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## The Conspiracy To Capture Your Child

By Norman H. Wells

The following is a sermon reprinted from **The Baptist Challenge**, July, 1973 preached by the late Norman H. Wells Pastor of the Central Baptist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio. A very serious charge is made in this sermon that should be of vital interest to everyone. The charge is made that our public school system is guilty of indoctrinating our children with a philosophy of life that is not only false but anti-God and anti-Bible. If anything, matters are far worse today than they were then. It is **must** reading. — The Editor

When God finished the work of creation, it is said that He "saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good" (Gen. 1:31). This is a picture of God looking out over all His creation and being satisfied ... it was very good.

At the same time in which God was looking out over His creation, other eyes were also looking ... the eyes of Satan. As the great antagonist of God, Satan's immediate response was a desire to corrupt God's creation, and to mar what God had made good. To accomplish this, Satan devised a plan ... a masterplan! He has never altered this plan.

Man, as he was created,

was to be in subjection to the rule of God, and in turn, man was to have dominion over all the earth. The right God and man relationship hinged upon God's rule and man's submission to that rule. This is where Satan attacked! His battleplan had two prongs. First, get man to rebel and throw off God's authority. Second, convince man that he had goodness within himself and was able to go it on his own without God.

Again, it needs to be said, Satan's plan has never changed. Even a casual look at today's world reveals how successful Satan has been. There is universal rebellion against God and His standards. Man has accepted Satan's lie that man is essentially good and is getting better.

In Satan's masterplan there is an all-out effort to capture your child. Satan knows that if he captures your child, he will, with few exceptions, have him for life, and for eternity!

Satan's plan to capture your child has never changed. It is the same plan he has successfully used since creation. The child, by nature, is inclined to rebel and Satan uses every available means to agitate and encourage that rebellion. The child is led to resent all author-

ity, particularly God's. The second part of Satan's plan doesn't change. The child is taught to exalt himself ... self-assurance, self-confidence, self-made! He is convinced that he is good and he's going to get better. He is strong enough and good enough to make it on his own without God or anyone else.

The best weapon Satan can possess in his conspiracy to capture the mind, heart, and soul of your child is the school. Satan has very successfully used the public school system to accomplish his purpose.

The public school system has almost been deified in America. It is an untouchable! We have been brainwashed into a place of complete confidence with no questions asked. Parents have almost been cowed into submission; they seemingly, surrender their children without a fight. To belittle "Mom and Apple pie," would not bring the howl and cry that any criticism of the public school brings.

Generally, any criticism of the public schools from concerned parents, pastors, churches, etc. follows the same line. The spotlight is thrown upon such things as drug addiction, violence, crime, immorality, indecency, pre-marital sex,

riots, and sit-ins, etc. These conditions do exist and are deplorable; however, they are the results of the condition, not the source. We need to get to the source. What has brought about this situation? We need to look at the philosophy of education that permeates the public schools.

First, there is what might be called the conspiracy of silence. The public school, because of its very nature, must ignore God and the Bible in its teaching program. The public school must be silent concerning God and the Bible. In a complex society such as ours there is no alternative as far as a tax-supported public school is concerned.

No matter what circumstances bring it about, an education that must ignore God becomes an instrument for the propagation of atheism. An education without God soon produces a generation that will ignore or deny God. This is now happening before our eyes. Teachers, who themselves are the product of an education that ignores God, are increasingly likely not only to ignore God and the Bible but also, belittle, ridicule, and finally deny God

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## Church and Missionary Activity

By M. L. Moser, Editor  
From *The Baptist Challenge*, July, 1968


A Baptist church is a missionary church! If it is not missionary in outlook, it is not fulfilling its function and has sadly misinterpreted its marching orders. This does not mean that a Baptist church should be the prey of every type and kind of missionary society. If we really accept the Bible teaching on the nature of the church, we will want to support a missionary program which issues in the establishment of Baptist churches. The so-called interdenominational, undenominational or non-denominational type of society which does not establish New Testament churches will have no appeal if we would be scriptural and true to what we profess to believe about the church.

We would venture to say, however, that if Baptist money were withdrawn from societies which send out missionaries to

establish non-Baptist churches, those same societies would cease to function or else would be forced to conduct a scriptural program. When we say this we do not intend to suggest that these societies have not been blessed but we do declare that the Lord has in store an indescribable blessing if we would do His work as He has outlined.

Why does Baptist work lag all over the world? Could it be that many Baptists send much more to some non-Baptist society doing work than they do to Baptist endeavors to evangelize these lands?

By no means do we discount foreign missionary labor; rather, let us encourage real Baptist foreign missionary endeavor. It should be done through a local church rather than through a mission board,

either a Baptist mission board or any other kind of mission board. We have a crying responsibility before God right now. 

### Dr. Fiddle Can Come To Your Church

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His extensive pastoral experience (26 churches in 23 years) allows him a unique perspective on church issues. The fact that he has been divorced four times enables him to be truly sympathetic to those who have experienced marital disintegration, while his four marriages make him a highly qualified marriage counselor. He also knows how to minister to troubled teens having seen his own children arrested for everything from arson to vandalism.

Dr. Fiddle comes on a love-offering basis. (He believes that, if you declare his offerings as gifts, he does not need to declare them as income when he files his tax return. The IRS disagrees; but this is just one more example of government persecution.)

He prefers to schedule his New England meetings during hunting season and when the fall foliage is at its peak, his Florida meetings in the winter, and his western states meetings when the fish are biting. He does ask that the host church provide first-class air transportation to allow him to make the best use of his time. He also requests

a rental car (preferably a limousine), a luxury suite and room service at a local hotel to avoid being an inconvenience to the pastor or any church family.

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### The Real Meaning of Domestic Partner Benefits

By Mike Randall

Increasingly, corporations in this country are responding to the efforts of the homosexual lobby to provide the same benefits to homosexual partners that are provided for the spouses of their married employees. This is one of the complaints against the Disney corporation by various Christian and family groups. These benefits are opposed because of what they really mean.

#### What Domestic Partner Benefits Say About Marriage

Domestic partner benefits are opposed by Christian and family groups because such a policy makes marriage between a man and a woman equal to the relationship between a homosexual and his or her part-

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# Are You Opposed To Missions Or Do You Just Prefer Keeping Your Dollar?

By J. W. Porter

"Come over into Macedonia, and help us." — (Acts 16:9).

The doctrine of missions is the old, old story of Jesus and His love. The earthly philosophy of missions is the burning heart and the helping hand — the desire that others shall share our blessings. Many a poor, lost heathen has, at heart, been a missionary. Every man or woman who, with unselfish motive, goes or sends, has the instincts of the missionary. Yet only the God-sent man can be a missionary of the cross.

It is the motive that, in the last analysis, decides the character and worth of the deed. The primary and fundamental motive for missions is God in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself. If we have been reconciled to God, through Him, we will wish to have a part in the ministry of reconciliation. Gratitude for individual redemption is the divine dynamic for missionary endeavor, and the cross is the cradle of the great mission movement now thrilling the heart of the redeemed. A saved man not only believes in salvation for himself, but for others. When Christ gave His life for us, He made it mandatory that we live and long for others. To see Christ is equivalent to a desire to show Him to others. When Christ comes into the heart, that heart will go out to the heathen, at home and abroad. The heart is not so constructed that it can contain Christ in selfish silence. It longs to tell the story of redeeming love to a lost and dying world. To know God is not only to love God, but to love those for whom

He gave His Son.

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"Let the redeemed of the Lord say so"; yea, they will say so. It would be as easy to quench the fires of Vesuvius as to still the missionary longing of the regenerate soul.

Another motive for missions is the love of man. If we say we love God whom we have not seen, we cannot deny our love to our brother whom we have seen. Love for man is the consequence of our love for the Savior of men. We love Christ because He first loved us, and we love others because He first loved them. We love them not on account of their loveliness, but on account of Christ's love for them. If we love "every creature," we will wish the "good news" carried to every creature. Whether we believe it or not, the whole world is akin. Adam is the father of us all, which makes us brothers, according to the flesh. To deny this fact is to ask with Cain, "Am I my brother's keeper?" The question, "Who is my neighbor?" has been answered, once for all, by the Son of God, our Savior. "If ye love me, keep my commandments," and one of these commandments is to "preach the gospel to every creature." Love will hear and must heed the cry of the centuries, "Come over and help us!"

The love of our country should prompt us to missionary activity. The perpetuity of

our civilization depends upon the spread of the gospel. The heathen nations will be Christianized, or America will be paganized. *Thousands, opposed to our government and our God, are coming to our country. Either they will influence us or we shall influence them.* Their ideals, or ours, must prevail.

All other democracies have failed because they have not been predicated upon New Testament principles. Should we forsake these precious principles upon which our civic and social institutions are founded, we are destined to follow the failure of all previous attempts

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at self-government. Our civilization is as dependent upon the missionary spirit as the Christianity upon which it is founded. The genius of our institutions must be taught to others or perish with us. Propagation or deterioration is the essential logic of our situation. Heathenism is not only a problem but a peril, and one that we cannot longer ignore. If we would look to the life of our nation, we must look to the lives of other nations. Self-preservation demands Christian intervention. And just here, it is well to remember that the only way our nation can preserve its present power is by taking the gospel to all the world. In the last analysis, it is give and live, or take and die. If

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## If You're A Duck, Swim!

A group of animals decided to improve their general welfare by starting a school. The curriculum included swimming, running, climbing and flying. The duck, an excellent swimmer, was deficient in other areas; so he majored in climbing, running and flying much to the detriment of his swimming. The rabbit, a superior runner, was forced to spend so much time in other classes that he soon lost much of his famed speed. The squirrel, who had been rated "A" as a climber, dropped to a "C" because his instructors spent hours trying to teach him to swim and fly. And the eagle was disciplined for soaring to the treetop when he had been told to learn how to climb, even though flying was most natural for him.

This parable painfully portrays what often happens in the church. We each have a gift. Our gifts differ. Some of us try to do so many things that we lose our effectiveness in our most qualified area. As a result, the body suffers.

Romans 12 exhorts us to use the gifts we have. *It shouldn't distress us that someone may do another thing better than we.* If God made you a duck saint, you're a duck. Swim, friend, swim like mad! And don't get bent out of shape because you waddle when you run. Running isn't your thing. But, boy, can you ever swim!

Another thing, if you're an eagle saint, stop expecting squirrel saints to build the kind of nest you do. They are doing their own things, using their own gifts.

Diversity of gifts makes the body effective. 

Dear Ann Landers

# I Don't Know Where You Got Your Information, But You're Wrong

By Dr. L. K. Landis, Fellowship Baptist Church, Liberal, Kansas

Recently well-known love-lorn columnist Ann Landers wrote to her readers an article that she titled "Origins of religions may be a surprise." Although I do not normally read Ms. Landers' column, and even when I do, I usually find myself disagreeing with her own brand of humanistic advice drawn from her liberal views and virtually agnostic opinions. However, in this particular column "Ann" really got my ire up when she stated "If you are a Baptist, you owe the tenets of your religion to John Smyth, who launched it in Amsterdam in 1607." This statement is so biased and false that I could not let it go unchallenged and so on Sunday evening, November 24th, I preached this message to the church I have pastored for over 21½ years. The message, "Dear Ann Landers, I Don't Know Where You Got Your Information, But You're Wrong" is printed here and is also available in tract form from Wilderness Voice Publications, Fellowship Baptist Church, P. O. Box 393, Liberal, KS 67905.

