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## *The United States Constitution*

### *Its Source and Its Enemies -- My Duty Towards It*

*By W. Lee Rector*

The passion for freedom is inherent in the race. The urge to dare and to do, the urge to assert and to achieve, and the urge to unfold and to live out one's inner-self is but the normal expression of man's life itself. Being endowed with certain inalienable rights from our Creator, we are free-moral agents within the realm of these rights — free to think our own thoughts, to have our own say, to map out our own plans, and to live out our own lives. American democracy emblemizes these.

Sad to say, the race has ever found selfishness forging chains for its sons. Despots and tyrants have ever been the enemies of freedom. While these have forged social, political, and religious fetters for mankind, his sons have stoutly resisted the chains forged for them.

Nameless peoples of the past have fought to throw off the shackles of despots and to establish their inalienable rights. In 1215, A.D., the nobility classes of England forced King John to sign the Magna Carta and thus they secured their free-

dom. In 1689, A.D., the middle classes of England forced King William and Mary to sign the Bill of Rights and thus secured their liberties. But, sad to say, both of these enfranchised groups assented to the continuation of slavery for the great working classes. It was left to the Thirteen American Colonies to lift freedom's banner to the noble plane of freedom for all. Then, America became a sym-

bol of universal freedom, "The land of the free and the home of the brave."

Our Constitution, forged out of the crucible of race sufferings, became the bulwark of our liberties. It guarantees us the right of free speech and free press, the right of private property and personal estates, the right to worship God according to the dictates of our own consciences, the right to live out

our own lives within the limits of Constitutional law, and the right to look to our government to carry out our will. Thus, the liberties of our people depend upon the preservation of our Constitution.

No human instrument under the sun is so vital and so valuable to our future as our Constitution. It represents the race's greatest political achievement. It reflects man's gropings for democracy and evidences man's victories for freedom. In it, we find free-moral agency proclaimed and our inalienable rights preserved. By it, we are free, and by it we must preserve our freedom. The rights it guarantees are inalienable and changeless. Should any set of men, any where, any time, seek to change these rights by decree, or by legislation, or by judicial interpretation, they should thus become traitors to our democracy and betrayers of our liberties. To preserve and promote these rights, our Constitution was born, and by it the relationships existing between

### **Was Your Grandmother An Ape?**

**By Roy Mason**

Evolution is taught as a *fact* in most schools of this day. Students are taught evolution in the grades, then in high school, and on through college and university. The teaching of biology, botany and geology is *based on* evolution. Many of our denominational colleges teach evolution. The teaching of evolution is significant religiously because it is incompatible with the teachings of

the Bible. It has had widespread practical effects on the moral life of the human race, for as some one has said, "Monkey men make monkey morals." Young people leave college believing that they are but highly developed brutes, and they go out into the world to live and act like brutes.

Evolution has been defined as "Continuous progressive

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# The Christian Foundation of A Free Country

By **Steven Harduk, Pastor**  
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“Proclaim liberty unto all the inhabitants thereof” is inscribed on our nation’s Liberty Bell. How many people today know that those words come from the Bible (Lev. 25:10)? Few do. Yet much of the foundation of our land has its source in the Scriptures. Our nation and its freedom are due to men who believed they needed to establish their nation upon God’s principles. Recently history books have obscured much of what our forefathers believed (the reasons for our unique government) because it is so strongly Christian in its influence. The average American knows little regarding our national and spiritual heritage. Most schools focus on global studies (which has replaced world history) to prepare students for a new world order. But let us briefly

sample the impact of Scripture upon those responsible for the government of the United States.

## EARLY LEADERS

George Washington, our first president, argued, “The propitious smiles of heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right which heaven itself has ordained.”<sup>1</sup> John Quincy Adams, our sixth president, stated, “The highest glory of the American Revolution was this, it connected in one indissoluble bond the principles of civil government with those of Christianity.”<sup>2</sup> Our second president, John Adams, explained, “Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate for the government of any other.”<sup>3</sup> These leaders un-

derstood that our nation must be founded upon the principles and truths of the Word of God.

John Locke, one of three men most quoted by the founding fathers, aid this:

Not that any to whom the gospel hath been preached shall be saved, without believing Jesus to be the Messiah: for all being sinners, and transgressors of the law, and so unjust, are all liable to condemnation, unless they believe, and so through grace are justified by faith, which shall be accounted to them for righteousness. <sup>4</sup>

Indeed we have seen a deterioration in government due to a loosing from the Christian foundation and moorings our forefathers laid.

*Benjamin Franklin:* Of the 55 men who attended the First Constitutional Convention, how many believed in God? If you said all 55, you would be right. Three were deists but still believed in God and the principles of the Bible.<sup>5</sup> Benjamin Franklin, though a deist, asserted on June 28, 1787, at the First Constitutional Convention:

Has it happened, sir, that we have not hitherto once thought of humbly applying to the Father of Lights to illumine our understandings? In the beginning of our contest with Britain, when we were sensible of danger, we had daily prayers in this room for divine protection. Our prayers, sir, were heard and they were graciously answered. I have lived a long time, sir, and the longer I live the more convincing proof I see of this truth that God governs in the affairs of men. If a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? We have been assured in the sacred writings that except the Lord build the house they labor in vain that build it. I firmly believe this and I also believe that without His concurring aid we shall succeed in this political building no better than the builders of Babel. <sup>6</sup>

That statement came from a man who did not believe in Jesus Christ. Yet he knew the Bible, could quote the Bible and believed in God.

*Thomas Jefferson:* In 1776, Congress elected John Adams,

Benjamin Franklin, Roger Sherman, Robert Livingston and Thomas Jefferson to draft a document claiming national independence. Jefferson’s document, the Declaration of Independence, is replete with evidences of the Christianity whose principles guided their actions. Though a deist, Jefferson was influenced by the writings of John Locke, John Adams, prevailing Calvinism, the Great Awakening of the 1740s and various Puritan writings and doctrines. <sup>7</sup> He believed in the moral principles of the Gospels and that they should guide life, though he rejected the claims of Christ. Regarding slavery Jefferson stated, “I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just; that his justice cannot sleep forever. . . .”<sup>8</sup>

Jefferson is credited with the phrase “separation of church and state.” Yet few understand the intent of his statement as he met with Danbury Baptists in 1802 to assure them that the government would not interfere by establishing a state religion and thereby, persecute them. It is almost certain that Jefferson borrowed the phrase from Roger Williams.<sup>9</sup>

The “Declaration” reveals Christian influence, though it rarely names God. Puritans often used the phrase “laws of nature and of nature’s God,” which can be traced back to monastic debates in the 1300s to refer to moral, unalterable laws of God. <sup>10</sup> Even Sir William Blackstone, in his *Commentaries on the Laws of England 1765*, wrote of “his maker’s will” in commenting on the phrase. When Jefferson used it, he was appealing to a higher court than the English king. He was appealing to the Almighty Judge.

The term “self-evident”

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# Cremation! What Does God Think?

By David Cloud

In a book recently published on the subject of Christian funerals, a writer gives the following advice regarding cremation: "Personally the minister may or may not approve of such proceedings. Privately, he is free to hold any opinion that he will. But officially he should keep an open mind. In the Christian religion there is nothing that frowns upon cremation or requires burial."

This is wrong and evil counsel. We feel it is also a very strange statement, being made as it is by a pastor who professedly studies and believes the Bible. The sad fact is that the practice of cremation is quickly on the rise in the so-called "Christian" nations of the West. Until recently burial prevailed almost universally as the common method for disposal of the dead in Western nations, and cremation was looked upon as something practiced only by atheists or those totally ignorant of the Bible. The turn back to cremation can be seen in direct connection with the rapidly increasing apostasy from the Word of God in those nations where Christianity is the dominant faith.

In my home state, Florida, in America, a popular retirement area for the elderly due to its tropical climate, ads are taken out in local newspapers inviting people to join "clubs" for quite inexpensive fees, the membership of which allows one the "benefit" of discounts on cremation expenses.

All of this is against the Bible, though. Cremation is a heathen custom, meaning a practice of people who do not have the Bible, or else have re-

An article headed "More Arkansans Pick Cremation Over Burial" appeared in the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* Sunday, June 1, 1997. The article stated:

"Since 1992, cremation rates have steadily risen in the state's 75 counties. From 1992 to 1995, the percent of cremations statewide rose from 7.2 percent of all services to 9.9 percent, records from the state Department of Health show. ...

"A national study shows that among Southern states — except Florida, where 40 percent of deaths result in cremation — Arkansas cremates its dead at the highest rate: 12 percent. North Carolina is tied with Arkansas, and Texas is close with 11 percent. ...

"Once almost unheard of in Arkansas, cremation is becoming common, with some counties now seeing as many as a third of all deaths followed by cremation. ...

"Advocates say cremation is the second-largest form of funeral service in the country, with 21 percent of all deaths followed by cremation nationwide. ...

"The cremation association's study showed that Hawaii led the nation in cremation, used 56 percent of the time. Next was Alaska, with 54 percent; Washington, 53 percent; and Nevada, 50 percent. Also ranking high were Northeastern states, including Vermont's 43 percent."

Last month I received a phone call asking me my opinion concerning cremation. For this reason, we are reprinting an article that appeared in the August 1984 issue of **TBC** since we have exhausted the extra copies that we had. — MLM]

jected its authority. And it is frightening to see Americans who in recent years commonly considered cremation wrong, now accept the abominable practice even with the blessing of their church leaders.

By now many are surely thinking, "How can this man be so certain cremation is wrong? Is it really important whether or not a dead body is burned or buried?" If the Bible did not speak clearly on this issue and give such clear example, it would indeed not matter. But when God has spoken, when He has shown the way, we dare not ignore His counsel for the popular thinking of modern man — or modern preachers!

As proof of our contention that cremation is unchristian and unbiblical, we offer the following eight reasons. The basic

outline for the following is from James Fraser's excellent book, **Cremation — Is It Christian?**, published by Loizeaux Brothers, Neptune, New Jersey. But let me also say that we had come to see that cremation is wrong — evil — long before we read Brother Fraser's book. Our experiences as missionaries in Nepal and India and a study of God's Word had taught us this.

## **Cremation Has A Heathen Origin and Purpose, Whereas God's People Have Always Practiced Burial**

At the outset let me answer an objection sometimes made at this point. The objection is, "Yes, God's people in the Bible practiced burial. The example is clearly there. But are we bound to follow these examples, as

they are not direct commands?" The answer is given in no uncertain terms in Romans 15:4: "For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning ..." And again in 1 Corinthians 10:11 we read: "Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come." God is saying in these passages, "Yes, you are to follow the Bible's examples as well as its direct instructions."

## **A Heathen Origin**

Cremation as practiced today in the more technically advanced nations no longer has the physical ghastliness associated with cremations performed in the poorer parts of the world. The modern method incorporates the use of an exceedingly hot incinerator which reduces the body to ashes in a matter of minutes completely out of the view of loved ones and the public.

