

This generation boasts of accomplishments above and beyond all preceding generations of man. We read in papers and see on television the great feats scientists, doctors, educators and engineers have and are accomplishing. All this is acclaimed as indication of a great forward movement in the development of the human race. But does this really indicate that we have made progress? Human wisdom alone and its results are foolishness to God when men do not respect the divine wisdom of God. "But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; the base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are flesh should glory in his presence" (I Cor. 1:27-29). Human wisdom can never bring man closer to God. There is a wisdom that cannot be found in the test

There is a wisdom that cannot be found in the test tube or in the text book; it can be found only in the revelation of God to man. This wisdom is the only thing that will really make man what he ought to be. Without it man becomes as savage as the beast and as depraved as Satan himself. Real and lasting progress can only be found by learning and doing this wisdom which is revealed in the book of God.

While we fire rockets to the moon and invent weapons of war that can wipe out entire nations, while we develop medical science and engineering methods that can exceed anything humanity has ever known, the moral and spiritual conditions of this world are about as low as they have ever been. Money, military power, scientific achievement and all other developments of human wisdom will never lift man from the pit of moral decay. Only the knowledge of God's word and the practice of it will make us prosperous and happy.

The signs of our failure appear in the same papers in which we read of the great accomplishments of our age and on the same television we watch day after day. The rebellion against law and order by many of those little more than children is now a common occurrence. What is wrong that the coming generation generally rejects law and order? What has happened to the young people of our time? The answer is obvious: parents have totally failed in bringing up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord (Eph. 6:4). There has been no teaching of the word of the Lord nor of the principles therein contained. Instead of providing good reading material for their children — and for themselves — parents have allowed pornography and such trash to be read by their children. They read it themselves !

Parents give little thought to the company their children keep and the places where they spend most of their time. These children grow up with no feeling of love or concern for parental authority. As a result of this they soon have no regard for the civil authorities and certainly none for God and His word! With this condition existing, can we claim any success at all with the coming generation in general?

all with the coming generation in general? I recently heard a United States congressman read a report on television that stated the population of this generation in the United States was up 9% and crime during the same period of time was up 62 %. This is the bitter fruit we must reap for the lack of teaching and not giving attention to our children. I wonder what the next twenty-five years will bring. Unless the money-mad, power-craze, lustful-centered thinking that seems to dominate the average person today is replaced by an industrious, spiritual minded, law abiding citizen, this world is headed for eternal ruin.

Parents must set good examples for their children. They must provide good reading matter for them and wholesome entertainment that exercises the body and mind. They must teach them good habits and proper respect for the laws of God and man. The first step in getting this job done is to set the example for them! Be a good citizen yourself! Before and above all, leam and obey the will of God in heaven and obey it. You will be happier here and in eternity!

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting" (Gal. 6:7,8).

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MORE LETTERS TO EDITORS

Last month I reproduced two letters from readers and made some remarks regarding them. I would like to copy two more and review something that is evident to me from them. I have no desire to take advantage of anyone, hence, I offer space to any of these to reply to anything said.

Gentlemen:

Please remove my name from your mailing list immediately since we are moving to another city. I do not wish to continue or renew the subscription someone anonymously provided. Some of the expository articles have been helpful but there is too much division among Christians now and your paper's preoccupation with fighting error has missed the mark of reaching the lost and strengthening the saved. A lack of love, Phariseeism and intolerance are as unscriptural as any of the "issues" you press.

George Edwards 834 Ransom Rd. Winston-Salem, N. C.

I appreciate the frank and direct manner in which this gentleman speaks his mind. I have no doubt but that he is sincere in what he says. However, two or three things are obvious from this letter. He makes "fighting error" opposed to "reaching the lost and strengthening the saved." Fighting error misses the mark of saving the lost. Paul said, "fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life" (I Tim. 6:12). Also, "I have fought a good fight..." (II Tim. 4:7). Does this mean that Paul missed the mark of reaching the lost? One is lost because he is in error. How are you going to save that lost soul without fighting his error?

Paul "withstood" Peter to the face, "because he was to be blamed" (Gal. 2:11). That meant that he "walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel" (Gal. 2:14). Did Paul do wrong because he was "fighting error" in the life of another apostle?

A lack of love is charged against us. How should one act when he has love? Does this mean that love forbids exposing error? If not, how does one know I lack love? I affirm that one who loves God, Christ, the truth, and the lost souls of men will expose the error that binds the souls of men and speak boldly the word of God. In Ephesus Paul "kept back nothing that was profitable" and I must do the same if I love the truth (Acts 20:20).

We are charged with Phariseeism and intolerance. One of the sins of the Pharisees was that they would not listen to anything that opposed their traditions. When Stephen was stoned to death for preaching the truth, Saul "consented unto his death" (Acts 8:1). Saul (Paul) was "an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee" (Phil. 3:5). Are we to understand that intolerance is wrong where truth is involved? Can a child of God tolerate sin and please God? I doubt that anyone who knows the Bible would so admit. Earnestly contending for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints (Jude 3) does not indicate a lack of love for those in error, or Phariseeism or intolerance in a bad sense. One is intolerant of divine truth when he will not expose error by the word of God.

Dear Bro. in Christ:

July 10, 1967

Please discontinue this subscription. I believe the scriptures to teach brotherly love and long suffering and also a togetherness of Christians regardless of the location of their **building.** Evidently you believe the location separates us as far as having one cause in mind, and that is saving souls. Here in this area where our family is the only Christian family within a 45 mile radius we would certainly welcome a radio program or **any effort** to reach souls as the commission was only to teach not (**how**) or what method. In this area we don't need to spread "division propaganda" but show the "denominational world" that we are Christians because as Christ said "love one another that the world may know you are of me."