To begin with Ms. Landers says, "If you are a Baptist, you owe the tenets of your religion to John Smyth ..." According to the New Webster's Dictionary of the English Language, the word "tenet" means "any opinion, principle, dogma or doctrine believed or maintained as true ..." According then to this definition, Ann Landers has just said that the doctrines of the Baptists did not come into existence until 1607. This is en-

tirely false. The "tenets" of our faith are laid squarely at the feet of the one who laid the foundation for Jesus Christ to build His church upon (Mt. 16:18). The "tenets" or doctrines of our faith did not come from John Smyth in 1607, but rather came from the first Baptist preacher whose name was also John. The first Baptist, John the Baptist, had a name given to him by God Himself (Mt. 3:1). This very first of the Christian preachers taught the deity of Christ (Jn. 1:29). He taught the preexistence of Jesus (Jn. 1:15). This Baptist's first public words were the warning of repentance (Mt. 3:1-2). John the Baptist taught the Sovereignty of God (Mt. 3:9). He taught about the Holy Spirit (Mt. 3:11). John stressed the confession of sin (Mt. 3:6). He refused to baptize unbelievers (Mt. 3:7-8). And this great man's baptism was by immersion, not sprinkling, and this baptism was not for salvation, but rather to "make Christ manifest" (Jn. 1:31). John the Baptist also preached the absolute certainty of judgment (Mt. 3:12). He taught individual responsibility in the matter of salvation, rather than a salvation by proxy (Mt. 3:9). He emphasized clean living and Christian conduct (Lk. 3:8). He held to the substitutionary atonement (Jn. 1:29, 36). He believed in the total depravity and helplessness of man (Jn. 3:27). He had close fellowship with God and walked with Him (Jn. 1:33). And the world's first Baptist preacher believed in wit-

nessing and winning the lost to Christ (Jn. 5:33, 35).

The basic "tenets" of our faith did not come from a man, but from God's Word, from the first Christian preacher (who was also the first Baptist) and ultimately from God Himself. The basic doctrines of Baptists have always been salvation by grace, repentance from sin, believer's baptism by immersion and personal holiness. Some modern "Baptists" may be straying from some of these basic beliefs, but nevertheless they are "tenets" that have separated us from all others. Not only do the "tenets" of our faith predate 1607 by some 1574 years, but also the history of our church stretches clear back to apostolic times. I don't know where you got your information, Ann, but you're wrong!

At one time all Baptists rejected the idea that Baptists are Protestants and at one time all Baptists believed that we sprang from the first church established by Jesus Christ while He was on this earth. The greatest theological minds among Baptists have always taught that the first church was a Baptist church; that all early apostolic churches were Baptist churches; and that originally all churches and Christians were Baptists. The greatest Baptist scholars, theologians and historians have believed and taught that the Baptist church was established by Jesus and His disciples upon the foundation laid by His cousin and forerunner, John the Baptist.

In 1894, Edward T. Hiscox

wrote the **New Directory for Baptist Churches**. In this book, which for over 100 years has been a standard among Baptists, on pages 492-493, Mr. Hiscox wrote, "Baptists have a history of which they need not be ashamed — a history of noble names and noble deeds, extending back through many ages, in which the present generation well may glory. From the days of John the Baptist until now, a great army of these witnesses for the truth, and martyrs for its sake, has illumined and honored the march of Christian history. The ages since Christ have known no purer, nobler lives, no braver, more faithful witnesses for the gospel of Christ, no more glorious martyrs for its sake, then many of those who honor us by being called "our fathers in the faith."

In 1880, the great Baptist historian, author, lecturer, theologian and preacher, J. R. Graves, wrote in the foreword and dedication to his monumental work, **Old Landmarkism**, "This little work is dedicated and it's dissemination throughout the denomination committed to every Baptist brother and sister and especially my brethren in the ministry and of the press in America, who love those principles for which our Baptist Fathers for 18 centuries suffered cruel mockings, bloody stripes, imprisonment, and martyrdoms ..." Dr. Graves edited a denomination paper, **The Tennessee Baptist** for many years. He at

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# Conversion of St. Paul

By Lord Lyttelton

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The object of this paper is to present in an abbreviated form the famous argument of Lord Lyttelton in defense of Christianity based on the conversion of the Apostle Paul. A few words about the man himself and about the interesting circumstances in which this treatise was written will properly introduce the subject.

George Lyttelton was born at Hagley, Worcestershire, England, January 17, 1709, and died on Tuesday morning August 22, 1773, aged sixty-four years. He belonged to a distinguished "family of long descent and gentle blood, dwelling for centuries on the same spot." Educated at Eton and Oxford, he soon afterwards entered Parliament, "and for many years the name of George Lyttelton was seen in every account of every debate in the House of Commons."

From this, he advanced

successively to the position of lord commissioner of the treasury, and of chancellor of the exchequer, after which he was raised to the peerage. He was also a man of letters and his closing years were devoted almost wholly to literary pursuits. He was a writer of verse as well as prose and Dr. Samuel Johnson has furnished us with his biography in his "Lives of the Poets." Outside of his books, which comprise nine octavo volumes, his *Memoirs and Correspondence* make two additional volumes that were compiled and edited by Robert Phillimore in 1845.

The eighteenth century was the darkest period religiously in the history of England since the time of the Reformation. It was the age of the great deists, agnostics, rationalists and unbelievers, when "all men of rank are (were) thought to be infidels."

Like so many of the literary men of his time, George Lyttelton and his friend Gilbert West were led at first to reject

the Christian religion. On the Sabbath forenoon before he died, in an interview with Dr. Johnson, Lyttelton said, "When I first set out in the world I had friends who endeavored to shake my belief in the Christian religion. I saw difficulties which staggered me," etc. In his biography of Lord Lyttelton, Dr. Johnson adds, "He had, in the pride of juvenile confidence, with the help of corrupt conversation, entertained doubts of the truth of Christianity." His intimacy with Bolingbroke, Chesterfield, Pope and others of the same kind had no doubt influenced him in this direction. Rev. T. T. Biddoph tells us that both Lyttelton and West, "men of acknowledged talents, had imbibed the principles of infidelity."

Fully persuaded that the Bible was an imposture, they were determined to expose the cheat. Lord Lyttelton chose the *Conversion of Paul* and Mr. West the *Resurrection of Christ* for the subject of hostile criticism. Both sat down to their respective tasks full of prejudice; but the result of their attempts was, that they were both converted by their efforts to overthrow the truth of Christianity. They came together, not as they expected, to exult over an imposture exposed to ridicule, but to lament over their own folly and to felicitate each other on their joint conviction that the Bible was the Word of God. Their able inquiries have furnished two of the most valuable treatises in favor of revelation, one entitled "Observations on the Conversion of St. Paul" and the other "Observations on the Resurrection of Christ." West's book was the first published. Lyttelton's work appeared at first anonymously in 1747, when he was thirty-eight years of age.

The edition which lies before me contains seventy-eight compact pages. It is addressed

in the form of a letter to Gilbert West. In the opening paragraph he says, "The conversion and apostleship of St. Paul alone, duly considered, was of itself a demonstration sufficient to prove Christianity to be a divine revelation." Dr. Johnson remarked that it is a treatise "to which infidelity had never been able to fabricate a specious answer." Dr. Philip Doddridge, who became Lyttelton's most intimate religious friend, speaks of it as "masterly," and "as perfect in its kind as any our age has produced." Testimonials of this kind might be multiplied indefinitely.

Let us now turn to an examination of the book itself. Lyttelton naturally begins by bringing before us all the facts that we have in the New Testament regarding the conversion of St. Paul; the three accounts given in the Acts; what we have in Galatians, Philippians, Timothy, Corinthians, Colossians and in other places (Acts 9:22-26; Gal. 1:11-16; Phil. 3:4-8; 1 Tim. 1:12-13; 1 Cor. 15:8; 2 Cor. 1:1; Col. 1:1, etc.). Then he lays down four propositions which he considers exhaust all the possibilities in the case.

**1. Either Paul was "an impostor who said what he knew to be false, with an intent to deceive;" or**

**2. He was an enthusiast who imposed on himself by the force of "an overheated imagination;" or**

**3. He was "deceived by the fraud of others;" or, finally,**

**4. What he declared to be the cause of his conversion did all really happen; "and, therefore the Christian religion is a divine revelation."**

## I. Paul Not An Impostor

More than half his argument (about forty pages) is

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## Can You Find the Errors In This Essay?

Abraham became the first Jew in history. He was called a Jew because he jewed God down from fifty to ten when discussing the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah.

He was first called Abraham but had his name changed to Abram when he became a Jew because Jews are forbidden to have ham.

Abraham became a great warrior and defeated nine kings, taking all their spoils and giving a tithe of all to a Priest named Aaron.

At the command of God, he took ship and steamed up the Red Sea to Joppa where he lived for many years.

Abraham and Moses were constant companions and appeared on the Mount of Transfiguration with the Lord Jesus Christ.

## Christian Martyrs Too Many To Afford Notice

All was calm one night just after Christmas 1993, until armed men came to a Baptist family's home in the former Soviet republic of Tajikistan.

Vladimir Limorev, a 34-year-old ethnic Russian Baptist, was taken outside, beaten and shot.

His wife Helena fled for help.

When she returned with the authorities, she found her house on fire and nine people dead: her husband and four children (ages 2, 4, 6 and 9), her mother, a visiting woman and her daughter, and a neighbor who had tried to protect the family.

Nothing was reported stolen.

Asked after the joint funeral service how she could cope with such a tragedy, Mrs. Limorev, pregnant with her fifth child, said simply: "The Lord has given me power to overcome."

Who murdered the Limorevs and their friends?

It's true that many Tajiks despise the ethnic Russians living among them because of Russia's long, brutal domination of Tajikistan.

The Tajiks also are heavily Muslim, and some Muslims violently oppose any Christians who attempt to evangelize non-Russians in Tajikistan.

"There is no doubt these particular murders were committed for religious motives," reported Boris Perchatkin to a U.S. congressional commission several months later.

Perchatkin is a former Soviet political prisoner and president of an institute that speaks out for persecuted Christians in the former Soviet Union.

He named 34 Christians se-

verely beaten or martyred for their faith in the region during the previous two years.

"If earlier the most active of Christians were sent to prison, now they are robbed, tortured, crippled and killed," he said, "but in the pages of the Western press there is not one word."

One reason for that silence — besides ignorance or indifference — is the sheer frequency of such attacks, according to mission researcher David Barrett, who collects information on Christian martyrs worldwide.

"In India this is happening all the time," Barrett reports. "Usually it starts as a Hindu-Muslim riot over some trivial thing like a Muslim insulting a Hindu or killing a cow.

"Then at some stage somebody says, 'It's the Christians; kill the Christians,' and so the mob rushes to the nearest church, drags the pastor out, kills him with his family, and burns the place down.

"There are so many such cases that the press doesn't bother to deal with it as a news item."

Such killings in India also illustrate the most common setting for modern martyrdoms: societies in turmoil.

"Wherever there's civil unrest — like Sarajevo, Rwanda, Somalia — the people who've got a grudge against Christians can take it out on them without being noticed," Barrett explains.

Barrett estimates an average of 160,000 Christians are killed for their faith every year.

His definition of martyrs: "believers in Christ who lose their lives prematurely in a situ-

ation of witness as a result of human hostility."

In 1995 alone, 150 foreign missionaries were murdered while at their task, according to mission agency reports. "These are people whose names we know," says Barrett.

For every killing of a Western missionary or a high-profile Christian leader that captures international attention, a thousand anonymous Christians die virtually unnoticed — except by God.

Villagers stoned or burned by their neighbors for proclaiming Christ. Muslim converts to Christianity killed in secret by their own families.

The stated motive of their executioners doesn't necessarily define whether they are martyrs or not.

"Idi Amin in Uganda murdered 500,000 Christians, but he said it was for political reasons" Barrett recalls.

"Tell that to the pastors who were burned alive," he points out.

Though it may seem rare or extreme to American Christians, it is neither abnormal nor unusual for the faithful to face death.

Their blood is the seed of the church. — Baptist Record.

[Editor's comment: Though we do not expect such type of persecution here in the United States of America, seeds are already being sown that will eventually result in such persecution. Perhaps not in physical persecution or death, but otherwise. These seeds can be seen by the use of the terms "extreme right wing" or "Christian right wing," all terms that are used to incite hatred, etc. which leads to ostracism and could ultimately lead to persecution. Christians here in the United States are not safe from such persecution and it will get worse (2 Tim. 3:12).]

