rooms, and a host of other things in them designed to entertain and amuse? I know what the argument is for this worldliness, but I do not believe that it is either valid or in accord with God’s directive will. After all, how can any of the things mentioned above minister to the spiritual life?

When love grows cold, selfishness is enthroned, and the end result is that we have lost sight of the price of redemption! There is no way of placing a value on the atoning work of Christ, because it is of infinite value. The Creator had to die for the creature in order for the creature to have eternal life. If the membership of our churches really understood the great cost of redemption, they would not contribute to funds to

build and support big recreational buildings — this task would be left for the lost to look after — and we would be about the main business of preaching, praying, witnessing and Bible study.

Second, our church membership as a whole are not witnessing. I believe that we could safely say that 25% or less of most, if not all, churches are carrying the burden of witnessing. And you can narrow this real quickly by thinking in terms of witnessing by conduct and example! Well, why don’t you ask the Christians that you know this question: “How many of the folk that you work with, or that work for you, as the case may be, have you led to Christ?” I worked with a man for ten years before I was saved that claimed to be a Christian and I didn’t know he made the claim until after I was saved! How could I have known? He did the same things that I did, and never even mentioned Christ. I suppose his conduct closed his mouth just at it has many another professed believer. We who preach should emphasize the fact that conduct speaks louder than what we say, or our conversation, and often tells a different story.

One of the reasons for a lack of testimony is a lack of love. First of all a lack of love for the Savior who redeemed us. The apostle Paul said, “... the love of Christ constraineth us ...” and he must have meant to say that his love for Christ shut him up to live and testify for the Savior. Christ’s great love for us ought to excite within us a responsive love that would impel us to shout from the house tops what grace has done for us. Peter tells us that there are

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certain qualities in the believer that should be added to, or cultivated, and love is one of them (2 Pet. 1:4-7). The Bible tells us that our love for Christ is revealed in our love for one another—brotherly love it is called.

We don't love the lost. Many Christians are disturbed about the lost of foreign lands who neither know nor care about the salvation of the mail man, the delivery boy, the milk man, the grocery man, the attendant at the filling station, or the paper boy! Many times Christians don't seriously think about the lost condition of those whom they are closely associated with until they are either critically ill or have died. "How much does the average Christian know about the spiritual condition of his neighbor, and what has he done to remedy their spiritual poverty?" would be an embarrassing question to ask from the pulpit.

Paul could teach us some great lessons in love if we would listen to his heart stirring words of concern for the Israelites, and follow him as he unrelentingly witnesses to the Gentiles, while working with his hands to support himself. We admire him when we are reminded that he so spake that those who heard him believed that they must either believe him or kill him, but the burning question is, "Do we really have his concern, compassion, and love in our hearts?"

Of course the supreme example of love and compassion is the Savior Himself. He looked on the fields of the lost, ripe unto harvest, and urged the disciples to pray for the Lord of the harvest to send laborers for the harvest

into the vineyard. He came to seek and to save the lost, and His love for them drove Him to the cross to die in their stead that believing sinners might have eternal life. Lord, give us a vision of lost souls in the light of the cross!

Surely we could find a number of Biblical reasons for every member of a church assembling at stated times for worship and fellowship. At the top of the list would be the plain statement, "Assemble because God said so" (Heb. 10:225). No church member can refuse to assemble with his church, unless providentially hindered, and be obedient to God. Loyalty to Christ and His church is shown through our assembling together, and every member should be in every service. This of course is the ideal, and we will never attain it, but we should earnestly strive for the goal of every member in every service!

God designed church services for another purpose, and this also involves obedience — to stimulate, to love and good works (Heb. 12:24). In most any church many of the members have never met one another! There may be a number of reasons for this, but a lack of love is the main reason. We are too busy with matters that pertain to self, and for that reason we don't have time to devote to ministering to one another in love. Every one seems to have what we call a "close schedule" and if we get off "schedule" for a few minutes our whole way of life is disturbed. In this "schedule" are TV programs, and other things of enjoyment that just "must" not be neglected or set aside, and so, many folk do not have time to get to the services until the song service is almost over. Many of the people

"must" hurry out of the services, for the same reasons that made them late, before the preacher can madly rush to the door to greet them — therefore, we just do not have time to stimulate one another to love and good works.

When the preacher teaches that church members should love one another, pray with one another, and have fellowship with one another in church capacity he is told that the sacrifice is too great. "We don't have the time to devote to the assembling together that you are talking about," is the answer he gets in word or action. Here again we find that a lack of love has made us selfish and blinded our eyes to the things of real spiritual value. "If we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (Jn. 1:7).

This is Christian fellowship growing out of a higher fellowship with God, and of course, the foundation of this fellowship is infused love. There isn't going to be much Christian fellowship among people who are lacking in love, and there isn't any sense in talking about loving God unless we love God's redeemed (1 Jn. 3:11-24; 4:11, 20-21; 5:1).

Let us conclude this little article with the verse of scripture that Jesus gave as a mark of the believer that reveals to the world that he is a disciple of the Savior: "By this shall men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another (Jn. 13:33) ■

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Let's start out with the trivial. What determines whether I can burn a tie, or where I can bury it? That's easy. We just ask: Whose tie

is it? And whose land am I going to bury it on? If it's my tie and my land, then it's my choice.

That concept is what is known as private property rights, the rights held by an owner to keep, acquire and dispose of his property as he sees fit.

I have the right to cremate and intern my tie on my land, but not your tie — unless I have your permission.

In fact, this is the test of ownership rights: Can I dispose of, or use something, so long as I do not violate the ownership rights of other people?

**The Essence of Freedom**

Now, let's back up to the original question: Who owns you and me? I think I should own me, and you should own you. That seems to be the very essence of freedom: Each person owns himself and cannot belong to another.

I never met anyone who would disagree with that proposition. But the next step is more contentious, so you'd better sit back and have whatever calms you down.

I say that in order to own yourself you must be able to own what you produce. We derive this proposition from *reducio ad absurdum*, which is just a four-dollar way of using an extreme example to prove an argument.

If someone else owned all that I produced, owning myself would have no meaning. In fact, owning all of what another produces is a good definition of slavery: a condition where a person works and does not have rights to what he produces. Are you a slave? You can't

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**Christian Muslim Sentenced to Die.** Robert Hussein, a Kuwaiti Muslim who became a Christian, is guilty of apostasy and must be executed, an Islamic court has ruled. Any apostate "who is born of two Muslim parents ... must be killed," the Shiite court said, adding that his wife should be divorced from him and all his possessions distributed to his heirs. The religious court's ruling violates Kuwaiti civil law, so any Muslim who kills Hussein could be guilty of a criminal offense, according to news reports. But some may try anyway, Hussein believers. The sentence "gives anyone the green light to kill me on the street." Hussein was charged with apostasy by Muslim lawyers who wanted to strip him of his Muslim civil rights after he spoke publicly of his conversion to Christ. No lawyer would defend him, and Hussein's request to have the case tried in a Kuwaiti constitutional court was denied. The Kuwaiti constitution guarantees freedom of religious belief. Hussein is in hiding and has 30 days to appeal the verdict. The Charlottesville, Va., based Rutherford Institute has asked U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher to intervene on his behalf. — NIRR

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**Flying High.** When U.S. astronaut Shannon Lucid blasted off in late March on her way to the Russian Mir space station in orbit around

the earth, the prayers of special Russian Christian friends went with her. Lucid, who will spend five months aboard the space station with two Russian cosmonauts, attended the International Baptist Fellowship in Moscow during a lengthy training course in that country. Lucid's life reads like an action novel. At the age of six weeks, she and her Baptist missionary parents became Japanese prisoners of war in occupied China, spending a year in a concentration camp before fleeing to the U.S. after being released in a prisoner exchange. They returned to China after the war, but were forced to flee again when the communists took control. her trip to the space station marked her fifth flight into space and she holds the U.S. space endurance record.