Not so in India, Nepal, and other parts of South Asia, the area of our missionary ministry. I am convinced that if Christians in America and Europe could stand with me beside the "holy" River Bagmati in Kathmandu, Nepal, and observe the burning of the body of a Hindu following the performance of the Hindu death rituals, they would cast aside in repulsion every thought of cremation being an acceptable Christian practice. Just five days ago I stood three or so feet from a burning corpse with a missionary pastor from Singapore and his wife who were visiting us. The head was

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## Religious Persecution: A Worldwide Tragedy

By Haven Bradford Gow

In his introduction to Paul Marshall's **Their Blood Cries Out** (Word Publishing), Hudson Institute scholar Michael Horowitz observes that "The mounting persecution of Christians eerily parallels the persecution of Jews, my people, during much of Europe's history. Today, minority Christian communities have become chosen scapegoats in radical Islamic and remnant Communist regimes, where they are demonized and caricatured through populist campaigns of hate and terror. As ever, shrewd tyrants understand that their survival depends on extinguishing the freedoms of communities that live beyond the reach of the bribes and threats on which their power rests. Modern-day tyrants further understand that terrorizing the most vulnerable and innocent best helps them achieve power over all."

A fellow at the Institute of Christian Studies, Toronto, Canada, and a fellow at the Claremont Institute, Dr. Paul Marshall tells us that **Their Blood Cries Out** is a "book about ... religious persecution ... It is about Christians. It is a story that is all but ignored and unknown in the world at large, and little better known in the Christian world. It is about women and men and children who daily suffer pain, misery, and death. They do not suffer only from the myriad ills that afflict all of humankind. They suffer because they are persecuted for what they believe."

As Dr. Marshall suggests in his book, religious freedom and Christian people also are under attack in the United States.

Is religious freedom under

attack in the United States? Are Christians becoming the victims of religious persecution and harassment?

In his new book **Original Intent** (Wall Builder Press, Box 397, Aledo, Texas), historian David Barton provides some examples that make one wonder if Christians now have become second-class citizens:

1. "In the Alaska public schools, students were prohibited from using the word 'Christmas' at school, from exchanging Christmas cards or presents, or from displaying anything with the word 'Christmas' on it because it contained the word 'Christ.'"

2. "In a high school class in Dickson, Tennessee, students were required to write a research paper using at least four sources. Despite the fact that the students were allowed to write about reincarnation, witchcraft, and the occult, because student Brittany Settle chose to write her paper about the life of Christ, she was given a zero by her teacher."

3. "An elementary school principal in Denver removed the Bible from the school library, and an elementary school music teacher in Colorado Springs stopped teaching Christmas carols because of alleged violations of the 'separation of church and state.'"

4. "In DeFuniak Springs, Florida, a judge ordered the courthouse copy of the Ten Commandments to be covered during a murder trial for fears that jurors would be prejudiced against the defendant if they saw the command 'Do not kill.'"

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## Our Christian Heritage

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

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

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

The Constitution of the New England Confederation proclaimed these solemn and joyful words to the world:

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

### Our Founding Fathers Honored God

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

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


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

tunes, and our sacred honor."

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

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

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

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

## America's Christian Heritage

FISHER AMES (1758-1808), a Congressman from Massachusetts, on August 20, 1789, suggested that the wording of the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights should be: "Congress shall make no law establishing religion, or to prevent the free exercise thereof, or to infringe the rights of conscience."

Congressman Ames shared his beliefs concerning education:

"Should not the Bible regain the place it once held as a schoolbook? Its morals are pure, its examples captivating and noble. ... The reverence for the sacred Book that is thus early impressed lasts long and, probably, if not impressed in infancy, never takes firm hold of the mind.

"In no Book is there so good English, so pure and so elegant; and by teaching all the same, they will speak alike, and the Bible will justly remain the standard of language as well as of faith."

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Then in 1789 Ames stated in a published article:

"We have a dangerous trend beginning to take place in our education. We're starting to put more and more textbooks into our schools. ... We've become accustomed of late of putting little books into the hands of children containing fables and moral lessons ... and spending less time in the classroom on the Bible, which should be the principal text in our schools...."

"The Bible states these great moral lessons better than any ... man-made book." — The Sword of the Lord.

## Israel To Ban Christian Witnessing

By Mike Creswell

Christian witnessing could become a crime punishable by a year in jail in Israel if a bill now being considered by the government there becomes law.

Christians in Israel are alarmed by the law's vague wording, which they say could be used to ban even Bibles. They say it could stifle the growth of Messianic Jews, those who have come to accept Jesus Christ as the Messiah.

The bill, S757-1996, would alter Israel's penal code to prohibit "inducement for religious conversion" and sets a one-year jail term for "whoever possesses contrary to the law or prints or imports tracts or advertises things in which there is an inducement for religious conversion is liable for one-year imprisonment." The word "advertise" should be in-

terpreted as "publish," observers said.

Further, the law would authorize the government to confiscate "any tract or advertisement in which there is inducement to religious conversion."


An explanation accompanying the law states, "The state of Israel, in the framework of the existing laws, is opposed to any missionary seduction to convert religion, and is even more severe regarding the seduction of minors to convert religion."

"Missionary" does not mean Christian workers as Southern Baptists use the word, but rather any individual who tries to persuade others to change their religious viewpoint, a translator said. The bill expands an "anti-bribery law" already on the books that makes it illegal to offer material gain to induce a person to change religions.

Messianic Jewish leaders in Israel say the law proposal has come in response to mass mailings of evangelistic booklets called "The Peace" to a million households in Israel by U.S. television evangelist Morris Cerullo late in 1996. The mailings were roundly criticized in Israel and some copies were burned in front of the Knesset, or parliament building.

The new bill was approved in its first reading by a vote of 21-7 with one abstention. It now must be approved in two more readings in Israel's Knesset to become law ... Two more approvals appear likely. Seventy-eight of 120 Knesset members say they will support the law, according to a canvass of legislators by the Israeli press office in mid-March.

Nissim Zvili, secretary of the Labour Party, who co-sponsored the bill with Moshe Gafni of the Torah Judaism Party was asked by a British journalist about the proposed law. Zvili

replied, "Of course we want a democracy. But even in a democracy you can't have people changing their religion." — Florida Baptist Witness. 

## Origin of Stars and Stripes

Who designed the original Stars and Stripes is a point never definitely confirmed. Was it Betsy Ross or some other colonial ancestor? There is no record.

Some historians claim that in June of 1776, General George Washington, Robert Morris, and Betsy's uncle, George Ross, went to her Arch Street, Philadelphia upholstery shop. The men told her they were members of a congressional committee. They showed her a rough design of a stars and stripes flag. They asked her if she would make the emblem. She said yes and recommended making the stars five-pointed instead of six.

The change was approved. George Washington drew another design. Betsy Ross sewed the emblem and on June 14, 1777, Congress adopted it as the official United States flag.

That is the story as it is related. However, some sources claim there is no official record of a Congressional Flag Committee. The only documentary evidence naming Mrs. Ross is said to be a voucher, dated May 29, 1777, showing that she was paid 14 pounds and some shillings for flags she made for the "Pennsylvania Navy." Perhaps it is more fitting that the origin of the American flag remain indefinite.

It is enough to point out that the red in the flag symbolizes sacrifice and courage; its white reflects its purity of

purpose; and the stars on the blue field represent unity of effort by the states. Those are the attributes through which all American citizens have made this country free and powerful.

Long may the flag wave!

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5. "In Omaha, Nebraska, a student was prohibited from reading his Bible silently during free time, or even to open his Bible at school."

Such actions are based on the argument that the Constitution demands a strict and total separation of Church and State; but their view is contradicted by these facts:

Public prayer and the acknowledgment of a Supreme Being have been an important part of American life. The Declaration of Independence affirms that "all men ... are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights." Our national pledge of allegiance proclaims that we are "one nation, under God." Our coins are inscribed with the words, "In God We Trust."

The president-elect takes his oath of office with his hand on the Bible. The standard form for oaths for sworn testimony contains the phrase, "so help me, God." Each new session of the U.S. Supreme Court opens with the declaration, "God save the United States and this honorable court."

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

## Out of Doubt — Into Faith

By Howard A. Kelly, M.D., F.A.C.S.

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I have, within the past fifty years, come out of all uncertainty into a faith which is a dominating conviction of the Truth and about which I have not got a shadow of doubt. It has been my lot all through life to associate with eminent scientists and at times to discuss with them the deepest and most vital of all questions, the nature of the hope of a life beyond this. I have also constantly engaged in scientific work and am fully aware of the value of opinions formed in science as well as in the religions of the world. In an amateurish, yet in a very real sense, I have followed the developments of archaeology, geology, astronomy, herpetology, and mycology with a hearty appreciation of the advances being made in these fields.

At one time I became disturbed in the faith in which I had grown up by the apparent inroads being made upon both Old and New Testaments by a "Higher Criticism" of the Bible, to refute which I felt the need of a better knowledge of Hebrew and of archaeology, for it seemed to me that to pull out some of the props of our faith was to weaken the entire structure.

Doubts thus inculcated left me floundering for a while and, like some higher critical friends, trying to continue to use the Bible as the Word of God while at the same time holding it to have been subjected to a vast number of reductions and interpolations: attempting to bridge the chasm between an older, reverent, Bible-loving generation and a critical doubting, Bible-emancipated race. Al-

though still aware of a great light and glow of warmth in the Book, I stood outside shivering in the cold.

In one thing the higher critics, like the modernists, however, overreached themselves, in claiming that the Gospel of John was not written in John's time but well after the first century, perhaps as late as 150 A.D. Now, if any part of the Bible is assuredly the very Word of God speaking through His servant, it is John's Gospel. To ask me to believe that so inexpressibly marvelous a book was written long after all the events by some admiring follower, and was not inspired directly by the Spirit of God, is asking me to accept a miracle far greater than any of those recorded in the Bible. Here I took my leave of my learned friends to step out on another path to which we might give the modern name of Pragmatism, or the thing that works. Test it, try it, and if it works, accept it as a guiding principle. So, I put my Bible to the practical test of noting what it says about itself, and then tested it to see how it worked. As a short, possibly not the best method, I looked up "Word" in the Concordance and noted that the Bible claims from Genesis 1 to Revelation 22 to be God's personal message to man. The next traditional step then was to accept it as one would a treatise on any earthly "science," and I submitted to its conditions according to Christ's invitation and promise that, "If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God or whether I speak of myself" (Jn. 7:17).

The outcome of such an experiment has been in due time the acceptance of the Bible as the Word of God inspired in a sense utterly different from any merely human book, and with it the acceptance of our Lord Jesus Christ as the only begotten Son of God, Son of Man by the Virgin Mary, the Savior of the world.

I believe, therefore, that we are without exception sinners, by nature alienated from God, and that Jesus Christ, Son of God, came to earth, the representative Head of a new race, to die upon the cross and pay the penalty of the sin of the world, and that he who thus receives Christ as his personal Savior is "born again" spiritually, with new privileges, appetites, and affections, destined to live and grow in His likeness forever. Nor can any man save himself by good works or by a commendable "moral life," although such works are the natural fruits and evidences of a saving faith already received and

naturally expressing itself through such avenues.