## Persecution Panel Appointed

National Association of Evangelicals (NAE) President Don Argue and former Southern Baptist Convention President Jim Henry were among the appointees named in November to a 20-member U.S. State Department advisory committee on religious freedom abroad.

Panel members will research worldwide religious-liberty problems and make recommendations to President Clinton via the State Department. Last January, the NAE asked Clinton to take specific steps to improve U.S. response to Christian persecution.

"The formation of this advisory committee demonstrates our prayers are beginning to be answered as the President is taking a strong stand for religious liberty," Argue says. "But we have much work to do to prevent the torture and killing of fellow Christians who suffer."

However, some evangelicals believe the committee, which includes Muslim, Baha'i, Jewish, Catholic, Mormon, and Orthodox representatives, is too ideologically diverse. In October, 13 conservative evangelical and Catholic leaders told Clinton that such an "inherently far-flung" committee would be unlikely to address or even investigate the issue of religious persecution.

Other panel members include National Council of Churches General Secretary Joan Brown Campbell, Harvard University religion scholar Diana Eck, and Freedom House Puebla Program on Religious Freedom Director Nina Shea.

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## Noah's Ark and the Deluge

By Harry Rimmer

Perhaps I should call this chapter "Ignorance and the Ark." Like all other so-called "scientific" objections to the truth of God's word, objections that cluster about the Ark arise from ignorance. The blatant fool who challenges the inspiration and truth of the Bible succeeds magnificently in this particular: *He advertises a boundless and abounding personal ignorance.* Objections made to the story of Noah's ark are never made from the standpoint of knowledge, but from ignorance.

I remember hearing my mother tell many times of a famous infidel who lived in the town where I grew up. It was his constant boast that he was too "educated" to believe the Bible, and after thorough study, he rejected it entirely. One night he hung himself, as calves do when they have plenty of rope. Turning to the teacher who had for an hour confounded him in every point, the exasperated Infidel asked: "Do you believe the story of the ark Noah built?" The teacher replied, "Certainly I do." A foxy gleam lit the eye of the Infidel.

"Tell me," he said, "How big was the ark?"

"Three hundred cubits long, fifty wide, and thirty high."

"It must have weighed several tons?" the questioner continued.

"Certainly," said the Defender of the Faith, "Several hundred tons."

"Then," cried the Infidel in unholy, gleeful triumph, "If the Bible is true, as you claim it is, how could those two priests in Exodus pick up the ark and carry it?"

I think this is a typical attitude. The critic who wisely discourses on the *scientific* impossibility of the story of the ark hardly knows there was an Ark of the Covenant. No believer ever need fear what Science may say about the ark of Noah, for *Science has said all it can say here, and her statements substantiate the account of the ark of Noah as recorded in the Book of Genesis.*

The story of the ark has frequently been picked out as a weak point in the Bible's claims for full and absolute inspiration. However, the critics and Satanically hopeful may as well give up hope, there are no weak points in the Book. Every point that is or has ever been under fire has emerged from the crucible secure for all time. Especially is this so when the point in question has been a scientific one.

Some time ago I was delivering a series of addresses in a small town in Texas, and I came into violent contact with a local infidel and agnostic who had wisely read certain types of pseudoscience. Vain speculation and impossible wild guesses all went down his craw without effort, and he was somewhat feared locally because of his smattering of scientific lingo. We locked horns many times, until finally he said, "I don't want to talk to you any more, you talk to me as though I were an ignorant fool!" I replied, "That is the finest case of self analysis I ever saw!" He was angry for awhile, but came back to see "wherein" and "whyfor." He challenged the truth of the history of the flood.

"Now take that ridiculous story of the ark," he began. "You certainly can't claim that is scientifically possible?"

"Certainly it is," I replied, "what is wrong with it scientifically?"

"Well," he said, "The ark

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## Is It Possible To Be A World-class Scientist and a Creationist?

By Trudy Beyak, Abbotsford,  
British Columbia, Canada

Is it possible to be a world-class scientist and a creationist?

Dr. Raymond Damadian, inventor of the Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) machine, doesn't mind being in the minority — as long as he's on the side of truth.

His "hang-in-there" perseverance is the trademark of the world-renowned scientists and inventor.

Damadian is also a Christian and a creationist.

He told the Abbotsford News that he doesn't think the theory of evolution is true, because the data doesn't support it.


"The truth is: One has to be brutally honest about science and in my opinion it's incompatible to be a scientist and an evolutionist," said

Damadian.

"I've been looking at the data for years and objectively evaluating it and I think evolutionists are just spinning their wheels," said the outspoken scientist.

"The argument that evolution occurred by chance has no foundation in reality," said Damadian.

His invention made front page news headlines in **The New York Times** and **Newsweek** in 1977.

And in 1989, he joined the legendary heroes of his boyhood — Thomas Edison, Alexander Bell, and the Wright Brothers — when he was inducted into the National Inventor's Hall of Fame for his invention of magnetic resonance scanning. — *The Christian News* 

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our flag is to continue to wave over the land of the free and the home of the brave, we must practice the gospel at home and preach it abroad.

The fact that Christ has commanded missions, should be sufficient for every Christian. Obedience to Christ is impossible without missionary endeavor. The command is to "preach the gospel to every creature," and the only question is, will we obey His command? He has said that if we love Him we will keep His commands. So, then, if we love Him we will keep His commands, and we cannot keep His commands without doing missionary work. The command is to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature is as clear and binding as the command to be baptized.

In my judgment, no one would have ever doubted the missionary obligation had it not been for the cost entailed in fulfilling the obligation. It is the price, and not the principle, of missions, that gives offense. It is not that we love missions less, but the dollar more. It is not that we particularly object to sending the gospel abroad, but we specially prefer keeping our dollars at home.

Covetousness is the consuming curse of our century, and the crux of the contention against missions. Covetousness, which is idolatry, is the chief cause for the continuation of idolatry in heathen lands. The time is not far distant when a confession of faith will be synonymous with a missionary contribution. The man who will not preach the gospel with his purse should not profess it with his lips. If God's people could only once realize that all they are and all they have belongs to God, and that they should

administer their possessions as stewards for the real owner, a better day would dawn for a benighted world. Think of it! Last year, the American people spent more for chewing gum than they did for home and foreign missions, and yet we are told that our people are doing all that they reasonably can for this commanding cause. He who has grace in his heart should manifest that grace by gracious living.

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**The man who will not preach the gospel with his purse should not profess it with his lips.**

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The time has come when conscience should have its proper place in the domain of missions. The man who robs God, to the hurt of the ungodly, should feel the sting of conscience as keenly as though he had robbed his fellowman. It is not a question of whether he will give to missions, but will we pay our debts to Him who created us, redeemed us, and made us all we are, and gave us all we have. Our debt is to Deity, though humanity is to share its benefits. No debt, therefore, can be more pressing or sacred than the mission debt. It should not be considered a question of cost, but of worth to a dying world. Many of us, God has not required to go, or send one of our children, and the last that we can do, is to send our money. Can we, then, with a clear conscience, withhold our means from this God-ordained work?

Surely, the time is at hand when principle should supplant the place of sentiment in our missionary operations. The witchery of words, or efferves-

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ner.

The fact is that marriage between a man and a woman is not equal to the relationship of homosexual partners. Marriage has been the source of propagating, nurturing, protecting and providing for offspring, and the homosexual partnership has not. Propagation of the race is essential to the survival of society. Therefore, marriage as the source of offspring and the provider for them is worthy of special position and protection in society. It holds a unique status. It is insulting, demeaning and damaging to the institution of marriage when an inferior, corrupted and unnatural type of partnership is elevated to its equal. Such unions are not equal, and they should not be treated as such.

**What Domestic Partner Benefits Say About Intimacy**

Equally offensive is what domestic partner benefits imply about intimacy and sexual relations. The granting of domestic partner benefits by a corporation to its homosexual employees is saying that the homosexual acts performed between homosexual partners are equal to the intimate relations between a man and his wife. The result of such relations between a husband and wife is life, offspring, children, the propagation and survival of the human race. Homosexual acts, according to the Centers for Disease Control, are the major cause of the spread of AIDS in our country and around the world. Homosexual acts don't result in life and can't result in life. There is no way that homosexual and heterosexual relations can be considered as equal, but that is the hidden meaning behind domestic partner benefits, and that is

why Christian and family groups oppose them.

**How Disney and Others Respond to Complaints**

Disney and other such corporations have responded to these complaints by saying that their opponents are in favor of denying health care and other benefits to those who need them. Such responses evade the real issue. The reason Christian and family groups oppose benefits to the domestic partners of homosexuals is that such benefits are a means to accept and promote the homosexual lifestyle, elevate the sexual acts of homosexuals to a status of normalcy, and make homosexual partnerships equal to marriage between a man and a woman.

**What the Bible Says About Marriage and Homosexuality**

Christians feel so strongly because of the clear teaching of the Bible. The Bible teaches that marriage was instituted of God when He created man (Gen. 1:27, 28; 2:18-25). In creation, God made one man and one woman. He didn't create two men and bring them together, or two women and bring them together. He created Adam and Eve, united them in marriage, and determined that relations between them would produce new life. This truth was magnified by Christ (Mt. 19:4-6) and constitutes a sacred concept to those who believe.

By the same token, the Bible clearly teaches us that homosexual relations are wrong and are prohibited. Homosexuality is called an abomination in Leviticus 18:22: "Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination." Homosexuality is called "vile affections," "against nature," "un-

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## Are You A "Head Or A Tail?"

*"And the Lord shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou harken unto the commandments of the Lord thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them"* (Dt. 28:13).

Our text takes us back to the days when Moses was preaching in the plains of Moab just before Israel entered the land of Canaan. The entire book of Deuteronomy from which our text comes, consists of the parting words of Moss delivered to Israel in view of their impending entrance into Canaan. The entire book required just 37 days for the deliverance of this message. Throughout the entirety of the book and especially in our text, Moses urged upon the Jews their duty of obedience, and even promised that if they were obedient that God would make them the head and not the tail: He likewise declared the converse of this truth that God would make them the tail instead of the head, if they were disobedient.

Throughout the ages this has always been true. For a great while after entering Canaan, the Jews were obedient to God and thus they were the head. Later, spiritually beginning with the days of King Saul, they became disobedient and God has made them from that time, the tail.

This is likewise true of churches, nations and individuals.

What is your attitude relative to world evangelism? There is no duty given in the Scriptures which is clearer and more emphatic than the command for saved ones to give the gospel to the world.

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Mt. 28:19-20).

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

Yet there are those reading this who persistently refuse to support foreign missions and who simply say, "I'm against it." How much a one needs to learn:

"In Christ there is no east or west

In Him no south or north

But one great fellowship of love

Throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ now meet both east and west,

In Him meet south and north.

All Christly souls are one in Him

Throughout the whole wide earth."

"How long is it since Christ died for sinful people," asked an old Mohammed woman. She said, "I have given alms, gone to holy shrines, prayed and fasted, but it is useless. Where have you been all this time?" An old Eskimo said, "And you've known the good news since you were a boy and your father knew it. Then why did you not come sooner?" In the snowy heights of the Andes a man said, "How is it that all the

years of my life that I have never before heard these precious words?" In the white sands of North Africa a native of Morocco said to the Bible seller, "Why have you not run every where with this book, and why have you hoarded it to yourself?" Thus it is the cry of the four winds; we've waited for Jesus.

"The great world's heart is aching, aching fiercely in the night,

And God alone can heal it, and God alone give light:

And the men to bear that message and to speak the living word,


Are you and I, my brothers, and the millions that have heard.

Can we close our eyes to duty? Can we fold our hands at ease?

While the gates of night stand open to the pathway of the seas?

Can we shut up our compassion? Can we leave our prayers unsaid.

Till the lands which sin has blasted have been quickened from the dead?

I appeal to you, regardless of what you have been in the past in view of Jesus' commission to evangelize the world, to be head and not the tail during the years that are before us. 


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seemly" and an "error" in Romans 1:26-27: "For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly,

and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet."