I pray that you consider your articles and stop spreading division and ill will between brethren.

> Sincerely, Freda Wall 139 Greaton Rd. New Richmond, Wise.

This letter shows a lack of understanding of both the word of God and what I believe and teach. I, too, believe the scriptures teach brotherly love and long suffering and a "togetherness of Christians." But what does that have to do with the location of their building? Where did I ever indicate in any way that the location of a building had anything to do with brotherly love, long suffering or unity among Christians ? I do **not** believe that location (geographically) has anything to do with having the same cause in mind or saving souls.

This person says that no Christians live within a 45 mile radius of this family and they would welcome any radio program or **any effort** to reach souls. Does the author of this letter really believe that someone is opposed to preaching the gospel over the radio? I certainly am not! But it is said that any effort to reach souls was welcomed. What about the Missionary Society? No, I had better not ask that question because I have found dozens who claim to have been in the church for years who now say it is all right to use the Missionary Society. What about getting a Billy Graham Campaign in that area to reach souls ? No, I guess that question would not prove the point either. I have heard some who professed to be gospel preachers claim that Billy Graham is doing a good work. Any effort to reach lost souls would include all and exclude none. There can be no wrong way according to this view.

It is also said that they do not need to spread "division propaganda" but show the "denominational world" that we are Christians by loving one another. Christ said: "Think not that I am come to send peace but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. And a man's foes shall be they of his own household" (Matt. 10:34,35). Is this not "division propaganda" which the Lord taught? I suppose Christ would not be welcomed in this area.

Paul withstood Peter to the face before them all because he and Barnabas walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel (Gal. 2:11-14). I guess Paul had not learned that he should not spread "division propaganda" and show a lack of love by exposing the sin of Peter and Barnabas before them all.

This idea that exposing sin among brethren is the lack of brotherly love is contrary to everything taught in the New Testament. The truth is that one who will not tell another of his sin lacks love for that person, for the truth and for God. Love rejoiceth not in iniquity (lawlessness), but rejoiceth in the truth (I Cor. 13:6). I would like for someone to tell me how I can preach the whole counsel of God and not condemn error both among brethren and in the world.

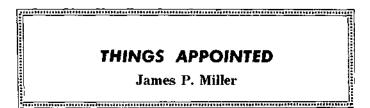
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The great address of the apostle Paul in the city of Athens, recorded in the seventeenth chapter of the Acts of the apostles, has been the object of study for decades. It is monumental because it is one of the only recorded sermons to the Gentiles. Other major addresses in the book of Acts are for the Jews such as the great sermon on the day of Pentecost by Peter and the wonderful sermon by Paul in Antioch of Pisidia. The difference in the approach to the gospel as the Holy Spirit directed is worthy of long study. In the sermons to the Jews it was not necessary to go back to the creation of the world and identify Jehovah as the maker of the worlds and all things therein, but simply to start with the fulfillment of the law and the prophets. In this great sermon in the midst of Mars Hill the apostle starts with the unknown God and declares that, "God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed anything, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things . . .

This approach to the Gentiles is explained in his great statement about them as a nation in Ephesians 2:11,12 where he declares that they were "without God in the world." This is a lesson for the preacher of any age. We should study the audience and preach to the needs of the people. Of course we are no longer directly guided by the Holy Spirit but should be guided by these great examples in his word. There are other powerful lessons in this great sermon. The scientific truth that we are all made of one blood, vs. 26, the nature of the true God vs. 27, and our dependence on Him in vs. 28.

At the conclusion of this great lesson Paul makes the following profound statements as found in verses 30, 31:

"And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent: because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteous-ness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead." The word appointed in the passage means "to make to stand." (See Vines Expository Dictionary, page 67.)

THE APPOINTED DAY

Paul declares that God has appointed a day. He has made a day to stand. Think dear readers what a great day this will be. John in the book of the Revelation in Rev. 20:11,12 had this revelation, "And I saw a great white throne, and Him that sat upon it, from whose face the earth and the heavens fled away; and there was no place found for them, and I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God . . ." All of earth will be there. Small and great, black and white, good and bad, will be present before the throne of Christ. Jesus called this appointed day the "last day." In John 6:40 he said, "And this is the will of Him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son and believeth on Him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise Him up in the last day." Job in the long ago cries out in Job 14:14, "If a man die shall he live again? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come." Yes, there is an appointed day.

THE APPOINTED DEED

Just as there is an appointed day there is an appointed deed to be done. Paul says, "... in the which he will judge the world . . ." The activity appointed for that day is judgment. The appointed audience is the world and all will be judged. Every man that lives or has lived will appear before the judgment seat of Christ. How sobering a fact it should be that none will escape judgment. In Romans 14:10, "for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ."

THE APPOINTED STANDARD

Just as there is an appointed day and an appointed judge there is an appointed standard. Hear Paul again in the same verse when he says ... he will judge the world in righteousness . . ." The standard appointed is righteousness. Little does the student of the Bible need to be reminded in regard to righteousness. Some of the most familiar passages in the Bible deal with this theme. In Romans 1:16,17 the apostle tells us of righteousness. "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jews first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, the just shall live by faith.' Again this passage in Romans 10:3 where Paul tells of the plight of his fellow countrymen. "For they being ignorant of God's righteousness and going about to establish their own righteousness have not submitted themselves to the righteousness of God.' God's righteousness was the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Mankind will be judged according to the words of Christ. In John 12:48 the master has this to say, "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the words that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day." John calls this "the books" that will be opened. In Revelation 20:12... "the books were opened and another book was opened which was the book of life: and the dead were judged out of the things which were written in the books, according to their works." Think, dear reader, we know what the appointed standard will be, we know the examination before we ever sit down to take the test. The standard will be the word of God. How wonderful it is to know how we will be judged. If we fail to meet the test it can be no one's fault but our own for from the first days of accountability our standard is before us. Think of a man who will fail as simple a test as the statement of Christ, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." If we fail in that day we will be truly without excuse.

