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Verbal Inspiration

By L. S. Ballard

My object in writing on the verbal inspiration of the Bible is not to present anything new on the subject, but to stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance. What we mean by "Verbal Inspiration" is that the words of the Bible are words dictated and inspired of God. The best witness we have any knowledge of is the Bible itself. Paul says:

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Tim. 3:16-17).

If we accept the Bible as a witness on this all-important subject the above verse settles the question for all time to come. Note, Paul does not say a part of the scripture is inspired of God, but "All scripture is inspired of God." That means every word of the scripture was dictated by the Lord. If the words of the Bible are not inspired, they are worth no more than the words of Mohammed, or Buddha, or Confucius, Voltaire, Ingersoll, or Tom Paine.

Of the Old Testament Scripture, Peter says: "For the

prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." And Jesus says in John 10:25: "The scripture cannot be broken."

Paul forever settles the question of verbal inspiration in Galatians 1:12: "For I neither received it of men, neither was I taught it but by the

revelation of Jesus Christ."

Jesus made a promise to the disciples before He suffered on the cross, that the Holy Spirit would come and teach them how to write the New Testament in His own words: "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to

your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you" (Jn. 14:26). So we have the exact words of Jesus Himself dictated by the Holy Spirit.

Solomon says: "Every word of God is pure" (Prov. 30:5), and Isaiah says it will stand forever, "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of God shall stand forever."

The late Dr. B. H. Carroll, theologian, educator, orator and philosopher, concerning the verbal inspiration of the Bible, says:

"The whole thing had to be written in words. Words are the signs of ideas, and if the words are not inspired, then there is no way of getting at anything in connection with inspiration. If I am free to pick up the Bible and read something and say, 'That is inspired,' and someone else does not agree as to which is and which is not inspired, it leaves the whole thing unsettled as to whether any of it is inspired. What is the object of inspiration? It is to put accurately, in human words, ideas from God. If the words are not inspired how am I to know how much to reject, and

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Pre-millennial Or A-Millennial?

The following conversation took place between a Jew and an A-millennialist.

Taking a New Testament and opening it at Luke 1:32, the Jew asked, "Do you believe that what is here written shall be literally accomplished — 'the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David; and he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever?' "

"I do not," answered the A-millennialist, "but rather take it to be figurative language, descriptive of Christ's spiritual reign over the church."

"Then," replied the Jew, "neither do I believe literally the words preceding, which say that this Son of David should be born of a virgin; but take them to be merely a figurative manner of describing the remarkable character for purity of him who is the subject of the prophecy."

"But why," continued the Jew, "do you refuse to believe literally verses 32 and 33, while you believe implicitly the far more incredible statement of verse 31?"

"I believe it," replied the A-millennialist, "because it is a fact."

"Ah!" exclaimed the Jew, with an inexpressible air of scorn and triumph, "*you* believe Scripture because it is a fact; I believe it because it is the Word of God."

The Messiahship of Sun Myung Moon -- Part 2

By Demas Brubacher

[This article is Part 2 of an article 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.]

III. The Messiah

The purpose of Messiah is to bring mankind back to connect with God's love. Original sin, but not total depravity, which has broken the connection must be indemnified. yet Messiah cannot do it by Himself. It is necessary for humanity to make some sort of conditional foundation acceptable to God. God's method has been to summon champi-

ons out of the world to give up themselves for the purpose and plan of God in bringing mankind back to Himself.

Men such as Abel, Noah, Abraham, Jacob, Moses, and John the Baptist started their life of faith centered on God. They received instructions from God and not themselves. They lived lonely lives and were persecuted by the world. Moon says he learned these truths from Jesus directly since there are many hidden truths in the Bible which are not written explicitly (pgs. 55-57). God used these champions” to reveal His will. However, each one of these champions failed to hold his foundation of faith and forfeited this kingdom. It is with the Messiah theme that we learn of salvation.

A. First Adam

Creation is when God takes form. “God's investment of energy, idea, and love is the creation.” Creation is when God projected Himself into a substantial form. He made Himself incarnate symbolically in the universe, and He made Himself incarnate directly in man and woman.” Creation is the “second self, the visible God” (pg. 18). All created objects are the symbol of God and all mankind is the image of God. God the spirit has also become visible in His creation (Outline of The Principle, pgs. 1, 10-11).

God created Adam and Eve and gave them three blessings, which if they had fulfilled them, would have given them salvation. Adam and Eve were not created perfect else they could not have sinned. Genesis 1:28 describes the mandate. (1) Man's ability to perfect his character. (2) Man's ability to have an ideal family. After Adam and Eve would have attained individual perfection they could have married and had a family of sinless children. By having children man feels the love that God feels toward him. They would have become the True Parents of a perfect Kingdom of God's people on earth. This was God's original will. (3) God gave man the right of dominion over the whole creation (Outline of The Principle, pgs. 26-28).

The fall of man and the subsequent frustration of God occurred when the serpent who was an angel committed the sin of fornication with Eve. Eve, now having fallen and sinned sexually, tempted her husband-to-be Adam who also committed fornication with Eve. In this way Adam and Eve forsook God, their true fa-

ther, and became one with a false father, Satan. Fallen man belongs now to Satan's lineage as a result of Eve's committing fornication with the angel. By partaking of the fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil (Eve) which was sexual love, all human beings have been born as the children of Satan. Original sin has been passed from generation to generation (Outline of The Principle, pgs. 54-57). The Tree of Life (Adam) represents the returning Messiah and pictures hope for man. Each man must make himself into a tree of life.

Moon suggests that God, having been robbed of the love of His first daughter Eve, is sorrowful and grieving. It is the responsibility of mankind, through the champions of love and their example to emulate the love of God and “liberate God” from His sorrow by restoring joy to His heart with obedient children (pgs. 22-23).

B. Second Adam.

Moon theology teaches that Jesus was the Son of God but was not a co-equal member of the Godhead trinity. He believes in one God only. Jesus had the true message of God and was sent to earth by God to accomplish the ideal will of God — namely, to set up the Kingdom of heaven on earth. Jesus was born sinless of the virgin Mary. Jesus' qualifications were better than any other religious leader because He came out of the heavenly lineage. Mary was also sinless in giving birth to Jesus.

The story is fascinating. God and Satan had been bargaining and struggling for thousands of years over the production of a “woman's

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Quiz The Pastor

"Preaching To The Dead"

By the late Nick Michalinos, Pastor
Austin Ave. Baptist Church, 403 E. Austin Ave.
Pasadena, TX 77502

**"Nick"
With the Lord**

What a shock! I had talked with Bro. Nick just a week before I received word that he had died of a heart attack August 2. He had been one of my closest friends going back to the 50's, and he and his church had been strong supporters of our mission work and me in Mexico for all these years. He and I had just completed arrangements whereby he would write a monthly column entitled "Quiz the Pastor", and now he is with the Lord. Words cannot express our sadness at losing this great friend and brother.

We ask our readers to remember in prayer the Austin Avenue Baptist Church of Pasadena, Texas. This was a tremendous shock to them, and now they must seek a pastor for the church. Bro. Nick founded the church and he had been their only pastor for around 45 years, and now they must face the task of calling a new pastor.

Please remember his wife Jeanette, along with the other members of the family, and especially the church as they seek the Lord's will in calling the man God would have to pastor that great church.
— MLM

QUESTION: I am puzzled by a verse found in 1 Peter 4:6 where it is written that the gospel was preached also to them that are dead.

ANSWER: I think we need to look at this verse in a careful way in order to clear up a misconception in our minds. It reads: "For this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to man in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit" (1 Pet. 4:6). The main thought here in this verse is found by noticing the words, "them that *are* dead." It doesn't say "them that *were* dead." The gospel was not preached to those who are physically dead. This is not the meaning here. The meaning is that those who are now physically dead at the time when Peter wrote these words of 1 Peter 4:6, were physically alive on earth when the gospel was actually preached to them. The words "them that are dead," has reference to possibly saved believers who had since died. They had once heard and had received the good news of salvation by faith in Christ as Savior before their deaths. A preacher might say: "In my ministry, I preached to many folks that are dead." Of course we would have no difficulty in believing that the preaching was carried out while the "many folks" were alive physically, but were now physically dead when the statement was made. This is the truth behind the scripture under discussion.

There is no second chance beyond this life to be saved. "It is appointed unto man once to die, but after this the judgement" (Heb. 9:27). Don't expect any imaginary mercy beyond the grave.

There is an interesting portion of scripture found in the previous chapter, in 1 Peter 3:18:20, that deals with practically the same thought: "For Christ ... being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: by which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison; which sometimes were disobedient, when once the long-suffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water." The meaning here is similar to the verse we've already discussed in 1 Peter 4:6.

Some have the idea that Christ, between His death on the cross and His resurrection three days later, went and preached to lost spirits who were imprisoned in the spirit underworld. However, this is not what these verses teach as I will show you. The word "prison" here is used with regard to the spiritual realm (see Rev. 20:3, 7, Satan's "prison"), the unseen spirit world, the Hadean world (Lk. 16:23-31) where lost spirits reside and are reserved unto "the day of judgement to be punished" (2 Pet. 2:9; Rev. 20:13-14). Let's notice what we have here.

(1) Now when was this preaching done? Our text states: "in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing (being built by Noah)." This occurred just before the flood "in the days of Noah." Christ did not go down to Hades and preach the gospel to "spirits in prison." This preaching was done "in the days of Noah."

(2) Now who did the preaching in that day? By continuing the flow of thought from 1 Pet. 3:18 into verse 19 we see that "Christ ... by the (Holy) Spirit ... went and preached." We are told in Genesis 6:3, "And the Lord said, *My Spirit* shall not always strive (contend, plead) with man." From this we can see that Christ through the Holy Spirit was striving with those folks just before the flood. But, by what means did the Holy Spirit use to "strive" with them? He used the "preaching" of the great man Noah, for Noah was "a preacher of righteousness" (2 Pet. 2:5). Noah was a Holy man (one set-apart) and "Holy men of God (like Noah who had no Bible) spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit" (2 Pet. 1:21; 1 Pet. 1:11). His preaching was also illustrated by the "ark" itself as it served to picture the way of escape from the impending judgment that was to soon befall mankind, and by preparing the ark "he condemned the world" (Heb. 11:7). So we have Christ sending the Spirit and the Spirit spoke through a human instrument, Noah, and Noah preached to the people.

(3) What was the response to the Spirit's striving through Noah's preaching and his building of the ark? It is said they were "disobedient" (1 Pet. 3:20), which means they gave a negative response to the pleading of Noah. They were not obedient to the "strivings" of the Spirit through Noah. They resisted the Spirit (Acts 7:51) when they resisted Noah's preaching. Obviously no one truly believed his message as only eight people were saved by (through) water (1 Pet. 3:20), Noah and his wife, and his

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Graduation Crowd For Seminary

The above picture is a portion of the crowd that attended the graduation last June of the Latin American Baptist Theological Seminary in Cárdenas, Tabasco. Because of the size of the crowd, I had to take three pictures in order to get all of the crowd, and what you see above is a composite of two of the pictures. These pictures were made from color slides, so the quality is not as good as if they had been black and white pictures. We estimate that there were more than 600 present for the graduation. Stories about the graduation appeared in the August issue of **The Baptist Challenge**.

Classes for this next year will begin in September so we ask your prayers for the new school year.

A Politically Correct Bible?

By Gene Seay

My wife and I often take in the garage sales around our home. Why pay new prices for things that we can get as good as new for a small fraction of the new cost. Often, at these garage sales, we see various versions of the Bible, and are amazed at how many there are. We are wondering just how soon it will be before a politically correct version of the Bible hits the Christian (?) book stores. I suppose then we will have politically correct preaching from the pulpits. I wonder if I am the only chauvinist that has not been rehabilitated?

Should Matthew 10:10 read "work person" instead of "workman?"

In 2 Samuel 9:3 Mephibosheth is said to be "lame on

his feet." To be politically correct should it read "bipedally challenged?"