The "corporate decisions" by Disney to promote the normalization of homosexuality include granting domestic partner benefits to homosexual employees, hosting homosexual "theme nights" at its parks, publishing the book, *Growing Up Gay*, which encourages teens to explore the homosexual lifestyle, and other specific decisions disparaging Christian and traditional family values.

Christians cannot accept homosexual partnerships and heterosexual marriage as equal. Homosexuality is wrong, and marriage has no equal. — *Baptist Bible Tribune* 

### Every Christian's Duty Is To Be A Witness for Christ

By Roy Mason

Whose business is it to win people to Christ? Is this a duty that devolves upon preachers, and perhaps upon Sunday School teachers? Certainly it is their task — but it is also the duty of every saved person on the face of this earth. The average church member not only never wins anybody else to the Lord — he never even tries to do so! There is no sense of obligation whatsoever on the part of the average church member as regards the reaching of the lost. "That's what I help hire the preacher for," is the attitude. This failure on the part of church members in general to talk their religion to others, is back behind the comparatively few people saved. Churches that engage in real soul-winning effort with numbers of persons participating, always reach many people.

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couldn't hold two of every kind of animal."

I asked, "How many kinds of animals were there?"

*He didn't know!*

I said, "How big was the ark?"

*He didn't know!*

I called his attention to what a noble, intellectual argument he presented against the ark. *He didn't know how big the ark was, he didn't know how many animals there were, but the ark couldn't hold them all!*

Some time later he returned. Someone had told him there were a million species living and he thought he was armed — loaded for bear.

It makes me chuckle yet at the memory of his eagerness.

Stating his new knowledge he asked, "Could they get a million different kinds of animals in the ark?"

"They wouldn't have to," I replied, "For two-thirds or three-quarters of that number live in water, and a flood wouldn't hurt them!"

He was so disappointed he almost evoked my sympathy. Then he rallied and said, "But two elephants would take a lot of room."

I said, "Yes, but you could park a lot of insects on two elephants and put five thousand species of the flea variety on the other animals and take up no room at all."

*Thus ignorance seeks to assail the Word of God, and is always frustrated.* I want to deal seriously now with objections to the story of the ark as they have been given to me many times by students and others and clear up several points. The first one is:

**The Size of the Ark**

The exact size of the ark will probably never be known. Scholarship, knowledge, and the science of Archaeology have all contributed their quota, but we still do not know very much about the exact capacity of this marvelous craft. The text simply says, "And this is the fashion which thou shalt make it of: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits" (Gen. 6:15). At first sight that seems simple enough and specific enough, but now we face the question,

**How Long, or How Much Is A Cubit?**

This, I am afraid, is a question no one can answer. There are a number of opinions. The Hebrews used as a basis of measurement, a simple anatomical system. These Hebrew measurements were part of the body, and it is generally supposed that the "cubit" was the length of a man's forearm from the inside of the elbow to the tip of the fingers. This, of course, would differ in different men, so later a definite standard was adopted by the Jews and neighboring races. The "cubit" of Noah, however, was many, many years before there were Jews and neighboring peoples, so we are not helped much here.

*It is a dangerous proceeding to make an argument from ignorance. How utterly senseless for the critics to say, "We do not and cannot know the exact size of the ark, but we do know it could not hold two of every kind of animal then living!"*

The ark was a ship of gigantic size. To be conservative, we will take as a standard cubit, the opinion of the famous scientist and Archaeologist, William Mathew Petrie. He, being one of the foremost

Egyptologists that ever lived, is entitled to speak with some authority, and he says the standard cubit is twenty-two and a half inches. According to this basis the ark was a tremendous and commodious boat. Five hundred and sixty-two feet and six inches long; ninety-three feet and six inches wide, fifty-six feet and three inches high. Built with a flat bottom, square on both ends and straight up the sides there was no waste space in bow or stern, and it had the tremendous carrying capacity of three million, seven hundred fifty thousand cubic feet? (3,750,000 cu. ft.). This is a tremendous cargo capacity. To put it in modern terms, it would take a train of freight cars thirteen and one-half miles long to carry this much freight, or provide this amount of cubic space.

That these dimensions and the size are not out of reason we see from two separate lines of evidence. First, the ancient stories of the ark make it much larger than this. It is inevitable that Archaeology should uncover traditional accounts of the deluge and the ark from the monuments and tablets of lost civilizations, for these ancient civilizations were founded of course by descendants of Noah. When people have a common origin it is always shown in their common traditions, and as Noah and his sons were the only men saved alive from or through the flood, they must have peopled the entire earth with their progeny.

Indeed, there could have been no other way. That these common legends all point to a common origin none can gainsay. Some of them are weird and distorted by tradition, but they all testify to two truths: *there was a deluge* and *there was an ark*.

The Babylonian account of the ark is fantastic. The ancient

clay tablets of Babylon describe the ark as six stories high, with a mast on top. It had a rudder to steer with, and the whole was crowned by a superstructure, or dwelling. In addition to the presence of the builder and his wife, there was also a pilot who sailed with them. The structure was perfectly cubical, being 140 cubits each way. It was constructed in six stories, each having nine compartments. The clay tablets containing this account of the ark were dug up by George Smith in 1870, and were dated from the year 3,000 B.C. They are undoubtedly genuine.

The Greek Historian Berosus also gives a fantastic and exaggerated account of the ark. He describes it as three thousand feet long, and twelve thousand feet wide. He does not give its height.

The most fantastic account of the ark is the description of Origin, who has an extended controversy with a contemporary, whom he tries to silence by claiming the ark was twenty-five miles long and three-quarters of a mile wide!

Many other tales and accounts could be introduced if we had unlimited time and space, but these must suffice to show the universal *belief* in the ark and its gigantic size. How simple and worthy of credence the language of the Bible seems as we wade through all this ancient tradition dealing with the same subjects and facts. How our faith in the Book swells as we see the difference between an account that is dictated by God and a story man writes to suit his own fancy.

The Ark was the largest vessel that ever floated prior to the giant liners of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Because of its square construction it would carry a third more

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## To The Apostle Paul

Rev. Saul Paul  
Independent Missionary  
Corinth, Greece

Dear Mr. Paul:

We recently received an application from you for service under our Board.

It is our policy to be as frank and open-minded as possible with all our applicants. We have made an exhaustive survey of your case. To be plain, we are surprised that you have been able to "pass" as a bonafide missionary.

We are told that you are afflicted with a severe eye-trouble. This is certain to be an insuperable handicap to an effective ministry. Our Board requires 20/20 vision.

At Antioch, we learn, you opposed Dr. Simon Peter, an esteemed home missionary and actually rebuked him publicly. You stirred up so much trouble at Antioch that a special Board meeting had to be convened in Jerusalem. We cannot condone such actions.

Do you think it seemly for a missionary to do part-time secular work? We hear that you are making tents on the side. In a letter to the church at Phillipi, you admitted that they were the only church supporting you. We wonder why.

Is it true that you have a jail record? Certain brethren report that you did two years time at Caesarea and were imprisoned at Rome.

You made so much trouble for the business men at Ephesus that they refer to you as "the man who turned the world upside down." Sensationalism, in missions, is uncalled for. We also deplore the lurid "over-the-wall-in-a-basket" episode at Damascus.

We are appalled at your obvious lack of conciliatory behavior. Diplomatic men are not stoned and dragged out of the city gates, or assaulted by furious mobs. Have you ever suspected that gentler words might gain you more friends? I enclose a copy of Dalius Carnagus' book, "How To Win Jews and Influence Greeks."

In one of your letters, you refer to yourself as "Paul the aged." Our new mission policies do not envisage a surplus of super-annuated recipients.

We understand that you are given to fantasies and dreams. At Troas, you saw "a man of Macedonia" and at another time "were caught up into the third heaven" and even claimed "the Lord stood by" you. We reckon that more realistic and practical minds are needed in the task of world evangelism.

You have caused much trouble everywhere you have gone. You opposed the honorable women at Berea and the leaders of your own nationality in Jerusalem. If a man cannot get along with his own people, how can he serve foreigners? We learn that you are a snake-handler. At Malta, you picked up a poisonous serpent which is said to have bitten you, but you did not suffer harm. Tsk, Tsk, Tsk!

You admit that while you were serving time at Rome that "all forsook you." Good men are not left friendless. Three fine brothers, by the names of Diotrefes, Demas and Alexander, the cop-

persmith, have notarized affidavits to the effect that it is impossible for them to cooperate with either you or your program.

We know that you had a bitter quarrel with a fellow missionary named Barnabas. Harsh words do not further God's work.

You have written many letters to churches where you have formerly been pastor. In one of the letters, you accused a church member of living with his father's wife, and you caused the whole church to feel badly; and the poor fellow was expelled.

You spend too much time talking about "the second coming of Christ." Your letters to the people at Thessalonica were almost entirely devoted to this theme. Put first things first from now on.

Your ministry has been far too flighty to be successful. First Asia Minor, then Macedonia, then Greece, then Italy and now you are talking about a wild goose chase into Spain. Concentration is more important than dissipation of one's powers. You cannot win the whole world by yourself. You are just one little Paul.

In a recent sermon, you said, "God forbid that I should glory in anything save the cross of Christ." It seems to us that you also ought to glory in our heritage, our denominational program, the unified budget, our Cooperative Program and the World Federation of Churches.

Your sermons are much too long for times. At one place, you talked until after midnight and a young man was so asleep that he fell out of the window and broke his neck. Nobody is saved after the first twenty minutes any way. "Stand up, speak up and then shut up," is our advice.

Dr. Luke reports that you are a thin little man, bald, frequently sick and always so agi-

tated over your church that you sleep very poorly. He reports that you pad around the house praying half of the night. A healthy mind in a robust body is our ideal for all applicants. A good night's sleep will give you zest and zip so that you wake up full of zing.

We find it best to send only married men into foreign service. We deplore your policy of persistent celibacy. Simon Magus has set up a matrimonial bureau at Samaria, where the names of some very fine widows are available.

You wrote recently to Timothy that "you had fought a good fight." Fighting is hardly a recommendation for a missionary. No fight is a good fight. Jesus came, not to bring a sword, but peace. You boast that "I fought with wild beasts at Ephesus." What on earth do you mean?

It hurts me to tell you this, Brother Paul, but in all of my twenty-five years experience, I have never met a man so opposite to the requirements of our Foreign Mission Board. If we accepted you, we would break every rule of modern missionary practice.

Most Sincerely yours,  
J. Flavious Fluffyhead,  
Foreign Mission Board  
Secretary

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## Walt Disney Company Continues Homosexual March.

Producers believe the ultimate decision lies in the hands of Michael Eisner, chairman of the Walt Disney Company, according to a **TV Guide** article on whether the show *Ellen* will become the first to have a homosexual lead character. *Ellen* is watched by millions each Wednesday night, but the fourth season of the show may bring a drastic shift in the direction of the show and an even more massive change of direction for network television. According to **TV Guide**, Touchstone Television, a Disney subsidiary, is pondering a story line that would reveal character Ellen Morgan is a lesbian. Currently there is a boycott of the Walt Disney Company's Disney Channel and both Disneyland and Disneyworld because of their shoving their "gay is OK" philosophy upon the American people. The boycott was urged by the American Family Association (AFA) and apparently is being successful. The Walt Disney Company's Disney Channel pay television service has seen a 37% drop in the number of subscribers in the past four months. Hollywood Reporter says subscribers have dropped from a high of 8,000,000 in June to a current level of 5,000,000. "We are dealing with more than coincidence here," said Donald Wildmon, president of the AFA. "It's significant that during the four months the Disney Channel lost paying subscribers, the Southern Baptists questioned Disney's moral climate and the Assemblies of God and Freewill Baptists voted to join the AFA in boycotting the company." — AFA

# World News

## Report on Live Video On the Internet

"Jesus Christ ... What a wonderful Savior!" These were the first words spoken in the first live sermon preached on the Internet by video.

After speaking these words, I continued for 15 minutes preaching the gospel, M. L. Moser's subject was "The Bible," Charles Thomas preached on "The Church," and Al Locke concluded the preaching service by showing from the Bible that the Second Coming of Christ is imminent. Each of these men preached 15 minutes on their appointed subject. This historic event can be viewed on our web page: [www.centralbaptistchurch.org](http://www.centralbaptistchurch.org).