THE APPOINTED JUDGE

I heard brother Byron Conley say in a meeting several years ago at Seminole where I preach, that the first time it was, "Christ before Pilate but the next time it will be Pilate before Christ." I am sure that this was not original with brother Conley but it was the first time I had heard it stated just that way. Christ will be the judge. Paul says he will judge, "by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead." Jesus explains it in this manner in John 5:22-27,

"For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment to the Son; that all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the He that honoureth not the Son, Father: honoureth not the Father which sent Him, Ver-ily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; and he hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of God." What a wonderful Judge he will be. A Judge who loved us and died for us. How thankful we should be for such a Judge but dear reader never be mis-led, he will be a Judge who will demand obedience to his law. Paul states it in this way in these great passages from II Thes. 1:7,8, "And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ." Christ will judge and bring "mighty Angels" to enforce his vengeance on those who would not obey.

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A REVIEW OF BRO. MARSHALL PATTON ON I COR. 11:2-16

William H. Lewis, Indianapolis, Ind.

In the April, 1967, issue of "Searching The Scriptures", pages 3 and 4, is an article by Bro. Marshall Patton on I Cor. 11:2-16, in which he takes the position that what Paul taught in that passage is not binding on us today. With this I disagree.

First, let me say this "review" is not a "personal attack" on Bro. Patton. He is one of the finest Chrisian gentlemen that I know among my preaching brethren. I wish it were so that I did not have to disagree with those of my brethren "of like precious faith." However, it has been my policy since I started preaching to place "conviction" above friendship, popularity, and advantage. I believe that I have just as much right to teach what I believe the Bible teaches on this subject as have those with whom I disagree. (I appreciate so very much the "editorial policy" of this paper. Bro. Phillips wrote me: "My policy is to publish both (or all three, four, etc.) sides of every issue. I like for writers to speak boldly, plainly, kindly and scripturally." I will try to do this.)

I join with Bro. Patton in saying: "I am persuaded that tolerance should be exercised among brethren while we all continue to study the issues objectively

while we all continue to study the issues objectively ... It is an individual matter AND OUGHT NOT TO BE MADE A TEST OF FELLOWSHIP." I am sure that such will not be made a test of fellowship unless someone begins to have "preaching appointments" canceled, or, in anyway tries to hurt the influence of those with whom they disagree on the matter !

of those with whom they disagree on the matter ! Bro. Patton says: "The primary issue involves whether or not what Paul bound on the saints at Corinth in these verses relative to covering the head, was bound on saints everywhere and for all time." I say it WAS "bound on saints everywhere and for all time," and for the same reason it was bound on the saints at Corinth ! Now WHY was the "covering the head bound on saints" at Corinth ? When we find the answer to this question, and, also, find that the same "relationship" prevails today, then, the only answer that can be logically reached is: WHAT PAUL BOUND ON THE CORINTHIANS IN THESE VERSES IS "BOUND UPON SAINTS EVER Y-WHERE, AND FOR ALL TIMES !"

BRO. PATTON OBSERVES THE PASSOVER!

Bro. Patton says: "For the sake of brevity and the unanimity that already prevails we may pass over some things, namely, the divine order of God over Christ over man over woman. This order of authority has been ordained of God and prevails for all men for all time and, therefore, must be respected by all." No, Bro. Patton, WE WILL **NOT** "Pass over" this relationship of God, Christ, man and woman ! **THAT** IS THE VERY FOUNDATION OF PAUL'S ARGUMENT ON **WHY** MAN MUST **NOT** "COVER HIS HEAD" when he 'prays or prophesies", and WHY a WOMAN **SHOULD!** In I Cor. 11:3, Paul states that the divine order of this relationship is God over Christ, Christ over man, and man over woman. Bro. Patton says that this relationship still exists. I agree with him. IF Paul commanded the MAN to "pray or prophesy" in Corinth with UN-COVERED head BECAUSE OF THIS RELATION-SHIP, and the WOMAN to "pray or prophesy" with COVERED head for the same reason, AND THIS RELATIONSHIP STILL EXISTS, WHY IS NOT THE MAN TO LEAVE HIS "HEAD UNCOVERED" AND THE WOMAN TO "COVER HER HEAD" WHEN THEY PRAY TODAY? IF this relationship demanded **some kind** of manifestation on the part of man and woman "in Corinth" by the wearing, or the refusal to wear, an artificial covering, WHY is not the "covering" needed today, and for the same reason that it was needed "In Paul's day"? There are a number of reasons in this passage WHY a woman should cover her head, and WHY the man SHOULD NOT, when they "pray." They are because of: (1) The divine order of God, Christ, man, and woman, (V.3) (2) the order of creation, (vs. 7-9) (3) the angels, (V.10) (4) the judgement of the "wise", (V.13, See also I Cor. 10:15,16) (5) nature's proof of "long hair," (V.14) (6) the UNIVERSAL PRAC-TICE OF PAUL'S TEACHING IN ALL OF THE CHURCHES. (V.16) THESE ARE THE "REAS-ONS" WHY THE WOMEN AT CORINTH WERE TO COVER THEIR HEADS WHEN THEY "PRAY-ED OR PROPHESIED." THESE ARE THE REAS-ONS WHY THE WOMAN SHOULD "COVER HER HEAD" WHEN SHE PRAYS TODAY!