Look at Luke 18:10-13. A politically correct Bible would probably tell us that the Pharisee had good self-esteem, while the publican had low self-esteem. After all, one must feel good about one's self, or so we are told. Poor publican!

A politically correct Bible must not teach that anyone will be judged for his conduct (or to be politically correct, his or her conduct).

Will a preacher stand in the pulpit some day and teach that Moses should have realized that for the purpose of "family planning" "a woman's right to choose" to kill her babies must be respected and protected?

Will we hear from the pulpit some day that Rahab once practiced the oldest, and therefore the most honorable, profession in the world?

Will the politically correct

Bible tell us that Esau should have respected an animal's right to live, a good reason to outlaw bows and arrows and leather sandals?

Will this new politically correct version tell us that the angels that visited Sodom and Gomorrah were prejudiced against gays that were standing up for their rights to march on the home of Lot in protest? And will we be told from the pulpits that homosexuality is a perfectly legitimate lifestyle?

Of course we will hear that Jezebel must not be judged too harshly. After all she had a traumatic childhood.

And of course the social safety net failed Lazarus (the one at the rich man's door), and he fell through the cracks.


And I suppose that the new version will teach that even ridicule must conform to strict politically correct rules.

The wording in 2 Kings 2:23, that records the children ridiculing Elisha, will probably read, "Go up, thou follically challenged: Go up thou follically challenged."

In Exodus 21:22 it says, "If men strive, and hurt a woman with child, so that her fruit depart from her, and yet no mischief follow: he shall be surely punished...." But surely the politically correct version will not require punishment. After all an unborn child is not really a human being. It is only a biological mass.

The woman at the well in Samaria (Jn. 4:17-18) had five husbands and one "significant other."

Now perhaps you think this is not possible, but do not be surprised if it happens. Years ago if you had told me of the things that are going on today I would not have believed it.

Even so, come Lord Jesus, and save us from all this silliness. 

Bro. "Chepe" and Family

A Lesson In Socialism

The above picture was taken in the home of Bro. José "Chepe" Hernandez. Most of our readers know from previous articles in **TBC** that he was critically injured in an automobile accident when a drunk driver hit a bus and then the bus veered into his car, hitting him headon. He suffered a concussion, a broken collar bone, three fractures in his left arm, and a broken pelvis. We appreciate the many prayers that have been offered on his behalf, and when visiting with him, he asked me to express to all of you his appreciation for the prayers and for the many cards that he received.

Bro. Chepe is not only

pastor of the First Baptist Church "Prince of Peace" in Villahermosa, but he is also one of our seminary teachers. This will probably cause us a little difficulty in beginning our seminary this year, as it is unlikely that he will be able to teach his classes beginning in September.

Bro. Chepe lives in an apartment that is built over the church building, and the church has setup a TV camera in the auditorium so that he is able to see the church services by means of closed-circuit television. He also has a microphone at his bedside so that he is able to talk to the church, make announcements, etc. When we were there for services on Sunday morning, he also closed the services in prayer.

We ask that you continue to remember him in your prayers. He is still not able to leave the house since there are so many steps to go down (except for doctor's appointments), and he got out of bed so that we could take his picture with his family. He is able to get around with the use of a walker a little, but mostly has to remain in bed.

Please continue to remem-

ber him in your prayers, not only for his health but also financially as he has doctor bills to pay. If any would like to assist in the payment of these bills you can send your offerings to the church here in Little Rock and we will see that they are forwarded to him.

It takes a clear mind to look all the way through a statement. Take the socialist-communist idea of taking from each according to his ability, and giving to each according to his need. To the untrained mind, this sounds great!

In fact, you can ask almost any group of young high school students what they think of that idea, and they'll tell you it's great! If you doubt this, try it. Just ask, what do you think of a form of government which advocates the idea of taking from each person according to his ability, and giving to each according to his need? And see what kind of an answer you get!!

You see, this has been tested. Thomas J. Shelly, teacher of economics and history of Yonkers High School, Yonkers, New York, found that the idea was generally accepted without question by most of his pupils. In an effort to explain the fallacy in this theory, he frequently tries this approach with his pupils:

Applying the Principle Of Socialism To High School Grades

When one of the brighter or harder-working pupils makes a grade of 95 on a test, the teacher suggests that he take away 20 points and give them to a student who has made

only 55 points on his test. Thus, each would contribute according to his ability; and since both would have a passing mark, each would receive according to his need. After the teacher has juggled the grades of all the other pupils in this fashion, the result is usually a "common ownership" grade of between 75 and 80 — the minimum needed for passing, or for survival. Then he speculates with the pupils as to the probable results if he actually used the socialistic theory for grading papers. First, the highly-productive pupils, and they are always a minority in school as well as in life, would soon lose all incentive for producing. Why strive to make a high grade if part of it is taken from you by the "authority" and given to someone else? Secondly, the less productive pupils, a majority in school as elsewhere, would, for a time, be relieved of the necessity to study or to produce. This socialist-communist system would continue until the high producers had sunk, or had been driven down, to the level of the low producers.

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Socialism and Communism Always Lead To Dictatorship

At that point, in order for anyone to survive, the "authority" would have no alternative but to begin a system of compulsory labor and punishments against even the low producers. They, of course, would then complain bitterly, but without understanding.

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The Local Church Body, Its Institution, Its Commission, Its Magna Carta

By W. Lee Rector

Luke 6:12-13 tells the story of the Lord personally instituting His church during His earthly ministry. Matthew 16:18 reveals the Master, having already founded His church, declaring to its members that He would build His church throughout all the ages to come upon Himself, the solid rock. Matthew 28:19-20, reveals the Lord commissioning His house, the local church, to witness for Him, even unto the end of the world. Acts 1:8 reveals the Lord issuing His Magna Carta, liberating the body He founded and making it responsible to Him and to Him only. "Ye shall be witnesses unto me."

These Scriptures disclose the institution, the commission, and the Magna Carta of the local church body.

The Local Body Instituted By Christ

The church was founded by Christ during His personal ministry on earth. In Luke 6:12-13, the Lord calls out His disciples form the world and institutes His church witness. He ordained apostles and set them first in the church (Lk. 6:13; 1 Cor. 12:28). The name, "apostle," is an official title given by the Lord indicating the office assumed by the twelve. He gave His body official leadership.

Not only do we find that the Lord called out this church body in the first year of His public ministry and sent out

the twelve to witness for Him, and later the seventy, but we find Him declaring in Matthew 16:18 that He gave the church full authority to represent heaven. This delegated authority would build throughout the ages His witness upon Himself. To this end, it is set forth in Matthew 16:19 which says, "And I will give unto thee (the church) the keys (authority) of the Kingdom of Heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

He not only delivered to this body authority to speak for heaven, and incidentally, it is the only body in this world possessing authority to speak for God, but He made it the custodian of two ordinances, the Lord's Supper, and church baptism. In Matthew 26:26-29, He delivered the ordinance of the Lord's Supper to the church and in Matthew 28:19 delivered it the ordinance of baptism. Of these, He surely made the local church the custodian. The Scriptures clearly show that the Lord instituted His church as His witness, gave it authority to speak for Him among the sons of men, and the responsibility of administering His will among the sons of men, the Holy Spirit guiding.

The Local Body Commissioned By Christ

The church of the living God, the Master's witness, was

commissioned by the Lord Jesus, (Mt. 28:19-20), to do three things — make disciples, baptize the saved, and teach the commands of the Lord Jesus. Accordingly the church must preach the Word, baptize the saved, and teach the evangelized.

It is important to observe that the authority *to bind* and *to loose* and the commission *to evangelize, to baptize, and to teach* was given to the local church body, and not to an individual, nor to a denomination, nor to an aggregate of saved souls. The authority to act and the commission to do was given to the local church body only, and said authority and commission is held today by one body and one body only, namely, the local church. In the light of the commission, a denominational board or committee has no authority whatsoever to initiate and push a mission program for the Master. This is so because the Lord never gave such an agency the authority to thus do. So, if a denominational board or committee presumes to build a mission program, such action is without scriptural sanction, and runs contrary to the Lord's plan of evangelizing the world. Such function by extra-scriptural agencies does violence to the ministry of the Holy Spirit in the churches, substitutes the will of men for the will of the Lord in His evangelistic and missionary endeavors, and fashions a denominational life extremely vulnerable and thus makes it easy for *the god of this world* to mold us Baptists into a godless ecclesiasticism.

It is also important here to note that the church of the living God was not only commissioned by the Lord Jesus Christ, but we have manifold evidence of its institution and operation before the Day of

Pentecost, following the resurrection of our Lord. Evidence of its institution and operation during His personal ministry is revealed in the following scriptures: Luke 6:12-13 reveals the institution of the local church. Matthew 16:18-19 reveals the Lord giving it authority to represent heaven. Matthew 18:15-17 reveals the Lord giving instruction to this body how to deal with unruly church members. Matthew 26:26-29 reveals the Lord setting within this body the Lord's Supper and making it the custodian thereof. Matthew 28:19 reveals the Lord instituting the ordinance of baptism and setting it in the local body and giving full control over the ordinance. Acts 1:4 discloses the Lord assembled together with them (the disciples in and of the local church). Acts 1:5 reveals the Lord advising the church that the promises made the church's empowerment were about to be fulfilled. Acts 1:8 reveals the Lord *liberating* His church witness, making it never responsible to earthly agencies, institutions, or individuals. Acts 1:12-14 reveals this church in a prayer meeting. Acts 1:15-26 reveals the same body in a business meeting. *All of these instances reflect the existence of the body organized by Christ, and its actual operation before the Day of Pentecost, following the Lord's resurrection.* Accordingly, all Christian brethren who teach that the church was instituted on the Day of Pentecost, following the resurrection of Christ do so without scriptural foundation or warrant.

The question might be raised, "Why should anyone want to teach that the church was founded by the disciples on the Day of Pentecost, fol-

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dates of fellowship meetings of in-
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enough in advance.

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lowing the resurrection of the
Lord Jesus?" In answer, we must
say, the basic reason for such
teaching must be found in an
attempt to justify the appearance
of denominational bodies this
side of Christ. These obviously
seek to make men the creators of
the first church body, that they
may find justification for the late
appearance of other denomina-
tional life. The idea of founding
the Lord's witness, His church
body, on the Day of Pentecost,
gives satisfaction and encour-
agement to Catholics, Method-
ists, Presbyterians, Lutherans,
Congregationalists, Anglicans,
Campbellites, Nazarenes,
Pentecostals, etc., etc., ad
infinitum. But the facts are, the
scriptures above show beyond
doubt that the Lord's witness
was instituted by Him personally
and was operative during His

earthly personal ministry among
the sons of men, and, of course,
continues today.

While the Lord was on
earth He personally witnessed
unto the will of His Father in
His own fleshly body. He
preached the gospel. He exem-
plified glad tidings. He saved
souls from their sins. And He
established His church to be
His mouthpiece, or voice, to
carry on in an organized way
in the place of Himself in His
human body. The local church
was and is His witness. The
local church in its organized
life was created to continue
the incarnate ministry of our
Lord among the sons of men.

The Local Body Liberated By Christ


The local body had to
witness in a bad world. The
race was and is alien to God.
The heart of man was and is
reprobate, vile, and wicked.
The nature of man was and is
anti-God, anti-Christ, and anti-
Holy Spirit. Truly, "the carnal
mind is enmity against God."
Because the world is anti-God
and anti-righteous, it needs
God's message of light, and
life, and love. The local
church was commissioned to
give these to the world. While
commissioned to give the
world knowledge of God's
fathomless love, infinite labors,
and everlasting salvation, the
Lord gloriously safeguarded
the ministry of His witness by
issuing and delivering to it His
Magna Carta, thus He shielded
it from the shrewd designs
and manipulations and wiles of
the devil. The Lord made the
body He founded responsible
to Him and to Him only.
Hence we see the significance
of the decree, "Ye shall be
witnesses unto me." By this
He says to His local churches,
*"Go and tell the gospel story
and then bring your reports*

*to Me — bring your reports
to Me, and not to Associa-
tions, Fellowships, not to
Conventions, not to Alliances.
Bring your reports unto Me."*

Thus Acts 1:8 becomes
the Magna Carta of the local
Baptist churches in all the
ages. What a charge, indeed,
it is!