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**Pat Boone: Nice Or Naughty?** Crooner Pat Boone was once a harsh critic of the rock scene, but he now says, to get attention, his next recording will be a heavy-metal album, tentatively titled "Pat Boone: No More Mr. Nice Guy" (6/17 USN&WR). He has gone from the Church of Christ to the charismatic movement, and is now active as an elder in the Church on the Way in Van Nuys, Calif. This is Promise Keepers and NAE speaker Jack Hayford's church! The 4/96 *Australian Beacon* refers to a 10/95 *Charisma* ad for a "Musical Catholic Pilgrimage" to the Holy Land with Pat Boone listed as host. — CC

**Supreme Court Justice Thomas Is Catholic Again.** Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, a lapsed Roman Catholic for the last 25 years, has returned to the Catholic Church. He was raised a Catholic, but had been a member of the charismatic Truro Episcopal Church in Fairfax, Va. His return to Catholicism means there are now three Catholic, two Jewish, and four Protestant Court members. — CC

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**Hillary's New Age Guru Jean Houston.** A new book says First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton had imaginary talks with Eleanor Roosevelt and Gandhi. She asked Mrs. Roosevelt for guidance during sessions with psychologist Jean Houston, co-director of the Foundation for Mind Research. From Dave Hunt books, we learn that Houston got her start in life as a young girl deeply influenced by Teilhard de Chardin and has blended Darwin and Freud into a bizarre therapy. In some of her workshops she leads participants to awaken ancient prehuman memories. The 4/6/89 *Wisconsin Report* says: "Occultist Jean Houston fancies pagan myths and uses them to advance altered states of consciousness." Humanist Margaret Mead, a charlatan and LSD user, was her mentor. Pray for Mrs. Clinton. It is dangerous to dabble in the demonic spirit realm. — CC

**Falwell Welcomes "Prodigal" Bob Harrington.** Remember ordained Southern Baptist evangelist Bob Harrington from the 1970s, "The Chaplain of Bourbon Street"? He "ministered" to hookers and strippers, toured the country in a huge bus donated by pornographic *Hustler* publisher Larry Flynt, staged a series of radio debates with atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hair, divorced his wife and married a woman preacher. ... Well, the flamboyant Harrington now turns up in Dr. Jerry Falwell's 7/96 *National Liberty Journal* and in his pulpit (June 9). Falwell says: "After shunning his ministry and family for years, Bob Harrington has recovered spiritually and is launching a ministry to backslidden saints." Harrington's son-in-law Dr. Chuck Kelley is the new president of New Orleans Baptist Seminary. — CC

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**10 Churches Destroyed In Indonesia.** Ten church buildings in the city of Surabaya were destroyed and at least one pastor left permanently lame by a mob who attacked during Sunday morning services June 9. None of the churches destroyed was Baptist. Police arrested some in the mob of about 1,000 and found a list with about 50 churches they had targeted in Surabaya. It was unclear whether any is related to Baptist work. At one church, people in the mob rushed the sanctuary, dragged the pastor off the platform and then flooded outside where they

began burning motorcycles and other vehicles. Most churches were stoned and violently dismantled. Clay tile roofs typical of the area re easily shattered by rocks and stones.

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**Fetal Pain.** New evidence continues to emerge that unborn children killed by at least some types of abortion do suffer great pain. Particularly is this true of the horrible partial birth abortion, in which babies are nearly delivered, only to be stabbed in the skull with surgical scissors. According to Dr. Paul Ranalli, lecturer in neurology at the University of Toronto, emerging research data now suggests that a late-second-trimester fetus can, in fact, suffer more pain than full-term babies. The reason for this is the recently discovered fact that the mechanisms by which the infant perceives pain are in place before other mechanisms designed to ameliorate pain. "This suggests that the premature baby (or mid-to-late second trimester fetus) lives through a vulnerable period when raw pain impulses form the body may roar through unchecked by the modifying inhibitory system that we enjoy as adults." Earlier research has shown that preborn infants as young as 19, or even 16 weeks, are capable of suffering pain, as shown by elevated levels of two types of hormones released during pain and stress (as when blood is withdrawn from the baby's abdomen for testing). Previously, this pain

was ignored or misunderstood, because the babies had no means of reporting their pain. — Pulpit Helps..

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### **Poll Cites Nation's Growing Religious Conservatism.**

A rising tide of religious conservatism is reported in polling released June 26 by The Pew Research Center for the People & the Press. "The conservatism of white evangelical Protestants is clearly the most powerful religious force in politics today," the Pew Center stated in a six-page summary of its survey, "The Diminishing Divide...American Churches, American Politics." "In 1965 the Gallup Poll found that Americans by a margin of 53% to 40% thought that churches should keep out of political matters, and only 22% thought it was ever right for clergy to discuss political candidates on issues from the pulpit," the study noted. "In 1996 the balance of opinion has changed — by a 54% to 43% percent margin, the public thinks the churches should express their views on day-to-day political issues, rather than staying out of politics. And 29% now favor outright politicking from the pulpit. ■

## **Some Appreciated Letters**

### **Bay City, New York**

I have been studying a book of yours entitled "*Study Guide To the Book of Exodus*." I found the book very interesting, and the Lord has shown me to much through it.

I would like to order other copies of study guides that you may have. I no longer attend the church I bought the book from. So therefore, I am writing to you so that I may be able to purchase the books directly from you. I have not yet gone to any Christian book stores yet to check if they have them.

So if you would be so kind as to let me know whether I can get more of these study guides I would be very grateful.

### **Crookston, MN**

Would appreciate it very much if you would keep me on the mailing list for The Baptist Challenge. The Baptist Challenge is a good way for fundamental Baptists to touch bases.

### **Morrison, IL**

This is a note of confirmation to keep up my subscription for The Baptist Challenge. Your magazine has proven to be very useful and informative for me personally and in the jails and prison work I am involved in. Knowing that independent fundamental Baptists are writers of your articles tells me that the source is reliable for instruction, as God's Word is not compromised. I do not throw away any of the papers, as I keep them for future use. Thank you for this fine paper and thanks to those who contribute to it.

### **Mount Pleasant, Michigan**

I first want to thank you for your fine paper. I appreciate the devotion to Historical

Baptist distinctives. I especially want to thank you for your July issue. I have read and receive many publications, but this by far was the greatest single issue of any one I have ever read! I wept at the opening speech by Patrick Henry, was blessed by the full inclusion of the Declaration of Independence, educated on the profile sketches of Jefferson, Lincoln, and other founding Fathers, but that article on "The Fidelity of our Baptist Heritage" was one of the finest, clearest, most understandable and comprehensive pieces on Baptist History I have ever read. It was never made so clear to me that Liberty, Freedom, and Justice, as well as Rights and the "separation of church and state" issue, is a clearly Baptist product.

### **Puyallup, Washington:**

Please keep sending The Baptist Challenge. \$10.00 contribution is enclosed. July's issue on Freedom Of Conscience was superb!

### **North Shoa, Ethiopia:**

My name is Daniel and I am a teacher in Deza Baptist Church. I got your address from my friend. Please send some information about your service. I pray for your service. God bless you all.

### **Taylor, MI**

Thank you so much for having us on your mailing list.

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**LETTERS...**

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Our folk enjoy The Baptist Challenge very much. We believe that the Challenge is one of the best Baptist papers that keeps us mindful, and enlightened on many important Bible doctrines. We are thankful for you ministry through the Challenge, and the strong stand which you take on Baptist distinctives.

Enclosed is a check for fifty dollars. May the Lord bless you for this good work.

**Trinidad, West Indies**

Just a note to say thank you for The Baptist Challenge which I do receive from time to time. I find your paper to be very scripturally sound. Thank you very much and do continue to send them.

**Military In Korea**

Thank you so much for sending me The Baptist Challenge during my tour here in Korea.

Through the messages and inspiration myself and several other soldiers have been able to feed ourselves with the Truth.

There is so much confusion about our God, especially in the Army. Through so many different denominations and versions of the Bible, soldiers seeking the Lord have actually given up on their salvation. This is a very heart hurting experience for these young men look for peace in their lives only to find confusion created by Satan.

Well, again, thank you for your support. Please keep up this work. It is wonderful and needed.