I now ever look for Christ according to His promises and those of the Old Testament as well, to appear again in glory to put away all sin and to reign in righteousness over the whole earth.

To state fully what the Bible means as my daily spiritual food is as intimate and difficult as to formulate the reasons for loving my nearest and dearest relatives and friends. The Bible is as obviously and truly food for the spirit as bread is food for the body. Again, as faith reveals God my Father and Christ my Savior, I follow without question where He leads me daily by His precepts and His leadings above every seeming probability, dismissing cherished convictions and holding the wisdom of man as folly when opposed to Him, I discern no limits to a faith vested in God and Christ, who is the sum of

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**LOUIS PASTEUR** (1822-1895), French chemist and bacteriologist, showed no precocity as a student, but did show that persistency and thoroughness which marked his whole life. He "skimmed" nothing.

He was appointed professor of physics in the Lycee in Dijon; soon afterward was deputy professor, and in 1852 professor, of physical chemistry at Strasbourg. Two years later he became Dean of the Faculty of Science at Lille, and in 1857 went to Paris, where he held the directorship of studies in the Ecole Normale, a professorship at the Ecole des Beaux Arts, the professorship of chemistry at the Sorbonne, was secretary of the Academy of Science, and finally was a director of the Pasteur Institute. Such, in skeleton outline, were the positions he held.

His researches began with an investigation of the tartrates, and showed the connection be-

tween the presence of hemihedral faces on a crystal and its action on polarized light. His labors on this problem extended through years of original, persistent research. In this connection he laid the foundation of the modern stereo-chemical ideas. So important were these successful investigations that his elderly friend and co-worker Biot said, "My dear boy, I have loved science so dearly all my life that this sets my heart beating!" Pasteur said of this afterward that "a great path, new and unforeseen, had been opened to science."

### Finding the Cause of Fermentation

His next investigations were on fermentation, and proved that this takes place only when the sugary liquid is in the presence of a definite organism; that "the active organism is different and characteristic in each kind of fermentation," and that spontaneous generation of living organisms is impossible. The practical side of these discoveries was to disclose the proper treatment for the "diseases" of wines, vinegar, and beer. The problem of fermentations was as old as time. Lavoisier, Helmholtz, and Liebig had failed to find their origins. Pasteur demonstrated that fermentation was a phenomenon of life, and not of death, as Liebig and others had thought.

Being requested by the French Government to make a study of the silkworm disease, which had occasioned such terrible losses, his attention was

now turned more and more into the line of pathological research. He demonstrated that this disease was of bacterial origin, and he showed how to combat it successfully.

Anthrax was making terrible ravages, causing the loss of thousands of animals and millions of francs. After studying this disease, Pasteur succeeded in isolating the bacillus, and this led to the discovery of other diseases due to organisms. He next prepared vaccines to immunize the higher animals and man. Puerperal fever was brought under control; and the dreaded rabies and diphtheria.

In the constant handicaps of meager equipment and quarters, Pasteur and Fabre could sympathize with each other. Both alike, so far from ceasing their struggles for more light on their problems, were the more determined to overcome all obstacles. Their methods of work, too, were not unlike. Neither disdained to learn from others, but they took nothing at second-hand. To each one nothing less than an absolute demonstration was satisfactory. Pasteur said he could always learn something from any man, no matter how humble, who did his work *well*. He had remarkable intuitive conception, yet he was rigorous with himself to accept nothing that was not verified.

### Facing Bitter Opposition

One would suppose — if one did not know human nature — that Pasteur's investigations and discoveries would have been welcomed by his contemporaries, certainly in the fields of science. It has been so constantly stated and reiterated, as to become a commonplace, that all progress in scientific discoveries has been opposed by the Church (charged with being

out), while all progress in such discoveries has been welcomed by scientists in their "search for truth." A study of the researches of Pasteur will show that almost no opposition developed among the clerics, and that the opposition — always persistent, sometimes patently unfair, and not infrequently malignant — on the part of contemporary scientists, was enough to overwhelm a man of less determination and moral courage than Pasteur had. Then, as now, going against the temporary fashion or fad of belief among those engaged in research has taken upstanding courage.

When, for example, Pasteur took up the study of spontaneous generation, he was strongly urged by several of his fellow scientists to let the subject alone. The belief in it was overwhelming, and a doubt of it caused as much ridicule in his day as a disbelief in evolution causes today. "All scholars agreed" that spontaneous generation was a fact. This was in 1860 and subsequently. In June of that year Pasteur wrote to his father that he was still being contradicted as to his actual findings, but, he said: "They [my opponents] may say what they like, the truth is on my side. They do not know how to experiment; it is not an easy art; it demands, besides certain natural qualities, a long practice which naturalists have not generally acquired nowadays."

*To disprove spontaneous generation was to deliver a great blow at atheism.* Here was the real rub. One scientist wrote: "The experiments you quote, M. Pasteur, will turn against you. ... The world into which you wish to take us is really too fantastic."

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## Modern Vs. Traditional

The following two letters appeared in the "Letters to the Editor" page in the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* (3/6/97), official organ of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. Perhaps some independent Baptists need to read them too:

"I read with mixed emotions Russell Dilday's article, 'A New Style of Worship,' in the January 23 issue of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*. As a Christian writer, I feel I would undercut my calling if I did not reply. Dilday's article is an informative article as opposed to being an opinionated article. It is strange to me why Arkansas Baptist churches would lead the 'pack' in all these new styles in worship services. When is a church not a church?"

"Now that we have all these new Bibles, over 150 of them, it is only logical to assume that we would have new styles of worship to go along with them, then, of course, new styled preachers will be the next order. The God-called preacher will be almost, if not, of the past. They will order their sermons from denominational headquarters, preaching from a page of paper what they are told to preach or they may even throw it on a screen for the congregation to look at. Hopefully there will be no blind persons in the congregation. Instead of hearing aids for the elderly, the church will furnish silencers for the elderly so as not to burst their eardrums when all the loud music starts blasting. When it comes to dress, you come as you are, or, as you want to be.

"I remember going into a church to see Big Bird traipsing back and forth in front of the pulpit. I asked if we were in the church house or a chicken

house. As it turned out the pastor had on a Big Bird suit as a promotional stunt to gain attendance. I never knew what that church gained, if any. I only know they lost two.

"While some of our churches certainly could stand a few changes, and some need the starch knocked out of their collars, it appears to me that all this new styled worship is just another part of the battle between heartfelt religion and head religion that is raging today."

This second letter followed the previous one:

"Am I the only one in the Southern Baptist Convention who is dismayed by the direction many churches are taking by abandoning tradition and substituting the world's standards for entertainment and calling it worship?"

"Are there others who, like me, are appalled at the new Vacation Bible School curriculum (Good News Stampede) with music that would be equally at home at a honky-tonk or rock concert? Our children bop down the aisle and are greeted by the worship leader shouting, 'Yahoo!', 'Yippee!', 'Yeeha!', and my favorite, 'Giddyup and tell the world!' (Pledges to the flags and Bible and mission stories optional.)

"I am glad that I am nearing retirement age and will not long have to deal with such departures from the tried and the true — the traditions and culture that have made Southern Baptists great. I sincerely hope that I'm not the only one who feels like a dinosaur in this chrome-plated new world of ultra casual Christianity.

"I am well aware of the fact that many, perhaps a majority of present-day Southern Baptists are in agreement with the philosophy of reaching the masses by abandoning hymn singing, dignity and reverence. The end always seems to jus-

## Red Skelton Interprets The Pledge

*Millions of Americans regularly recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Its full meaning may be overlooked, as Red Skelton observed many years ago in a memorable television program which I have seen several times. His comments bear repeating.*

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands: one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for All."

"I remember this one teacher. To me he was the greatest teacher, a real sage of any time. He had such wisdom. We were all reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, and he walked over. Mr. Lasswell was his name. He said:

"I've been listening to you boys and girls recite the Pledge of Allegiance all semester, and it seems as though it is becoming monotonous to you. If I may, may I recite it and try to explain it to you the meaning of each word:

**I** — me, an individual, a committee of one.

**PLEDGE** — Dedicate all of my worldly goods to give without self-pity.

**ALLEGIANCE** — my love and my devotion.

**TO THE FLAG** — our standard, Old Glory, a symbol of freedom. Wherever she waves, there is a respect because your loyalty has given her a dignity that shouts freedom is everybody's job.

tify the means. Bring people into the church by whatever gimmickery that appeals — but are they really being converted and challenged to take up their cross and follow Jesus?"

**OF THE UNITED** — that means that we have all come together.

**STATES** — individual communities that have united into 48 great states. Forty-eight individual communities with pride and dignity and purpose, all divided with imaginary boundaries, yet united to a common purpose, and that's love for country.

**OF AMERICA AND TO THE REPUBLIC** — a state in which sovereign power is invested in representatives chosen by the people to govern. And government is the people and it's from the people to the leaders, not from the leaders to the people.

**FOR WHICH IT STANDS ONE NATION** — meaning so blessed by God.

**INDIVISIBLE** — incapable of being divided.

**WITH LIBERTY** — which is freedom and the right of power to live one's own life without threats or fear of some sort of retaliation.

**AND JUSTICE** — the principle or quality of dealing fairly with others.

**FOR ALL.** — which means it's as much your country as it is mine."

Since I was a small boy, two states have been added to our country and two words have been added to the Pledge of Allegiance: "under God." Wouldn't it be a pity if someone said, "That's a prayer," and that it would be eliminated from schools, too?"

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## America, It's Time to Pray

By Helen Loomis

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

Why have we come so far from God,  
Rejecting Him each day?  
We've tried our best to stand alone,  
But we find it doesn't pay.

How could we have forgotten Him  
And such a deaf ear turn  
From God Who knows our every thought  
And must for our devotion yearn?

I am sure He must be weeping now  
As long ago back there  
He wept over Jerusalem  
Because she did not care.

I think that I can hear Him sigh  
And then so softly say,  
"America, you've gone too far—  
Now it is time to pray.

"The values that you once held dear,  
The things for which you stood,  
You do not want to hear about—  
You'd bury if you could.

"I blessed your land with beauty and  
The freedom that you share,  
Because your founding fathers gave  
That land into My care.

"But now it seems you've changed all that—  
You want no part of Me;  
You've taken Me from everything.  
What can the reason be?

"You speak My name so carelessly;  
You seldom use it in prayer—  
But always in an angry tone  
You interject it there.

"The bodies that I gave to you  
I made so perfectly,  
But now you use them shamefully  
And call it being 'free.'

"I told you that you should not cheat,  
That stealing is not right  
And all the other wicked things  
You do by darkest night.

"You speak of things as 'sickness' now—  
The things that I call 'sin';  
The things my Book speaks out against—  
The things you say are 'in.'

"You have no thought for life, it seems,  
Whate'er the reason be;  
It matters not to you at all  
That all life comes from Me.

"You killed that tiny little boy—  
You didn't wait to see  
That I had planned so carefully  
What he would someday be.