In history, we witness the
nobles of England wresting
their liberties from an oppres-
sive king at the price of their
own blood, and thus the
Magna Carta of 1215 guaran-
teeing their liberty became a
reality. In 1689, the Bill of
Rights, the charter of liberty
for the great middle class of
England became a reality. But
this charter became a reality at
the price of blood. The middle
classes had to fight both the
nobility and the King to ob-
tain their freedom. In 1884, the
great working classes of En-
gland, the proletariat, after
years and years of war and
bloodshed, finally wrested their
charter of liberties from the
middle classes, the nobles, and
the king, but this charter, the
Reform Bill of 1884, came at
the price of much bloodshed.

The Magna Carta of ev-
ery local Baptist church came
at the price of bloodshed, not
bloodshed by the sons of
men, but bloodshed by the
Son of God. Thus we under-
stand the significance of
Ephesians 5:25, where it is
said that Christ loved the
church and gave His life for it.
Having purchased it as His
own witness with His own
blood, He gave it everlasting
freedom and that freedom is
disclosed in the Magna Carta
of Acts 1:8, "Ye shall be wit-
nesses unto me."

If we Baptists will let
these mighty truths sink into
our hearts we shall find a
peace and an understanding
that we greatly need in this
age and in this hour. 

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Promise Keepers Alert

Should Involvement In PK Be A Test of Fellowship Among Independent Baptists?

By Dr. L. K. Landis

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The July 1996 issue of "The Wilderness Voice" came across my desk with the following article concerning the Promise Keepers movement so widespread today. It is possible that there are some readers of **The Baptist Challenge** that have attended a PK rally. I hope that it was in ignorance and because they were not aware of the implications involved in such an association.

The following article should give everyone something to think about if they believe that an independent Baptist can cooperate with Promise Keepers without compromising his (or her) church and his own personal testimony. —The Editor

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In the June 1996 issue of the **Plains Baptist Challenger**, Pastor/Editor E. L. Bynum wrote an editorial entitled "Promise Keepers, Drawing a Line in the Sand." In his editorial Bro. Bynum stated boldly, "The Tabernacle Baptist Church and pastor, of Lubbock, Texas will not knowingly fellowship with churches and pastors that are in any way involved in Promise Keepers This means that we will not support the missionaries sent out by their churches, or cooperate with them in any other way." Perhaps some would question, "is this really necessary"? Is this

Promise Keepers organization of such an evil nature that it should further divide independent Baptists? Is there any precedent for such an action in the Scriptures? Should churches allow involvement in PK to be a litmus test for fellowship? In order to properly answer these questions, we must examine the differences between Promise Keepers and true independent Baptist churches. In order for a New Testament Baptist church and/or its pastor to become involved with Promise Keepers several things must occur.

I

The church and its pastor must be willing to overlook doctrinal differences with other churches and denominations. Instead of standing up for the precious doctrines of the New Testament, PK churches must, indeed, say that doctrine is unimportant. Read John 7:16-17. PK is comprised by a scrambled mixture of all sorts of beliefs. For instance, there are those among its leaders, radical charismatics who believe that speaking in an unknown tongue is essential to salvation. Then there are among its leaders and featured speakers Campbellites who adhere to the doctrine of baptismal regeneration or of a salvation by water. Also among its ranks are those who believe that communion, christening, catechism, confirmation and

confession all work together to redeem a soul from hell. In order for a genuine Baptist church to become involved in PK, it must be willing to accept those who claim salvation outside the perimeter of the blood of Jesus as brothers beloved.

This pastor and this church are unwilling to do that. It is our firm conviction that God always has, does now, and forever more will have, only one plan of salvation and that is by His grace. How a Baptist can go to a PK rally and hold hands with a cultist, a charismatic or a Catholic and call him "brother" is totally beyond me.

Recently I had a telephone conversation with a man whom I have known for about three years. He is the youth director for a church in New York and has a side business of delivering antique cars. I had purchased a car in Massachusetts and called him to see if he could deliver it to me. During the course of our conversation, he asked, "Brother, have you been to Promise Keepers yet?" To which I replied "No". He then said he had just returned from a PK rally in Syracuse, New York where 40,000 men had joined hands to form a prayer chain. He then told me something that nearly knocked me off my chair. He said, "I came away from that meeting with a new understanding. It was great. The brother next to me was a Jehovah's Witness. It was great!". Calling a JW a brother? What a slap at God's salvation! That brings us to our next point.

II

In order for a church and pastor to be involved in PK, they must be willing to accept cultists as "brothers in Christ".

They must be willing to give legitimacy to their beliefs, regardless of how strange or unscriptural they may be. Folks, this is nothing short of disgusting apostasy. To hold hands with a JW and call him a brother is a sin. Remember 2 John 10-11? "*If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.*" Baptists who will hold hands with cultists are traitors to the Bible, our Baptist forefathers who died fighting for their beliefs, and to the cause of Christ. PK attendees may squeal like a stuck hog over my saying this, but truth is truth. Baptists who would hold hands with Mormons, JWs, Catholics and hyper-charismatics and call them "brother" are guilty of treading under foot the blood of Christ. They are guilty of desertion from the army of Jesus Christ.

Article after article has appeared in major independent Baptist periodicals exposing the link of PK to the cults. It then stands to reason that those pastors who lead and encourage their men to become involved with the Promise Keepers organization see nothing wrong with Mormonism, etc. They are either terribly naive or wickedly and willfully ignorant.

III

In order for the pastor of an independent Baptist church to approve of PK involvement on the part of the men of the church he pastors, he then must be willing to allow these men to sit under the instruction and teaching of heretics.

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Speakers at PK rallies have included Catholic priests, tongue-talking Pentecostal leaders and Campbellites. Any Baptist pastor who would commit such a dastardly deed is an unfaithful shepherd of the Lord's flock. Consider Ezekiel 34:7-10. Those pastors who would lead their men to these gatherings of nuts, fruits and flakes satisfy the description of a "foolish shepherd" given in the book of Zechariah.

IV

It is evident because of the position that PK takes on the Scriptures that no strong KJV pastor could ever be a part or have a part in the Promise Keepers organization. To be involved with this group would require a compromising of the Word of God, the King James Bible. The very ecumenical nature of PK demands an acceptance of the modern versions and the corrupt texts from which those versions are taken. They despise and reject the KJV because it condemns such alliances with apostates (2 Cor. 6:17; Rev. 18:4). I say again that no man can claim to be a proponent of the KJV and be a part of the PK movement. It is impossible. It is a contradiction. If a pastor sends (or worse takes) his men to Promise Keepers then he is guilty of leading his men into unholy alliances with modernists, cultists, heretics, Bible-deniers and apostates.

It is evident then that a pastor of a church who is involved with the Promise Keepers must do four things:

(1) They must accept the doctrines of baptismal regeneration, church membership


and "works" as viable alternatives to the Biblical doctrine of salvation by grace.

(2) They must accept cultists, charismatics and Catholics and their doctrines and beliefs as being within the acceptable context of Biblical Christianity.

(3) They must recognize PK leaders as "men of God" and accept their ministries as being ordained of God.

(4) They must accept the corrupted texts as reliable and preferable.

Now, dear friends, this pastor and Fellowship Baptist Church cannot and will not fellowship with anyone who accepts these four philosophies as truth. Therefore we will stand with the Scriptures, we will stand with Bro. Bynum and Tabernacle Baptist Church in Lubbock, Texas. Any church who affiliates themselves in any way with the Promise Keepers movement does not love nor stand for the truth and is "Anathema". They have "Ichabod" written over their doorpost. We will have no fellowship with them.

I have recently learned that the sponsoring church of one of the missionaries we support is involved with Promise Keepers. If this is indeed the case, then we cannot continue to support the ministry of that missionary as long as he is sponsored out of that apostate church(?). It is our conviction that the Promise Keepers movement is a stench in the nostrils of God. It lends credibility to soul-damning cults. It is led by Bible-deniers, haters of the truth and heretics. And participants in their meetings and rallies are guilty of being yoked together with unbelievers. God have mercy on that unfaithful shepherd who willingly leads his men to the slaughter among the wolves of the Promise Keepers organization. 

Religion & Public Life

By Haven Bradford Gow


Ironically, it was the late U.S. Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas (well-known for his liberal judicial philosophy) who observed in the 1952 case of **Zorach v. Clauson** that "The First Amendment does not say that in every and all respects there shall be a separation of Church and State. Otherwise, the state and religion would be aliens to each other — hostile, suspicious, and even unfriendly." Mr. Justice Douglas added: "We are a religious people whose institutions presuppose a Supreme Being."

The Founding Fathers intended the First Amendment not to insulate society and the state from the influence of religion, but, rather, to preserve and protect religion and religious freedom from transgressions by the state; they understood that a society's public morality depends upon a religious foundation, and that the wholesome influence of religion on private and public morality is essential to the survival of a free and civilized society; consequently, they wanted government to champion and defend religion and religious freedom.

In his book **The Bully Pulpit: The Presidential Leadership of Ronald Reagan** (ICS Press, 720 Market Street, San Francisco, Calif.), William Muir, Jr., a former speechwriter for Vice President George Bush and professor of political science at the University of California (Berkeley), points out that President Ronald Reagan shared and articulated the Founding Fathers' favorable view toward religion and reli-

gious freedom. As President Reagan noted in a 1984 speech in Dallas, Texas, "Without God, there is no virtue, because there's no prompting of the conscience. Without God, we're mired in the material, that flat world that tells us only what the senses perceive. Without God, there is a coarsening of society. And without God, democracy will not and cannot long endure. If we ever forget that we're one nation under God, then we will be a nation gone under."

President Reagan's view of religion and religious freedom in American public life is buttressed by these facts: Prayer remains an integral part of many government functions and institutions. Sessions of Congress and many state legislatures commence with prayer. The president-elect takes his oath of office with his hand on the Bible. The standard form for oaths for sworn testimony contains the phrase, "so help me, God." Each new session of the U.S. Supreme Court opens with the declaration, "God save the United States and this honorable court."

These facts serve to buttress the contention that, as Jewish Theological Seminary of America scholar-educator Rabbi Seymour Siegel observes, "Whatever the meaning of the First Amendment, which prohibits the *establishment* of a state religion, it certainly did not mean the separation of religion from public institutions and functions." 

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To A Pastor's Wife

By Paul Flowers

(This appeared in **The Baptist Challenge**, September 1966. But it is such a tribute to pastors' wives everywhere that I'd like to see it in print again. Much is said and written about the pastor, but too little in appreciation of his faithful wife. This will not fit a few wives-of-pastors, but it does fit most of them, bless

'em)

It is long overdue, so here's a bow to the pastor's wife.

She has to be, at one and the same time, a perfect companion, an immaculate housekeeper, an ideal mother, an accomplished teacher, an infallible source of wisdom in matters religious, social, domestic, and even economic; a fountain of overflowing sympathy for those who come to her with real and fancied troubles; a business manager able to buy \$2 worth of living with every \$1 of income; a diplo-

mat, and a musician.

She has to have poise, sweetness, composure and dignity, even in the midst of the most violent emotional storms that rage about her. And then, when the day's work is done, she has to turn cheerleader and convince her pastor-husband that he is not a failure, that his burdens are not too heavy to bear, and that he really has one friend left in a materialistic and unthinking world.

Sunday is her big day. For then she rises with the dawn and feeds her pastor, who like many public characters, is under tension before facing the public. While she scrubs her brood, if she did not get it done Saturday night, she must soft-pedal the confusion so that he will not be distracted while he mentally goes over points one, two and three of the forthcoming sermon, with appropriate attention to subtopics a, b and c under each.

She must leave the house in first-class condition, and betake herself and the children to Sunday school ahead of time — to be late would be unforgivable, for the pastor's family must set an example.