When the reports came in the next day of how many "hits" we received (computers that successfully accessed our site), we were ecstatic and humbled. There were 1,477 successful connections on Sunday. Early reports show connections from as far away as Australia and the British Isles! We have received reports from California to Virginia of successful connections and viewing!

The response was so great that it overloaded the system. This created some viewing and audio problems for those connected. We could not even get enough processor time to capture the morning service. Thankfully it was recorded on tape. Our ISP, World Lynx, is upgrading the server and going to a T3 next month.

We also received an average of 791 "hits" per day for the first six days of this new ministry. The total for our first week is 4,795 hits. Pray for us! Pray for those who listen!

The Lord blessed us with great media attention. We were in the Little Rock newspaper at least four times during the week (See an article in this edition of TBC, pages 12-13). Radio stations and a local TV station broadcast interviews related to this historic event.

We have no idea how many people were watching our services (we've heard there were groups gathered around computers watching), but we do know that some didn't know the Savior. We pray they may come to know Him through the preaching they heard.

We plan to broadcast our Sunday morning services live, 11:00 a.m. Central Standard Time, and will be uploading teaching and devotional material. May God use it for His glory. — Larry Jones, Pastor Central Baptist Church.

**Judge Redefines Role of Parents.** "It's official." Public schools are now the parents for our children, at least according to a federal judge. Federal District Judge Melinda Harmon made that determination in a Texas case where a child was questioned by Children's Protective Services (CPS) officials without his parents. The judge ruled that a female CPS worker could check for signs of the paddling the boy's parents allegedly administered. When the youth's family found out about the case, they immediately filed suit against the school district. In finding for the school district, Judge Harmon ruled that 'par-

*ents give up their rights when they drop the children off at public school.'* — Christian View of the News.

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**Judge In Hawaii Rules Same-sex Marriages Legal.** Hawaii became the first state in the nation to legalize marriage between same-sex couples when a judge ruled that banning such unions is unjustified discrimination. "We hope to get married in the next couple of days," said an elated Joseph Melillo, who brought suit with his partner, Patrick Lagon, and two lesbian couples. In his opinion, Hawaii

Circuit Judge Kevin S.C. Chang said the state had failed to prove it had a compelling interest in preventing such marriages. He issued an injunction to prevent the state Department of Health from denying licenses solely because applicants are of the same sex, basing his reasoning on the equal protection clause of the state constitution. But Deputy Attorney General Rick J. Eichor said no marriage licenses will be issued immediately because he will ask Chang to suspend his decision until it can be appealed to the state supreme court.

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# Roundup

**Cross Must Go, Pagan Statue Can Stay.** In separate cases decided during the same week in August, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit ruled that the hundred-foot cross that has stood on San Francisco's highest peak for sixty years must be removed, while a ten-ton statue of a pagan Aztec serpent god, constructed at taxpayer expense in San Jose, California, may stay. The court ruled that the highly visible cross on Mount Davidson is a powerful symbol of Christianity with no historical significance apart from its religious symbolism; therefore, the city cannot own and maintain the cross without endorsing Christianity. The city may have to remove the cross or sell the land on which it stands to a private owner. In another case, the court ruled that San Jose did not unconstitutionally promote or endorse religion by installing a sculpture of the Aztec serpent god Quetzalcoatl in a park. J. Thomas Diepenbrock, an attorney representing a coalition of evangelical churches that opposed the \$500,000 statue, concluded, "What you have is the Christian cross coming down and, in this case, a pagan symbol being allowed to stay. This is an inconsistent standard."

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**Another First For San Francisco.** San Francisco is the first major U.S. city to forbid government officials to contract with any of the 8,000 firms it does business with annually that deny *domestic partner*

*benefits* to their employees. The ordinance, approved 10 to 0 in November by the city board of supervisors, was designed with same-sex couples in mind. Of the city's registered domestic partners, 90% are homosexuals.

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**Games Hook Children on Gambling.** The gambling industry is venturing into the toy departments of major family-oriented stores in search of future customers. That's the discovery made by Kathy Gilroy, a member of the Northern Illinois Anti-Gambling Task Force, who first found toy slot machines at a suburban Wal-Mart and then in outlets such as Walgreens and Toys R Us. The games include Buckaroo Banks, Riverboat Banks and Penny Slot as well as electronic poker and blackjack games. "The games teach kids — some 'ages 5 and up' — to gamble, and they're marketed that way," Gilroy told *Illinois Family Citizen*. "The 'banks' give them a choice of depositing money or gambling it, and reward them when they gamble. That's the opposite of what they should be taught — that you're a winner if you save." Electronic games play songs such as "You're in the money."

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**Convention Censures University President.** At the Georgia Southern Baptist state convention in November, messengers censured Kirby Godsey,

the Baptist president of Mercer University in Macon, for views in *When We Talk About God ... Let's Be Honest*. His book rejects the inerrancy of the Bible and questions the doctrines of original sin and the Virgin Birth.

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**Scouts Ease Ban On Gays In Bay Area.** The San Francisco Bay Area Council of the Boy Scouts quietly has adopted a more lenient policy toward gay members and leaders, putting it in apparent conflict with the national Scouts but positioning itself to try to win back United Way and corporate funding cut off four years ago. The national Boy Scouts of America opposes allowing gay members or leaders, and in the past, it has expelled gays. A spokesman in Irving, Texas, where the Scouts have their headquarters said that policy was unchanged. But the Bay Area Council has adopted a policy that doesn't call for expulsion unless a Scout or Scout leader engages in public homosexual conduct or advocacy.

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**Baptist Hospital Signs Casino Contract.** Baptist Memorial Health Care System, Inc. (BMHCS) has contracted through a DeSoto County (Miss.) branch hospital to provide health care services for employees of Grand Casino in Tunica County, and the agreement is raising eyebrows among Mississippi Baptists. That's be-

cause BMHCS is one-third owned by the Mississippi Baptist Convention (MBC), which for several years has opposed the legalization and rapid spread of casinos around the state.

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**Planned Parenthood: "Pro-Choice" Means Abortion.** Planned Parenthood operates abortion clinics which bring death to well over 100,000 babies each year. It is the largest single provider of abortion services in the U.S. (11/4 C. News). Their ads say they are "pro-choice," but the reality is that of all pregnant women who go to Planned Parenthood, 90% get an abortion -- CC

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**Bibles Survive ACLU Attack.** A U.S. District Court in Clarksburg, WV has ruled against the ACLU in finding that placing boxes of Bibles in public schools for students to voluntarily pick up is not a constitutional violation. The Rutherford Institute [which] defended the school district's right to allow outside parties to place the Bibles in its schools ... argued that the school acted neutrally in permitting religious materials to be made available on the same terms and under the same conditions as non-religious materials. "The passive availability of information does not advance or inhibit religion," said attorney Michael D. Lorensen, who handled the case.

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**Sex In the Military.** The media is making much of sexual

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abuse cases in the military. But why should anyone be surprised? Young men watch sex scenes in movies and in the cheap magazines we refuse to ban or censor. To the entertainment industry, sex is a recreational sport; and many women go right along with it. To crowd men and women together in such close quarters for months is asking for trouble. Sin evidently numbs the brain! The scandal revives the call for military sex segregation, but of course the "politically correct" nuts and the mad feminists would never hear of that? — Hugh Pyle in the *Sword of the Lord*.

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**Clinton To Support Pro-life Groups — But He Doesn't Know It.** Bott Radio Network announced Nov. 1 that it would donate all advertising revenue it received from the Clinton/Gore campaign to pro-life groups and crisis pregnancy centers. Federal law requires radio stations to carry advertising for any qualified candidate who requests and pays for time. The Clinton campaign ran ads on Christian radio stations claiming that Clinton was a champion of religious freedom and friend to the American family. The ads claimed that Clinton really wanted to ban late-term abortions — even though he vetoed a ban on partial-birth abortions, a particularly gruesome form of late-term abortion. Dick Bott Sr., president of the network, said, "While federal regulations require us to carry the commercials and take the money, they can not restrict us from giving that money away as a donation to those groups that are really trying to stop the killing America's most innocent

human beings." — EP

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**What Is the "Law of the Land?"** It used to be the Constitution of the U.S. Now, it's "public policy." And what is "public policy?" It's whatever the hordes of bureaucrats and leeches, who have taken us over, say it is. Non-profit organizations which don't conform to public policy have their tax-exempt status removed. For profit organizations which hire only Christians or whites, are found guilty of unfair discrimination and fined heavily. "Public Policy" is what Big Brother says it is — regardless of God and Constitution. — Tom Anderson in *Straight Talk*.

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**Question and Answer.** Do the partners of homosexual congressmen have some sort of official status in Washington? Answer: The partners in perversion of three acknowledged homosexual members of Congress have been given official congressional spouse identification cards, a fact noted this past summer by Washington magazine and the Associated Press. This revelation came at the time of a growing push for federal recognition of homosexual "marriage." The three representatives were Massachusetts Democrats Barney Frank and Gerry Studds, and Wisconsin Republican Steve Gunderson. — *The New American*

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**What Does The Bible Say?**

What obligation does the Lord lay upon saved people along the line of witnessing for Christ and the winning souls?

1. What is our obligation to our own kinfolk? To the converted Gadarene who wanted to accompany him, Jesus said, "Go home to thy friends and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee" (Mk. 5:19). What did the man do in obedience to that command? The answer is found in verse 20. But note! Another good example is found in John 1:41-42, "He first findeth his *own brother* ... and he brought him to Jesus."

It is the prime business of every Christian to win his own close of kin to the Lord. Very often people live in such a way that they don't have the nerve to talk to their close of kin for they know that they have no confidence in them. Then often people as regards their own children, have no real interest in their salvation. During a revival meet-


ing for instance, they find excuses for staying away, instead of planning to be with their lost children in the services every night. We have known instances in which parents actually resented people talking to their children about their salvation. In many instances the trouble probably is that such parents, though church members, are utterly lost and just a breath removed from Hell.

2. What is our obligation towards our own people? The

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cargo than any modern vessel its own size, and when modern engine rooms, crew's quarters, control stations, life boats and safety belts, cabins, gymnasii, knife edged bows and rounded sterns are all deducted, an ark of the size set forth (562 ft. by 93 ft. by 56 ft.) would carry a much larger load than any ship sailing the seas today. [Part 2 next month.] 

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devoted to the first of these propositions, which is really the key to the whole situation. Is this story of Paul's conversion so often repeated in Acts and Epistles a fabrication, put forth by a designing man with the deliberate purpose and intention of deceiving?

Lyttelton at once raises the question of motive. What could have induced him while on his way to Damascus, filled with implacable hatred against this whole sect, to turn around and become a disciple of Christ?

**1. Was it wealth?**

No, all the wealth was in the keeping of those whom he had forsaken; the poverty was on the side of those with whom he now identified himself. So poor had they been, that those among them possessed of any little property sold whatever belonged to them in order to provide for the dire necessities of the rest. Indeed, one of the burdens afterwards laid upon Paul was to collect means for those who were threatened with starvation. Such was the humble condition of these early Christians, that he often refused to take anything from them even for the bare necessities of life, but labored himself to provide for his scanty needs. To the Corinthians, he writes, "Even unto this present hour we both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwelling place; and labour, working with our own hands" (1 Cor. 4:11-12; See also 2 Cor. 12:14; 1 Thess. 2:4-9; 3:8; etc.).

In his farewell to the elders of Ephesians, he appeals to them as knowing it to be true that, "I coveted no man's silver or gold or apparel. Yea ye yourselves know, that these hands

ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me" (Acts 20:33-34). He forsook the great Jewish hierarchy with its gorgeous temple and its overflowing treasuries, where his zeal in putting down the hated sect of the Nazarene would have been almost certainly rewarded with a fortune. He cast in his lot among the poverty-stricken disciples of Jesus Christ, among whom it was his ambition to be poor. Near the end of his life he presents to us a picture of an old man shivering in a Roman dungeon and pathetically asking for a cloak to be sent him to cover his naked and suffering limbs during the severities of an Italian winter.