"That little girl you did not want—  
She would have loved you so;  
But having her was not your plan,  
And so she had to go.

"I gave you marriage for your life,  
And now it seems you say  
'It's out-of-date, old-fashioned'—  
You've found another way.

"You take the credit for your life  
As if I were not here.  
Your destiny is up to you—  
You've got no God to fear.

"But let Me tell you this, My child—  
Your life is not your own;  
The day will come when you will pay  
For all the grief you've sown.

"So do not wait until My wrath  
Must fall upon your head.  
But redirect your life to Me  
Before your land is dead.

"America, it's time to pray—  
To fall upon your knees;  
And when you say you want Me back,  
Then I will hear your pleas.

I will forgive what has gone past  
I'll touch and heal your land.  
America, it's time to pray.  
Why don't you understand?"

**Falwell's "Liberty University."** Strange things have been happening to Jerry Falwell since he was a student at the Baptist Bible College in Springfield, Missouri a few decades ago. Shortly after the founding of his institution in Virginia he dropped the word "Baptist" from the University's name. Next, rather than risk not having his school accredited, he consented to have a course in evolution taught. Then, Mr. Falwell went into the political arena with his "Moral Majority" and became well-known on the charismatic-owned TV network as services from his church in Lynchburg, Virginia were telecast. Now, the latest addition to Liberty University is a rock band. The *Houston Chronicle*, largest newspaper in that city, recently published the following: "with a goatee, glares, and shabby shirts, members of *d c Talk* looked the part of a typical alternative rock band on the back cover of their new C.D. The music, which opens with a screeching guitar and distorted vocals, also sounds like the genuine article. Only the lyrics reveal something else is going on. *D c Talk's* "Jesus Freak" has been on MTV. It won an award for "best rock recorded song." It "marks a stylistic shift toward rock from rap." When *d c Talk* was formed at Liberty University, it was proudly praised in Falwell's June, 1996 *National Liberty Journal* as follows: "Liberty University's own *d c Talk*, whose Jesus Freak CD experienced never-before-seen sales figures for gos-

pel music. Its concert in April of 1996 drew the largest concert crowd in Liberty University's history." — Edgar Bundy Ministries

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**Satanist Inmates Sue To Practice Satanism.** "I'm a Satanist and I follow the teachings of the Church of Stan." With those words, convicted rapist and armed robber Dale George asked Louisiana State Penitentiary officials last year to let him and his fellow followers of Satan practice their creed. Prison officials declined, so George and convicted murderer John Fuller filed suit in federal court Friday claiming prison officials barred them from practicing Satanist rituals, violating their rights to freedom of religion guaranteed under the U.S. Constitution. The men said they need such items as black robes, an altar, a symbol of Satan, candles, a bell and a chalice. The men claim the prison permits several denominations to hold religious services in the prison's inter-Faith chapel, and violated the Satanists' rights by not allowing them to do the same.

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**A Hate-Free Bible.** The American Bible Society which for many years printed and distributed only the Authorized or King James Version of the Bible, has been under fire for the last few decades for taking almost any new so-called "version" which comes off the presses, and sponsoring the distribution of such. The latest one is called

"The Contemporary English Version (CEV) of the Old and New Testaments. Now, just what does this latest commodity seek to do? David Burke, who directs the Bible Society's Department of Translations and Scripture Resources, does not hesitate to describe it as a Bible which offers a "hate-free translation of some 195 passages referring to a phrase translated in most English Bibles as the Jews." Barclay Newman, the Bible Society's Senior Translation Officer, gives the excuse that "it was accuracy, not political correctness, that motivated the new translation." Isn't it amazing that for nearly 2,000 years all the Hebrew and Greek scholars of the Christian church were all in error until the American Bible Society came along? — Edgar Bundy Ministries.

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**Home Schooling Applauded.** Backers of the growing home-school movement have statistics to support their claims of educational successes that outstrip public schools, according to a Knight-Ridder wire report. The study was made of 5,402 students from 1,657 families nationwide. 1.2 million children are being taught at home, and some now are doing very well in college. The movement has its strong critics, especially from those educators who say many parents are not educated and equipped enough to teach. Some public schoolers would like to stamp out the movement. Private and Christian schools too are flourishing. Public schools began to decline with the removal of prayer and Bible-based morals from U.S. classrooms. When God went *out*, rock music, immodest dress, evolutionary teaching, condoms, crime and violence came *in!* — Hugh Pyle. [The winner of the 1997 National Spelling Bee Contest was also a home-schooler. — MLM]

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**Strangely Silent.** Each week millions of Christians gather and pray in churches, but very seldom will there be

prayer for the victims of persecution going on throughout the world. Here is a glimpse of such persecution. **BURMA.** Hundreds of Christians of the Nagger tribe in northwest Myanmar are being pressured to become Buddhists. Many are forced at gunpoint to build Buddhist temples or face beatings and death. **CHINA.** Congressman Wolf noted, "China has more Christians in jail than any other country in the world and they experience the worst persecution since the pre-Deng period." Present ruler Jiang Zemin admitted, "We are in a secret war with the church." **ISRAEL.** A new "anti-missionary" bill introduced in the Knesset would make the printing and the distribution of materials intended to persuade individuals to change their religion illegal. This could affect any word-of-mouth discussion of views, and distribution of the New Testament could be illegal. **SUDAN.** Christians are captured and sold as slaves in many Islamic countries including Libya and Syria. Their villages are regularly bombed by Islamic forces, financed by Iran and using Russian equipment. In Sudan converting to Christianity is punishable by death. Other countries with serious examples of persecution include Indonesia, Nepal, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Afghanistan, Cuba and Mindanao. Shockingly, Christians who flee from their persecutors are refused asylum by the U.S. — The same U.S. that admitted 10,000 Haitian (many with the AIDS virus) criminals a few years ago. Even

more shocking is the fact that the great church organizations with their super-rich budgets for real estate and TV programming are consistently silent on the subject. When was the last time you heard a prayer in your church for these persecuted believers?

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**NY Business Opposes Christian-Rights Law.** New York business leaders are lobbying against a proposed bill that would bar the city from doing business with firms trading with 15 countries that persecute Christians. Crain's New York Business reports the legislation would prohibit most Fortune 500 corporations from doing business with the city government. The bill is being introduced by City Council Speaker Peter Vallone, who points out that similar actions by the city contributed to the end of apartheid in South Africa and has helped pressure Swiss bankers to release the assets of Holocaust victims. Under the bill, city contractors could not do business with China, Indonesia, Pakistan, Nigeria, Vietnam, Iran, Egypt, Turkey, Sudan, Morocco, North Korea, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Cuba or Laos. Crain's reports businesses are mobilizing to oppose the bill, which would affect virtually every agency in New York. For example, the city could find it difficult to buy heating oil, because all the major oil companies have relationships with Saudi Arabia, Nigeria and Indonesia. Vallone says the bill is not intended to punish corporations, but stop people from getting killed because they wor-

ship differently. A spokesman for the speaker says the city wants to hear from businesses, and see how the bill could be changed to achieve its goal. — Christian News.

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**Study Finds Divorce Hurts Children.** Children studied for 25 years after their parents divorced showed a pattern of drug and alcohol abuse and had less education and a lower economic status than their parents, researchers said. The 26 children from middle-class families in wealthy suburban Marin County (Calif.) were also less likely to marry, according to the study. It was released Monday at the Second World Congress on Family Law and the Rights of Children and Youth, which opened in San Francisco. Children have been left out of divorce decisions with disastrous consequences, said study co-author Judith Wallerstein, a psychologist and researcher who runs a family counseling center in Marin. "There is little evidence that we have succeeded in serving or protecting their interests," she said. ☐

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## Some Appreciated Letters

### SAN GABRIEL, MEXICO:

We wanted you to know what a great blessing you and central Baptist Church have been to us recently and over the past several years. We have read and used many materials from Challenge Press. Several of our supporting churches in Arkansas and Missouri send us Spanish materials from time to time. We have recently enjoyed several second-hand copies of your newspaper, **The Baptist Challenge**. Thank you so much for all of the blessings! Could I please be put on your mailing list? Being a foreign missionary, my family and I need good reading materials.

### OMAHA, NEBRASKA:

The May 1997 issue is superb. It really met some of my (See **LETTERS** on page 15)

### Services "Live" On the Internet

The 11:00 A.M. Sunday morning service of the Central Baptist Church of Little Rock can now be heard "Live" in both audio and video on the Internet. Though the Sunday morning service is the only one carried "live" every week, at times other services are also carried live. To receive the service in video you must have a modem greater than 14.400. The service can be received by searching:

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## Seay's Sorties

### Growing Up

By Gene Seay

In La Junta, Colorado, in the year of our Lord, 1923, a momentous event in my life occurred. Someone held me up by my feet and slapped me on the rear end and sent me bawling and blundering out into an unknown future. As time went by it became questionable as to whether I would ever realize the three-score and ten allotted to me.

The first thing that happened that threatened my longevity happened when I was so young I do not even remember the event, but was told about it later by my parents. It seems that I climbed up onto a beehive and sat down with my feet hanging over and began kicking the hive with my heels. According to my parents there was fear that my earthly pilgrimage would end almost as soon as it started.

There were many traumatic events that, though not necessarily life threatening, certainly caused me a lot of pain and agony, and possibly explains my warped personality. While living in southern Idaho I acquired a bad case of poison oak. The method of dealing with poison oak in that time and in that part of the country was to treat it with creosote sheep dip the ranchers used to dip their sheep in to rid them of ticks. Since my father was several times larger than I, he stripped me down to my birthday suit (the nearest neighbors were about a mile away, thankfully), and swabbed my affected parts with sheep dip. I just knew that I was on fire, and when he turned me loose I found that I could not run fast enough to get enough cool air flowing over me to put out the fire.

My folks were working for a large sheep rancher. The rancher had several sons that he divided the sheep among and they had to herd them out on the sagebrush flats of southern Idaho. The youngest son was my age, and so I was paid a small wage to help his younger son herd his flock of sheep. We were assigned a horse to use that was a gentle thing except for one quirk in its makeup. We were told that both of us must ride in the saddle together and by no means for either of us to try to ride behind the saddle. No problem. We were small enough for both of us to fit in the saddle together. But my curiosity got us in trouble. I decided to see for myself if anything would happen, so I eased myself very carefully behind the saddle and soon found out what would happen. That horse staged a rodeo right there, and both of us boys wound up landing in the sagebrush. After we cried a little and examined our scratches and bruises we decided never to do that again.

My friends and I enjoyed pretending that we were wild and woolly mountain men. We had a small skillet that was so small that it would only fry one hen egg at a time. No matter, it would hold several bird eggs at a time. We would take a little lard and that little skillet and our BB guns and head for the wild frontier, which was the willow brush along the irrigation canal, to live like Daniel Boone and Jim Bridger. Anything that walked, crawled, flew, or swam was liable to be eaten. We would eat any bird small enough for our BB guns to kill. When I finally was big enough for my Dad to give me a .22 rifle even the bigger birds were not safe. Magpies, crows, hawks, robins, meadowlarks, blackbirds, etc., were roasted on sticks over a fire. I still occasionally have to eat crow. We would climb trees

and rob birds nest when we got a hankering for eggs. We would carry the eggs down from the tree tops in our mouths. Occasionally one of us would take a jolting fall out of the tree and the eggs would be broken in the mouth. It was especially bad when it turned out that the eggs were partly developed. But we were survivors. Even old Hugh Glass would have been proud of us.