She must herd her own youngsters into the proper places, with quiet admonishments to remember that they must not bring reproach upon their father, and remind them to meet her after Sunday school, to sit quietly and with proper respect while their father dispenses the gospel. She probably teaches a Sunday school class, and must be prepared to do it equally well with the Nursery as with the Grandmother's Class. Doubtless she will have to play the piano for the class songs, or at least lead the singing.


She'd better have dinner

prepared in advance, for there's no telling when a fellow minister, an old collegemate of the pastor's will appear, and naturally be asked to the "pastorium" for dinner.

Church over, she must remain with the pastor until the last lingering brother and sister have gone home, and — she must have tender words and gracious smiles for all of them.

She must be by his side every time the church doors open, whether it be prayer meeting, choir practice or teacher's meeting, and she must be active in the missionary society. Perhaps she may stay away from meetings of the deacons, but she can devote those idle moments to phoning members of the flock who were absent from services last Sunday. She must call on the sick and afflicted, and sew for the orphans, and keep socks darned for her own brood.

The pastor's wife earns her keep, and what is more, she does it because she wants to. She loves her pastor-husband, she is devoted to the ideals of his calling, and she loves people, those who need his ministrations and her comfort.

There ought to be a special place of honor in the Sweet By and By for pastor's wives. 

The Preacher's Wife

You may talk of the work of the greatest man,
You may rave about statesmen and teachers;
You may tell all about their achievements, and then,
Let me tell you of the wives of the preachers.

No martyr was more steadfast and true;
No soldier was ever more brave;
She's a genius at home, she's a diplomat, too;
And the best mother God ever gave.

She has met disappointments with courage so high;
She has battled grim poverty, too,
With a smile on her face and a light in her eye,
And a hope each morning that is new.

She is often alone, but she'll never complain;
And she cheerfully stays by the stuff;
Knowing well that her loss is her dear Mater's gain,
And his smile of approval is enough.

She never gets all of the credit that's due,
For most of it goes to the preacher;
Few know of the faith and the courage so true,
Of this gentle and wonderful creature.

There is coming a day when the whole world shall hear
From the lips of the Crucified One,
Her story in full, told in words sweet and clear,
Hear Him say to her softly, "Well done."

And I think that when all their labors are o'er,
And we know all their unselfish lives,
We'll honor more highly than ever before,
The preachers' most wonderful wives.

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Disney's "Hunchback."

A recent SBC resolution criticized the Walt Disney Co. for participation in family-oriented cruises which promote the active use of alcohol and gambling, hosting of homosexual/lesbian theme nights at its parks, and production of questionable material through subsidiary corporations. Disney's latest film/video release, *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, has "bold depictions of torture, sensuality, and lust ... clearly inappropriate for children" (7/13 *World*). A *Hunchback* actor says he won't take his 4-year-old to see it. Amid bad theology and sexual images and text, are overtones of the homosexual agenda. The film is "scary (as devilish figures haunt the bad guy) and sexy (with a gyrating dance)," says the 6/24 *USN&WR*. It has "plenty of dark moments, including the chief villain singing of his desire for Esmeralda, the voluptuous Gypsy" (6/19 *HT*). Disney has been perverted by its own perversion — its president says 40% of its employees might be gay. — CC

Kuwait Says Christian Convert Has Nothing To Fear. The Kuwaiti government says Robert Hussein, a former Muslim who converted to Christianity and was convicted of apostasy by a religious court, need not fear for his life even though the court noted the penalty for apostasy

is execution. "There is no evidence that he was being persecuted or ill treated, since the government guarantees his personal safety and his right to live," government legal advisers told the English-language Kuwait Times newspaper Thursday (July 11), Reuters said. Hussein is in hiding.

Going To Church Is Good For You Health. Regular attendance at church is good for your health, according to a series of scientific studies quoted by the international news magazine, *Time*. "People who regularly attend religious services have been found to have lower blood pressure, less heart disease, lower rates of depression and generally better health than those who don't attend," the magazine reports in a cover article about changing attitudes to health.

U. S. Senate Approves Legislation To Form Gambling Panel. The U.S. Senate has approved legislation establishing a commission to study the impact of gambling. The Senate voted July 17 to approve a slightly different version of a bill passed in March by the House of Representatives. The House was expected to OK the Senate version July 22, a House staff member said. President Clinton has expressed support for the legislation.

Hare Krishna: A Modern Offshoot of an Ancient Movement. The Hare Krishna sect is a modern offshoot of a 16th-century Hindu devotional movement. The sect traces its theology to the Bhagavad-gita, a 5,000-year-old Sanskrit text, and worships the Hindu deity Lord Krishna as the "supreme personality of the Godhead." Members of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON), as Hare Krishna is formally called, are supposed to refrain from eating meat, fish or eggs; gambling, having sex outside of heterosexual marriage and for other than procreation; and ingesting intoxicants of any kind — including tobacco, coffee or tea. Devotees adopt a two-part spiritual name: "Dasa" for men and "Dasi" for women, denoting they are servants of God, coupled with a Sanskrit word describing one of Krishna's many attributes. ISKCON teaches that adhering to these prohibitions enhances physical, mental and spiritual well-being. Hare Krishna devotees chant Lord Krishna's various names to achieve "Krishna consciousness" and to propagate love of God. They believe that Lord Krishna is the same God worshiped by all major religions. — RNS

"Politically Correct" Hymnals. The near frantic production of new hymnals in mainline Protestant denominations that emphasize pluralism, inclusivism, multiculturalism, and environmentalism is especially evident in the ecumeni-

cal *New Century Hymnal*, endorsed by the United Church of Christ. Very few hymns are addressed to God the Father or Son. God is sometimes blasphemously depicted as bisexual or androgynous — containing both masculine and feminine traits. The Trinity is questioned when we rejoice in "our Father who lifts us when we fall, and our Mother who gives us birth." — CC

Teacher Wins Right To Post Notices. Teacher Carol Eiben hoped to publicize her church's Easter pageant by posting notices in the teachers' lounge. The notices were repeatedly torn down and thrown in the trash. Federal courts have stated that viewpoint discrimination -- allowing all forms of speech except Christian ones -- is blatantly unconstitutional. When the very liberal and anti-Christian school district would not help her, Eiben filed a suit. The judge ruled in her favor and issued a permanent injunction against the school's discriminatory policy.

IFCA'S Gregory Hits PK's "Integrity" Hypocrisy. Dr. Richard Gregory, national executive director of the Independent Fundamental Churches of America, recently asked a Promise Keepers leader, "Is Promise Keepers going to use practicing Roman Catholic priests as speakers in upcoming meetings?" the PK leader said this was under

consideration, but "Any speaker we use will have to sign our statement of core beliefs." The "core beliefs" now include *sola fide* ("by faith alone"), so Gregory raised the question of "integrity" (a main PK stress). He said a "practicing Roman Catholic priest that has broken his ordination vow by accepting *sola fide* cannot be an example of a 'promise keeper.'" He said "integrity is the issue." We sometimes warn of IFCA's "compromises," but now gladly praise this stance against the PK.

The "Crime" of Separation. "Lord Maitreya," through his New Age channeler says: "The crime of separation must be driven from this earth. I affirm this as my purpose." In the evangelical realm, Promise Keepers is helping drive the "crime of separation" from the earth by "breaking down the walls" between denominations. Billy Graham and other ecumenicals have for many years made significant contributions to this colossal compromise. New Agers say it's OK to believe in *any* god or in *anything*, just don't claim that *your* god or belief is exclusive. But *my* God is exclusive (Jn. 14:6, e.g.). Ecumenical evangelicals have long been adept at ignoring the "divisive" doctrine of biblical separation. — CC

Graham Crusade & Rock Concert Draws 95,000. Sixty denominations representing

1,075 churches assisted with the June Billy Graham Crusade in the Minneapolis Metrodome, including 119 Catholic parishes and 269 Lutheran congregations. Directors said there was a new receptivity, more openness, and more ecumenical spirit. Music was cited as the driving force for youth. Musicians are usually billed as "special guests," but publicity for "Youth Night" advertised it as a DC Talk? Michael W. Smith concerning "with Billy Graham." [Note that "the tail now wags the dog!"] A counselor said, "It's a lot easier to invite someone to a concert than to a sermon." Rock star Amy Grant provided music for the Crusade's final night. — CC

BBF Resolution On Van Impe. The Fundamental Baptist Fellowship continues to look with amazement at Jack Impe's exaltation of the Pope and calls upon fundamental pastors to alert their people to the dangers of his ministry. For many years Van Impe practiced a strong stance on biblical separation, but in recent years he has moved to a non-separatist and New Evangelical position rather than a scriptural position on separation. Van Impe's radical change reinforces the scriptural teaching that in the latter times men give heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils (1 Tim. 4:1). — CC

Sodomite Science? A few

years ago it was announced with much fanfare by perverts and homophiles (homo lovers) that "a scientist" had discovered a gene in homosexuals that caused them to be born that way. [Even Rush Limbaugh bought this.] And this gave them "justification" for their unspeakably wicked conduct. They eagerly began quoting this "scientist" and boasting to straight people with in-your-face statements that it was not their fault and all must accept them as they are! However, other scientists who are experts in gene study began questioning the findings of this so-called scientist. First, they discovered that the "scientist" who found this "gay" gene was himself a homosexual! Oh? Then these other scientists learned that the homosexual scientists had doctored his evidence! They also learned that his "research" had been funded by a Federal grant, meaning your tax money! Now there is an investigation into this deceitful mess. It's about time! Born that way? NO! Sodomites are *made*, not born! — The Missionary Challenge

Speakers Say Calvinism Fuels Evangelism. The Christian obligation to engage in missions and evangelism is an integral part of the "doctrines of grace," said two speakers at the 14th annual Southern Baptist Founders Conference, July 23-26 at Samford University. The annual Founders Conference attracts Southern Baptists who hold to the doctrines of

grace, known most widely by the title "Calvinism." Missions professor George Martin and evangelist R. F. Gates both contended the doctrines of grace are the most effective basis for missions and evangelism, in contrast to critics who say Calvinism is a deterrent to winning the lost. Martin will begin teaching this year in the Billy Graham School of Evangelism and Church Growth at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Gates is a Southern Baptist evangelist from Shreveport, La. "There is nothing that will shake our people out of their slumber and lack of concern for world missions like a good dose of the doctrines of grace!" Martin declared. Preaching from Ezekiel 37 concerning the account of the "dry bones," Gates emphasized that the place of evangelism is "the place where His providence places you," even when it is in a valley of dry bones. — Ark. Baptist Newsmagazine.

Churches Hit By "Assessment." In the wake of a Florida Supreme Court ruling last December, churches in Sarasota County (Fla.) have become responsible for paying as much as thousands of dollars annually to the county's government. The Supreme Court ruled that Sarasota County's "special assessment for stormwater services" could

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be collected from area churches. The decision of the Supreme Court found that "developed property, such as that owned by the churches, receives the special benefit of the treatment of contaminated stormwater runoff caused primarily by the improvements on (church) property." though a Florida law exempts churches from paying taxes, the county government said a special assessment is not a tax — and the Supreme Court agreed in its 5-4 decision. One area pastor suggested this "special assessment" is just another name for a tax. "A tax is a tax. I don't care how you cut it," said David Clippard, pastor of Sarasota Baptist church. "We've probably paid in the neighborhood of \$10,000 in these assessments already during the past four or five years." Stephen F. Ellis, a Sarasota attorney who represented churches involved in the case, agreed. "We said that's kind of like putting a sign on a cow and calling it a horse," Ellis said. he added the Supreme Court held churches responsible for the "special assessment" since it was supposedly imposed to provide for the treatment of stormwater.