**Wimbledon Common, London, England**

Just a quick note to say

a very big, "Thank you" for so kindly sending The Baptist Challenge" while we lived in Dover. It truly is a "great little paper" and we pray regularly that the Lord will continue to bless it and all who read its pages. We also pray that the necessary funds may continue to come in to make this possible. This reminds me that some months ago, the former Pastor of our Independent Baptist church here in Wimbledon, was obliged to resign and return to America on account of his wife falling ill with cancer. I refer to Pastor \_\_\_\_\_ who, until recently, lived in a missionary home in St. Petersburg, Florida. He has moved to a permanent home, along with his dear wife (now recovering from her illness) in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Before he went home, we gave him a small gift, as from the Lord, and asked if he would sent on to you \$10 for The Baptist Challenge. I hope you received it OK. I asked him to do this because sending money abroad from England is, in itself, quite expensive. This is especially noticeable when one can send only small sums, like myself, for the Bank commission charges are about the same for large or small sums.

The Baptist Challenge takes about six to eight weeks to arrive by surface mail but it's well worth the long wait!

A word about our little church here in Wimbledon. We are only a tiny congregation, about 12-20 people but the Spirit of God dwells in our little church "Bethel," truly a "house of God." It is situated in an area where the spiritual darkness can almost be "felt" ... and we use *only* the Authorized Version of the Holy Scriptures (King James Version). In fact, we are the *only* church around here where this is so! Our church was opened

by Spurgeon himself but was bombed during the war and restored later. The Devil is trying hard to get rid of our church and we would be glad if you will join your prayers with ours that his evil designs may be frustrated and brought to nought. Many thousands of tracts have been given out here, both on the street and from house to house ... without any (known) positive result! However, we are not deterred and press on, believing that it is our job to sow the Seed, trusting God to cause it to germinate and flourish, remembering that His Word *shall* accomplish that whereunto He sends it.

The church building is now in serious need of repair but the cost is prohibitive so we are considering selling the site and demolishing the church, but using the proceeds to build another, more suitable church nearby. The site has great commercial possibilities and we realize that it is very valuable but we are ignorant about how to go along in this matter and know that there are many "sharks" about. Will you pray that we may be truly guided by the Lord as we go about this matter, please?

Now space has almost gone. Thank you again for sending this wonderful little paper. I wish I could send you a really sizeable gift, but the Lord knows the thoughts and intent of the heart. May He bless you abundantly and cause this little paper to prosper and go from strength to strength.

**Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**

First of all I praise my Lord who gave this opportunity to you, to serve the people of God.

I am a student at the Evangelical Theological Col-

lege, my local church is Baptist church, which is peculiar from all the evangelical churches by it's fundamental doctrines, especially on the salvation, local church, and the infallibility of the Bible, etc.

In our country we do not have a Baptist library and college. This condition forced me to join the Evangelical Theological College. Most of the lecturers are come from the Baptist church, but they compromise on some doctrinal truths and their theology is influenced by the reformers theology. I think I need your help to find more of the sound baptistic doctrine, so send for me baptistic books and our history from the beginning of John the Baptist. If you can, get the Tomas Armitage because it is counted on by most Baptist historians. I will pray for your ministry.

**Salt Lake City, UT**

Thank you for your excellent publication, **The Baptist Challenge**. I enjoy reading every issue, and find articles I know are helpful to me, and especially to young pastors who are finding their way in the corrupt trenches of today's theological scene.

You asked if the **Challenge** was needed, and I wanted to assure you that it is. I appreciate your studies on various doctrines and practices among Baptists, and I particularly enjoy the news items and warning you give about such things as Promise Keepers. All these things are necessary.

I thank you for being willing to publish your paper, and I want to thank you for sending it to this preacher, living out here in Utah. Publications like your's are a lifeline to

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## America, It's Time to Pray

By Helen Loomis

*"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord"* (Psm. 33:12).

<p>Why have we come so far from God, Rejecting Him each day? We've tried our best to stand alone, But we find it doesn't pay.</p> <p>How could we have forgotten Him And such a deaf ear turn From God Who knows our every thought And must for our devotion yearn?</p> <p>I am sure He must be weeping now As long ago back there He wept over Jerusalem Because she did not care.</p> <p>I think that I can hear Him sight And then so softly say, "America, you've gone too far— Now it is time to pray.</p> <p>"The values that you once held dear, The things for which you stood, You do not want to hear about— You'd bury if you could.</p> <p>"I blessed your land with beauty and The freedom that you share, Because your founding fathers gave That land into My care.</p> <p>"But now it seems you've changed all that—</p>	<p>You want no part of Me; You've taken Me from everything. What can the reason be? "You speak My name so carelessly; You seldom use it in prayer— But always in an angry tone You interject it there.</p> <p>"The bodies that I gave to you I made so perfectly, But now you use them shamefully And call it being 'free.'</p> <p>"I told you that you should not cheat, That stealing is not right, And all the other wicked things You do by darkest night.</p> <p>"You speak of things as 'sickness' now— The things that I call 'sin'; The things my Book speaks out against— The things you say are 'in.'</p> <p>"You have no thought for life, it seems, Whate'er the reason be; It matters not to you at all That all life comes from Me.</p> <p>"You killed that tiny little boy— You didn't wait to see That I had planned so carefully What he would someday be.</p>	<p>"That little girl you did not want— She would have loved you so; But having her was not your plan, And so she had to go.</p> <p>"I gave you marriage for your life, And now it seems you say 'It's out-of-date, old- fashioned'— You've found another way.</p> <p>"You take the credit for your life As if I were not here. Your destiny is up to you— You've got no God to fear.</p> <p>"But let Me tell you this, My child— Your life is not your own; The day will come when you will pay For all the grief you've sown.</p> <p>"So do not wait until My wrath Must fall upon your head. But redirect your life to Me Before your land is dead.</p> <p>"America, it's time to pray— To fall upon your knees; And when you say you want Me back, Then I will hear your pleas.</p> <p>I will forgive what has gone past I'll touch and heal your land. America, it's time to pray. Why don't you understand?"</p>
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those who are isolated from the events of the religious world (good or bad). So I appreciate you.

#### Sioux Falls, SD

Greetings. Yes, I believe we do need **The Baptist Challenge**. When I was attending the first of several colleges I attended I was a fresh-faced U.S. Marine back from the front in Vietnam and knew absolutely "nothin'"; about nothin' ". I received a copy of the **Challenge**. The college I was attending sure was not teaching the doctrines that were taught in the **Challenge** clearly, as the **Challenge** was. As I studied my Bible, I found the **Challenge** "challenged" me toward the truth.

I'm so sure we need the **Challenge** that we order it and give it to every student here in our college. Personally, I praise the Lord for **The Baptist Challenge**. There just are not many newspapers holding to the faith and standing entirely on broadcasting the Baptist faith today.

I also praise the Lord for you and your wife. It has been a very special privilege and honor to have you here with us the times you've attended our annual conference.

We believe in you and **The Baptist Challenge** enough to put support behind our belief. ■

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# Your Dollars At Work In Mexico

*[We are appreciative of the many churches and individuals that have cooperated with us during these many years, some going back to 1952 when my wife and I first went to México as missionaries.]*

*[The following report was written by Pastor Larry Jones of the Central Baptist Church in Little Rock following our recent visit for the graduation of the seminary in June -- M. L. Moser, Editor]*

It was a travel weary pastor, wife, and church secretary who stepped out of a Mexicana Jet onto the jungle encircled tarmac of the Villahermosa, Mexico airport. This day, June 5, 1996, began early with a ride through the mountainous Costa Rican countryside with veteran missionary Dennis Thomas. It was his task to see that we arrived at the San José airport in time to get through customs and board our flight to México City. We had the privilege of spending five days with the Thomas family, and we were thrilled to see how God is using them in Central America.

After a couple of hours on this flight which included a brief stop in Guatemala City our plane finally began circling México City, the largest city in the world. I have never looked upon this city without my emotions driving me to pray. I pointed out to my companions the oily clouds of smog we seemed to be floating on as we waited for clearance to land. The smog is indicative of what is below — millions of people jammed into

a valley 100 times too small. A valley teeming with people who fled the “campos” hoping for a better life, only to find death traps called factories, a corrupt government, cardboard houses on trash heaps, never enough pesos, a clogged social medical system, a religion with no gospel, and no one to tell them the true gospel. My heart is burdened. If 100 missionaries preached the gospel to 10 people every day it would take over 65 years to preach to “every creature” in México City. Lord please send laborers!