**2. Was it reputation?**

No; those with whom he united were held in universal contempt; their Leader had been put to death as a criminal among thieves; the chiefs of the cause that he had espoused were illiterate men. On the other hand, the wisest and the greatest men in all the land indignantly rejected the teachings of this new sect. The preaching of Christ crucified was to the Jew a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness. There was no reputation for the great disciple of Gamaliel in parting with his splendid honors and identifying himself with a lot of ignorant fishermen. He would only be execrated as a deserter and betrayer of the Jewish cause, and he might rest assured that the same bloody knife that slew the Shepherd of the scattered flock would soon be unsheathed against himself. All the reputation that he had so zealously built up was gone the hour that he went over to the new religion, and from that day on contempt was his portion. He was accounted as the filth of the world and the offscouring of all things (1 Cor. 4:13).

**3. Was it power he was after?**

We know what men have done to get into positions of prominence and dominion over their fellows. Mahomet, the popes, and many others, put forth spiritual claims so as to promote thereby their own temporal ends. How was it with Paul? His whole career was marked by a complete absence of all self-seeking. He had no eye to worldly ambitions. He interfered with nothing, "in government or civil affairs; he meddled not with legislation; he formed no commonwealths; he raised no seditions; he affected no temporal power." He assumed no pre-eminence over other Christians. He regarded himself as not worthy to be called an apostle, as less than the least of all saints, as the chief of sinners. Those engaged in like work he called "fellow-laborers" and "fellow-servants." Even if the truth was spread by those hostile to him, through "envy and strife," so long as Christ was proclaimed, "therein I rejoice, yea, and will rejoice" (Phil. 1:18). He did not lord it over the churches, even over those that he himself had founded. To the Pauline party in Corinth he exclaims, "Was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul" (1 Cor. 1:13)? "We preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake" (2 Cor. 4:5). Those who, from selfish motives seek for influence over people pander to them and flatter them (as, e.g. did Absalom). There was nothing of this with Paul. He rebuked the churches unsparingly for their sins, and did not hesitate, if need be, to incur their displeasure. Disclaiming all pre-eminence and position and power, he preached Christ and Him crucified as the head, and hid and buried self

behind the cross. Earth to him was nothing. His eye was fixed on "the recompense of reward" (Heb. 11:26).

**4. Was his motive the gratification of any other passion?**

Impostors have pretended to receive divine revelations as a pretext in order that they might indulge in loose conduct. Was it so here? No; for all Paul's teachings were in the most absolute antagonism to any such purpose. "His writings breathe nothing but the strictest morality, obedience to magistrates, order, and government, with the utmost abhorrence of all licentiousness, idleness, or loose behavior under the cloak of religion."

Writing to the Thessalonians, he utters the challenge, "Ye are witnesses, and God also, how holily and righteously and unblameably we behaved ourselves among you that believe" (1 Thess. 2:10). "We have wronged no man, we have corrupted no man, we have defrauded no man" (2 Cor. 7:2). The whole teaching of the Apostle is in the sternest and most uncompromising hostility to everything but the highest and holiest ideals.

**5. Was it a pious fraud?**

That is to say, did Paul pretend to receive a divine revelation in order to give him prestige in advancing the teachings of Christianity? But Christianity was the one thing he had set out to destroy. To become a Christian was to incur the hatred, the contempt, the torments and the violent deaths suffered by Christians in that day. Why then this sudden change in Paul's own views regarding the unpopular teachings of the Nazarene? Would he have en-

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dured "the loss of all things" and exulted over it, for what he knew was a fraud? Would he have spent a life of the most arduous toil to induce others to make every earthly sacrifice while he knew that behind it all he was practicing a delusion? It would be an imposture as unprofitable as it was perilous, both to himself the deceiver and to the others whom he deceived. The theory confutes itself. Only the sternest conviction that he had received a divine revelation could have induced Paul to pass through what he himself had suffered, or to have asked others to do the same. "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable" (1 Cor. 15:19).

But had he practiced a deception, he could not have successfully carried it out. Men sometimes act capriciously. Suppose that Paul "just did it" without any motive that can be imagined; then he must have ignominiously failed in his attempt to perpetuate such a fraud. How could he, e.g., have become such an adept in the mysteries and secrets of the new religion as to be an authority and an apostle of it, if he had to depend for his special knowledge on information received from men who knew well by bitter experience that he was their capital enemy? It must have come in another way, and his own account makes it plain. "For I neither received it (the gospel) of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ" (Gal. 1:12). Had he fabricated the story of his conversion he would certainly have located it in a place so remote or hidden that there could be no witnesses to refute (Joe Smith, e.g., and the golden plates of the Book of Mormon). Instead

of that the miracle of Paul's conversion, with its great light from heaven exceeding the brightness of the sun, is placed in the public highway near Damascus; at noonday, when their senses could not be deceived, and when all the accompanying soldiers and commissioners were with him on the spot. Had there been a shadow of disproof, how promptly the Jews in Damascus would have nipped the falsehood in the bud by the testimony of the witnesses who were present with Paul at the time. Or, when the Apostle stood on the castle stairs in Jerusalem and told the whole story, why did not the Jewish authorities silence him at once and forever by showing that nothing of the kind had ever taken place, and proved it by the abundant evidence of the competent witnesses who were with him — if it were not true?

It was an event that took place before the eyes of the world, and would be made at once a matter of the strictest scrutiny. And the truth of the fact was so incontestably established that it had become a matter of common knowledge. The Jews said the utmost they could against Paul before the Roman court, and yet Paul appealed directly to King Agrippa in the presence of Festus as to his own personal knowledge of the truth of the story. "For the king knoweth of these things, before whom also I speak freely: for I am persuaded that none of these things are hidden from him; for this thing was not done in a corner" (Acts 26:26) — "a very remarkable proof both of the notoriety of the fact, and the integrity of the man, who, with so fearless a confidence, could call upon a king to give testimony for him, even while he was sitting in judgment upon him."

Moreover, how came it that Ananias went to meet such an enemy in Damascus, if the story

of his conversion was made up? If Paul was an impostor, then all his miracles were simply tricks or sleight-of-hand. Nevertheless, he, a despised and hated Jew, set himself to the appalling task of converting the Gentile world — teaching doctrines that shocked every prejudice and at which they were wont to mock in derision.

Arrayed against him were the magistrates with their policy and their power, the priests with their interests and craft, the people with their prejudice and passions, the philosophers with their pride and wisdom. Could he by feats of jugglery in the presence of a shrewd, hostile people strike Elymas the sorcerer, blind; heal a cripple at Lystra; restore the pythoness at Philippi; shake open with a prayer the doors of a prison; raise the dead to life, etc., so that thousands were converted and great pure churches renouncing all sin and dishonesty, established throughout the Roman world? Our author shows that this would be impossible without divine help and therefore he concludes that he has proven (1) that Paul was not a cheat telling a trumped-up story about his conversion, and (2) if he were, he could not have succeeded.

## II. Paul Not An Enthusiast Who Imposed On Himself

This second argument covers twenty pages. Was Paul a deluded enthusiast whose overheated imagination imposed on him so that he imagined to be true that which had never really taken place? Lord Lyttelton makes an analysis of the elements that enter into the make-up of a man of this type. He finds these to be five.

### (1) Great heat of temper.

While Paul had intense fervor, like all great men, yet it was

everywhere governed by discretion and reason. His zeal was his servant, not the master of his judgment. He possessed consummate tact which proves self-control. In indifferent matters he became "all things to all men;" to the Jews he became a Jew, to them that are without law as without law, to the weak he became weak — all, that he might gain some (1 Cor. 9:19-23). "His zeal was eager and warm, but tempered with prudence, and even with the civilities and decorums of life, as appears by his behavior to Agrippa, Festus and Felix; not the blind, inconsiderate, indecent zeal of an enthusiast."

### (2) Melancholy.

He regards this as a prominent mark of misguided zeal. He finds nothing of it in Paul. There is great sorrow over his former ignorant persecution of the church, but there are no gloomy self-imposed penances such as melancholy fanatics inflict upon themselves. He had a desire to depart and be with Christ, but there was nothing morbid about it. It was all based on the revelation that he already had of the rewards that awaited him in the life to come. He tactfully met the Athenians adroitly claiming to be the interpreter of "The unknown god" whose altar they themselves had erected. He never hesitated to avert injustice by claiming his privileges as a Roman citizen. He was the very antithesis of gloominess. In whatever state he was, he had learned to be content. Neither his actions, nor his writings, nor his interested greeting and salutations, show the slightest tincture of melancholia.

### (3) Ignorance.

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This charge could not be laid up against the Apostle. Brought up at the feet of the great Gamaliel; he appeared to be master not only of Jewish, but also of Greek (and Roman) learning.

**(4) Credulity.**

As a resident of Jerusalem, Paul could not be a stranger to the fame of the miracles wrought by Jesus. He had the facts of the resurrection of our Lord, of Pentecost and all the miracles wrought by the Apostles up till the death of Stephen. Far from being credulous, he had barred his mind against every proof and refused to believe. "Nothing less than the irresistible evidence of his own senses, clear from all possibility of doubt, could have overcome his unbelief."

**(5) Vanity or Self-conceit.**

Vanity and fanaticism usually go together. Men of this type flatter themselves that on account of their superior worth they are the recipients of extraordinary favors and gifts from God, and of these they make their boast. There is not one word in his Epistles, nor one act recorded in his life, in which the slightest mark of this appears. When compelled to vindicate his apostolic claim from wanton attack he does it effectively, but in the briefest way and with many apologies for being compelled to speak thus of himself (2 Cor. 11:1-30).

When he had a vision of heaven, he modestly withheld his own name and covered it up in the third person. For fourteen years he observed absolute silence in regards to this special mark of the divine favor

(2 Cor. 12:1-12). Would this be the way a vain man would act? Neither is Paul that planteth, nor Apollos that watereth, anything but God who gives the increase (1 Cor. 3:4-7) Instead of self-conceit, he writes of himself in terms of the most complete abnegation. Everywhere it is not I, but the grace of God that was with me" (1 Cor. 15:10). His modesty appears on every page.

(6) But now suppose that in some way wholly unaccountable, Paul had actually been swept away by enthusiasm at the time, and imposed on himself, by imagining the vents that took place. Lyttelton's reply is that such a thing was impossible. He here uses the argument that has since been employed so effectively to dispose of Renan's vision theory of the resurrection of our Lord.

In such circumstances men always see what they expect to see. An imagined vision will be in accord with the opinions already imprinted on one's mind. Paul's purpose was clearly fixed. At his own request he had been clothed with authority to persecute the Christians, and he was now on his way from Jerusalem to Damascus on this very errand. He looked up on Christ as an impostor and a blasphemer who had justly been put to death. All his passions were inflamed to the highest degree against His followers.

He started on his northward journey "breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord" (Acts 9:1). "And being exceedingly mad against them, I persecuted them even unto strange (foreign) cities" (Acts 26:11). "There was the pride of supporting a part he had voluntarily engaged in, and the credit he found it procured him among the chief priests and rulers, whose commission he bore." In these circumstances a wild

enthusiast might indeed imagine he saw a vision, but it would be one urging him onward to do the thing which he had started out to accomplish. With nothing having happened to change his opinions or alter the bent of his mind, it would be as impossible for him, in a moment, to have imagined the complete revolution that is recorded in the New Testament as it would be for a rapid river to "carry a boat against the current of its own stream." We might add, as well expect the mighty rushing river itself, without any cause to stop in its course and rush violently backward up a steep mountain side, as to expect the whole current of Paul's thought and feeling and imagination and purpose to be instantly reversed without any cause. It could not take place. And it would have been just as impossible for all those who were with him to have experienced the same delusion, for they also saw the light above the brightness of the noonday sun and they heard the voice from heaven, although they understood not the words.