In verse 7, Paul said that a **man ought NOT** to cover his head "because he is the image and glory of God. Nothing is said about "custom" in this verse. Since man is STILL, **TODAY**, "in the image and glory of God," WHY would not the same hold true today — he OUGHT **NOT** to cover his head.

PRAYING AND PROPHESYING

Even though Bro. Patton does not go into the "argument" that a woman would have to be "inspired" before I Cor. 11:2-16, would be binding on us today, he does say: "I affirm that it (the covering, WHL) was because of local usage and custom." One does not have to be "inspired" today for I Cor. 11:2-16, to be binding on us today.

CAN a woman pray today? Does she have to be "inspired" to pray? Certainly not. Verse 13 does not mention "prophesying." It mentions ONLY PRAY-ER ! To illustrate:

MK. 16:16—... believeth AND is baptized . .. (Two acts necessary to obey this passage.) OR is baptized ... (Only one act necessary to obey this passage).

I Cor. 11:4— ... praying AND prophesying ... (Two acts necessary to obey this passage.) OR prophesying... (Only one act necessary to obey this passage.)

"You CAN have ONE WITHOUT the other"! One CAN "pray" without "prophesying," and one can "pray" without being "inspired". Hence, the passage applies today! I know of no gospel preacher that says that a woman can "prophesy" today. If she can "pray" today, then she should have on her head a "sign of subjection" to the man. (V. 10).

GENERIC AND SPECIFIC

Bro. Patton takes the position that the "covering" worn by the MAN is "generic," when he said: "... the veil is included it also admits other headgear, thus, making it generic. It forbids man wearing anything on his head while 'praying or prophesying.'" He then said that the "covering" to be worn by the woman is "specific." He quotes Thayer as saying in defining "kata kalupto" to cover up ... to veil OR cover one's self: I Cor. 11:6" (Emp. mine, WHL) "To veil" IS ONE THING, "or to cover one's self" IS ANOTHER! Even Thayer does not say that the woman's "covering" has to be "specific."

"To veil" IS ONE THING, "or to cover one's self" IS ANOTHER! Even Thayer does not say that the woman's "covering" has to be "specific." I just wonder why all of the translators of the New Testament didn't know about Paul's "generic" and "specific" terms? Listen to a few of them: (1) King James—"uncovered," (2) A.S.V.—"unveiled," (3) Amplified New Testament—"bareheaded," (4) Williams—"bareheaded," and Wuessat uses the term "shawl," and "mantle" with regard to the 'covering." What is required to meet the demands of this

What is required to meet the demands of this passage? For the woman's head to be "covered", or, that she be not "bareheaded." Anything that can be used to "cover" a woman's head, or, place her in a position where she will not be "bareheaded," will "fill the bill". If not, why not? This passage does not mention the word "HAT." It does mention two coverings—the NATURAL (the hair), and the AR TIFIC-IAL covering. (It COULD be a cap, veil, turban, scarf, shawl, mantle, or, it COULD BEA "HAT"! I know of no preacher who says: "A WOMAN MUST WEAR A **HAT** WHEN SHE PRAYS IN THE AS-SEMBLY." If I were to be that "specific" I would fall into the same error as has Bro. Patton when he said that "the woman wore only the veil to signify submission." I would have no more right to say that a woman's "covering" must be a certain TYPE, as I would say it must be a certain COLOR! Neither does Bro. Patton.

BRO. PATTON ON I COR. 11:16

Bro. Patton seemed to think that Paul told the Corinthians to observe his teaching, (v.2) on "covered and uncovered heads," but did not teach people "elsewhere" to do so. He said: "The sign which existed by custom in Corinth did not prevail everywhere else and conformity to it would not signify the same thing everywhere." I suppose that Bro. Patton expects us to accept that statement "at face value" BECAUSE HE SAID IT! It is purely assumption to say that Paul taught the Corinthians to "observe the custom" (?) of "covered and uncovered heads," and leave the impression that no one else, anywhere, was commanded thus to do! Bro. Patton missed Paul's point altogether in verse 16. Chas B. Williams renders this verse:" But if anyone is inclined to be contentious about it, I for my part prescribe NO OTHER PRACTICE THAN THIS, AND NEITHER DO THE CHURCHES OF GOD." (Caps mine, WHL) Moffatt says "... I acknowledge no other MODE OF WORSHIP, AND NEITHER DO CHURCHES OF GOD." (Caps mine, WHL) Adam Clarke said: "BUT IF ANY MAN SEEM TO BE CONTENTIOUS—If any person sets himself up as a wrangler—puts himself forward as a defender of such points, that a **WOMAN MAY** PRAY WITH HER HEAD **UNCOVERED**, AND THAT A MAN MAY, WITHOUT REPROACH, HAVE LONG HAIR:

let him know that we have no such custom as either, NOR ARE THEY SANCTIONED BY ANY OF THE CHURCHES OF GOD, WHETHER AMONG THE JEWS OR THE GENTILES." (Caps mine, WHL). It seems strange that Paul "built an argument" in

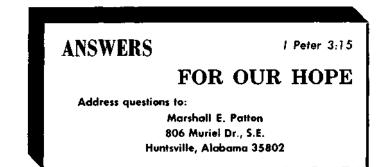
It seems strange that Paul "built an argument" in verses 2-15, saying that a man should NOT "cover" his head when he "prays or prophesies", and have "short hair," and that a woman MUST 'cover" her head, and have "long hair", when she does the same thing, and then Bro. Patton says, "It, therefore, admits the possibility of his being elsewhere," and while "elsewhere" HE WAS NOT TEACHING THE SAME THING THAT HE TAUGHT THE CORIN-THIANS. Had Paul done that, other should have called him "a crank or unreasonable man."