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Targeting Youths. Surveys show fourth- and fifty-graders are more familiar with the trendy Budweiser beer frogs than with Kellogg cereal's Tony the Tiger, according to the center on Alcohol Advertising (CAA). In the August issue of SBC Life, Entertainment Today, Inc., president Bob DeMoss quotes CAA researcher Laurie Leiber> "After a single year of adver-

tising, the Budweiser frogs have assumed a friendly place in our children's psyches between Bugs Bunny and Smokey Bear." The Center for Science in the Public Interest (CPSI) and Children of Alcoholics Foundation (COAF) have called for legal action to stop "deceptive advertising aimed at the young." Miss Woodside, COAF chairman, said, "(S)ons and daughters of alcoholics, one out of every eight teenagers in the country, are already three to four times more likely to become alcoholics themselves. ... Beer commercials heighten this already-high vulnerability." Of a Budweiser spokesman's assertion that their commercials don't lead children to drink, DeMoss said: "... He's saying ... the Bud ads do work on adults, but have no impact on kids...!"

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Descriptions of Disney World "Gay Day" Behavior Recalled. After 15 visits to Walt Disney World, Kim Jones wont' be returning. The Sarasota, Fla., woman plans to boycott the Magic Kingdom after her experience at this year's "Gay and Lesbian Day" June 1.

Not only did many lesbians make suggestive remarks to her and her mature-looking, 10-year-old niece, homosexual men were whistling at her fiancé and yelling crude remarks at him, said Jones, who attends Bay Haven Baptist Church in Sarasota. "It's disgraceful," she said. Jones said the most embarrassing incident was taking one of her two daughters into a rest room and seeing two men dressed in skirts entering the stalls. It was obvious they were males, because of their hairy legs, she said, and two

more were coming in as she and her daughter exited the room. Outside, many other men were wearing skirts, skin-tight tights, or muscle shirts with long fingernails and long hair, while the majority of the "Gay Day" participants wore red T-shirts — the "uniform" for homosexuals, Jones said. She also was offended by obvious cocaine snorting by homosexuals in front of and behind them as they waited in ride lines, Jones said. After several hours they had seen enough. "We didn't complain, we just left," she said. — Mississippi Baptist Record.

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Teens and Gambling.

Teens are being seduced into the nation's love affair with gambling — to the tune of \$500 million to \$1 billion a year — and into business with organized crime. "The state says it's OK to play the lottery or go to the track or play church bingo. So what's the message kids are getting?" asked New Jersey prosecutor Fred Franco, Jr. "We had one case where a 16-year-old boy owed so many thousands of dollars [that] he sold his girlfriend into prostitution. They were both high-school juniors. ..." Police report that parents have drained bank accounts, taken out second mortgages and cased in IRA accounts after children were threatened for nonpayment of debts. In Russia, adolescent crime in Moscow has increased 100% in the past ten years. "Moscow's most hardened criminals are children, ages 14 to 17."

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U. S. Marines Propose Values Training. The Marine drill sergeant pulls up close to

his young charges, but he's not shouting about polishing shoes or climbing rope ladders. Instead, he's talking in a soft voice about clearing moral hurdles. ... The Marine Corps leadership is concerned that too many young people emerge from their families, schools and churches without a strong set of moral values. "We're just seeing a decline in the amount of time spent teaching values out there in society," Marine Capt. T. V. Johnson said yesterday. "People aren't coming in with those basic values that were taught in school and church." ... Under the plan, the Marines would add a 12th week of basic training devoted to values discussion and training. The training is being pushed by Gen. Charles Krulak, commandant of the Marine Corps, who has made morality a major theme in his first year in the top post.

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White House Shenanigans. Strangely, no one seems to know who hired the ex-bouncer and political hack, Craig Livingstone, to be head of White House security. As the FBI files scandal festers, George Stephanopoulos seems to suggest it must have been Vince Foster! Mystery still surrounds the "suicide" of Foster, whose death makes it increasingly easy to make him a convenient "fall guy." Charles Colson says he (Colson) went to prison for doing what's going on in the White House now.

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VMI Must Admit Women. One of the greatest dangers of having a liberal President is

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Berkeley Alumni Evolve A Standard of Scientific Openness

By Jessica Shaver

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The University of California, Berkeley's alumni association did a gutsy and extraordinary thing recently. They invited Phillip Johnson to speak at their Southern California Cal Alumni Day.

Johnson, a graduate of Harvard and of the University of Chicago Law School, has been on Berkeley's law faculty since 1967.

But inviting him to speak was gutsy because he is also author of the controversial *Darwin on Trial*. As an expert on the structure of legal arguments, Johnson challenges the logical adequacy of the reasoning used by scientists in establishing their claim that Darwinian evolution has been proved. He argues that "contrary to what we are so often told, science does not know how life could have emerged from non-living chemicals, or how it could have developed to its present state of complexity."

Johnson spoke to several hundred Berkeley alumni about modernism, which he calls "the established religious philosophy of America." Modernism combines scientific naturalism — the view that the universe is a closed system not subject to supernatural influences — and liberal rationalism — the conclusion that we are all the accidental prod-

uct of purposeless forces.

Evolutionists have been defensive to the point of "ferocious hostility," Johnson says, in their denial that Darwinism has any unanswered questions or unexplained problems, when, in fact, no "missing links" supporting gradual purposeless evolution have turned up in the century since the publication of *Origin of the Species*.

Johnson challenged the scientific establishment to open the dogma of modernism to rational dialogue, to allow new data, new discoveries, new evidence to bring us to an increasingly more comprehensive and accurate understanding of our universe.

Perhaps the most recent and clear-cut example of this closed-mindedness is the continuing melodrama at San Francisco State, where senior professor of biochemistry Dean Kenyon, author of *Biochemical Predestination*, was removed from teaching for presenting some of the weaknesses in the theory of evolution when he introduced the theory to his biology classes.

Although the biology department reinstated Kenyon at the recommendation of the academic senate, it passed a resolution in mid-February forbidding discussion of intelligent design because "there is no scientific evidence to support" it. The resolution is the attempt of a group of people desperate to maintain the status quo and their status within it by trying to stifle dialogue. Kenyon called the resolution "almost comical, given the

long and rich history of design arguments for the past 25 centuries. It's like doing science by democratic vote."

Science has failed in its search for a purely materialistic, rationalistic explanation for the universe. It has failed because of its unreasonably narrow presuppositions. By definition, science has discounted any explanation that involves the possibility of intelligent design. It has refused to consider any evidence that does not fit the conclusion to which it has already come.

The fundamental question raised by Darwinism, as Johnson points out, is whether the evolutionary process was, in fact, purposeless. DNA alone implies otherwise. The evidence for intelligent design is all around us. If it is stretching credulity for us to believe that word processors, pyramids, and popsicles are the result of random processes, how can we conclude that eyes, brains, protective coloration, hinged tongue of some frogs, the sonar of bats, and an infinite variety of similar "adaptations" mutated into such finely crafted wonders by chance?

The universe screams purpose. No scientist has ever been able to get around the fact that the Bible puts so clearly, "The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament shows His handiwork."

Modernism is a paradigm

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They had been told that each would produce according to his ability, and each would receive according to his need. Now they would be forced to produce more ... doesn't make much sense, does it?

Finally, this Yonkers High School teacher would return to the discussion of the ideas of

freedom and enterprise, the market economy, where each person has freedom of choice and is responsible for his decisions and welfare — and his only.

Gratifyingly enough, most of his pupils would then understand what he means when he explains that socialism, even in a republic, will eventually result in a living death for all except the "authorities" and a few of their favorite lackeys.

You might ask your children what they think of the socialist-communist theory. It sounds good only if you don't understand that it cannot work ... and must result in a totalitarian dictatorship before long.


[Editor's comments: Our graduated income tax and our welfare state are all based on this socialistic principle "from each according to his ability, to each according to his need."] 

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that he appoints liberal judges to the Supreme Court. Their latest tragic decision is to further weaken our national defense by ordering Virginia Military Institute to admit women. This will affect the Citadel, too. Michael Brooks, a VMI grad, asks, "Why must a school with a 157-year tradition of leadership and excellence in educating young men be sacrificed on an altar of gender rights and political correctness?"

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Snakebites. Curtis Scott was in serious condition in a Knoxville, Tennessee, hospital after being bitten by a 4-foot-long rattlesnake during a revival meeting at the House of Prayer on Stinking Creek near Walker. — USA Today. 

Deadly Deceptions Used By Satan To Catch Unwary

By Roy Mason

The Bible warns repeatedly against deceptions of various kinds, and the human race is prone to deception. The devil is the great deceiver, and some of his children partake of the characteristics of their father. Let us take note of some of the deceptions that human beings are susceptible to.

Satan's Deception of the Nations (Rev. 20:10)

He has deceived nations into the belief through all the centuries that *war is profitable*. Hence the continual warring of nations. During the Millennium there will be peace, and one reason will be the fact that Satan shall be shut up in prison.

Satan's Deception of Individuals (1 Tim. 2:14)

He deceived the first woman — making her think that she could disobey God and profit from it. People see that drink has ruined countless thousands, but the devil deceives them and makes them thin, "I can drink and never let it get the best of me — I am stronger than others."

Deceptions of Satan's Emissaries (2 John 7)

Satan has his false teachers and preachers who go forth with the most subtle heresies. All sorts of cults and isms are in existence. A Negro

in Harlem called "Father Divine" made many believe that he was God. Modernists go forth and deceive people into believing that the very fundamentals of Christianity are false. "Healers" by the dozen readily fleece people and make merchandise of them. There is no end to the deceptions being carried on today throughout the religious world. "Take heed that no man deceive you" said Jesus.

Self Deceptions

This is one of the worst kinds of deception, and none are so blind as the self-deceived. What are some of the self-deceptions mentioned in the Bible?

The deception that one is without sin (1 Jn. 1:8). Many of the holiness sects thus deceive themselves. A man may deceive himself into thinking that he is sinless but he doesn't deceive his wife, his neighbors or his mother-in-law, and especially God.

The deception that one is a "good" Christian — very religious — when at the same time he has no control over his tongue (Jas. 1:26). That tongue may be a nagging tongue, a cursing tongue, a gossiping tongue, or just a "blabbing" tongue.

The deception that one is a big somebody (Gal. 6:3). We are told elsewhere that one should not think of himself "more highly than he ought to think." The "big shot" delusion is very common, and it is a manifestation of egotism. When people find fault too

readily with others; when they are forever yammering about the short comings of others, the thing that is wrong is egotism. Their inner attitude is, "I am better than these other people."

Deception of Sin


We read in the Bible about the "deceitfulness of sin." One going headlong in sin thinks he is having a grand time, and that he can go on having such without paying the "fiddler." The glamour of sin blinds the eyes. Suddenly the bubble bursts one day, and what an awakening!

The Deception of Riches

The Bible speaks of this also. How do riches deceive? By causing one to forget every thing except the material things of life. Life is made so pleasant for the time — the desires of the flesh are so gratified, that a person forgets that riches cannot last. Either money takes wings and flies from us, or else we take wings and fly away from it. In either case, we are separated. We have known person who when they attained wealth, became careless about spiritual things.

The Deception That One Can Fool God

But the Scriptures tell us "Be not deceived, God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

The Christian life should be characterized by one long watch against deceptions. 

Doings of the Devil

In John 8:4, and 2 Corinthians 11:13-15, we find the character traits and doings of Satan, the god of this world, disclosed. Here we find him to be a mighty liar and a mighty deceiver. And in his role of lying and deceiving, he enlists manifold agents in his evil works. Among the doings of the devil, we survey briefly but a few.


As "prince of this world" (Jn. 14:30), he is the active head of civilization, as manifested in the state, in business, in education, and in social life. As head of government, he always moves to Socialize all life, heading ever toward state Socialism. As head of business, he encourages

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that has only succeeded in demonstrating its own inadequacy to describe reality. Those persuaded by the evidence have the courage to go beyond it to whatever lies ahead. Part of what this includes must be a redefining of science to consider *any* and *all* conclusions implied by the data.

By inviting Johnson to speak, by allowing his books and tapes to be sold at an official function, Berkeley's alumni exemplified the openness to which Johnson is calling us. They are going beyond the paranoia and rigidity of modernism. They are allowing the reigning dogma to be discussed and re-evaluated. They are setting an example for other institutions which are committed to genuine scientific progress and understanding. 

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The Birthmark of Apostasy

"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affections, truce breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those who are good, traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof; from such turn away. For of this sort are they which creep into houses and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led with divers lusts, ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth" (2 Tim. 3:1-7).