I suffered a great deal from parental discipline. My Dad had two razor straps. One he sharpened his straight razor on, and the other he sharpened me on. The one he reserved for my education taught me to understand many things that are still useful for me even today. I will never forget the time he caught me out behind the barn smoking dried cornsilk rolled in a piece of brown paper sack. I do not know if he feared that I might graduate to smoking tobacco or if I would set the barn on fire, but which ever it was I feared to do it again. In those days parents were not afraid to discipline their children. I must say that I never did resent being disciplined. My Dad and I stayed good buddies, and every time he went hunting he took me with him, even when I was so small that I could not keep up. When he got so far ahead that he could hardly see me behind, he would stop and wait for me and my pounding heart to catch up.

The bane of my life during those misspent days of my childhood was the medicine I had to take. A morning ritual was for my mother to line us kids up for our daily dose of cod-liver oil. She would approach each one of us with the bottle of cod-liver oil and a big spoon. I still vividly remember her pinching my nostrils shut and commanding me to open my

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mouth big and shoving that big spoon of cod-liver oil in my mouth and saying "Swallow it!" It seemed it took at least half a day to get that awful taste out of my mouth.

Many times when I was sick I would not admit it. I knew that if I did I just might be made to drink tea she made up by boiling sagebrush leaves in water, or given a dose of castor oil, or both. The standard disinfectant for cuts and scrapes in those bygone days was iodine. Applied to the cut it would sting and we kids would start howling before it was even applied.

It seems that I was always and forever getting hurt. I have no idea how many times my bicycle sprocket ate my pants leg and threw me down hard onto the hard ground. We kids had metal spring bands that we put around our right ankle to hold our pants away from the sprocket, but we were always losing them, and so were condemned to the inevitable re-introduction to the hard ground almost every day.

It seemed I was always getting hurt falling out of trees, falling off of the roof, being hurt by my treacherous bike, cutting my finger with my pocket knife, skinning my knees and elbows, being stung by yellowjackets, and in a thousand other ways. I could walk into the house with my clothes ripped, covered with dirt, my lip swollen or my nose bleeding, a big blue knot on my head, bawling like a calf in a hail storm, and what sympathy did I get? I would get a lecture on not doing those things that got me hurt. I just had to bawl and squall until it quit hurting. We did not go to the doctor in those days. I cannot remember ever seeing a doctor when I was a

kid.

Sometimes a friend and myself would go out to the dump and get a couple of old license plates and go out looking for bumblebees and believe me Idaho had some big ones. When we would find one we would try to swat it with the license plate. Most of the time we would win, but sometimes the bee would win. Bumblebees always seemed to get in my hair, and no matter how I tried I could not get them out with out getting stung a time or two.


Yellowjackets were another thing. We could not resist throwing rocks at their nest when we found one. Why we did it I do not know. Perhaps it was for the same reason that grown up people hunt dangerous game. Yellowjacket stings are very painful in case you did not know.

Another traumatic experience was the weekly scrubbing of my elbows. My mother would take a stiff bristle scrub brush and scrub my elbows until they were clean, by which time they were red and sore. Kids in these more gentle times do not get dirty and hurt as we used to because they stay indoors and play nice, safe computer games and watch the boob tube and get fat and lazy. But in those days the television and computer had not been invented, and it being the depression days our folks could not have afforded us the electronic toys of today, had there been such things, or for that matter any toys. So we had to improvise and entertain ourselves in the hazardous out-of-doors. Of course, those days were difficult for our parents also. My mother, every time I came in hurt, and bawling, and all dirty, would get that muscle twitch in her face, and fearfully ask in a voice that indicated she feared the worst, "NOW WHAT?" I

could never understand what caused her to develop her nervousness.

When I look back over the past I am amazed that I survived my childhood days. In those days there were no antibiotics, and many died of infections and diseases. Of course, I am convinced that the Lord had a job for me to do in life, and so His providence assured that I would survive those days where many of my friends did not make it. I know that those that God has a purpose for have a guardian angel, and I know that my guardian angel's job was so demanding that he never was able to take a vacation.

The Lord willing in the next Sortie, I will take up where I left off with this Sortie and deal with the preserving providence of God in our lives.

[Gene Seay was an independent Baptist missionary in Alaska for more than 40 years before retiring and moving to Colorado. — MLM] 

## Some Appreciated Letters


### SAN GABRIEL, MEXICO:

We wanted you to know what a great blessing you and Central Baptist Church have been to us recently and over the past several years. We have read and used many materials from Challenge Press. Several of our supporting churches in Arkansas and Missouri send us Spanish materials from time to time. We have recently enjoyed several second-hand copies of your newspaper, **The Baptist Challenge**. Thank you so much for all of the blessings! Could I please be put on your mailing list? Being a foreign missionary, my family and I need good reading materials.

## America's Christian Heritage

The Holy Bible was found to have directly contributed to 34% of all quotes by the Founding Fathers. This was discovered after reviewing 15,000 items from the Founding Fathers (including newspaper articles, pamphlets, books, monographs, etc.)

The other main sources that the Founders quoted include: Montesquieu, Blackstone, Locke, Pufendorf, etc., who themselves took 60% of their quotes directly from the Bible.

Direct and indirect quotes combined reveal that 94% of all the quotes of the Founding Fathers are derived from the Bible. -- America's God and Country. 

### OMAHA, NEBRASKA

The May 1997 issue is superb. It really met some of my pressing need for answers and exposition of truth.

The issues are always great and I look forward to each issue as they really make my day in the Lord.

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Again, I thank the Lord for the May 1997 issue.

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### CINCINNATI, OH:

I've read The Baptist Challenge for a long time and receive blessings from it. This month I especially was interested in your editorial "The Independence of the Church." I agree fully with you about it.

## Scientists Discover Genetic Adam & Eve

By Stephen Caesar, Wakefield, MA

Scientists have finally caught up with Scripture and discovered that humankind is descended from a single man and woman. In 1985, geneticists Allen Wilson, Mark Stoneking, and Rebecca Cann discovered that every person alive today came from a small group of closely related humans who lived thousands of years ago and branched off into two families, both of which had a common female ancestor. In an article titled "Everyone's Genealogical Mother," **Time** reported:

"If family trees were charted indefinitely backward, they would eventually converge on a small group of ancients who were ancestors of us all."<sup>1</sup>

The scientists conducted the search for Eve by collecting samples of mitochondrial DNA from people around the globe. Mitochondrial DNA is inherited only through the mother and is immune to change when passed down through the generations. Wilson, Stoneking, and Cann discovered that all 147 humans the samples were taken from were descended from two common ancestral family branches, and that the two branches were descended from a single female, whom they named Eve.<sup>2</sup> The startling find prompted archeologist/anthropologist Brian Fagan to write, "It was her children that derived and spawned the two lines of descent."<sup>3</sup>

The discovery of Adam was soon to follow. In 1995, **U.S. News & World Report** announced:

"In two reports in last

week's **Nature**, researchers suggest that virtually all modern men — 99.9 percent of them, says one scientist — are closely related genetically and share genes with one male ancestor, dubbed 'Y-chromosome Adam.' Unlike other chromosomes, Y's are passed strictly from father to son, thus enabling scientists to follow the human race patrilineally.


"... [This discovery] buck[s] the notion that modern humans emerged in disparate spots across continents. 'We are finding that humans have very, very shallow genetic roots which go back very recently to one ancestor,' says the University of Arizona's Michael Hammer, author of one of the studies. 'That indicates that there was an origin in a specific location on the globe and then it spread out from there.'<sup>4</sup>

Although scientists are still unsure of an exact date and location, the basic truth of the story of Adam and Eve has been confirmed: we are all descended from a common pair of parents; as Genesis chronology suggests; and the human race had a single place of origin, from which it dispersed outward.

<sup>1</sup>Michael Lemonick, "Everyone's Genealogical Mother," **Time**, January 26, 1987, p. 66.

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## What Is An "Ultra-Conservative"?

By M. L. Moser, Editor

It is very common today to hear the term "ultra-conservative" by the news media and liberal churchmen, either speaking of the political arena or the religious arena. For the purposes of this article, we limit our discussion to the religious realm. Just what is a "liberal," "moderate," "conservative" or an "ultra-conservative."

A short definition of a "conservative" is: "One who believes the Bible is verbally inspired, inerrant, and that God said what He meant, and meant what He said." A "liberal" is one who does not believe that the Bible is verbally inspired, inerrant, and he is not sure whether God said anything at all, and if so, we can never know for sure what He said, and if He did say something, we can never know for sure that He meant what He said. The liberal is no better off than an unbeliever (which he is) or an infidel.

A "moderate" is one who tries to have it both ways, a fence-straddler, one who tries to be both an unbeliever and a believer at the same time, which means that *there is no moderate*. You are either a believer or an unbeliever, you can't be both. You either believe the Bible or you don't believe the Bible. It stands or falls as a unit, and one cannot believe only a part of the Bible. It is either all God's Word or none of it can ever be declared with certainty to be God's Word. After all, who is qualified to tell us what part is and what part is not. What man is there who considers himself to be able to tell us without doubt and without being subject to error just what portions of the Bible are given to us by God and what portions

are given to us by man? There is no such man. If it is not all God's Word, then we are forever in the position of never knowing.

The word "ultra" is nearly always inserted in front of the word conservative and is to be understood in a derogatory fashion. It is always "ultra-conservative" as though one who is an "ultra-conservative" should be avoided as one with the plague. Isn't it strange that you never read of the "ultra-moderate" or the "ultra-liberal" but only the "ultra-conservative"?

We need to eliminate all of these so-called classifications and get back to the only two classifications that there are. You are either a believer or an unbeliever. There is no middle ground. Both the liberals and the moderates are unbelievers, both of whom deny the verbal inspiration of the Word of God or the inerrancy of the Scripture. The conservative (nearly always called ultra-conservative), is one who believes in the inerrancy of Scripture. This is the historic position of Baptists. Liberals and moderates are not true Baptists but are false apostles parading under the name Baptist, and no true Baptist can have any fellowship with them since they are unbelievers and therefore we should never be associated with them in any way according to the Apostle Paul who tells us:

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers ... Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye sepa-

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links directly to the apostle Paul. From Aquinas (1225-1274) to John Locke's 1690 essay, the phrase referred to truths people know intuitively as direct from God, needing no proof! The phrase originated in Romans 1:19, "Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them." The Latin phrase *per se notum* ("manifest in them") is "self-evident." Men have ample truth from creation about God so that they are without excuse if they suppress that truth (v. 20).