Much more needs to be said on this matter, but I am limited to the space that I can use in this "review". I hope that I will be permitted to go into a more detailed study of this passage sometimes in the future. I have prepared mimeographed lesson on this subject which is more in detail than was this article. If you would like one FREE write me: William H. Lewis, 2986 So. Roena St., Indianapolis, Indiana— 46241.



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BROTHER LEWIS' REVIEW

Elsewhere in this issue will be found a review by brother William H. Lewis of my article on I Cor. 11:1-16 which appeared in the April 1967 issue of **Searching The Scriptures.**

I sincerely appreciate his spirit, and from his statements and mine (in my former article) it should be obvious that we share mutual feelings toward the work of discussing issues and reviewing what is said. Furthermore, we have mutual appreciation and esteem for each other. It was not my purpose, however, to become this involved when I wrote first on the subject. I thought it best to leave such to those writing the exchange articles referred to in the former article. However, brother Phillips explains that further delay has been encountered, so I am pleased to extend the discussion.

In reviewing another, one must be careful to understand clearly what is reviewed and deal fairly with what is said. This sometimes requires close, careful, reading and study. Brother Lewis' review leaves much to be desired in this respect as the following observations will show.

In paragraph one he makes a statement which as it appears hardly represents me clearly. I believe that Paul taught in I Cor. 11:2-16 (1) that the use of the covering was in conformity to custom, (2) that the "custom" signified submission to the divine order of authority established in these verses, and (3) that wherever this custom prevailed the covering should be used as directed. I, therefore, believe that what Paul taught in I Cor. 11:2-16, as **outlined** above, is as binding today as then.

THE PASSOVER

In paragraph five brother Lewis tries to make capital out of my use of the words "pass over." I ask, Why not "pass over" that on which we already **agree?** My use of the expression applies to nothing else—and to make any other application of it is to pervert my statement. I even named what was to be passed over, namely, the relationships set forth in these verses which as I said, still exist," and with which brother Lewis says, "I agree."

I realize that some make an argument based upon the relationship set forth. Concerning this argument, which brother Lewis makes in his article, I am not disposed to pass over. We shall deal with it presently. There is a difference, however, in passing over an argument based upon this relationship and in passing over the relationship itself and the line of argument establishing it. Thus, the accusation of observing the "passover" is an unfair treatment of the matter. Formerly I sought to show why I believed what Paul bound on the Corinthians was a "custom." Other arguments were left for the exchange articles planned by brother Phillips. Brother Lewis' "Review" deals largely with matters not in my article, and, therefore, is hardly a review of what I wrote. The reader will notice that he "observed the pass over" himself so far as my arguments are concerned.

PERTINENT QUESTION

My article posed a pertinent question to the issue, namely, Why did the covering signify respect for the divine order set forth ? Furthermore, I said, "The real issue cannot be decided until this question is answered in the light of truth." There followed comments showing the importance of this question. Brother Lewis passed over all this.

PRAYING AND PROPHESYING

Brother Lewis' section under the above caption is not a review of anything I said or implied. I am fully aware that one does not have to be inspired for these verses to apply. Whether or not a woman today must have on her head a "sign of submission" to the man (v. 10) when she prays ,depends upon the answer to the "pertinent question" referred to above which brother Lewis conveniently passed over.

GENERIC AND SPECIFIC

Brother Lewis' attempt to answer my argument on the generic and specific coverings of verses four and six fails of its objective. Whether one is "veiled" OR "covers one's self" with something else is of little import so far as the meaning of the original words are concerned. My argument involved the meaning of "kata kalupto" which excludes a hat, cap, turban, and anything that does not "fully cover" the head. Thus, a specific type of covering is authorized for the woman. Again, the argument I made which involved the meaning of the word was passed over.

None of the translators quoted by brother Lewis are at variance with anything I said concerning the meaning of the original words. No, not just anything that keeps a woman from being "bareheaded" will "fill the bill." Why? Because verse six shows the sense in which she is not to be "bareheaded." Paul said "let her be covered"—"kata kalupto"—which means "fully covered."

MISSING LINK

Now, to the argument based upon the relationships set forth in these verses. Brother Lewis affirms that the use of this "covering" is bound today as in Corinth, "and for the same reason." This reason he explains to be the relationship of man over woman which relationship still exist. Brother Lewis is wrong about this because his chain of logic has a **missing link.** Without this missing link his conclusion is an assumption. The missing link his conclusion is an assumption. The missing link is **proof of the universal signification** of the covering. Even he admits that the covering is a "sign of submission to the man (v.10)." The use of the covering according to Paul's directions to the Corinthians was a sign of the re-

lationship set forth and which must always be respected. Therefore, while the relationship is the foundation for all that is taught, the **reason** for the covering was that it **signified** the relationship—it was a sign of it. The issue, then, is not, Do these relationships exist today? They do! It is not, Must these relationships be respected now? They must! The issue is, Are they **signified** with the **same thing** everywhere? I affirm the sign changes according to time, place, and circumstances. This brings us back to the issue set forth in my former article which shows this **sign** to be given in the first place because of local usage and custom. I submitted a threefold argument in proof of this position. While brother Lewis made brief reference to some things in the arguments, he passed over the argument itself in every instance. Until these arguments are met and set aside (shown to be in error) the position stands! In connection with th3 above argument brother Lewis submitted five more reasons for the woman wearing the covering today. Reasons one through three involve the same missing link identified above. The answer to one is the answer to the other. Reasons four and five are related and depend upon the meaning of the word "nature." My answer to this appears in my former article in an argument on the word "nature." This, too, brother Lewis passed over. Reason number six is only an assertion. I offered proof to the contrary in my former article which proof to the contrary in my former article which proof (involving the absence of the word "other" in the original text)was also passed over. While Paul did not call the covering a "custom" in verse seven, he did in verse sixteen. When Paul said man ought to cover his head "because he is in the image and glory of God," it was because of what the covering **signi-fied.** Again, brother Lewis' logic is in error because of the missing link identified above of the missing link identified above.