The Holy Spirit here by the spostle Paul most clearly and characteristically describes our day. Apostasy is on. Spiritual blindness rules in high palces and in low places. Mighty men are in the grip of the down-grade tendencies of this hour. Being so, they are blind. They clearly show that they are, "Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth." Being blind, they refuse to understand. They heap approbrium upon the heads of all who differ with them. Apostasy grips their hearts.

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Now, because of the apostasy of this hour, shame upon shame is heaped upon the church of the living God. The Founder, Christ, is pushed aside. The Holy Spirit, the Guide, is ignored, and the laws of the church are trampeld beneath the feet of those who are "lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobediennt to parents, unthankful, unholy, traitors, heady, high-minded," etc.

Because of the apostasy of this hour, crime after crime is committed against high heaven. God's instruction, "This is the way, walk ye in it," is taboo. The will of man supplants the will of God. The methods of man supplant the method of God. The pride of man supplants the precious truth of God.

Because of the apostasy of this hour, travesty upon travesty is perpetrated in the name of God. Organization supplants agonization. Compromise supplants courage. Culture supplants the croos. Works supplant grace. Manipulation supplants the minisstry and the might of the Holy Spirit. My, my, how tragic is this hour. 

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expenditures beyond incomes, the application of unfair measures, the use of the end justifies the means, and the playing of all business into the hands of the state. Thus he moves toward the control of all enterprise, outlawing initiative and freedom for the individual as he goes. As the head of education, he humanizes it, socializes it, and animalizes it. Thus he outlaws the soul and reduces life's responses to mere animalistic impulses and brings the Word and the work of the Lord into discredit.

As the "god of this world" (2 Cor. 4:4), he is an inventor and propagator of religion. As the head of worship, he naturalizes religion. He builds his worship upon the flesh and its mentality. He magnifies the goodness of man and not the goodness of God. He magnifies the deity of man and not the deity of God. He magnifies works for salvation and not works because of salvation. He magnifies apostles of humanitarianism and not the apostles of God. He magnifies human investigation and not divine revelation. He makes man his own savior. Thus he revolutionizes, in the name of God, all redemptive truth.

As the head of worship, he is the inventor of every occult group in the world. Occultism is all worship outside of the name of Christ. Paganistic systems of worship through the ages and throughout the world today are his inventions.

As the head of worship, the devil is the inventor of every cult in the world at this hour. Cultism is all worship in the name of Christ which adds to, or subtracts from, the Word in order to establish its premises and its proclamations.


In the realm of worship he manifests himself as an angel of light or as an apostle of Christ. And in nearly all of his preachments, he offers the righteousness which is of the flesh.

As both a liar and deceiver, he acts upon the flesh; stimulates fleshly reactions; builds up carnal ideals; cultivates carnal habits; breaks down moral convictions; leads men and women to countenance evil; and causes them to neglect the weal of our youth by doing nothing about the evil which openly and bra-

zenly tempts them.

The devil is hard to whip. And that is true because he works under the cover of darkness. Having blinded the minds of men, multitudes refuse to see the truth, or seeing it imperfectly, refuse to embrace it. He makes multitudes of people coddle serpentine principles and embrace them as spiritual virtues. He is long on liberalism. In the name of virtue, he makes cursing a light matter, theft a light matter, lying a light matter, covetousness a light matter, killing a light matter, adultery a light matter, dishonoring father and mother a light matter, desecration of the Lord's Day a light matter, worship of images a light matter, and rejection of the God of heaven a light matter.

Being the god of this world and his nature being the exact antithesis of the God of heaven, he is opposed to everything that the Lord is for, and seeks to defeat every ministry of the Lord in this world. Accordingly, the church of the living God is the chiefest object of attack. And in his attack, he weakens the churches by bringing them to compromise the Lord and to cowardly sacrifice heavenly standards in order to gratify the flesh.

No fact, save one, should be more obvious to the sons of men on earth than the fact of the presence and the operation of the devil among us. The fact of all facts, of course, is God. We humbly call on all to hear the Master say "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Mt. 11:28-30). 

More Lies of Evolution

By Ken Hutcheson

A few weeks ago it was announced in London that the famous "Piltdown Man" is a fraud, a deliberate lie. (Bible believers know that it was done to promote Satan's religion of evolution.) Not only did authorities admit that it was a hoax, but compared it to the greatest hoaxes of the Twentieth Century. The admission itself was a surprise, but more astonishing was the fact that American news services even bothered to report it. Most national reporters are fanatical evolutionists and report only the news that promotes their anti-Bible beliefs. When Charles Darwin published his so-called "scientific findings" in 1859, supposedly proving that men were not created but were descendants of animals, all "scientists," college teachers, and reporters who rejected the Bible, gobbled Darwin's "theory" like hungry pigs eating slop. And some actually admitted that they eagerly believed in evolution for two reasons: First, it proved that there was no Hell; and Second, it removed all moral standards which permitted them to engage in unlimited sex activities and perversions without fear of judgment!

No Missing Links!

Darwin's theory declared that humans were actually high-type animals and that there were "missing links" between animals and men. Unexplained was the fact that there are millions of animal and human bones, but *not one* bone of a so-called missing link that scientists can agree on! That

is, there should be as many bones of "missing links" as there are of animals and humans.]

Anyway, members of the scientific community who were conned by Darwin began a frantic search for the "missing link" which connected animals and humans. They all knew that whoever found it (or them) would become forever famous, so the mad rush was on! And their lies and fabricated evidence make up the most shameful chapter in the history of science. Today we laugh at the alchemists of the Middle Ages who tried to turn base metals into gold. But they were noble research scientists compared to evolutionists and their made up "evidence" today.

The Piltdown Man A Forgery!

The "Piltdown Man" was "discovered" among other bones in Piltdown, near Sussex England, in 1912, and immediately proclaimed as the "missing link" between men and animals. Accredited scientists the world over dogmatically declared the bones to be half a million years old and dogmatic proof that man descended from animals. The bones were placed in the prestigious London Museum of Natural History and thousands came to see the unquestioned proof that evolution was a scientific fact. And there was the obvious implication that the Bible was not true, that man was not created in the image of God.

"Christian" Evolutionists?

When humble Bible believers asked for "proof," they were always ridiculed as ignorant and uneducated. A common statement by "educated"

people for years has been, "I do not know of any educated person who rejects evolution and believes the Bible literally!" Lowly Bible believers were constantly told that scientists were always right; that they believed only scientific "facts," and that scientists were truly objective and without prejudice! The faith of many Bible believers was shaken, including multitudes of students. Some became atheists or agnostics. Many so-called Christian scholars tried to "harmonize" the Bible and evolution. They reinterpreted creation references as parables or metaphorical descriptions of God's work in "language that man could understand." And these explanations always favored unbelieving scientists at the Bible's expense.

(Many Baptist colleges lost their testimony by following these unbelieving "scholars" and teaching evolution. They also rejected the King James Bible for the same "intellectual" reason.) All sorts of "scientific" explanations were offered to show that God used evolution as His method of creation, and that the Bible could not be taken literally. Such Christian "scholars" rejected faith, in their lust for the world's approval as "intellectuals"! But they can never be compared with Abraham (for example) who "staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief, but was *strong in faith*, giving glory to God" (Rom. 4:20).

The Encyclopedia Britannica

In 1953, as a young Air Force Chaplain, I was able to purchase the Encyclopedia Britannica, the world's most renowned authority on everything! What a thrill it was to read what the greatest authorities said about various sub-

jects; until I got to evolution. Page after page of "scientific facts" showed that it was true, including several pages on the "Piltdown Man." He was a valuable link between man and animals. Although I had been taught this in high school and college, my faith was severely challenged by what appeared to be solid scientific facts. But I determined by God's grace to exercise faith and to believe the Bible anyway!

Faith Vindicated!

A few weeks after I bought the Briticana it was quietly announced that the Piltdown man was a fraud! An analysis was made to date the bones more precisely and it was discovered that the skull was human and the jaw was that of a monkey with the teeth filed to make them look human. Both creatures had recently died but the bones had been chemically treated to make them look old! Most news agencies ignored the report, except for Christian publications. Not once have leading evolutionists apologized for promoting a fraud to the world. Today evolutionists are now trying to wipe the egg from their faces by saying that the whole thing was not a deliberate fabrication to prove evolution, but actually was an attempt to play a practical joke that "got out of hand!" Oh really?

Facts Or Fakery?

Must we believe that from 1912 until 1953, over 40 years, all the "expert, highly educated, brilliant," evolutionists of the world who studied these bones were fooled by a practical joke? Are we expected to give up our faith in

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God's eternal and infallible Word and trust such men who call themselves "scientists," and yet cannot tell the difference between scientific facts and fakery? Over 500 students wrote their doctoral dissertations on the Piltdown Man and were awarded Ph.D. degrees from outstanding universities of the world! Doctors of fakery! These people who rejected the truth of God's Word are classic examples of God's description of educated fools, "Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools ... and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator ... And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie ... and be damned!" (Rom. 1:22; 2 Thess. 2:11-12). But there's more!

The Java Ape-Man

In 1891 a Dutch army doctor, Eugene Dubois, stationed in Java reported finding the "missing link" between man and animals! He discovered the top of a skull, three jaw teeth, and part of a thigh-bone. But he found them 70 feet apart, among many bones along a creek, over the period of a year! After completing his military service Dubois kept the bones in a trunk at home and sent pencil drawings to various evolutionary leaders and museums of the world who eagerly welcomed his "scientific" proof.

The Pithecanthropus Erectus!

Calling his find the Java Ape-Man or "Pithecanthropus erectus" (the ape-man that walks upright), evolutionists swallowed his "proof" without

question and arrogantly declared to the world that the Ape-Man was 750,000 years old! Many leading scientists eagerly went to his Holland home to actually see for themselves those amazing bones only for Dubois to turn them away at his door.

Finally after about 35 years, the scientific world demanded to see and evaluate the bones for themselves. Twenty-four European scientists met and studied the bones. Ten said they were the bones of an ape; seven said they came from a man, and seven said they were *not* the bones of a "missing link!" No less an authority than H. G. Wells, the agnostic historian known for his two-volume, **Outline of History**, said they were the bones of an ape. Even Dubois himself finally admitted that the bones were probably from an ape. But the Java Ape-Man has been paraded in museums and high school and college text books the world over as the "missing link" between man and animals, proving evolution! Almighty God must have had these worldly wise men in mind when He inspired the Apostle Paul to tell Timothy to "... keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding *profane and vain babblings*, and oppositions of *science, falsely so called!*" (1 Tim. 6:20). Still more!

The Nebraska Man!


In 1922 a so-called scientist claimed to have found in Nebraska the true "missing link" between men and animals. Dubbed the "Nebraska Man," it was flaunted in textbooks and museums of the world as being one million years old. Pictures and models were created, based on the

"scientific" studies of experts. Just three years later, in the famous "Monkey Trial" in Dayton, Tenn., in 1925, this overwhelming evidence was introduced to prove evolution and show that ignorant Bible-believers were wrong! "Great scientific experts" were quoted to prove their case and all who were dumb enough to believe that God created man in His image were mocked and ridiculed!

When evidence of the "Nebraska Man" was demanded, the "great scientific experts" reluctantly admitted that their evidence consist on **ONE** (no kidding, you read that right) o-n-e (1) tooth! But that's not all! After demonic evolutionists and their satanic reporters bullied lowly Bible believers for years with their "scientific proof," the rest of that skeleton was found, and guess what! It was the skeleton of an extinct pig! What an example of "profane and vain babblings ... science, falsely so called!"

School Bullies!

The entire history of evolution is filled with fraud and lies, masquerading as science. "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse deceiving and being deceived ... Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth" (2 Tim. 3:13, 7). Bible-hating evolutionists have completely taken over the public schools. In the 1925 "Monkey Trial" evolutionists pleaded that their view should be given equal time in the classroom along with creationism. Yet today, they are in complete control and utterly refuse equal time for creationism! It is evolution all the way, and without prayer and Bible reading, the schools have become jungles.