We boarded the next flight to Villahermosa late that afternoon and finally landed about 8:00 that evening.

As we walked toward the airport's only gate I watched lightning flash in a thunderhead which resembled a high cliff with Villahermosa, our home for the next five days, at its base. The thunder echoed, a reminder that there are only two seasons here in the tropics: wet and dry. For the next few days when they weren't unloading on us, these dark pinnacles seemed to always be on the horizon giving this otherwise flat, jungle peninsula the hint of distant mountains.

We were glad to see the Mosers waiting for us by the exit, but alarmed to hear that Miss Edith, as she is affectionately known around Central Baptist, is ill. Bro. Moser was not feeling well either. I suggested they start their return trip immediately, but they chose to stay. I have never seen more committed people to the Lord's work than these two. They love the people of

Mexico, and it shows. Even though she was not well Miss Edith kept us laughing much of the trip with a very sharp sense of humor and Bro. Moser was an excellent host. Thank you Bro. and Mrs. Moser.

We were concerned about Mary Thomas and her daughter Rebekah Mathis. They were supposed to be on the same flight from México City but were not. We were unable to get any information concerning them except that there would be no more flights from México City that evening. We decided we would go to the church in Villahermosa first thing in the morning to leave a message so they could find us.

We retrieved our luggage and drove to the Maya Tabasco Hotel, a fitting name for a hotel on the Yucatán Peninsula. This peninsula is mainly populated by the descendants of the Mayan people, a people who resisted the Spaniards for decades, and were not completely defeated until 1906.

This peninsula is culturally different than the rest of México. There were not even any roads into the peninsula when the Mosers first came here as missionaries in the 50's.

After a good night's rest, our first stop was the Villahermosa church, and a visit with pastor “Chepe”. You will remember Chepe as the pastor who's car was demolished recently by a bus which was pushed headon into him by a drunk driver. He sustained serious injury to his head, arm, and pelvis. We were glad to find Mary and Rebekah in front

of the church, and Chepe in the parsonage above the church auditorium recovering well. He was still bedfast, but was able to communicate with us. Keep praying for this pastor and church.

We were privileged to attend church there on Sunday morning. The church is doing well and the people are remaining faithful during this difficult time. It is a joy to see the love they pour out upon their pastor and his family.

Since this trip we have learned Pastor Chepe has been in surgery again to repair damage done by a blood clot in his arm. His medical costs are more than \$1,300 American dollars and he has no insurance. [If any of our readers would care to help in paying these bills, please send your offerings to the Central Baptist Church, and be sure and mention that it is to assist Bro. “Chepe” in paying his hospital and doctor bills. -- MLM]

Later that day the Mosers and I went to Cárdenas to meet with Ezekiel Sanchez, the director of our seminary, to find out what the plans were for the next few days. Carol, my wife, wanted to go but illness prevented her. She became ill the day after we arrived in Latin America and didn't feel normal again until the day before we left.

We pulled among the banana trees on to the front lawn of the seminary building to find busy workers preparing for the special graduation

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## A Brief History of One Church In Tabasco, Mexico

While in México in June, we visited in the home of Bro. Julio Morales. Bro. Julio was my "right-hand man" all the time I lived in México. At the time we lived there, there were no roads, just rivers and muddy trails, and we traveled the States of Tabasco and Chiapas on foot or by dugout canoe up and down the rivers.

We organized the church in Chontalpa, the church that Bro. Julio pastors, on July 2, 1978. In talking with us, he gave us a brief resumé of the work that has done since their organization, and I thought it would be interesting to our readers, so I asked him to send it to me in such a way that it could be used in The Baptist Challenge. The letter that follows is his answer.

I might add that this work done by him and his church has been done without dollars from the United States, following the organization of the church, which is as it should be. The church pays his salary and the expenses of the mission work they sponsor. The funds that we receive for the mission work in México are not used to pay salaries of pastors, build church buildings, etc. but are used for the expenses of the seminary where we do pay the salaries of the faculty members and the expenses of operating the seminary. If any of our readers would like to help us in the expenses of operating the seminary, it would be greatly appreciated. Be sure and mention that the offerings are for the seminary. The following is the letter received from Bro. Julio Morales.

-- M. L. Moser.

Loved and beloved Brothers in the precious faith of the elect of the Lord:

I pray grace and peace of God our Father and of our Lord Jesus Christ upon all of you (Eph. 1:2; Rom. 9:5).

Loved brethren, it gives me great pleasure and satisfaction to inform you of the great marvels and the many blessings that the Most High God our Father, by His mercy and love, has poured out over our church in the missionary work. I want to place before you what God has done with us since our organization as a church on July 2, 1978, for we have enjoyed special grace of the Holy Spirit, being very active in the missionary and evangelistic work, fulfilling the Great Commission that our Lord Jesus Christ gave to each local church (Mt. 28:16-20; Acts 1:8).

After this brief introduction, following the visit of our loved Bro. M. L. Moser and his wife, sister Edith Moser, along with their pastor, Bro. Larry Jones, they recently visited me in my house, I had the opportunity to make them aware of this report relating to our church and all of the missionary work that God has given us, under the direction and power of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8; 13:1-5).

Churches organized under the authority of the Independent Baptist Church "Jesus the Good Shepherd" of the town of Chontalpa, Bro. Julio Morales, Pastor:

1. Independent Baptist Church "God Is Love and Just", Tecominuacan, State of

Tabasco. Organized December 18, 1986.

2. Independent Baptist Church "Christ the Only Hope", Villahermosa, State of Tabasco, organized November 17, 1990.

3. Independent Baptist Church "Jesus King of Glory", Macayo Reforma, State of Chiapas, organized November 15, 1992.

4. Independent Baptist Church "Mount Hermon", Nuevo Centro, State of Tabasco, organized October 15, 1993.

5. Independent Baptist Church "Bethel", Pob. David Gustavo Gutierrez R., State of Quintana Roó. Organized April 5, 1996

6. Independent Baptist Church "Jesus the Light of the World", San Manuel, State of Tabasco. Organized June 2, 1996.

In addition, the following missions are sponsored by the church here in Chontalpa.

1. Independent Baptist Mission "Lake of Genesaret", Rio Seco and Montaña. State of Tabasco.

2. Independent Baptist Mission "God With Us", Col. El Torito, State of Tabasco.

3. Independent Baptist Mission, Railroad Station "El Zopo", Macuspana, State of Tabasco.

4. Independent Baptist Mission, "Rivers of Living Water", Ostitan, State of Tabasco.

5. Preaching center (not an organized mission yet), Tierra Nueva, State of Tabasco

6. Preaching center (not an organized mission yet), Anacleto Canabal, State of Tabasco.

7. Preliminary arrangements are being made to begin new preaching points in the State of Quintana Roó.

8. In addition we have 7 men who are working with me in preparing themselves to work in the missions and churches our church has or will be sponsoring.

All of this work we have been able to accomplish without any outside funds at all, as the church here pays all of the expenses even though we are going through a difficult financial crisis.

Within our church we have three ordained pastors: (1) Julio Morales, pastor of the church here in Chontalpa; (2) Concepción Méndez Flores, pastor of the Independent Baptist Mission "God With Us" of El Torito, State of Tabasco; (3) and Valentin Vazquez Santiago, working as a missionary in these states as well as pastoring the Independent Baptist Mission "Rivers of Living Water" in Ostitan, State of Tabasco.

This is the report that we are sending you by the grace of God, as one sister church to our beloved Brother M. L. Moser, Pastor Emeritus. We also ask for your prayers for the Baptist missionary work in Tabasco, in all México, as well as in all the world.

Julio Morales, Pastor

### Attention

We covet your prayers and your offerings as God may lead and enable you.

**Send All Offerings to:**

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P. O. Box 15848  
Little Rock, AR 72221**

Be sure and mention they are for the Latin American Baptist Seminary in Mexico.

**MEXICO . . .**

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services to be held on Saturday morning. They were busy painting, doing minor repairs to the roof, and other odd jobs to get everything presentable for the gathering of the churches. As always we were warmly greeted by Bro. Ezekiel. He explained that in addition to the services on Saturday morning the church in Huimanguillo would be hosting special services on Friday night, and they wanted me to preach.