But suppose it were a meteor that burst upon them? How then account for the words that Paul heard speaking in the Hebrew tongue and the dialogue which followed? How account for his going to a certain spot in Damascus, in accordance with instructions here received? How account for the knowledge that Ananias had, and that led to their interview? How account for the miracle after three days whereby Paul's blindness was healed? And how account for the mighty works and wonders afterward wrought by Paul, all consequent on this first revelation?

(Following the suggestion of, perhaps, Krenkel, a New England professor is credited with teaching that at his conversion Paul had simply an epileptic at-

tack. But, had all the company that were with him a like attack at the same instant, for they all saw something? And, moreover, no disorder of this or any other kind can account for the facts in the case. Paul's marvelous lifework revolutionized the history of his age, and his influence is powerfully felt yet, after nearly two thousand years, all over the world. One is almost tempted to say that if such is the result of epilepsy, what a pity that such a professor as this had not a similar attack. Then possibly he, too, might yet be heard from in this world.)

**III. Paul Not Deceived By Others**

This third possible solution Lyttelton dismisses with a single page. The fraud of others could not have deceived him; for, (1) It was morally impossible that the disciples of Christ could have thought of such a fraud at the instant of Paul's greatest fury against them.

(2) It was physically impossible for them to do it. Could they produce a light brighter than the midday sun; cause him to hear a voice speaking out of that light; make him blind for three days and then return his sight at a word, etc.? There were no Christians around when the miracle of his conversion took place.

(3) No fraud could have produced those subsequent miracles which he himself actively wrought and to which he so confidently appealed in proof of his divine mission.

**IV. Christianity A Divine Revelation**

Our author considers that he has furnished sufficient evidence to show (1) that Paul was not an impostor deliberately

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one time was pastor of the First Baptist Church in New Orleans. He authored eleven books and was generally considered the most eloquent preacher in the entire South at that time.

Also note that the well-respected Baptist apologist, J. M. Carroll, whose book **The Trail of Blood** has been printed continuously since it was copyrighted in 1931, and whose numbers now reach well into the millions, says simply that it is "The History of Baptist Churches from the Time of Christ, Their Founder, to the Present Day."

In 1912, D. B. Ray authored the coveted treasure, **Baptist Succession, A Handbook of Baptist History** and in the preface, Dr. Ray wrote, "Baptists have, with one voice denied any connection with the Romish apostasy, and claimed their origin as a church, from Jesus Christ and the apostles."

David Benedict, pastor of the Baptist church in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, wrote his classic **A General History of the Baptist Denomination**, in 1813. All throughout the over 1200 pages of his monumental work, Mr. Benedict asserts that the Baptist denomination of his day was most assuredly the same as the church started by Jesus Christ Himself while He was on earth. He is most emphatic to state that the original church was a Baptist church.

Another venerable author, the Englishman William Jones, wrote **The History of the Christian Church** in 1812 and stated flatly, "the Waldenses were Baptists." These ancient people and their churches existed from the early 1300's to the beginning of the eighteenth century. This statement, at its worst, proves that Baptists have believed in their ancient existence for more than 300 years from the

date of their founding given by Ann Landers.

Yet another author, Charles B. Stovall, in his book, **Baptist History and Succession**, says, "It will be seen that the Baptists claim the high antiquity of the commencement of the Christian church. They can trace a succession of those who have believed the same doctrine and administered the same ordinances directly, up to the Apostolic Age."

M. M. Munger, in his book, **Baptist Churches From Jerusalem to North America**, wrote, "The intention of this little work is to show that from the time of Christ, beginning while He was on earth, the church of Christ has not failed to exist down to this present year of 1926. We have chosen this line of history as being the most simple and direct; Jerusalem, Rome, Britain (now Wales), to the North American colonies ... Baptist church perpetuity is a proven fact."

And, of course, the testimony of the venerable G. H. Orchard, the great English Baptist wrote prior to 1855, "**A Concise History of Baptists from the time of Christ their Founder to the 18th Century.**"

Perhaps W. A. Jarrel said it best when he wrote in his book, **Baptist Church Perpetuity or History** in 1894, "the Baptist movement in history has always been back to the New Testament ... then it was about 150 A.D. that the first Baptist protest was raised by the Montanists."

While I am not sure it would be profitable to continue to quote Baptist author after Baptist author, my intention has been to show that all credible Baptist historians and theologians have both believed and taught that there is a direct link from the days of Christ and His apostles to the Baptist church of today. Though called by

other names, true Baptists subscribe to the idea that originally all churches were Baptist churches. Baptists who deny this historical position and indisputable fact are of modern origin and thought. Certainly they do not reflect the doctrine of church (Baptist) perpetuity as was so universally believed among Baptists of previous generations.

However, to further solidify the premise that the acceptance of this doctrine was the majority opinion that prevailed in Baptist churches until recent times, we must add that other well known Baptists also adhered tenaciously to this belief. Such great men as Charles Haddon Spurgeon (Pastor of the Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle in London), Jesse Mercer (for whom Mercer University is named), Francis Wayland (longtime Baptist pastor in New York state), J. M. Pendleton (former Professor of Theology at Union University in Murfreesborough, Tennessee), B. H. Carroll (former Pastor of the First Baptist Church in Waco, Texas and associate editor of **The Texas Baptist**), R. E. B. Baylor (Member of Congress from Alabama, Texas Supreme Court Justice and namesake of Baylor University) and W. A. Criswell (former pastor of the First Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas). These, along with countless scores of others, have been faithful to the end to proclaim the "tenets" of our faith and the glorious history of the Baptist church.

Although basically passed from church to church, this belief was argued vehemently as early as 1640 when William Kiffin, who for sixty-one years (1640-1701) pastored the Baptist church in Devonshire Square in London and whose granddaughter married the grandson of Oliver Cromwell, wrote an essay defending the Baptist posi-

tion of exclusion at the Lord's Table (Communion). Again I say, I don't know where you got your information, Ann, but you're wrong!

But do not think for one moment that Baptists have arrogantly propagated this opinion of themselves alone. Many of our adversaries and detractors have also testified as to the antiquity of the Baptist faith. Some, who out of the hatred in their hearts for these people called Baptists, have unwittingly given credibility to our illustrious history.

Roman Catholic Cardinal Stanislaus Hosius, President of the Council of Trent in 1524, said, "Were it not that the Baptists have been grievously tormented and cut off with the knife during the past twelve hundred years, they would swarm in greater number than all the Reformers." Did you get that Ann? A Roman Catholic Cardinal, the personal representative of the Pope, in the year 1524 acknowledged that the Baptists had existed for 1200 previous years. That, by Catholic admission, puts the Baptists back within three hundred years of Christ's ministry on earth. Ann, that is almost 1,300 years before you say the Baptist church was started. I don't know where you got your information, Ann, but you're wrong!

Even the principal Lutheran historian, Johann Laurenz von Mosheim, wrote, "Before the rise of Luther and Calvin there lay secreted in almost all of the countries of Europe persons who adhered tenaciously to the principles of modern Dutch Baptists."

And the Edinburgh Encyclopedia, a Presbyterian publication, states, "It must have already occurred to our readers that the Baptists are the same

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sect of Christians that were formerly described as Ana-Baptists. Indeed this seems to have been their leading principle from the time of Tertullian to the present time." Tertullian was born just fifty years after the death of the Apostle John. I don't know where you got your information, Ann, but you're wrong!!


Other renowned scholars and writers, some knowingly, some cluelessly, have lent their support to the notion that the original church of Christendom was a Baptist church. Such men as Heinrich Bullinger (1504-1575), the aide and successor to the reformer Zwingli admitted that as contrary as the doctrine was, this doctrine of the Baptists persisted from, the days of the Apostles. Even Peter Allix, the learned scholar and historian of the Church of England, "furnishes us a list of thirty-three errors charged against this people by the Jacobite priest Raynerius" from his work first published in 1690. Rainerius Saccho was a thirteenth century monk and sworn enemy of the Waldensian Baptists.

Even famed English scientist, Sir Isaac Newton, wrote, "The modern Baptists formerly called Anabaptists are the only people that never symbolized with the Papacy." He thus admits that the beginning of this illustrious group of Christians began sometime before the Roman Catholic system itself. Testimonies to this fact can also be extracted from the writings of such great minds as those of Professor David Masson of Edinburgh University (1822-1907); William C. King, editor of **Crossing the Centuries**; Robert Barclay the Quaker theologian (1648-1690); Alexander Campbell, founder of the

Churches of Christ; and respected American educator and historian, John Clarke Ridpath, a Methodist. Mr. Ridpath, professor for sixteen years of what is now known as De Pauw University said, "I should not readily admit that there was a Baptist Church as far back as A.D. 100, although without doubt there were Baptists then, as all Christians were then Baptists." Once more, Ann, I don't know where you got your information, but you are wrong!!

Perhaps the most excellent testimony to the antiquity of the people called "Baptists" comes from the very unlikely source of Doctors A. Ypeij and J. J. Dermout, Chaplain to the King of Holland. In 1819 these men received a royal commission to prepare a history of the Dutch Reformed Church. This history, prepared under royal sanction, and officially published, contains the following testimony to the origin of the Baptists. "We have now seen that the Baptists, who were formerly called Anabaptists ... were the original Waldenses ... On this account, the Baptists may be considered as the only religious community which has stood since the days of the apostles, and as a Christian society which has preserved pure the doctrines of the gospel through all ages. The perfectly correct external and internal economy of the Baptist denomination tends to confirm the truth, disputed by the Romish Church, that the Reformation brought about in the sixteenth century was in the highest degree necessary, and at the same time goes to refute the erroneous notion of the Catholics, that their denomination is the most ancient."


Well, Ann, there you have it in a nutshell. From the pages of the Bible, the New Testament in particular, we are able to prove that the "tenets" of our

faith did not come from John Smyth in 1607, but rather from John the Baptist and Jesus Christ Himself. We are able to establish that Baptists for centuries have laid claim to be the original church, the one started by Jesus on the foundation set by John the Baptist. And, even though many of these men hated the Baptists, non-Baptist sacred and secular historians alike have attributed the beginning of the church to the Baptists. Be that as it may, however, I am not angry with you, Ann. As a member of the Jewish religion, I could not expect you to know much about Christian church history. However, I conclude this little rebuttal by saying, "I don't know where you got your information, Ann, but you're wrong!!" 

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proclaiming what he knew to be false with intent to deceive; (2) That he was not imposed upon by an overheated imagination, and (3) that he was not deceived by the fraud of others. Unless, therefore, we are prepared to lay aside the use of our understanding and all the rules of evidence by which facts are determined, we must accept the whole story of Paul's conversion as literally and historically true. We have therefore the supernatural, and the Christian religion is proved to be a revelation from God.


Endeavoring as closely as possible to the original, and yet considerably in my own language, I have sought to give the essence of Lord Lyttelton's matchless argument which has been blessed to thousands of doubting souls. May this outline lead to candid examination, as such an examination should inevitably lead to Him whom Paul saw in the midst of the glory near the gate of Damascus. 

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Apostle Paul set us a good example along this line. Read Romans 10:1 and 9:1-2. He simply says that such was his desire to see his own people, the Jews, saved that he would gladly have doomed his own soul to Hell if that could have accomplished the salvation of his people. He did everything in his power to reach the Jews, suffering hate and misrepresentation and abuse of every description.

We have an obligation to our own people, of our own locality and nation that we do not have toward anybody else. That is, our first obligation is to them. Some people have a glamorous conception of what they call "Foreign Missions." They are terribly interested, so they think, in the heathen far away, but they would not speak a word to a heathen here at home for anything. We ought to be interested in foreign missions, but at the same time we should have even a greater interest in the lost right at our doors.

3. What is our first obligation as a church? We are speaking now to church members particularly. The Great Commission was given by Jesus to the church He started. What does that Commission say? Read Matthew 28:19-20. The first thing commanded is to "teach" or disciple the people of all nations. To "disciple" is to make a believer — a Christian. The command is not to amuse, feed, and entertain. It is not to promote some kind of a "program" — it is to give the gospel to the world. Mark states it, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." This comes absolutely *first*. 