Is it surprising that teens act like animals after being taught for years that they are nothing but animals? — The Missionary Challenge 

What Is Evolution?**By Bolton Davidheiser**

In his recent textbook, *Modern Biological Principles* (1971), A. M. Winchester says: "Evolution is something which is continuing and must continue or extinction of life will result ... Evolution is a necessary part of living. Let us illustrate by example how evolution takes place ..." (pg. 63).

The gist of his example is as follows. The number of bullfrogs remains about the same, although a female produces around 75,000 eggs in a lifetime. This means that only about two of 75,000 reach maturity. Those which reach maturity tend to be the ones fittest in escaping predators, most alert in finding food, and most resistant to diseases. This is "survival of the fittest." Therefore it is evolution, and the same principle applies to other creatures, including human beings.

According to this definition of evolution, everyone is an evolutionist in spite of himself. There are two fallacies here. (1) It largely is not a matter of survival of the fittest. Many eggs are eaten and many pollywogs are devoured before they have an opportunity to profit from any superior traits that may be latent in them. (2) It obviously is not evolution even among those which do survive because of fitness. They still are bullfrogs and they are not becoming anything else.

This unethical brainwashing technique is being widely used upon the public and our young people today. 

Pastor Available

A young preacher appeared before a Pulpit Committee. The chairman of the committee asked, "Young man, do you know your Bible?" "Yes," the young man replied, "I know my Bible."

"What part do you know best?" The chairman asked.

The young preacher replied, "Well, I know it all good ... the Old Testament and the New Testament.

The chairman said, "Well, why don't you tell us a story ... how about the story of the Good Samaritan?"

The young preacher replied that would be fine with him, so he began:

"There was a man of the


Pharisees named Nicodemus who went down to Jerico by night, and fell on stony ground, and the thorns choked him half to dead. He said "What shall I do?" "I shall arise and go to my Father's house." And he arose and climbed up into a sycamore tree.

The next day Solomon and his wife Gomorrah came by, and they carried him down to the ark for Moses to take care of. As he was going through the eastern gate of the ark, he caught his hair on a limb, and he hung there for 40 days and 40 nights.


And he was afterward hungered and the ravens came and fed him.

The next day the three wise men came and carried

him down to Nineveh, and when he got there, he found Delilah sitting on the wall, and he said, "Chunk her down, boys," and they said, "How many times shall we chunk her down, till seven times?" And he said, "Nay, but until 70 times 7." And they chunked her down 490 times, and she burst asunder in their midst, and they picked up 12 baskets of the fragments that remained, and in the resurrection, whose wife will she be?"

After he had finished, the chairman of the committee turned to the other members and said, "I don't know about you, but I think we ought to call him. I know he's young, but he sure knows his Bible." 

A Christian Will is one where your Church is named — and other causes of Fundamentalist character can be named to receive a portion. It gives expression to your final and crowning desires of your heart.


Those who wish to be loyal to Christ and His Word should be careful to name your church. 

Parking On the Other Fellow's Nickel

Have you ever parked at a parking meter that has time left on it? Someone put a nickel in that meter and left before the time ran out. You came along and got to park free "on the other fellow's nickel."

Every church has people who park on the "other fellow's nickel." They do not give to finance the work of the church but they get all the benefits of the church. They do not help pay the utility company, the pastor's salary, bills for needed equipment or repairs, or to retire the debt, nor support the missionaries of the church. They let others do this, and then they park on what others have done.

If this upsets you -- it probably should. We hear about folks living on welfare, which is just another way of saying that they are living off those of us who do honest work and pay taxes. Isn't that the same thing some are doing at church -- letting others finance while they get the benefits free? Church "welfare" recipients!

Parking on the other fellow's nickel at a parking meter is not serious. Yet, parking on the other fellow's tithe is a sin for which you need to seek and find forgiveness. 

Are You As Committed To Family Values As The Radical Feminists and Homosexuals Are To Leftist Agendas?

Nearly every group of radical left-wingers in America is being encouraged to switch its long distance phone service to carriers who give a percentage of their phone bills to causes such as the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, Planned Parenthood of America and the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund.

They are pooling their financial resources to promote their anti-family, anti-God causes. Well-known left-wing personalities such as Gloria Steinem, Ben Cohen (Ben and Jerry's), Pamela J. Maraldo) Planned Parenthood of America), and others are lending their names to solicitation letters for such companies as "Working Assets," a long distance company committed to the homosexual agenda.

Those of us who believe the nation desperately needs to return to traditional family

values now have the same opportunity to unite for our cause through LifeLine.

It works like this: When you switch to LifeLine Long Distance Service, 10% of your long distance billing will be given to **The Baptist Challenge**. It won't cost you anything and in most cases, your long distance phone bill will decrease.

LifeLine is a major long distance carrier like AT&T, MCI and Sprint, except, like us, LifeLine is committed to family values and decency. You won't see LifeLine ads on trash television or promoting anti-family causes. Stand up. Be counted.

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Be sure to tell the operator you want The Baptist Challenge to get the credit.

The Christian Believer And His Will

Every Christian who owns any property, belongings, bonds, stocks, cash or securities of any kind and who wishes to make the cause of Christ the beneficiary of any of these things should make a Will. This is a legal document by which a person controls the disposition of his property after death, otherwise the state will move in and dispose of it according to their prearranged plan.

A Will should be tailored to your own circumstances, and since it requires legal terms, a lawyer should be consulted. It is not necessarily a difficult matter to do.

Like salvation most people plan to make a Will but so many put it off, for certain reasons and excuses — until it is too late. If you die without a Will, the State will see that our Lord's work will not receive a penny.

Click! Click! Click!

I have had my computer now for a short time and am just now beginning to use it for things besides setting copy for **The Baptist Challenge**. One use is to keep up with missionaries that send out their monthly newsletters via E-Mail (Electronic Mail) as well as special prayer requests.

I still haven't learned how to use it very well. I must be of the wrong generation. Some churches and individuals have a "Home Page" which I wish that I had, but I haven't learned how to make one yet. Others, such as David Cloud, have put all of the back copies of his publication **O Timothy** on the Internet so that it can be researched by anyone that cares to do so. I haven't learned how to do that yet. I would like to do the same with **The Baptist Challenge**. Our first issue of TBC was in January 1961, and I would like to place all of these article on the Internet, but I haven't learned how to do that yet either. By the way my E-Mail address through Compuserve is 71534,532.

However, I read a recent article in **The Baptist Bulletin** that I thought you might be interested in, so I am reprinting the article. Perhaps you'll be interested in securing a computer and "getting on line" or "in the loop" after reading this article.

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"In the Loop"

Forward—click.

Prayer chain—click.

Send—Click.

Just three clicks, and it was out. The "clicks" were mouse clicks. The "out" was

somewhere in cyberspace. The "it" was an update from one of the missionaries supported by my church.

The technology of our day has greatly increased the speed of communication. We no longer rely as much on letters handled by a postal service. Today we use cellular phones, faxes and E-Mail to send messages to each other.

These new technologies have greatly increased missionaries' ability to communicate with supporting churches and friends. Instead of mailing a letter with the uncertainty that it will even be delivered, an increasing number of missionaries are utilizing E-Mail for almost instantaneous communication.

Included in my E-Mail messages the other day was one from a missionary my church supports. He wrote asking that we pray for the Sunday morning service in his church. It was to be a special day, and specific people had agreed to attend.

As I read his note, I determined that I would pray, but there was a problem in getting others to pray for him. His service would be over long before ours even began! I did announce in our Sunday morning church service that some of us had been praying for our missionary, and I expressed a desire that we start getting that kind of message out to more people.

That statement gave birth to our E-Mail prayer chain. The provider I use for E-Mail (Compuserve) makes it easy to "forward" mail. I just click on the word "forward," click on the specific "address" and click on the word "send." Three clicks, and it is out!

I simply took the names in my E-Mail directory and grouped them under the title "Prayer Chain." When I choose that mailing group, the computer sends the item to everyone on the list. A few clicks one day, and I was able to create an E-Mail prayer chain.

The first participants were all those from our congregation whose E-Mail addresses were already in the computer. Then I added all of our missionaries. They are part of our family, so they should share in the requests that come from other missionaries as well as the requests from our members.

After a successful trial run, I placed an announcement in the Sunday bulletin. Anyone with an E-Mail address who wanted to be included just needed to give me his address. The number of names grew quickly. With little effort, we had an E-Mail prayer chain.

Now I let this special prayer group know of prayer concerns that need immediate attention. Updates from our missionaries are communicated immediately to everyone on the list. No typing is needed to send them out. I distribute reports of answered prayer and praises electronically as well. I just click three times—forward, address, send—and in a matter of minutes the word is out.

More than half of the missionaries supported by my church are on-line. Many people in my congregation have E-Mail addresses as well. It is probably the same in your church. We can utilize this tool to heighten people's awareness of the needs of missionaries and of others in the body. We can use this tool to call people to prayer.


Three clicks. The sound of an electronic call to prayer.

The Importance of Christian Training

Max Jukes lived in the state of New York. He did not believe in Christian training such as the Sunday School affords. He married a girl of like character.

From this union they have studied 1,026 descendants. 300 of them died prematurely. 100 were sent to the penitentiary for an average of 13 years each. 190 were public prostitutes. There were 100 drunkards. The family cost the state \$1,200,000. They made no contribution to society.

Jonathan Edwards lived in the same state. He believed in Christian training. He married a girl of like character. From this union they have studied 729 descendants. Out of this family have come 300 preachers, 65 college professors, 13 university presidents, 60 authors of good books, three United States congressmen, and one vice president of the United States; and outside of Aaron Burr, a grandson of Edwards who married a questionable character, the family has not cost the state a single dollar.

The difference in the two families: Christian training in youth and heart conversions to Jesus Christ. -- *The Baptist Challenge*, September 1972. 

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body to have His son born on this earth." Mary's situation paralleled Eve's. Both were engaged but not married yet and both were assisted by an angel. One led to a fallen act and the other to the fulfillment of the heavenly dispensation. Two other women were also involved over the years. Rebecca and Tamar both gave birth to twins who struggled within the womb. In both cases the younger son (Jacob and Phares) prevailed over the older and was born first. This cleansed the lineage of Judah and "rendered it intact from satanic invasion from the time of conception." Therefore, in the birth of Jesus "Satan had no way to invade his life in the womb because the cleansing process was already completed." "Just as an angel led to Eve's fall, so an angel was needed to assist Mary by bringing her God's revelation." "Even inside his mother's womb Jesus was already the only begotten Son of God, and after his birth everything he did was with the authority of the Son of God" (pgs. 58-61).

Jesus came as God's true champion to bring salvation to the world. He suffered as have all God's champions in that He was deprived, was misunderstood by His family, friends, and nation, and even lost His life in His effort to do the will of God. The universal mission of Jesus was to send Messiah to the chosen nation Israel, unite with it, and "then as soldiers of faith, to fight for and achieve the salvation of the world" (pg. 68). Moon says it is against God's will to be interested in personal salvation. He "met Jesus personally, and received a revelation through which he learned that God's grief is great." The pur-

pose of God's church is to save the entire world. "When you become God's champion for world salvation, your own salvation is assured" (pg. 69).

The salvation theme has expanded from saving the family (Abraham) to the nation (Moses) and to the world (Jesus). However, Jesus failed in the purpose of His ministry. "God intended to find the true bride and have Jesus marry. The True Parents of humankind would have been inaugurated in the time of Jesus ... and changed the evil history of the world (pgs. 144-145). Hence there would not have been a need for a Second Coming. By the mistake of the crucifixion, Jesus lost His base in the physical world — His physical body (pg. 78). No one was willing to believe Him, to die with Him, or to receive the benefits of His sacrifice. Therefore, it was not beneficial to anyone. Jesus lost His body (the nation) but saved His spirit (the actual sacrifice). Thus, spiritually, Jesus saved us and made His sacrifice acceptable in the sight of God.