Even the philosophy of government "deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed" ultimately comes from the Scriptures. Our founding fathers believed that the Old Testament concept of covenant expressed the forfeiture of the king's right to rule through his injustice. They based this belief on passages such as 2 Kings 11:17, Romans 13:1-4 and 1 Peter 2:13. Samuel Rutherford based part of his **Lex Rex** on these passages, showing that no king had a divine right to reign. Civil authority — a governing and authority from the people but not mob rule — traces back to Genesis 9:6. No one is exempt from law and justice (Dt. 16:18-20); and the people are also accountable (1 Sam. 12:24, 25). Hence the founding fathers established a republic with representatives (rather than a democracy) on the basis of Biblical principles.

*Patrick Henry:* Certain beliefs were foundational among the founders of our system of government. One was a belief in Jesus Christ. Some recognize Patrick Henry for his statement, "Give me liberty, or give me death." He also said, "It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation

was founded not by religionists but by Christians; not on religions but on the gospel of Jesus Christ." <sup>11</sup> When Henry made his will he wrote, "This is all the inheritance I can give to my dear family, the religion of Christ can give them one which will make them rich indeed." <sup>12</sup>

*Alexander Hamilton:* Alexander Hamilton — a delegate to the Congress in 1782, a New York state assemblyman and secretary of the treasury — introduced the legislation that abolished slavery in New York. He firmly believed in Jesus Christ. One of his favorite Scriptures was John 11.

*George Washington:* George Washington was also noted as a religious man. Some say Washington never spoke about Jesus. Yet on May 12, 1779, George Washington met with a number of Indian chiefs. While speaking to the Delaware chiefs he asserted, "You will do well to wish to learn our ways of life and above all the religion of Jesus Christ. These will make you a greater and happier people than you are." <sup>13</sup> You won't find that statement in the history books today! Washington said, "It is the first duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of almighty God; to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and to humbly implore His protection and favor and Holy fear." <sup>14</sup>

*John Quincy Adams:* Our founding forefathers understood that we must believe in God. They held this conviction so firmly that in 1647 they passed the Old Deluder Satan Law. <sup>15</sup> It declared that parents and teachers had to use the Bible to teach children so the children would not be deceived by false systems of government. In particular, our leaders were thinking of what was happening in Europe. John Quincy Adams received a congressional diplomatic appointment

to the court of Catherine the Great. He was the U.S. ambassador to Russia at 14 years of age! Such was the effect of a Bible-based system of law and education.

*John Jay:* John Jay was also instrumental in our country. He was one of three who wrote the "Federalist" (*Publias*). He was chief justice of the Supreme Court of New York State and later became governor of New York. Interestingly, after he served as governor, he served several terms as president of the American Bible Society.

After the death of his eldest son, Jay admonished, "Read the Bible and believe it." Shortly before his death at 82, someone asked him, "What will you tell your children that they might cling to as you approach death?" He answered, "They have the BOOK." <sup>16</sup>

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*Depravity of Man:* Our forefathers believed in Christ and the Bible, but they also believed unconditionally in the depravity of man. They understood that men are sinful, wicked and corrupt. Blackstone, the writer of the premier law commentary of the day, taught his theories on law from Romans 3. Prospective lawyers had to focus on Romans 3:23, "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God."

Alexander Hamilton stated, "Take mankind in general; they are vicious." James Madison noted, "Man's innate depravity must be checked." John Witherspoon declared, "There is not a single instance in history in which civil liberty was lost and religious liberty preserved entire." <sup>17</sup>

These men understood that a system of government must check sinful men's tendencies. With this firm belief, they used Scriptural principles to establish

a republic.

*Checks and Balances:* Alexander Hamilton wrote in Federalist #9: "Give all power to the many and they will oppress the few, give all power to the few and they will oppress the many." He knew that depraved men need a system that checks in balance the many and the few.

The single greatest source from which our founding fathers quoted was the Bible. From Isaiah 33:22 they derived the three branches of government: "For the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our king." John Adams, reiterating, explained, "We need to have an empire that is governed by laws and not by man." <sup>18</sup>

*Freedom of Speech.* We cherish the Bill of Rights. Do you know its origin? James Madison of Virginia observed the Baptists who refused to pay for permission to preach the Word of God. They believed in the mandate to preach God's Word without state approval. Basing their convictions on Acts 5:29, "We ought to obey God rather than men," they went to jail rather than receive government approval. Madison observed these godly men in jail. They were not difficult men, but they went to jail because of their religious convictions.

Later a Bill of Rights for the state passed in Virginia. Not long after its passage, some men suggested to Madison that government at the national level needed a similar document. However, it didn't pass at the Convention eleven years later, and Madison even backed off from supporting it.

A Baptist pastor, John Leland, contacted Madison and warned him that if he did not use his influence to pass a Bill of Rights that allowed the freedom to teach and preach the

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Word of God (our First Amendment), Baptists would vote for James Monroe. 19 In other words, they exerted political pressure. If he would not represent them, they would get somebody else. James Madison returned and was pivotal in the acceptance of the Bill of Rights. Congress accepted ten of his list of forty rights. We owe our First Amendment to some Orange County Baptists.

*Separation of Church and State.* Was religion interfering with government? Aren't we supposed to be separate? No, the Declaration of Independence builds no wall of separation. The reason for the phrase "wall of separation" is due to another group of Baptists in Danbury, Massachusetts. The Danbury Baptists told Thomas Jefferson they would not go along with the union of states because they feared that once the government became powerful, it would dictate a state religion. Seeking to assuage them, Thomas Jefferson quoted Roger Williams, who had founded the first Baptist church in Rhode Island in 1639. He said that they did not need a wall of separation between the state and the church. In other words, Thomas Jefferson assured them that the state would not dictate to the church what to do. Because so few Americans know the heritage of our great land, ignorance of that phrase and its use abounds, even among Christians.

If we are going to impact our nation, we Christians need to understand what is going on around us. We may dislike involvement, but we cannot sit idly by. God has given us a responsibility to be involved in the world in which we live. We are the salt, are we not? "If my

people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (2 Chr. 7:14). Only when we are right with God can we impact our world. Our Constitution was framed on the foundation of the depravity of man and the salvation found only in Jesus Christ. Our forefathers recognized that no government can exist without a foundation. Since our country has been founded, France has had seven different forms of government, and Italy has had forty-eight. We are still on our first. 20 Why? Because of the foundation. We must get back to God's Word. As Christians we must repent of our sin. We must have an impact on the world around us through holy and godly lives.

Now it is our responsibility as we contemplate the freedom we have in our land today to remember that the cost of freedom is bloodshed. In war our men spill their blood; some of them pay with their lives. But the real cost of freedom is the blood shed on the cross of Christ. Until we preach the message of genuine freedom in Jesus Christ, no other freedom can exist. When we lose that message, we lose all other freedom. Without the Word of God, what will happen to our government? It will slowly but surely disintegrate. As Christians, like those of old, we need to get back to the Word of God!

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the way believers sometimes feel about their struggle with the sins of the flesh. Paul summed it up well by crying out, "Oh, wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the doxy of this deat?" (Rom. 7:24). Earlier in the chapter he described the conflict he experienced within himself. His spiritual warfare might have left him in despair if he had not found the solution. Following his agonizing question, he declared with triumph, "Thank God through Jesus Christ, our Lord."

Are you struggling to break some stubborn habit? Like Paul, you can be an overcomer. You don't have to say with that barber and that little boy, "I've tried to quit a thousand times, but I just can't." If you know the Lord Jesus as your Savior, victory is possible through the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit. Confidently affirm with the apostle, "I can do all things through Christ, who strengtheneth me." 

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## You Can Do It!

*"I can do all things through Christ, who strengtheneth me" -- Phil. 4:13*

A small boy was taken to the barbershop for a haircut. The room was filled with cigar smoke. The lad pinched his nose and exclaimed, "Who's been smoking in here!" The barber sheepishly confessed, "I have, son." The tyke responded, "Don't you know it isn't good for you?" "I know," the barber replied, "I've tried to quit a thousand times, but I just can't." The boy thought for a moment and then commented, "I understand, sir. I've tried to stop sucking my thumb, but I can't either!"

Those two remind me of

rate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing" (2 Cor. 6:14-17). This admonition of Paul not only applies to preachers in the Southern Baptist Convention, but this applies to anyone who may either have membership in a Southern Baptist Convention church or who is in attendance of a Southern Baptist Convention church. God's Word says, "Get out." "Touch not the unclean thing." 

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already burnt beyond recognition and the skull split open due to internal expansion from the heat of the fire. The lower legs and feet were unscorched, as they were protruding from the pile of burning wood and stubble upon which the man's body lay. The professional Hindu burners were poking the body from time to time to keep the members in the fire and adding stubble and wood as needed. The bones were contracting and popping; the bodily organs were frying and the juices sizzling in the intense heat. My wife, a nurse with experience in a leprosy hospital and also in an intensive care ward, stood with another friend observing the ghastly sight from a distance, unwilling to come closer. The air for a hundred yard or more was filled with the unmistakable stench of burning flesh. When the fire had burnt most of the body, the ashes and remaining members were shoved into the river. This is cremation as has been practiced by heathen religions for

untold centuries, but without the sanitized, "instant fry" method adopted in technically advanced nations and sanctified by apostate Christians as an "acceptable Christian practice."

Would you treat your loved ones so? Is this an acceptable Christian practice indeed? No sir, cremation is a heathen practice. It is of heathen origin and serves heathen purposes. There is nothing Christian about cremation. We were standing that day, as I have at other times, observing cremation in the surroundings from which the practice arose — idolatrous, Christless heathenism.

#### **God's People Have Always Practiced Burial**

Following are just a few examples. I challenge you to read the Bible from cover to cover and find one occasion in which one of God's people was cremated or given anything other than a decent and proper burial (except in a few cases involving God's anger, as we shall shortly see).

Abraham was buried — "Then Abraham gave up the ghost, and died in a good old age, an old man, and full of years; and was gathered to his people. And his sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah" (Gen. 25:8-10).

Sarah was buried — "And Sarah was an hundred and seven and twenty years old ... And Sarah died in Kirgatharba ... And Abraham came to mourn for Sarah, and to weep for her. And Abraham stood up from before his dead, and spake unto the sons of Heth, saying, I am a stranger and a sojourner with you: give me a possession of a buryingplace with you, that I may bury my dead out of my sight" (Gen. 23:1-4).

Rachel was buried — "And Rachel died, and was buried in the way to Ephrath ... And Jacob set a pillar upon her grave: that is the pillar of Rachel's grave unto this day" (Gen. 35:19-20).

Isaac was buried — "And Isaac gave up the ghost, and died, and was gathered unto his people, being old and full of days: and his sons Esau and Jacob buried him" (Gen. 35:29).

Jacob was buried — "And when Jacob had made an end of commanding his sons, he gathered up his feet into the bed, and yielded up the ghost, and was gathered unto his people ... And when the days of his mourning were past ... his sons carried him into the land of Canaan, and buried him in the cave of the field of Machpelah" (Gen. 49:33; 50:1-13).