We visited with Ezekiel a while longer, and then headed for Huimanguillo to make sure we would know where to go the next night for services.

After locating the church building we stopped by to visit with Bro. Moser's dear friend Julio Morales. These two men worked together for many years evangelizing, and establishing churches all over this peninsula, a work that Bro. Morales has never stopped. They have some wonderful and exciting stories to tell, and it is always a pleasure to see them together.

It is a blessing to see how God has continued the work in Mexico, and that so many of the men and churches have remained faithful and doctrinally sound.

Sadly we discussed the plague of American missionaries [Some claiming to be independent -- MLM] coming in among these established churches to try and influence them toward whatever peculiar doctrine they might hold differently. I realize this goes on all the time on mission fields, but I still don't understand it. How can missionaries leave the teeming masses of lost people to meddle among churches that are already es-

tablished? I also realize these things are best left in God's hands.

The next day Bro. Greg Smith, missionary in Cancun, flew in to help translate for me and assist us in the work. Bro. Greg has been a great help to Central Baptist Church and an invaluable friend and counselor to me. We cannot thank him and his home church, Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lubbock, Texas enough.

Mrs. Moser had a very bad spell [of vertigo] that afternoon which prevented the Mosers from attending the services at Huimanguillo that night. I wished many times through the evening that Bro. and Mrs. Moser could be with us to see how God has blessed this church they organized so many years ago. The pews were full and people were standing both inside and outside the building. The pastor reported that the church was growing and very stable. After a wonderful song service I preached on the subject of salvation by grace apart from the works of the law.

The next morning we arrived at the Seminary a bit late and also a bit surprised. In México it is a rare thing for services to start anywhere near the scheduled time, but today we were late and they had already started. Bravo for Bro. Ezekiel Sanchez and shame on us!

We were also surprised to see the great crowd of people. Bro. Ezekiel informed us that he had rented 500 chairs plus the chairs in the church and seminary. An hour or so later while I preached on the power and importance of the gospel I noticed there were people standing at the back of the lot with no place to sit. I estimate there were over 600 people in attendance

and a large number of churches represented.

The service was held outside since the seminary building only has classrooms and a few small rooms for student housing. The day before they constructed a tent for shade by using 3 or 4 tarps, but this only shaded about a third of the crowd.

After our arrival Bro. Sanchez led us to our chairs on the crowded front porch. The porch served as the platform for the ceremonies and seating area for the pastors. I estimate there were between 20 and 30 people on the platform with us. We listened as choirs sang and brethren from various churches greeted the assembly. Bro. Moser was asked to present the graduation diploma to a graduate from the church in Villahermosa, and we were introduced to 4 new students who will begin their education this fall. All are from the State of Oaxaca on the Pacific coast of México. I preached and we were treated to a feast after the closing prayer.

The brethren in Mexico confirm that the seminary is more stable than it has been in a number of years. The confidence level in the leadership and direction Central Baptist has taken is high among the churches on the field. In spite of all the devil has done to stop the work God, has not only continued but increased the work. I cannot express how great a blessing it is to see the hand of God so clearly on Latin American Baptist Theological Seminary. Central Baptist Church, and other churches in the states, have sacrificed much over the years to continue the work God began in the early years of this century. I am convinced more than ever this

work must continue.

Next year we will have 11 students preparing themselves to take and preach the gospel and establish churches in the regions of Latin America. These are men who, after their seminary training, will have no culture or language barriers to overcome, and will not seek one U.S. dollar to carry out their part in the great commission.

Central Baptist Church is committed to carrying out this great responsibility, and we pray that many of our sister churches will support this vital work.

If you would like to know more about this work, Brother Moser is available to visit your church, and answer any questions you might have. I am also glad to discuss our work with you and answer any questions you might have. ■

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## What Will Happen During The Millennium?

By Roy Mason

It is the theological fashion of this day to deny that there will be a Millennium — a perfect reign of Christ over this earth for the period of a thousand years. Seminary professors, many of them, wouldn't stoop to such a "corny" thing as belief in a Millennium, and it is hard to find a Pre-millennialist on the faculty of the average Baptist college. Talk with *A-millennialists*, and about the first statement they come up with is the statement, "Why the Millennium is only mentioned in one chapter of the Bible, the highly symbolical 20th chapter of Revelation." Suppose that were true? What of it? Does God have to say a thing a thousand times to mean it? As a matter of fact however, the statement quoted above is a big lie. The Millennium *is taught* over and over again in the Bible. The term Millennium may not be mentioned, but the period referred to by that word is unmistakably mentioned. I shall not take the time to enumerate the many Scriptures, but shall refer to just one passage — the 11th chapter of Isaiah. This chapter doesn't make good sense apart from the idea of the perfect reign of Christ over this earth.

But what will happen during the Millennium? What kind of place will this earth be? Let us take a brief glance at some of the Scriptures that throw light on these questions.

In Matthew 16:28 we find Jesus saying "There are some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of Man coming in his king-

dom." The meaning of this becomes clear when we read Matthew 17:1-5. This is the story of the transfiguration. In the transfiguration scene we see Jesus glorified, as He will appear when He returns. We see Moses, who represents the Era of the Law. We see Elias, who represents the prophets, and we see the disciples who represent the dispensation and period of the church. The transfiguration scene therefore is a little picture of Christ coming in His (Millennial) kingdom, glorified, and all the saved of the dispensations of the past — law — prophets — and the period of the church.

*What will happen during the Millennium?* Well, in the first place this earth will be a shambles at the return of Christ with His people. Instead of the converted world that some talk about, the last picture of this earth before Christ takes over is the picture of a huge battlefield covered with the dead soldiers of the armies of this earth. Militarism is destroyed through the destruction of earth's armies, and the buzzards are pictured as feasting on their flesh (Rev. 19:17-19).

What else?

1. *Earth's final dictator*, a veritable human devil, will be taken (2 Thess. 2:8).

2. The False Prophet — the one who headed up Antichrist's church, which we now see being formed by the ecumenical movement as expressed by the National and World Council of Churches, shall be dealt with. Both he and his master, the Antichrist, shall be cast into hell. They will be

the first inmates in the place (Rev. 19:20).

3. The Devil shall be cast into a place called the Abyss — a place of confinement (Rev. 20:2-3).

4. Israel regathered to Palestine in unbelief (that is happening now), shall be delivered from destruction by a sudden return of their long expected Messiah. They will turn to Him, and veritably "a nation will be born in a day." Reborn could be the better term (Read Rev. 12:4-14; 13:8-9; 14:9; Rom. 11:26-29).

Converted Israel shall be elevated to the place of world leadership (Isa. 2:1-5). The resurrected apostles of the Lord shall be the judges of converted Israel (Mt. 19:27-28). The "Times of the Gentiles" will be over forever (Lk. 21:24).

As to the rest of the world, we see the saved of this age shall be the rulers, and our positions of rulership will be in accord with the way we have served Christ then and now (Lk. 19:17-19). We will of course be immortal.

5. *There will be mortals on this earth*, but youth among them shall be a rare thing. If one dies at the age of one hundred, he shall be thought of as being in mere childhood (Isa. 65:20). The birth rate will be much less than now, for multiplied conception was a part of the curse that followed sin (Gen. 3:16).

6. *With the curse removed, the earth will be more productive* (Amos 9:13-15).

7. *Jerusalem shall be the capitol of the world* (Isa. 2). Jesus shall rule from the throne of His father David (Acts 15:16). One purpose for which He was born was this very thing (Lk. 1:32-33). The angel so announced, and the angel knew what he was talking about. What lame brained interpreters are those who spiri-

tualize and teach that Jesus shall reign over the "Church," or over some kind of a "spiritual kingdom."

8. *War shall be no more*, and there won't even be military training. "Neither shall they learn war anymore," says the Bible.

9. *Mortals will not be perfect for they will be born of imperfect parents*, but they will only have the sinful nature to contend with, without Satan's solicitation to sin. That they will still have the fallen nature is shown by the fact that when Satan is "loosed for a little season" he will find adherents to follow him (Rev. 20:7-9). It is interesting to note that "Gog and Magog" is particularly mentioned. Russia is signified by these terms in Ezekiel 38. Russia is God's chief enemy today, and Communism was spawned in hell. God, according to Ezekiel, will break the power of Russia, but enough antagonism toward God will remain through the Millennium to make Russia the first breeding place of rebellion when Satan is loosed.