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and the Bible. This is happening in our time.

The child who sits in the classroom thirty or more hours a week where God and the Bible is ignored is naturally conditioned to ignore God and the Bible in all other aspects of his life, and he usually does.

Secondly, it is assumed in the philosophy of education of the public school that the child, by nature, is essentially good and getting better. We have been so indoctrinated with this teaching that it is universally accepted. The average individual is startled when told this is a false philosophy and is anti-Bible and thus anti-God. The Bible clearly teaches that man is a sinner by nature and is inclined to do evil, not good. This probably doesn't make any difference to folks who don't believe the Bible anyway, but to those who do it makes all the difference in the world.

The child who has been indoctrinated with the idea that he is already good finds it extremely difficult to respond to God's call to repentance and faith. This is probably as destructive as anything that can be done to your child.

Thirdly, the philosophy of education in a public school revolves around life adjustment and improvement. The child is saturated with the concept that success is guaranteed if he makes the proper adjustment in life. He is again sold on the idea he can make it on his own. The Bible teaches we can't make it on our own ... we need God.

Fourthly, the child is taught the idea of self-expression. Satan has deluded, not only the schools, but also most parents into thinking that great harm is done to a child if he is subjected to any restraint, discipline or guideline. The ten-

dency in the schools, therefore, is to give the child full opportunity to express himself without any restrictions. This in reality is a cultivation of rebellion. Satan fans the resentment of authority that is already in the child and the resultant chaos is obvious.

An example of this philosophy of self-expression is found in the current emphasis on "students rights." A current issue of "Scholastic News Citizen," handed out to 5th graders in the public schools in the Cincinnati area is very enlightening. On the front page there is a picture of two children. One has a clenched fist raised and wears a peace sign. The headline asks the 5th grader, "Have You Got Rights?" Then the following questions are asked:

"Can your teacher,  
"make you cut your hair?  
"tell you how to dress?  
"keep you from saying  
what you want at a school assembly?  
"keep you from wearing a  
button that says 'Peace,' 'Free  
Leo, the Lion,' or anything else?  
"keep you from writing  
what you wish in your school  
newspaper?  
"make you pledge the flag?  
"punish you?"

The very fact that these questions are planted in the child's mind cultivates rebellion. The answers given in this "Scholastic News Citizen," are as follows. First, this 5th grader is told about the "Student Bill of Rights" drawn up by the American Civil Liberties Union and others. Here are some quotes...

"You can wear your hair as long as you wish and how you wish ...

"You may also wear whatever you want. And you can't be kept from taking a part in school clubs, music groups, or

sports because of how you dress or wear your hair."

If the child doesn't want to pledge allegiance to the flag, "you can sit or stand quietly or be allowed to leave the room during the pledge."

The child is told that no one is allowed to look into his desk or locker.

"Students should be able to put out their own papers ... that say what they want in the way they want to say it."

The results of the above quote was manifested in a current (at this writing), edition of a high school student paper in Cincinnati which displayed a centerfold of a nude man!

"Students should be free to gather with other students and to speak out at these meetings on any subject they wish."

"Punishment should never be to hurt."

If the child faces suspension he is advised to get a lawyer!

Now it does not take much to recognize that this is the philosophy of rebellion! The parent no longer has to wonder why his child openly defies him. That's what he was taught at school!

Fifthly, the philosophy of the public schools is that the child is not responsible for his bad actions. They are caused by unlearned parents, bad environment, severe restrictions, etc. Again, is it not logical to recognize if a child is thoroughly sold on the idea he is not responsible for the wrong things he does, he will find wrong doing easy?

The Bible teaches that each of us is responsible and must bear the consequence of his actions. We see again the philosophy of the public school is anti-Bible and anti-God.

Finally, the public school conduct is that everything is relevant, always changing, and never sure. When a child is ex-

posed to this philosophy throughout his school years is it any wonder that he winds up full of uncertainties and doubts. Is it any wonder that so many wind up drifting aimlessly through life without any real purpose except their own satisfaction.

In contrast to the philosophy that everything is relevant the Bible teaches unchanging values, sure guidelines, and an anchor that is sure and steadfast. The Bible presents a perfect road map for each life to follow. It gives purpose and meaning in a chaotic age. It tells us where we came from, why we are, and where we are going and does so in no uncertain tone.

Has Satan's plan to capture your child been successful? The results show the plan of Satan is working.

Rebellion is a way of life among the young and is commonplace in our schools. At this writing, the morning paper carried a column concerning an elementary school in Cincinnati. This school, with grades one through six, was described in the newspaper column as a "real jungle." Teachers had been struck, spit upon, bitten, cursed, and were constantly having their personal belongings stolen. Two children brought their teacher a "present." When she opened it she found the head of a dead animal. This is grades one through six!

The attitude of rebellion saturates all other aspects of the child's life. The young of today are in rebellion against the home, society, government and schools. News reports are filled with pictures of the youth of our nation marching in the streets, staging sit-ins, screaming vile names at the police and ridiculing all authority. This is the product of our schools.

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How about your child?

A series of articles in our Cincinnati papers last week reveal the wide spread use of drugs in the Cincinnati schools. Here are some quotes from these articles.

"A decade ago the young greasers hit the parking lot at lunch time and chugged a few cans of beer, and maybe sneaked a cigarette in the restroom between classes. Today the school parking lot resembles an ethnic marketplace for young 'freaks' ... male and female ... who haggle and deal all kinds of drugs. And what they smoke in the restroom is not tobacco."

"It (the smell of marijuana) just fills the halls and comes right into the classroom."

"Stoned in school! They can walk a hundred feet in any direction and get any drug they want."

This is Cincinnati ... this is now!!!!

Another headline in our Cincinnati papers should be enlightening, "Sexy School Book Draws Suit." The story relates how a parent was suing a local school because of the damage done to his child through "promiscuous group sex practices."

Our "permissive society" is the direct product of our public schools. All restraints and guidelines are removed and the child is taught to express himself in any way he finds satisfactory. This has ruined the home as well as the school.

The child is taught that he lives in a more enlightened age that has progressed beyond the need for yesterday's moral standards and guidelines. He does not have to confine himself within any restrictions. Under the guise of freedom, anarchy is encouraged. In his advanced, enlightened age the child devel-

ops a superior attitude toward his parents. They might be bound by old-fashioned codes, standards, and guidelines — but not him! His education has freed him! Small wonder we have a "generation gap." The conspiracy has taken the child from his parents.

Do not be satisfied with the old bromide that every generation goes through the same kind of wild oats sowing and that they are just like we were at their age. Hogwash! No generation has ever been like this one.

Immorality, free love, abortions, and extortion rackets are problems faced in our schools. Homosexuality and other perversions are prominent. Police, in Cincinnati they are called "Student Resource Officers, are assigned to our schools to patrol the halls and offer some degree of protection.

Sex-education is a class where moral guidelines must be ignored becomes akin to gutter talk.

The plight of this generation as it walks aimless, hopeless and without purpose is pitiful. The cause can be laid right at the door of our schools. The plaintive cry of this generation is, "I'm trying to find out who I am." The teachings of our schools are the main reasons why they've lost their way and don't know who they are!

What is the answer?

If there is an answer, if there is going to be a turnaround, *it will have to begin in parents!* This is the only starting-place. If parents do not become concerned then there is no hope.

Are you concerned about your child? Really concerned? Is it possible that with the pressures of modern living you have allowed yourself to slip into a position of surrendering your child to a system of education that you really don't know anything about? Have you been led

into an acceptance of your child's fate as inevitable? Is your attitude one that thinks, "That's the way it is, what can I do about it?"

Have you substituted *material abundance* for real *love* and *compassion* for your child? Do you think your responsibility is ended simply because your child is in what is supposedly a "good school?" Do you really know the school your child attends or do you merely accept it because that's the way it's done.

Are you so indoctrinated with today's false philosophies that you are guilty of pushing your child toward a pursuit of false values that will result in utter failure?

Are you guilty of sacrificing your child to satisfy your own pride? Do you put your child into a "system" so he can accomplish the kind of "success" that is prescribed by a philosophy that is anti-God and anti-Bible? Is it true that your child must succeed so you can look good? Do you dare to really look at what's happening?

Do you, as a parent, dare to pay the price? Do you dare to be different? Do you have the moral courage to challenge the conspiracy to capture your child? Have you been conditioned to an acceptance of a school system you have never really examined? Have you really looked at the school as it is, not as you remember it or as you want it, but as it really is?

Isn't the end product of the public school system enough to make you wonder, "Will that happen to *my* child?" My Child? Atheistic? Rebellious? Free love? Drug addiction? Violence? Immorality? Indecency? Sex perversion? Riots? Sit-ins? Purposeless? Aimless?

How much is your child worth?

What is the answer?

Churches and pastors need

to wake up and acknowledge the fact that the philosophy of education of the public school system is anti-Bible and anti-God. The responsibility of accepting the challenge and entering into battle with Satan rests upon each church and pastor. Satan has a plan to capture the child and God's churches and pastors must defeat that plan! Sunday Schools must become *Bible* schools — not just fun and games! Churches and pastors must wake up to the fact that Sunday School is not enough.

Sunday Schools do a wonderful job and every Christian parent is thankful for the training they provide. There are some facts, however, we must face.

A child who attends Sunday School regularly 52 Sundays a year, receives 52 hours of classtime devoted to spiritual truth in a year. This compares with 30 hours a week for nine months of the year he is in class in public school. 1,080 "secular" ... 52 hours "spiritual." At this rate, when he graduates from high school, he will have the equivalent of less than one-half year "religious" training! Dare we call this adequate?

What is the answer? Christian Day Schools!

We need schools that adopt a philosophy of education that is in harmony with the Bible and God. This means a philosophy of education that accepts the Bible teaching concerning the nature of the child. The child is not looked upon as good and getting better but rather as one who by nature is inclined to evil.

The Christian philosophy of education accepts the fact of the need each child has for God. The child is not taught he must go it on his own, but rather, that he can only make it with God's

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cent emotion, will not constitute an abiding basis for mission work and offering. The whole subject should be placed in the realm of obedience to the commands of Christ. The imperative of missions is our undeniable obligation to God.

In spite of some discouraging features, the prospect for mission conquest was never brighter. There is a mighty moving of the hearts of the redeemed to the lost millions of earth. Beyond doubt, a better day is dawning, and the day is not distant when the gospel shall be preached as a witness to all the world. Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! The clouds are lifting from the valleys, and the shadows from the hills —

“The morning light is breaking,  
The darkness disappears:  
The sons of earth are waking,  
To penitential tears” 

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help. The first priority of Christian education is to bring the child to a right relationship with God.

The child is not taught self-expression but self-denial!

In Christian education the moral guidelines and standards that have stood the test of the ages are taught.

A proper respect for authority is instilled in each child in the Christian education.

All subjects are taught in the light of and in harmony with the Bible!

The child is taught that he is a responsible individual and is accountable for his actions.

The Christian education gives the child a proper sense of values that never change. He

has an anchor. He has a purpose in life.

How much is your child worth? Are you willing to at least give him a chance? Satan's conspiracy to capture your child is working ... now! There is an answer! There is an alternative! Will you use it?

The Bible admonishes the parent not to subject his child to the type of education offered in the public school

“Cease, my son, to hear the instruction that causeth to err from the words of knowledge” (Prov. 19:27).

The Bible places the responsibility of the education of the child upon the parents and the church. In God's Word the child is commanded to look to the parent for instruction.

“My son, hear the instruction of thy father” (Prov. 1:8).

“Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father” (Prov. 4:1).

“Children, obey your parents in all things” (Col. 3:20).

“Train up a child in the way he should go ...” (Prov. 22:6).

“And ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord” (Eph. 6:4).

The church is commanded to teach.

“Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you...” (Mt. 28:18).

You want a school where this can be accomplished. You want your child to attend a school that gives itself to scholastic excellence and other uses of the very best in approved teaching methods to accomplish this goal. You want a school that does not sacrifice academic quality to gain spiritual advantages and yet where all materials of education, every subject that is taught, is related to God and Bible truth. 