Joseph was buried — "So Joseph died, being an hundred and ten years old: and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt" (Gen. 50:26).

Joshua was buried — "And it came to pass after these things, that Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the Lord, died, being an hundred and ten years old. And they buried him"

(Josh. 24:29-30).

Eleazar was buried — "And Eleazar the son of Aaron died; and they buried him in a hill that pertained to Phinehas his son, which was given him in mount Ephraim" (Josh. 24:33).

Samuel was buried — "And Samuel died; and all the Israelites were gathered together, and lamented him, and buried him in his house at Ramah" (1 Sam. 25:1).

David was buried — "So David slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David" (1 Ki. 2:10).

John the Baptist was buried — "And he sent, and beheaded John in the prison ... and his disciples came, and took up the body, and buried it, and went and told Jesus" (Mt. 14:10-12).

Ananias and Sapphira were buried — "And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things. And the young men arose, wound him up, and carried him out, and buried him ... Then fell she down straightway at his feet, and yielded up the ghost: and the young men came in, and found her dead, and, carrying her forth, buried her by her husband" (Acts 5:5-10).

Stephen was buried — "And devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him" (Acts 8:2).

#### **Even When Burial Was Difficult**

Even in difficult circumstances God's people in olden days practiced burial. For example, Joseph's body was kept for over 400 years in Egypt and then carried through the 40 years of wilderness wanderings before being buried in Palestine,

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the promised land.

“And Joseph said unto his brethren, I died: and God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land unto the land which he sware to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. And Joseph took an oath of the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you, and ye shall carry up my bones from hence” (Gen. 50:24-25).

“And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him: for he had straitly sworn the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you; and ye shall carry up my bones away hence with you” (Ex. 13:19).

“And the bones of Joseph, which the children of Israel brought up out of Egypt, buried they in Shechem, in a parcel of ground which Jacob bought of the sons of Hamor the father of Shechem for an hundred pieces of silver” (Josh. 24:32).

How much simpler it would have been for the Israelites to have cremated Joseph, then carried his ashes with them in a tiny container! But this they refused to do. Joseph, a follower of the one true God, a man who looked forward to the bodily resurrection, was given an honorable burial, as was every man of God in the Bible.

### Burial Looks Forward To Resurrection

“For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body” (Rom. 8:22-23).

“For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a build-

ing of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens’ (2 Cor. 5:1).

“But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ’s at his coming” (1 Cor. 15:20-23).

“Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Cor. 15:51-57).

The reason God’s people have always been careful to practice burial is not difficult to understand. We believe in a bodily resurrection. Yes, the buried body will decompose in time. Yes, there are occasions in which Christians die in ways which render burial impossible — in the sinking of ships, in house fires, etc. But when at all possible we bury. Why the trouble? Because it is our certain hope that the same individual will be raised in the same body, only changed.

The physical body is called the seed for the resurrection

body. When planted, a seed decomposes, and the new plant comes forth. The Bible uses this to illustrate resurrection:

“But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come? Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die: And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain; But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body ... So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body” (1 Cor. 15:35-44).

When we bury a Christian loved one, we are planting the seed for the resurrection body? It is a powerful testimony of our unwavering faith in God’s Word regarding the promise of bodily resurrection.

Contrast heathenism. They have no such knowledge or hope. The Hindus and Buddhists, for example, believe in reincarnation. Yes, they believe in a human soul which is distinct from the body. But they do not believe that the soul, once departed from the body at death, will be resurrected in any relation whatsoever to the first body. Rather they believe the soul will be reincarnated in another entirely unrelated body, or into a non-physical sphere of existence.

God’s people, though, have had some knowledge of a bodily resurrection from the earliest days. The book of Job is considered commonly to be the oldest book in the Bible. There is no mention in the book of Job concerning Israel, or Jerusalem,

or Palestine, or the temple, or the Jewish state or kingdom, and it is most likely that Job was a God-fearing man who lived in the days prior to Abraham. yet consider this ancient man of God’s thorough knowledge of the bodily resurrection.

“For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me” (Job 19:25-27).

God’s people have always buried their dead with this magnificent hope burning in their hearts — “We will see that brother or sister again in that same body, only changed, glorified!” Hallelujah! Only through the death and shed blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ can we have this certain hope. He has taken upon Himself on the cross the punishment for our sins, carried our sins into the grave, and rose again in eternal triumph three days later. When an individual thoroughly acknowledges his sinfulness before God, repents (changes his mind about living a sinful, self-willed life), and receives Jesus Christ as his or her Lord and Savior, the sin debt becomes paid, and eternal life and glory is promised from God the Father. Part of our glorious heritage in Christ is the resurrection body.

### God Practices Burial

“So Moses the servant of the Lord died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the Lord. And he buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, over against Bethpeor: but no man knoweth of his sepulchre

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unto this day" (Dt. 34:5-6).

**Cremation Is A Sign of  
God's Curse**

Throughout the Bible the destruction of a human body or of an object by fire is used as a sign of divine wrath. Consider with me some examples:

The example of Sodom and Gomorrah — "Then the Lord rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the Lord out of heaven" (Gen. 19:24). "And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly" (2 Pet. 2:6).

The example of Nadab and Abihu — "And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the Lord, which he commanded them not. And there went out fire from the Lord, and devoured them, and they died before the Lord" (Lev. 10:1-2).

The example of the men who rebelled with Korah — "And there came out a fire from the Lord, and consumed the two hundred and fifty men that offered incense" (Num. 16:35).

The example of idols — "And he took the calf which they had made, and burnt it in the fire, and ground it up to powder, and strawed it upon the water, and made the children of Israel drink of it" (Ex. 32:20). "The graven images of their gods shall ye burn with fire: thou shalt not desire the silver or gold that is on them, nor take it unto thee, lest thou be snared therein: for it is an abomination to the Lord thy God" (Dt. 7:25).

"And they brought forth the images out of the house of Baal, and burned them" (2 Ki. 10:26). "And when they had left their gods there, David gave a commandment, and they were burned with fire" (1 Chr. 14:12).

The example of magic books — "And many that believed came, and confessed, and shewed their deeds. Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all men: and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver" (Acts 19:18-19).

The example of the unsaved cast into the lake of fire for eternal punishment — "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire" (Rev. 20:15).

**For A Person Not To  
Have A Proper Burial Was  
Considered Dishonor**

Example of Jezebel — "And of Jezebel also spake the Lord saying, The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel. Him that dieth of Ahab, in the city the dogs shall eat; and him that dieth in the field shall the fowls of the air eat" (1 Ki. 21:23-24).

Example of the Midianites — "Do unto them as unto the Midianites; as to Sisera, as to Jasbin, at the brook of Kison: Which perished at Endor: they became as dung for the earth" (Psa. 83:9-10).

**The Christians' Body Belongs  
To God: It is Not Ours To  
Destroy By Fire Or Any  
Other Means**

"What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore

glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" (1 Cor. 6:19-10). "For whether we live, we live unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's" (Rom. 14:8).


**God Has Plainly Called  
Cremation Wickedness**

"Thus saith the Lord; For three transgressions of Moab, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because he burned the bones of the king of Edon into lime" (Amos 2:1).

**The Lord Jesus Was Buried,  
And He Is Our Great  
Example In All  
Things**

"And after this Joseph of Arimathaea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, besought Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus: and Pilate gave him leave. He came therefore, and took the body of Jesus. And there came also Nicodemus, which at the first came to Jesus by night, and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about an hundred pound weight. Then took they the body of Jesus, and wound it in linen clothes with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury. Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden a new sepulchre, wherein was never man yet laid. There laid they Jesus therefore because of the Jews' preparation day; for the sepulchre was nigh at hand" (Jn. 19:38-42).

In light of the above Bible teaching, the statement, "In the Christian religion there is nothing that frowns upon cremation or requires burial," proves to be untrue. Of course, we cannot force people either to bury or not to bury. But the pastor or missionary must patiently share these truths with

his people and with those who seek his assistance in the burial of loved ones. In these days of widespread apostasy and doctrinal confusion among professing Christian leaders a clear voice in this matter is urgently needed. 

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**Spontaneous Generation  
Impossible**

Pasteur's position in all of his researches is well described in a statement he made to Pouchet, one of the most celebrated of the heterogenists. "I think you are wrong," said Pasteur, "not in believing in spontaneous generation, but in affirming the existence of spontaneous generation. In experimental science, it is always a mistake not to doubt when facts do not compel affirmation." But even after many of his wonderful demonstrations, the campaign against him, among the majority of the scientists, was burdened with insinuations, murmurs, whisperings, and almost constant attacks.


In the midst of all this, he said in an address: "I have taken my drop of water from the immensity of creation, and I have taken it full of the elements appropriated to the development of inferior beings. I question it, begging it to recommence to me the beautiful spectacle of the first creation. But it is dumb, because I have kept it from the only thing man cannot produce, from the germs which float in the air, from Life, for Life is a germ, and a germ is Life. Never will the doctrine of spontaneous generation recover from the mortal blow of this simple experiment." And he added that those who affirm spontaneous generation are "duped by illusions, by ill-conducted experi-

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all wisdom and knowledge, and daring to trust Him even though called to stand alone before the world.

Our Lord's invitation, with its implied promise to all is, "Come and see." 

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the citizens and the government are set forth. Our Constitution and our citizenship are inseparably linked together. It speaks our will and we continue free under the administration of its laws.

The first ten amendments of our Constitution are known as our Bill of Rights. Our forefathers reckoned these rights inalienable. They were written into our Constitution, not in order to legislate something new, but to record our inalienable age-old rights and liberties — rights that cannot be set aside by law. Of these, Jefferson said, "to violate would be oppression," and interpreting these Franklin said, "Rebellion to tyrants is obedience to God." Both Jefferson and Franklin assumed that man's inalienable rights came from the Creator, and that these rights are eternal, immutable, changeless.

To understand our obligation to this instrument, we have but to look at the hallowed price by which it was purchased — look at the unholy yokes borne by our forbears down through the ages; look at the many battles fought by brave and battered soldiers to throw off the yokes of tyranny; and look at the sacrifices of ill-clad and shivering soldiers at White Plains and Valley Forge in order to be free. The sorrows, and the sufferings, and the sacrifices of the gallant battlers of our yester-

days for freedom's cause should beget a new devotion in all our hearts for our country.

No American citizen can rightly ignore his obligation to our Constitution. The destiny of every free born soul is wrapped up in it and the weal of on-coming generations depend upon its preservation. To us, it is a sword we can unsheathe for protection; a bulwark we can rely upon for defense; and a code we can requisition for the administration of our will. Accordingly, our governmental forces at Washington are our agents and our servants.

Now, do we not all agree that our Constitution imposes a mighty obligation upon us? Then, I must personally inquire: What is my duty toward it?