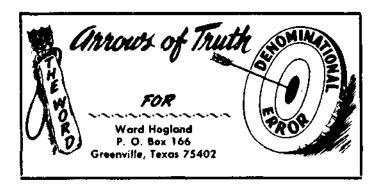
VERSE SIXTEEN

My answer to further comments on verse sixteen, especially the various translations, will be found in my former article which point was passed over in the "Review."

However, if it be granted that some of the translators are right in supplying the word "other," little is lost so far as the position I affirm is concerned. We would then conclude that it was a universal custom in Paul's day. We would still have to reckon with the meaning of the word "custom" as pointed out in my former article. This shows the "covering" to be according to customary usage and not that prescribed by law. Hence, the "covering" is to be used where the custom prevails and where it is a sign of the divine order set forth in these verses. Such **sign** does not prevail either in our day or our country.

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H. E. Phillips



THE POWER OF APOSTOLIC EXAMPLES

It was about fourteen years ago in a little town called Clarksville, Arkansas that I began to get my education on what some preachers in the church of Christ really believed. It was during a meeting, in which I was preaching, that a conversation came up between the local preacher, whose initials were, I believe, Billy Hale and me. It has been a long time ago so I can't be too sure about his last name. Billy sat in a swivel chair as we discussed the "issues" of the day. He had just graduated from Harding College and was filled with zeal, which was very good if it had been directed into proper channels. I pointed out to Billy that authority was established three ways— direct command, apostolic examples and necessary inference. I went on to show that Acts 20:7, gives us the TIME of the Lord's Supper by apostolic example just as II Cor. 11:8 and Phil. 4:15,16 give us an approved example for sending DIRECTLY to the evangelist. I went on to emphasize that it would be wrong to eat the Lord's Supper any other time, just as it would be wrong for a church to support a preacher any other way; thus making Herald of Truth and sponsoring churches unscriptural. He got the mes-sage but turned quickly in his swivel chair and said, "Ward, I want to tell you something; I don't believe apostolic examples establish authority for us today." I got my breath and said, "Well, Billy, do you believe we must eat the Lord's Supper on Sunday only ?" He replied, "No sir, I don't. I feel that we could eat the Lord's Supper every day if we wanted to, as long as we observe it on Sunday. 'I said, "Billy, do your elders know you feel this way about the Lord's Supper?" He replied, "No, they sure don't, because there are many things I believe they do not know about.'

Thus, it was in this little town at the foot of the Ozarks that I really learned where we were headed. Since that time many preachers, like Custer's men, have "Bit the dust" in regard to apostolic examples. Gentle reader, do you know that every major apostasy since the inception of the church has come as a result of men denying APOSTOLIC EXAMPLES?

The first major apostasy was the one Paul talked above when he said, "Now the spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from

meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth" (I Tim.4:1-3). How did this apostasy start? Brethren ignored the APOSTOLIC EXAMPLES of a plurality of elders in every congregation. They said the approved examples were not binding and that one elder in a congregation was as good as a half dozen. This led to the great Roman Catholic apostasy and the appointment of a POPE a few years later. Did you know that we have no direct command for a plurality of elders in every church? All we have is APOSTOLIC EXAMPLES! Who among us would like to ignore these approved examples and go back like to ignore these approved examples and go back to ONE MAN RULE? Some of the scriptures which emphasize this fact are I Pet. 5:1 Acts 20:17. At one time I was rebuked for the above affirmation. A preacher told me that Titus 1:5 was a direct command for a plurality of elders in every church. I denied this assertion and here is why-Paul said to Titus, "Ordain elders in every city." Notice he did not say in every **church** but every city. If there is anyone who thinks there was only one church in a city he needs to read Rom. 16:5. If Titus had ordained one elder in a church on the south side of town and one elder in a church on the north side of town he would have ELDERS (plural) in the city but not in every church! So we go right back to where we started—APOSTOLIC EXAMPLES.

The second major apostasy was over the missionary society which came to pass about 1849. What was the argument for its justification ? The brethren said the Lord had authorized the churches to cooperate but had not told them how; therefore the missionary society was set up as a means of church cooperation. When brethren began to point out that churches in Bible times sent DIRECT to the evangelist (II Cor. 1:8; Phil. 4:15), and not through a society, the innovators ignored their plea, and let it be known that they did not feel that APOSTOLIC EXAMPLES were binding. Thus, one can easily see what happens when brethren cross the Rubicon (as Leroy Garrett would say) of denying approved examples. There was no tuming back but a continued march into apostasy.

The third major apostasy happened the same way. Many of us tried to tell our liberal brethren that the sponsoring churches and benevolent societies were unscriptural because they violated the APOSTOLIC EXAMPLES of the Bible. They would not listen. Although many of them have not been as frank and fair as Billy, when he said we didn't have to eat the Lord's Supper on Sunday only, they are still fishing out of the same boat! One must deny the power of Apostolic examples in order to endorse the Herald of Truth, Sponsoring churches or the Orphan home. In my public and private discussions with brethren on these matters they all sing the same song. They say, "The Lord authorized churches to cooperate but he did not tell them how, therefore we can use the sponsoring church if we so desire." Robert Gordon Clements, with whom I debated several years ago said, "Ward, I don't deny that they sent DIRECTLY to Paul, and you can do it that way if you desire, but don't tell us we can't do it some other way." Yes indeed ! A First Christian Church preacher said to me, 'Hogland, go ahead and sing if you desire, I don't

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object but don't tell us we can't have our instrument if we want to."