But *why will Satan be loosed before he is finally sent to hell?* There is no dogmatic answer to this, but someone has offered the suggestion that he is to be loosed to prove that man is always and everywhere a failure, apart from the grace of God. He was created and placed in a perfect environment, but he sinned. He shall be placed in a good environment with Satan shut out, yet he will be ready to trail off after the devil as soon as he is loosed. Praise God, the time is coming when man will be completely redeemed, and the devil will be shut out from the earth forever, and there will nevermore be a hand lifted against the rule and reign of God. ■

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scripture that most church members could follow. This sends a real message of warning to the Lord's churches to do what we should be doing — build disciples of Christ. Moon has his headquarters in Barrytown, New York, 90 miles north of New York City on 250 acres of land overlooking the Hudson River. This is also the home of his Unification Theological Seminary.

## II. The Message

The title Unification Church implies the unification of God and man. This is the essence of Moon's theology. All things stem from God's love. "Love is the most precious thing in life" (pg. 3). Love unites all peoples, religions, and cultures. Moon believes "it is each human being's responsibility to end the suffering of God and of mankind. To realize this, the church's goal is to build an ethical society centered on God's love" (Word and Deed, pg. 3). He is attempting to set up international and ecumenical movements to untie mankind and bring salvation to the physical institutions of the world. One such example is CAUSA.

(Latin for "cause" which stands for God, our First Cause, and the common cause of a just and moral society, based upon Christian love and truth. CAUSE also stands for quiet revolution of changing people from selfishness to caring for one another.)

While claiming to be non-sectarian, CAUSA is really funded by the Unification Church and its principles are based upon the "Godism" of Moon's theology — a pantheistic concept of God being na-

ture and man in substantial form.

"The Second Coming will bring harmony between religion and science, between the spiritual aspects and the material aspects of civilization, and between East and West. All will be blended in harmony, giving birth to the *new culture of Godism*" (Outline of The Principle, pg. 313).

In a form letter received from Moon while in prison he wrote, "I have felt the Holy Spirit sweeping across this country opening the way for a great interdenominational movement to come forth to renew in the people of America a genuine repentance and rededication to Christian ideals. We must strive to transcend denominational barriers and truly become one harmonious body of Christ."

A summary of Unification theology runs along something like this. The mission of Jesus Christ was left incomplete on earth necessitating His second coming. He must come again and consummate the mission of the Messiah. He failed to restore mankind when He did not take a bride. Jesus was a man, one with God, but He was not God the Father. When He returns to earth He will come as a man in the position of the third Adam. Moon says "these are revelations to me from God and I want you to understand fully the main points" (pg. 42). God had originally intended Adam and Eve to unite in heavenly matrimony in Eden but they didn't. Then Jesus didn't realize this marriage either because no one believed him to be the Messiah. Jesus should have, as the second Adam, been blessed in heavenly matrimony with the second Eve, his restored bride. This marriage would have brought forth sinless children.

They would have become the True Parents for humankind, and all mankind could have found life by grafting onto them. This is the highest ideal for man and the goal toward which God is striving. Full salvation comes in restoration by these True Parents. This act is a rebirth as children of our heavenly father, God. Once we are made new through the True Parents, we in turn are empowered to bring sinless children into the world. This will result in the Kingdom of heaven on earth, the day of hope, the dwelling of God with men and women, and the realization of God's original ideal. On that day mankind will be living images of God or just like God.

Therefore, since first Adam in Eden, and second Adam on the cross both failed, we are looking for third Adam or Messiah. Moon has it nicely figured out when, from where, and just what kind of person this third Messiah will be.

He will be born on earth after 1917. He will come from the east. Amazingly, the land of Korea fits the Biblical description. Since Israel only refers to those who are the "children of God by faith" in the New Testament, God is working with devout Christians and no longer with the nation of Israel. In Revelation 7:2-4 we encounter an angel that "would ascend from the rising of the sun; in other words, from the east," and seal 144,000 in their foreheads. Moon says, "That nation of the East is Korea." It is a nation which is the object of God's heart. It is a land God has prepared with a path of suffering and hardship. However, Korea has maintained "the good traditions of filial piety and loyalty." She has never provoked or first in-

vaded another nation. Most importantly, Korea bears the fruits of man's religions. She reveres God and a spiritual way of life.

Moon does not believe only Christians are saved. "God has created and guided all of the major religions toward the restoration of the people of their particular region, time period, and circumstances." Messiah will fulfill the purposes of all other religions and therefore, must come from a nation bearing the fruits of all the major religions.

Further, Korea has been the front line between God and Satan. On the 38th parallel in Korea the two opposing camps in the world, communism and democracy, have drawn the battle line. Communism: foretold when (1) "Red" Esau fought for birth with Jacob; (2) Tamar gave birth to twins; (3) "red" thread on Zarah; (4) Pharez in Christ line. South Korea has taken a strong stand on the side of right. In addition they have had a messianic expectation in their religions, making Korea the nation from which this third Messiah must issue forth (Outline of The Principle, pgs. 307-313).

It is not surprising that Moon identifies himself as fitting the role of Messiah who is to come. He was called of God, given special revelations, lived a life of sacrifice, and is selflessly interested in the welfare of the whole world.

The Unification Church claims as its official guides both the scriptures of the Bible and the teachings of Rev. Moon as written in **The Divine Principle**. His message presents three major challenges for a new Christian revival: (1) The creation of God-

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# Jesus Hits The News Stands

By Bill Steigerwald  
Pittsburgh Post Gazette

Maybe it was a triple play of divine inspiration. Or maybe it was just a slow news week.

The three major national news weeklies put Jesus' name and image on their covers last week. *Time* wrote "The Search for Jesus." *U.S. News & World Report* highlighted "In Search of Jesus" and *Newsweek* used "Rethinking the Resurrection." All three articles focused on the biblical scholars who are busily calling into question nearly everything we know about Jesus.

Each magazine devoted about eight pages to the fierce debate stirred up by these iconoclastic scholars who say that the Gospels can't be trusted as an accurate history of Jesus, a historical man about whom we know precious little for certain.

Basically, these scholars — who've been around since the early '90s and who echo similar concerns made 150 years ago — argue that the Gospels are mostly inauthentic, heavily embellished, second-hand literary docudramas written by men who were better religion builders and storytellers than journalists.

*Newsweek* focused on the importance and details of the Resurrection, "the most radical of Christian doctrines" and "the center of the Christian faith, the mystery without which there would be no church."

*U.S. News* used interviews with the scholars as a way to cover the "search for the historical Jesus." Robert Funk, whose book *Honest to Jesus* will be out soon, is one of the leaders of the radicals.

Mr. Funk gives away some of his side's political biases when he describes Christ as a secular sage and a social critic who satirized the pious and championed society's poor and marginalized. But he's not the only one who makes Christ sound more like Jesse Jackson than a holy man.

One of Mr. Funk's allies says "Jesus was a revolutionary peasant who resisted economic and social tyranny in Roman-occupied Palestine ... a Jewish cynic who wandered from town to town, teaching unconventional wisdom and subverting oppressive social customs."

Mr. Funk, however, is alone in declaring that "Jesus was perhaps the first stand-up Jewish comic."

None of this is funny to conservative Christians, of course. In this debate they would agree with Luke Timothy Johnson, an ex-monk who wrote *The Real Jesus: The Misguided Quest for the Historical Jesus and the Truth of the Traditional Gospels*.

Mr. Johnson believes Christianity is an organic, evolving religion based on personal leaps and tests of faith. He argues in *U.S. News* that historical accuracy is "hardly the point of Scripture," which is much more concerned with describing the character of Jesus and his message. ■

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otherwise spiritually dead in trespasses and sin. The candle has gone out, even when they try to pray and commune with God, it

fails to rise above the bridge of the nose. However, notice that this "dead head" is still aware of the fact that there may be a god of some kind, else he would not even try to pray. This is due to that remnant of his unregenerate consciousness, which tells him that there must be a god. Man is the only creature who has this god-consciousness. No lily, amoeba, nor dog, nor reindeer seems to be aware that there is such a thing as a god. No only this, but the entire intellectual life appears to be a function of the human spirit, and yet it remains more or less intact, while the built-in communication with heaven is still out of order.