My duty — I must give the Constitution of the United States my love. Loving it, I shall back its Bill of Rights will all of my soul and I shall defend its rules of operation with all of my being. Seeing the bonds fastened upon Europe's sons today by international outlaws and witnessing the fierce bedlam now raging in those lands, by contrast I can but rejoice over the rights and the privileges the Constitution vouchsafes to me. Meditating upon our liberties, my love for my country is fanned into a flame, and if I could, I would kindle the lambent fires of love in the hearts of all our people; I would fan these fires to white heat and then cast therein all hate and corruption to be consumed; and I would forge out of said flames a united and an undying devotion to our Constitution. I would make loves dictum for all, "My country, right or wrong; when wrong, to make it right; and when right to preserve it."

My duty — I must give

the Constitution my allegiance. Being loyal to it, I shall resist all agents of destruction and warn all enemies to keep their hands off of it. Before the stars and the stripes, let every flag within our borders dip its colors. And against the weal of our country, let no alien aggress.

My duty — I must give the Constitution my life, if needs be to preserve it. I must stand against all invading enemies, whether the enemy be an ideology or an army. If the enemy be an "ism," I must help suppress it. If it be an army, I must help resist it. If it be waste, I must help stop it. And if it be traitors, I must lend a hand to impale them.

Upon seeing the inalienable rights of the Colonists endangered by invading oppression, Patrick Henry, standing before the House of Burgesses in the Virginia assembly, shouted, "The next gale that sweeps from the north will bring to our ears the clash of resounding arms. We must fight and appeal to the God of battles and that is all that is left us. I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death." And today, every American patriot, seeing the insidious encroachments of alien isms upon our liberties, should shout, "Our liberties shall not pass." Today, Socialists secretly conspire to undermine our democracy and overthrow the authority of our people vested in the Constitution. Today, socialists secretly establishes their revolutionary network; speciously propagates its revolutionary principles; and covertly moves to overthrow our Bill of Rights in order to establish a dictatorship in our land.


What shall we do with these alien forces now working insidiously to set up a Socialistic state among us? Shall we further countenance the operation of these Chameleon intrigu-

ers, eel-like schemers, and the honeyfoggging deceivers of the Socialists in our midst? Shall we further forbear while these outlaws hide behind our Bill of Rights to effect our undoing? Shall we further consent to them cloaking their revolutionary schemes with make-believe democratic terms to deceive our people? And shall we further let them find protection by buying immunity with their racketeer's gold? No, their sin is the sin of treason, and treason is punishable by death. Let's proclaim it from the house tops that no one shall continue free in our land who plots the overthrow of our government. Modern ships may be scuttled by plotters against human liberties, but our Ship of State shall not be scuttled by enemies of our flag.

Longfellow dreamed of a sturdy Ship of State, and sang:

"Build me straight, O worthy Master;  
Staunch and strong, a goodly vessel;  
That shall laugh at all disaster;  
And with wave and whirlwind wrestle."

Today, our seers behold our Ship of State in the future wrestling with ismatic storms. They call on us to make strong the ship and man it for the battle. Let's answer voluntarily and do it without quibbling.

Does our country need mind-power to outwit the alien forces operating among us? — let us yield it. Does our country need heart-power to cherish our freedom's cause? — let us release it. Does our country need man-power to defend our inalienable rights? — let us volunteer it. Does our country need life-power to preserve our constitution? — let us dedicate it. To our Ship of State, let us individually shout, "command me — even to the death!" 

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ments, spoilt by errors that they either did not perceive, or did not know how to avoid."

This really genuine "search for truth," this bold assertion that life comes only from life, caused many of his opponents to accuse him of trying to defend a religious cause (*sic*). His reply was: "There is here no question of religion, philosophy, atheism, materialism, or spiritualism. It is a question of *fact*; when I took it up, I was as ready to be convinced by experiments that spontaneous generation existed as I am now persuaded that those who believe it are blindfolded."

As late at 1877 there was in the Academie de Medecine a long discussion on typhoid fever, some of the "masters of medical oratory" attacking with much fervor the germ theory, and still proclaiming the spontaneity of the living organism, — the direct production of life from non-living matter. They insisted that typhoid fever was engendered by ourselves within ourselves. Pasteur's ideas were declared to be "Utopian dreams." Valery-Radot, in his "Life of Pasteur," says that "it would be interesting to reconstitute these hostile surroundings in order to appreciate the efforts of will required of Pasteur to enable him to triumph over all the obstacles raised before

him in the medical and veterinary world."

In August, 1877, Pasteur wrote to one of his medical friends: "You know that, ignorant as I am of medical and veterinary knowledge, I should immediately be taxed with presumption if I had the boldness to speak without being armed for struggle and for victory? All of you, physicians and veterinary surgeons, would quite reasonably fall upon me if I brought into your debates a mere semblance of proof." And the next year he wrote, "At no epoch of my scientific life have I worked so hard, or been so much interested in the results of my researches, which will, I hope, throw a new and a great light on certain very important branches of medicine and of surgery." The attacks did not cease, and for many months Pasteur ceased to attend the meetings of the Academie de Medecine.

But Pasteur's demonstrations, in the cure of diseases by the methods he advocated, became more and more overwhelming. Those physicians who witnessed and adopted his methods saw a marked decrease in the percentage of deaths. His successful treatment of anthrax and of rabies attracted wide attention not only in France, but in England and the United States. In 1884, when he visited Edinburgh, his appearance on the platform brought him a great ovation, five thousand people rising from their seats and cheering him; and one of the speakers said to him, "We greet in you a benefactor of humanity, all the more so because we know that you admit the existence of spiritual secrets, revealed to us by what you have just called the work of God in us."

In 1888, at the inauguration of the Pasteur Institute, he said to younger men:

"Keep your early enthusiasm, but let it ever be regulated by rigorous examinations and tests. never advance anything which cannot be proven in a simple and decisive fashion. Worship the spirit of criticism. It is not an awakener of ideas, or a stimulant to great things, but without it everything is fallible. ... When, after so many efforts, you have at last arrived at a certainty, your joy is one of the greatest which can be felt by a human soul."

He then uttered these prophetic words:

"Two contrary laws seem to be wrestling with each other nowadays; the one, the law of blood and of death, ever imagining new means of destruction and forcing nations to be constantly ready for the battlefield — the other, a law of peace, work, and help, even evolving new means of delivering man from the scourges which beset him. Which of those two laws will ultimately prevail, God alone knows."

On the approach of his seventieth birthday, movements for a Jubilee in his honor were inaugurated in Denmark, Sweden, Norway, and England, as well as in France. Beautiful and appropriate tributes were paid him. The great Lister said:

"As a matter of fact, there is no one living in the entire world to whom the medical sciences owe so much as they do to you. Your researches in regard to fermentation have shed a powerful light that has illumined the fatal darkness of surgery. ... Medicine is indebted, no less than surgery, to your profound and philosophical studies. You have lifted the veil which for centuries had overhung infectious diseases."


At the national celebration of the birth of Pasteur, December, 1902, Dr. Robert Abbe said in Philadelphia:

"There is a larger world that

owes Pasteur a great debt, the world of religion. That has been hinted at, but it was a fundamental part of his life, never conspicuous, but always open to anyone to read. ... The time of his early life was one permeated with agnosticism and infidelity and disbelief, in the universities. He had to face that. The chilling ridicule of Voltaire and his school, discrediting the All-Seeing Eye and the All-Hearing Ear, and the Compassionate Spirit, was nothing to him."

After a study of Littré's idea of the immortality of the soul, Pasteur said: "I, who consider the words *progress* and *discovery* synonymous, ask myself, on the strength of what new discovery, philosophical or scientific, can one take from the human soul those uplifting beliefs? They seem to me essentially eternal, because the mystery which surrounds the universe is itself eternal in its nature."

Valery-Radot states that Pasteur had absolute faith in God and in eternity. "The virtues of the gospel had ever been present to him. Full of respect for the form of religion which had been that of his forefathers, he came to it simply and naturally for spiritual help in these last weeks of his life." Being questioned once on his faith, he said: "The more I know, the more does my faith approach that of the Breton peasant. Could I but know all, I would have the faith of a Breton peasant woman." And Breton faith is proverbial.

In a notice of his passing, the London *Spectator* spoke of him as "the most perfect man who has ever entered the Kingdom of Science." Certainly no other scientist in the history of the world has been such a benefactor to humanity; for, as Duclaux declared, "Pasteur conquered the world, yet his glory did not cost a tear." 

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change, according to certain laws, by *means of resident forces*." No God is necessary — change is by *resident forces*.

**Theistic Evolution**

Modernistic preachers have tried to reconcile the Bible and religion with evolution by saying that evolution is just the way that "God works." The truth is, the Bible and Christianity cannot be reconciled to evolution. Genesis teaches beyond question that man was made as *a special creation* — not by

age long process (Gen. 1:26-27). It teaches that various species were made "after their kind" (Gen. 1:24-25). Had man come into existence through evolutionary process he would have had a mate. But the first man had no mate, and one was *made outright* for him (Gen. 2:21-22). Evolution and special creation can't be reconciled. If evolution is so — the Bible is not so. If the Bible is so, then evolution is a big lie!

**Why Did Men Start The Evolution Theory?**

Back behind it was deep-seated antagonism toward God and His Word. The unregenerate heart hates God and wants nothing to do with him. Unregenerate men will do anything to try to rule God out. Thinking men must find some sort of explanation for the existence of things. The philosophic explanations of the past are absurdities, and men did not want to accept the Bible explanation, so what sort of an explanation could they devise? Evolution is the answer, "Evolution is man's best *guess* without God."


**Evolution Is Guesswork Not Fact, Nor Science**

Science is that which is *known*. It is substantiated fact. Evolution is in the nature of hypothesis. It has not been proven. Modern scholars are *bullied* in being evolutionists. To go against the theory is to go against the popular and accepted thing, and many dare not be so unorthodox as to do this. Nevertheless some of the greatest scientists have denounced evolution. Typical of these (and a number can be named) is Sir W. J. Dawson, the English scientist, who said "It (evolution) is utterly destitute of proof."

**Evolutionists Have Lied In Seeking To Prove**

Go into our great museums (like Field Museum, Chicago) and you will see a series of figures molded and carved to show man's ascent from the brute. School children by the thousands are impressed that evolution is true by viewing this "chain." But the whole "chain" is a chain of lies. The whole thing has been concocted out of imagination! One of the "links" in the evolutionary chain is the famous "Piltdown Man," reconstructed from some bones found in a gravel pit at Sussex, England. This link was recently denounced by scientists themselves as a fake and a fraud. We quote the following from the United Press, November 21, 1953, "Three sleuthing British scientists declared today that the skull of the fabulous 'Piltdown Man' accepted for 40 years ... as a relic of man's earliest history is a phony." The article goes on to show how some of the bones were colored by chemicals to give the appearance of age. This is but a sample of what men have resorted to in order to try to prove their hypothesis.

**The Mule Stands In The Way**

The evolutionary theory requires the belief that one species evolves into another higher up. This is contrary to observation and experience. Creatures of one species *do not* cross the boundary line into another. When attempt is made to cross species the result is *a hybrid*. The common *mule* is a sample. A common old stubborn Missouri mule stands between the evolutionist and the proof of his theory. Long live the mule! 

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