Remember, gentle friends, if you deny APOS-TOLIC EXAMPLES you must admit that one elder could serve a congregation. You must also agree that Christians could observe the Lord's Supper anytime; and that a Missionary Society is a scriptural way for churches to cooperate. Are you ready for this ? If not, for salvation of your soul and the glory of God, give up the innovations of the day and let us join hands and hearts across the Bible as it teaches us by direct command, approved examples and necessary inference.

RUFUS ALTON ELLIOTT

John A. Thurman, Lake City, Fla.

On Saturday afternoon, August 12, 1967, Alton Elliott and a brother-in-law were playing golf in Macon, Georgia, when Alton became dizzy and had to return to the car. When he was found about 3:45 p.m. he lay slumped over in the front seat and unconscious. After being rushed to a Macon hospital, it was found that he had a cerebral hemorrhage. He remained in serious condition and unconscious until his death early on Sunday. Brother Conway Skinner of Buford, South Carolina, conducted the funeral services Tuesday afternoon, August 15th, at Hart's Mortuary in downtown Macon. Brother Elliott had been an evangelist for several years working with congregations in Florida and Georgia. At the time of his death he was serving the church in Jesup, Georgia. Previously he had served the Trilacooche church in Trilby, Florida; the Spring Warrior church near Perry, Florida. Alton attended Florida College in Tampa. He is survived by his wife, Doris Elliott, a devoted and faithful Christian. Sister Elliott will reside with relatives in Macon. Brother Elliott died while on his first vacation in several years.

Harold Tabor moves to Nacogdoches. After three years in Indianapolis, Harold Tabor is moving to Nacogdoches, Texas where he will succeed Yater Tant in teaching Bible to students from Stephen F. Austin State College. While in Indianapolis he completed his work on a Master of Arts in Old Testament. He worked part-time with the Belmont congregation for one year, assisting in the singing and teaching programs. For the past two years, he has been working with the West Washington Street congregation. Bill G. Echols will begin work with this congregation the first of September.

Ward Hogland, Box 166, Greenville, Texas—Meetings this year include Union Heights, Eldorado, Ark.; Myrtle Grove, Pensacola, Fla.; Jackson Heights, Columbia, Tenn.; Martinville, Ark.; Rienzi, Miss.; Cash, Texas; Riverside Drive, Nashville, Tenn.; Bagdad, Pensacola, Fla.; Northside, Conway, Ark. It was good to have **Keith Sharp, C. R. McRay** and **Jim Beach** to preach while I was away. We are helping in the support of these fine men.

Max Ray, Greensburg, Ky.—After almost two years with the Greensburg, Kentucky church, I am interested in moving to work with another congregation. I am 30 years of age, married and have two children. I have been preaching 10 years. If interested, please contact me at 513 Columbia Highway, Greensburg, Ky. 42743. My phone is 932-4193.

Ray Smith, P.O. Box 87, Chiefland, Fla.—The church in Chiefland, Florida desires to contact a preacher of the gospel to labor with them. If interested, please contact me at the above address.

Larry A. Bunch, Palmetto, Fla. — The church of Christ meeting at 420 9th Ave. will conduct a Gospel Meeting October 1-8 with Edwin Hayes doing the preaching. We will meet at 7:30 each week-night and on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. for Bible Study, 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. for Worship services. To our winter visitors in this area we extend an invitation to worship with us during your stay here. The church in Palmetto and the one in Cortez presents a halfhour radio program each Sunday at 8:00 a.m. over WTRL 1490 Bradenton.

DEBATE IN AKRON, OHIO

Connie W. Adams, Akron, Ohio 44301

Ferrell Jenkins of the Brown St. congregation and **Bill Heinselman** of the Westside congregation, both in Akron, will meet in public discussion Dec. 4th, 5th, 7th and 8th. On Dec. 4th and 7th the debate will be held in the Brown St. building at 1835 Brown St. On Dec. 5th and 8th it will be held in the Westside building at 645 Revere Rd. Sessions will begin at 7:30 each evening. Propositions the first two nights involve the scripturality of churches contributing to such benevolent institutions as Midwestern Children's Home, Cincinnati, Ohio; and Potter Orphan Home and School, Inc., Bowling Green, Ky. Heinselman will defend such practice while Jenkins will deny that it is scriptural.

The last two nights propositions concern the Herald of Truth with Heinselman defending it and Jenkins opposing it.

These men are able representatives of the views they hold. We urge all who can to avail themselves of this opportunity to study these issues in this manner.

- 303 Selden Ave.

Charles E. Murray, Lake Wales, Fla. — I preached in a meeting at Montrose, Arkansas, August 6-13. Two were baptized and one restored. The congregation at Montrose is only a little over two years old, but has made a remarkable growth in that time. They own the property and the meeting house where they worship. The meeting was well attended each night. **Jimmy Lane** is the preacher there.