Salvation today is only partial. Moon does not believe in a blood atonement for our sins (pg. 136). Faith alone is not enough. The emphasis of salvation is on sacrifice of self to accomplish world-wide harmony through people believing God's love and practicing it in true marriage and the production of sinless children. This will liberate the grieving heart of God and assure your salvation.

"Salvation means that the garden of Eden shall be here on earth, with living men, women and families" (pg. 136). "Resurrection means accepting the word of God to become the possessor of God's love" (pgs. 15, 137). You need more than just spiritual salvation

which involved the shedding of blood. You need physical salvation in which you feel you are "actually eating Jesus' flesh and blood" as in the sacrament (pg. 137).

Restoration is the same as salvation. "In order for us to have perfect restoration, we must have true parents, and we must be made part of their lineage by going through a process of rebirth" (pg. 46). This restoration reverses the course of the Fall. You must be born again by living an ascetic life following a life of hardships, believing in God, believing that we become part of that lineage of God by partaking of Holy Communion, and believing that by repentance and agonizing for God in His loss of His children we "liberate God from his sorrow." "Someone has to liberate God and He cannot do it Himself" (pgs. 46-47). You must "become your own Christ." God can't forgive you because you are in no state to be forgiven. You become a savior when you take over someone else's burden and suffer for them. Therefore, salvation of the body is achieved by the individual's life of self-denial and sacrifice to accomplish God's will.

John the Baptist is purported by Moon to have actually caused the "murder" of Jesus. All prophecy in the Old Testament was aimed at fulfillment with the first coming of Christ. The Second Coming was only made necessary because the first coming did not usher in the Kingdom of heaven on earth (pg. 117). When Moon comes to John the Baptist he says "I have some new revelations from God" (pg. 121). "I am making a bold declaration. Jesus did not come to die. Jesus Christ was murdered" (pg. 122). John the Baptist, the fulfillment of

the promised Elijah, was "destined to be the chief disciple of Jesus" (pg. 127). (Simon Peter earned that position by faith instead). John could have moved the people of Israel to accept Jesus as the Messiah for his influence was very great. However, John failed to "prepare" the ground upon which Jesus could start His ministry and therefore, this destructive lack of faith by this man of failure makes him "directly responsible for the crucifixion of Jesus Christ" (pgs. 128-129). Moon's authority for these hidden truths are: "I spoke with Jesus Christ in the spirit world. And I spoke also with John the Baptist. This is my authority" (pg. 128).

Moon declares that the prayer in Gethsemane reveals that the cross was not the fulfillment of God's will. "Jesus would certainly have prayed instead, 'Father, I am honored to die on the cross for your will' " (pg. 130). The death of Jesus was disaster for God. It meant the kingdom would not come now; the prophecies of the Old Testament were of no value; the willful sin of man had overcome the will of God.

God never knows how man will respond or how things will turn out; and, "salvation in Christianity comes not from the cross but from the resurrection" which brought new hope, forgiveness, and the power of new salvation" (pg. 135).

All religions are acceptable with Rev. Moon. Each has pointed the way to God's will of Ideal love between God and man and a harmony on earth. However, he feels Christianity is superior to all others. It alone understands the true nature of God as Father. It alone has an only begotten son who was the Messiah.

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how to find out whether any is from God? When you hear the silly talk about the Bible contains the Word of God and is not the Word of God, you hear a fool's talk. I don't care if he is a Doctor of Divinity, a President of a University covered with medals from universities of Europe and the United States, it is fool-talk. There can be no inspiration of the book without the inspiration of the words of the book."

I accept the words of Dr. Carroll in the above statement and adopt them as my own language. But how does his language sound when compared with the statement of Dr. J. M. Dawson, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Waco, Texas, in his address before the Pastor's and Laymen's Conference at Beaumont, Texas, held in 1929, who says:

"AS TO VERBAL INSPIRATION. Still less can we accept the theory that inspiration was mechanical dictation. There is nothing in the Scriptures to warrant such an idea. God did indeed occasionally ask that specific words be written down, but inspiration does not imply that God dictated His messages as some manager would dictate a letter to a stenographer." (The Bible, A Book Inspired of God, pg. 15).

After denying in toto the verbal inspiration of the Bible, Dr. Dawson goes on to make light of it by saying, "Once it is true God inspired Balaam's ass to speak" etc. But the sad thing about this whole matter was, that the preachers and laymen of the Baptist General Convention of Texas indorsed Dr. Dawson's address, recommended that it be published, and "given the widest possible circulation, the Confer-

ence voted unanimously to request such publication."

The unanimous vote of the Pastor's and Laymen's Conference put the preachers of the Baptist General Convention of Texas in a bad plight. They are forced to admit one of two things, first that they were so ignorant that they did not know what they were voting for, or that they indorse Dawson's infidelity. And since they have not repudiated Dawson's statement relative to verbal inspiration, we are forced to charge it upon them that the whole crowd and brood of them indorse it. But when we do we are at once branded as, "narrow," "prejudice," "fault-finders," and guilty of "legalist" cussedness.

If Dr. Dawson and the preachers of the Baptist General Convention who indorsed him do not believe in verbal inspiration, what sort of inspiration do they believe in? A book without the inspiration of words would be a blank as far as inspiration is concerned and one blank would be as good as another. Then David was wrong when he said, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." Take away the verbal inspiration of the Bible and you destroy the lamp and put out the light.

On pages 84 and 85 of Inspiration of the Bible, we note again how Dr. Carroll contradicts Dr. Dawson who succeeded him to the pulpit of the First Baptist Church of Waco, Texas:

"I repeat that there are no degrees in inspiration. And we see how it is that there cannot be any inspiration of a book apart from the words of the book. That is exactly what inspiration is — to write the words of God.

"And that record extends,

not only to the words, but necessarily to the letters which make each word; yea, it extends to the vowel points, for what would a book of consonants be?

"And this idea of inspiration is the old idea of inspiration. It is the New Testament idea of inspiration.

"It is the idea of Josephus and the early fathers, and only in modern times has infidelity, bald and blatant, seeking the destruction of religion, like a cuckoo, laid its egg in the nest of people who claim to be Christians, and they have raised that up for a real chicken; hatched it out and raised it for one of God's chickens.

"There is not a thought even in all of the modernistic books on inspiration of which I cannot trace the fatherhood to an open and avowed infidel who has made open assaults upon the Christian religion, and it doesn't make a bit of difference to me whether they are college presidents or any other great men of modern times claiming to be preachers, or even bishops. When they pat that little fellow on the head and call him 'son' we may be sure it is an adopted child."

Hear this great preacher again as he further explodes Dawsonism. Speaking with reference to the modernistic idea of the human element that enters into inspiration, he says:

"My answer is that I don't care whether the element is human or mule; if it speaks the words that God puts in the mouth there will be no imperfection in the word, and there is no inspiration without it.

"I give a crucial test of that: Whoever takes the position that the Bible is merely a human expression of a super-human revelation necessarily

brings out one of two things, and one or the other of these two things comes like a conqueror: That he either seeks the Divine element below the human or he draws up the human element above the Divine."

If you did not know the details and were to read Dr. Dawson's book on inspiration, and then read Dr. Carroll's Inspiration of the Bible, you would think that Carroll was replying to Dawson. But Dr. Carroll's book was in manuscript form before Dawson wrote his. This goes to show that Dawson borrowed his ideas from some modernistic production that had already come under the observation and keen scrutiny of the great Dr. Carroll.

Now hear the words of the greatest preacher since Paul on the verbal inspiration of the Bible, to-wit, the great Charles H. Spurgeon:

"If these words were written by man, we might reject them; but O let me think the solemn thought, that this book is God's handwriting — that these words are God's! Let me look at its date; it is dated from the hills of heaven. Let me look at its letters; they flash glory on my eye. Let me read the chapters; they are big with meaning and mysteries unknown. Let me turn over the prophecies; they are pregnant with unthought of wonders. Oh, book of books. And it was written by my God? ... Come thou my reason, my intellect, sit thou down and listen, for these words are the words of God.


"But this is the word of God; come, search, ye critics, and find a flaw; examine it, from its Genesis to its Revelation, and find an error. This is a vein of pure gold, unalloyed

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of both the religious and secular worlds. The religions of today are leading the way to a new, universal religion. This is the teaching of the Unification Church which is that new religion.

Moon believes that America is God's champion nation to lead the world into the fulfillment of God's Kingdom on earth. The pilgrims were God's Israel, God sided with the settlers after giving the Indians a chance to repent, and the result has been a powerful Christian nation.

He sees a rather distorted view of peaceful God-dwellers in early colonial days. "We must humbly realize that the blessing of God came to America with the purpose of making it possible for God to use this nation as His instrument in saving the world. If America betrays God, where can God go?" (pg. 86). Moon is grieved with the ungodliness rampant in America today. He believes she is the last great battleground against the forces of Communism which he believes is the greatest threat to the success of God's Kingdom on earth (pgs. 81-89, 98).

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three sons and their wives.

(4) How long did Noah preach? Since the Spirit would "strive with man" for 120 years (Gen. 6:3) and He did it through Noah's preaching, we can assume that Noah preached about the coming of the judgment-flood for 120 years. Truly, "the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing" (1 Pet. 3:20).

(5) Those who physically

perished in the flood who were "disobedient" and rejected Noah's message, like all the lost, were those "spirits in prison" at the time that Peter, under inspiration of the Holy Spirit, wrote these inspired words. No one visited them there in their Hadean "prison" and preached to them. It was too late for them. Our opportunity for salvation is limited to our time on earth.

I hope this explanation has helped you to have a better understanding of this portion of scripture. 

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by quartz, or any earthly substance. This is a star without aspect; a sin without a blot; a light without darkness; a moon without paleness; a glory without a dimness. O Bible! it cannot be said of any other book, that it is perfect and pure; but of thee we can declare all wisdom is gathered up in thee without a particle of folly. This is the judge that ends the strife, where wit and reason fail. This is the book untainted by any error; but is pure, unalloyed, perfect truth. Why? Because God wrote it."

I have given you this long quotation from Spurgeon because of its truth, and beauty of expression. What a tribute he paid to the verbal inspiration of the Bible. How beautiful his language, how wonderful his thoughts.


But even a greater than Spurgeon says: "Oh, that my words were now written! Oh, that they were printed in a book! that they were graven with an iron pen and lead in the rock forever. For I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth."

The expression, "Oh, that my words were now written; oh, that they were printed in a book" reveals the fact that Job knew

that his words were the words of God and that they would be printed in a book, but he wished that it might be so the moment he uttered them.

Knowing that his words were the words of God, he could but wish that they might be written with an iron pen and lead in the rock forever, so that the pages would not fade nor be spoiled with the wear of time, that even the rocks themselves might speak the truth of God in words legible and intelligible. Since they were the words of God he greatly desired that they might be written, printed, stamped, stained, cut, carved, enameled, engraven, and inlaid in the rock, so that men might read as they run the wonderful works of God. Later we find Job's prayer was answered and the word of God was written in the rocks and on tablets of clay. And the rocks did speak the wonderful works of God.

The Bible only should be our standard of life. It shall be our stay in death. Truly, it is the only book on which one can depend when the evening shadows lengthen and the sun of life sinks low in the west. If you have accepted its Author as your Savior, obeyed its commands, and followed its precepts then you can pillow your head upon it, and say, as the great military leader, "Let us pass over the river and rest under the shade of the trees."

God says, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." When the mountains fall, when the rivers are dried up, when gravity no longer swings the planets, when the sun goes out in unending darkness, and time shall be no more, then will the word of God bloom out like the rose, and reverberate around the rotunda of glory, "I am he that liveth and was dead, and behold I am alive for ever more." "Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." 

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"The religion that he founded must become the foundation for the second coming of the Messiah, when God's original love will be fulfilled" (pg. 148). Christianity teaches a godly family of all mankind based upon love. The "rebirth" idea in Christianity elevates a person only to the position of adoption. But Moon says God has a "universal religion" in mind. This is a religion of the rebirth of both the spirit and the body. It is extended into the rebirth and harmonization

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