Since many authorities claim that the mental life, the mind, the intellect are a feature of the soul rather than the spirit, we derive our authority in this matter from the second chapter of First Corinthians. let us show this graphically in this way:

Such an array of intellectual phenomena in which the spirit is involved, should be convincing. But let us indicate

other intellectual tasks using other related verbs.

Genesis 2:7 is often quoted to prove that the organism of man has only two parts: that it is dichotomous or dipartite. Our translation of course, mentions both his soul and his dust-derived body but the concept of Spirit is just as definitely indicated in its verb-form in the "breathed into his nostrils the breath of lives." In both the Hebrew and the Greek, the word for spirit is the same as that for "breath" and "wind." Hence it is true that a trichotomy is here designated, since there are references to three parts, the body, the soul and the spirit.

According to Genesis 2:7, the Lord Jesus came down to earth to construct man. A lifeless body was first formed by Him out of the dust of the ground. This was exceptional. All other creations were carried out at a distance, by "let there be \_\_\_\_\_" Next the spirit of man was breathed into his nostrils, directly from the breath of the Lord Himself.

The Knower	Cognitive Verb	Things Known	Citation
1. The Spirit of Man	knoweth	things of man	1 Cor. 2:11
2. Spirit which is of God.	knows	things freely given of God	1 Cor. 2:12
3. We	speak	words	1 Cor. 2:13
4. Man's wisdom	teaches	which things	1 Cor. 2:13
5. Natural man	receiveth not	things of the Spirit of God	1 Cor. 2:14
6. Renewed spirit	discerns	them (the things)	1 Cor. 2:14
7. He that is spiritual	judgeth (discerns)	all things	1 Cor. 2:15

that this table is not exhaustive. Read the chapter yourself and you will find that there are seven mental operations involving the verb "to know." In addition, there are eight

This tells us that no man, nor angel nor devil will ever produce life in a test tube. Life comes from the Lord's own breath. These

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facts may be hard to understand, but, at least, it means that the essential part of ourselves, the spirit, came directly from the Lord's Spirit, in such a way as experienced by no other created one. All other creatures received the *life principle* through their souls, but man receives his life principle as the operation of the Spirit of God. Our own spirits then came the most directly from Deity, more than any created thing in the universe.

In fact, it is the spirit of man that was the original Image of God in man, before it fell. According to Genesis 2:7, the resulting union of body with spirit produced the first human soul. The soul thus seems to act as a bridge between the spirit and the body. This constitutes an arrangement and an organization of human personality which is so different from the make-up of animals that the possibility of such a thing as evolution from one species to another is practically ruled out. The beast is a dichotomy of soul and of body.

Since the spirit of man is the Image of God in man, it may be well to describe the changes which this spirit sustained after the Fall (Gen. 3).

I. The candle goes out. This figures the spirit as "light." Since God is Light (1 Jn. 1:5) and all light comes from Him, we find that this is an adequate figure for those features of the human spirit which make things manifest to ourselves. Another such figure is "life." Biological life comes literally from the Lord (Jn. 1:4) but Adam lost his life, in a figure, on the very day that he fell. He thus lost the Eternal Life with which he was originally created. Only through the cross-work of Christ is this

loss reversible. The receiving of Christ as Savior, not only re-enlightens the lost man, but it quickens him with new life, which is eternal. The terms "to quicken" and "to be born again" fit into this concept of Eternal Life.

II. The second change that human nature sustained when man fell, was change in the functioning of the conscience. The conscience was already created into man from the beginning. Those who teach that there was no conscience until after the Fall, have forgotten that conscience has two functions and that one of them is a *guide* to conduct. When the Lord gave them a commandment, not to eat of the fruit (Gen. 2:17) it indicated that he already had a "guide" to action, else the Lord could not have been just in putting the responsibility upon Adam's shoulders. Not only this, but the other function of conscience, that of a *goad* or *prick* was already intact within Adam's spirit. However, this painful goad, had never been used until Adam first sinned by failing to follow the guidance of the Lord's command. The result and consequences of the prick of conscience was what we call conviction.

III. Conviction is another change in human nature as a result of the Fall. There was no occasion for conviction in an unfallen creature. The signs of conviction shown in Genesis 3 are as follow:

1. His eyes were opened. He saw things that were unknown before.
2. They hid among the trees.
3. They covered their nakedness with aprons.
4. They were afraid — the first fear.
5. They hesitated to answer His voice (Gen. 3:9).

6. They lied and believed their own lies (Gen. 3:10). This was the beginning of that cover-up or smokescreen which is called the Unconscious. It was given to man to prevent him from becoming completely undone.

7. They began to show the first instances in history of that which is called "defense mechanism": (1) Rationalism (Gen. 3:10); (2) Overcompensation (Gen. 3:8-10); Projection (Gen. 3:12-13).

IV. **Facing the fear.** Facing a pure God with sin in the life is the basis of the worst fear of all "*panic*." Man could not continue to face such panic without being driven completely out of his mind. Thus the Lord Himself actually permitted that cover-up which we call the Unconscious. However, a remnant of this pristine peril remains and is known as *Basic Anxiety*. It is the motivating power which causes men to erect skyscrapers, buy refrigerators, and launch out into space. A cat curls up and sleeps instead.

A second kind of fear appears in form of *Manifest Anxiety*. This is a fear which is a response specific to a specific stimulus. If you study the third chapter of Genesis, you can pick out seven basic fears. If the stimulus is such that it cannot be faced, then one may not know what he is fearing. That is known as *free-floating anxiety*.

V. The Beginning of defense mechanisms.

VI. The Unconscious is smoked up like a smokescreen.

VII. *Noetic Depravity*. The seventh change which assailed human nature after the Fall was a limitation in the intellectual capacity. Of course, we know that man is totally depraved, which means that every part of him becomes rela-

tively defective. The emotions, feelings and impulses are degraded; but they belong to the soulful part of the personality. Likewise, the will is depraved also. But, when we consider the spirit we are here concerned with the mental life. Presumably Adam's IQ decreased markedly. His reasoning power was impaired, and our present mental condition is deranged when compared to Adam.

Among the characteristics of human personality, we have first to consider the human attributes. Now an attribute is a characteristic which is both consistent and persistent and is present in all members of the class or species. Some insist that there are two such attributes:

1. Self-consciousness; conscious of self as self.
2. Self-determination or some degree of freedom of will. Human beings can decide certain things for themselves, but cannot change their eye color, nor jump over the moon (or can they?).

Theologians usually state the functions of the spirit in the following threesome: 1. Intellect; 2. The conscience; 3. The will.

These are functions, not entities in themselves. The spirit and soul are real entities in themselves. But in saying this we must remember that some people think that nothing is real unless it is made of molecules and atoms. Such people are materialists and they do not realize that this is not necessarily true. The Trinity and Gabriel and Satan are just as real as that house you live in. Indeed, your house may burn down and then atoms could be split, after which the Lord might even destroy the resulting radia-

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tions, if He so chose.

The functions above do not have to be limited to a threesome, as theologians are apt to do. There are other operations or processes or activities which might be listed. They are not entities in themselves, even though they appear to be when they are enumerated as nouns. Perhaps it would be more meaningful if we refer to these functions as the participles of verbs thus:

*Thinking, self-judging, and deciding.* These are the activities of the human spirit.

The spirit was created to have dominion over the earth and over itself (Gen. 1:28). Man lost dominion over both of them when Adam fell. The Image of God, which man's spirit was originally was spoiled so that only a trace remains. In the unsaved the will is in the service of the belly, for the most part. That is why the ancients of classical civilization thought that the will was actually located in the belly.

Since we were made in the image of God, we should expect that our spirit should be like God the Spirit in some ways as follows:

1. It makes reasoned inferences (Rom. 1:19-20; Psm. 19:1-5).
  2. Our spirit is relative, while God the Spirit is Absolute and infinite.
  3. It sheds light (Jn. 8:12).
  4. It knows, is aware of things. It perceives things.
  5. It follows a standard of conduct (a code).
  6. It searches and seeks.
  7. These functions exceed any similar ones which beasts might have.
  8. It communicates with God and with its peers.
- But now in our present

depravity, the human spirit is unlike God in that:

1. It is not infinite nor absolute.
2. Its functions are relative, limited.
3. It knows largely through sense perception.
4. In its natural state, it cannot reach God.
5. Its efforts are futile due to entropy.
6. It carries its own cover-up or smokescreen — the unconscious.
7. Its conscience carries the wrong standards.

There are several figures which represent the spirit, although these are commonly used only for the Spirit of God. It is not surprising that one of the figures for "spirit" should be "wind" or "breath", since all three of these are the same word both in Greek and Hebrew tongues (Psm. 104:3-4). In fact, John 3:8 explains why this is a fitting symbol for "spirit." Spirit cannot be perceived of itself but the profound effects of its activity, like that of the wind, can be seen.

Another figure for spirit is "water." We find it in the New Testament referring to the Spirit (Eph. 5:26). But in Job 6:4 it refers to the spirit of man when it says: "For the poison thereof, drinketh up the spirit."

Again, the spirit may be featured as a light. "The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord" (Prov. 20:27). "Enlightened by the light of the living" (Psm. 56:13). "Lighteth every man that cometh into the world" (Jn. 1:9). These latter ones are purely biologic, natural light (dark light). They are not the light of salvation. Other similar passages are the following:

- "The light of the wicked shall be put out" (Job 18:5).  
 "Wherefore is light given

to him that is in misery" (Job 3:20).

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"But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness" (Mt. 6:23). This describes again the "dark light" which remains when one is dead spiritually in trespasses and sins. On the other hand, Job said, "In my flesh, shall I see God (Job 19:26). This, of course, tells of our glorified bodies after our resurrection, when light shall be different.

**The Life of the Intellect**

Since the spirit of man is the seat of the intellectual life, we should here show the seven things which are known scripturally as the Seven Pillars of Wisdom (Prov. 8).

- (1) Understanding — the basis of the intellect. Sometimes used as almost synonymous with salvation.
- (2) Knowledge of God.
- (3) Discretion — discernment (try the spirits).
- (4) Prudence.
- (5) Instruction.
- (6) Learning.
- (7) Judgment — (of right and wrong).

**Mice and Men**

The question is asked: "Do animals have spirits?" The answer is "no." However, someone is sure to bring up Ecclesiastes 3:21 at this point. This passage shows definitely that there is a vast difference between man and what is here called the "spirit of the beast." It says: "Who knoweth the spirit of man that goeth upward and the spirit of the beast that goeth downward to

the earth." That which is called "spirit of the beast" has a different nature and a vastly different destiny. Whenever a lion is dead, it is dead, but man has another existence ahead of him, somewhere or other. The only similarity is this: the beast has a conscious awareness which could be compared and contrasted with out intellectual life. Since the beast has no real spirit, these functions come to the beast through his soul. Some of these functions of this so-called "spirit" are: consciousness, sensation, feelings, emotions, conditioning, and a very limited trace of memory.

Some men are called "brutish men." This term gives us a hint of the difference between the spirits of men and beasts, which latter are lacking in spirit and in wisdom. For instance: "A brutish man knoweth not" (Psm. 92:6).

"Man that is in honour and understandeth not, is like the beasts that perish" (Psm. 49:20).

"Wise men die, likewise the fool, and also the brutish person" (Psm. 49:10).

Some men are like dogs. They make a fierce noise and run about the city (Psm. 59:6, 14). They insist upon flesh (Psm. 59:15). A fool is like a beast: he does not understand (Psm. 94:8).

**Natural Wisdom of Men Is Futile**

Not only are some human beings brutish, but the entire fabric of human effort is futile, because it leads to nothing that will be lasting one hundred years from now.

"The Lord knoweth the thoughts of men, that they are vanity" (Psm. 994:11).

"These have not called  
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"metaphysics." But "He that teacheth man knowledge, shall he not know" (Psm. 94:10).

### Imparted Wisdom

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning wisdom" (Psm. 111:10).

"We may ask in prayer for 'Understanding — to keep the law' " (Psm. 119:104).

"A good understanding have all they that do thy commandments" (Psm. 111:10).

"Apply our heart unto wisdom" (Psm 90:12 — the Psalm of Moses).

"He understandeth my thought afar off (Psm. 139:2). Not ESP., but rather Omniscience.

The way to know His teaching: be willing to do his will (Jn. 7:17).

"See if there be any wicked way in me" (Psm. 139:24).

"Such knowledge is too wonderful for me" (Psm. 139:6). ■

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centered families as a foundation for a moral and healthy society; (2) The creation of one human family transcending race and nationality centered on God's love; (3) The creation of a God-centered society addressing social concerns (Word and Deed, pg. 3). — [Continued next month.]

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answer that with a simple yes or no. A more realistic question is how much of a slave are you?

### Confiscating the Property Of One To Give It To Someone Else

To answer that you must establish how much of what

you produce belongs to others. According to statistics compiled by the National Taxpayers Union, the average American works from January to mid-May to pay federal, state and local taxes. That means four-and-a-half months worth of what you produce does not belong to you.

Somebody might say, "Hold it, Williams: People must pay their fair share for what government provides. After all we get national defense, police, enforcement of constitutional order, and adjudication of disputes." I agree. We haven't reached the state where men are angels so we need government to protect us, and we're going to need taxes.

But most government activity is that of *forcibly* using some people — slavery!

In fact, a full two-thirds of the federal budget consists of congressional confiscation of the property of one person to give it to another to whom *it does not belong*.

Examples? Aid to Development Families, Aid to Dependent Farmers, Aid to Dependent Old People, *Ad nauseum*.

Restoration of *self-ownership* might be a good resolution to emerge from the Constitution celebrations. ■

## Is Your Church Moving Like A Mighty Army?

Last Sunday our pastor asked Jimmy Mitchell, just back from two years in the Army, if he'd be guest speaker at our church. Jimmy refused at first. Then, with a funny light in his eye, he said he would if the congregation sang "Onward Christian Soldiers" just before he began. So we gave forth with song,

and Jimmy waded in. This is what he said:

"You have been singing:  
Like a mighty army  
Moves the church of God.

"That might have been all right once. The trouble now is that about ten million men know exactly how an army moves and it doesn't move the way a lot of you folk in our church do. Suppose the army accepted the lame excuses that many of you think are good enough to serve as alibis for not attending church.

"Imagine this, if you can. Reveille 7 a.m. Squads on the parade ground. The sergeant barks out 'Count fours. One! Two! Three! Number Four missing. Where's Private Smith?'

"'Oh,' pipes up a chap by the vacant place, 'Smith was out late last night and needs the sleep. He said he would be with you in spirit.'

"'That's fine,' says the sergeant, 'Remember me to him! Where's Brown?'

"'Oh,' puts in another chap, 'he's playing golf. He gets only one day a week for recreation, you know.'

"'Sure, sure, is the sergeant's cheerful answer. 'Hope he has a good game. Where's Robinson?'

"'Robinson,' explains a buddy, 'is sorry not to greet you in person, but he is entertaining guests today. Besides, he was at drill last week.'

"'Thank you,' says the sergeant, smiling. 'Tell him he's welcome any time he is able to drop in.'

"Did any conversation like that ever happen in any army? Don't make me laugh. Yet you hear stuff like that every week in the church, and said with a straight face, too.

"Like a mighty army! If our church really moved like a mighty army, a lot of you folks, would be court-martialed?" — Reader's Digest ■

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upon God" (Psm. 53:2).

"The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God" (Psm. 53:1).

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"The Lord looked down from heaven ... to see if there were any that did understand" (Psm. 53:2).

Thus we see consequences of not understanding: corruption, gone back, filthy, none that doeth good, shamefulness, no prayer, bones scattered at the graveside (Psm. 53:1-5).

In fact, such people cannot receive the things of the Spirit (1 Cor. 2:14). If such happen to be educated leaders of men, they go around as though they had the top of their minds chopped off. They try to shut God out of His own universe. With them, any mention of God is promptly labeled "non-intellectual" or