James P. Miller, 2523 West Diana, Tampa, Fla.-The summer months have not found me idle. I have preached in several meetings. In July I was with the Jordon Park congregation in Huntsville, Alabama and enjoyed the stay with Leonard Tyler and this fine congregation of the Lord's people. Jordon Park is a strong congregation of over 300 members. During the meeting we broke all records in recent years for attendance at all services. I also enjoyed the fellowship and support of brethren **Pat**ton, question and answer man for the paper, and Jackson who preach for other fine congregations in the city. Brother Granville Tyler from Decatur and many other preachers were in attendance . . . From Huntsville I went to Bear Wallow, Kentucky. This fine rural congregation is about four miles from Horse Cave and is in the beautiful cave section of Kentucky. It was a joy to be with brother Max Ogden who is much loved by the people in southern Kentucky. The cause of truth is strong in Northern Alabama and is making fine progress in Kentucky. A score of preachers, mostly young men, attended the meeting at Bear Wallow. It was encouraging to me to see them standing for truth ... At this writing I am in a meeting with the Blue Ash congregation in Cincinnati, Ohio. Brother Fred Stacey has just moved to take up the work of an evangelist here. Brother Stacey is a young man of fine ability. Blue Ash is the oldest of the congregations in the city standing for the all-sufficiency of the church. There are several others, all medium in size, standing for the old paths. By medium I mean from 135 to 175 members. The Blue Ash congregation meets at 4667 Cooper Road . . . The church in Covington with John Welch meets at 2630 James Avenue . . . Evendale with John Clark at 3759 Glendale-Milfird Road . . . Lockland with Wayne Chaooell at 419 West Wyoming ... Pisgah with Leo Plyer on Route 42 and Dimmick Rd. . . . Loveland Heights with H. A. Mobley at 1556 West Loveland Avenue.

MEETING AT SEMINOLE, TAMPA, FLA.

Brother **Don Bassett** of Sacramento, California will do the preaching in a meeting with the Seminole church in October. The dates for the series are October 15-25. Brother Bassett formerly worked with the church here and all are looking forward to his return. Services will be at 7:30 each evening.

RODNEY MILLER TO FT. WORTH

My son Rodney M. Miller is now working with the Haltom City congregation in Haltom City, Texas. This is a part of greater Ft. Worth on the east side of the city. The church meets at 6101 Linton and although small in number is strong in faith and making good progress. If you are in Ft. Worth visit with them.

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WORD STUDIES IN NEW TESTAMENT BENEVOLENCE: No. 6

ELEEMOSUNE

The word **eleemosune** occurs thirteen times in the Greek Testament, and in fifty-nine passages in the Septuagint. In classical Greek the term means "pity," "mercy" in the primary sense, and "charity," "alms" in the secondary sense. Moulton observes that the term is used frequently in Tobit for alms-giving, (Vocabulary of the Greek Testament, p. 203.) The koine Greek lexicons define the word "kind deed," "alms," "charitable giving," in the primary sense, and Acts 24:17 is given as a case in point.

PROSPHORA

Prosphora, which occurs in fourteen passages in the LXX, is used in the papyri for dowry in marriage, and for gifts of various sorts.

The primary meaning of **prosphora** in classical Greek is "bringing to," "applying," "offering," (from **prosphero**, "I bring to"). Secondary meanings are "bounty," "benefit," "food," etc.

Prosphora, occurring in nine passages in the Greek Testament, is usually, in the New Testament use, "sacrifice," offering," with the secondary sense of "gift."

"GIFTS AND OFFERINGS"

The expression **elemosunas kai prosphoras** ("gifts and offerings") is cited particularly because of its relation to the contribution for the saints in Judea. The majority of Bible students connect both of these terms to the contribution, but some assert that the former term only, refers to the collection. It will be remembered that Paul said, as he closed his third mission tour in Jerusalem, "... I come to bring alms and offerings," Acts 24:17. This apparently refers to the collection taken from the churches for the saints in Jerusalem. As it has been stated, however, some students assert that the "offerings" refer to the sacrifices that Paul made in the Temple in connection with the vow he took, Acts 21:26.

DIAKONEO

Diakoneo occurs thirty-four times in the Greek Testament, and denotes "to minister to one," "to offer food and drink to guests at table." But the **koine** Greek lexicons give the meaning "supply food and the necessaries of life" as the word is used in Rom. 15:25. This is, therefore, what Paul had in mind when he said that he was going to "minister" to the poor saints in Jerusalem.

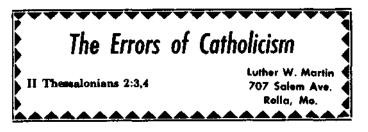
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#### "FORCED BAPTISM" AND ROMAN CATHOLIC HOSPITALS

In the past few weeks, a report has been circulated to the effect that a Catholic hospital in the State of Indiana, was the scene of the "forced baptism" of a little four-year-old girl whose parents are not Catholics. This report has been more recently denied by the hospital authorities, and the non-Catholic minister who wrote the initial report of the alleged instance, has "retracted" the report, according to the ST. LOUIS REVIEW, a Roman Catholic publication.

However, inasmuch as this writer knows nothing of the actual happenings in Indiana, we consider it to be of value for us to present some excerpts from authentic Roman Catholic publications, explaining the Catholic practice of administering "baptism" to patients in hospitals, etc. "In the case of children who are in some danger but who may live until the use of reason, Baptism should be withheld unless at least one of the parents consents, and there is reason to believe that the child will be brought up as a Catholic. In the case of children who are in **immediate danger of death**, or **actually dying**, however, Baptism should be administered at once, secretly if necessary." (The Catholic Nurse, by Brian D. Johnson, page 155, Second Edition, Published 1952.)

Please note that the above quotation indicates that baptism may be withheld IF THERE IS REA-SON TO BELIEVE THAT THE CHILD WILL BE BROUGHT UP AS A CATHOLIC. Also, please note that if the child is in danger of death, or actually dying, BAPTISM SHOULD BE ADMINISTERED AT ONCE, SECRETLY IF NECESSARY! This instruction is contained in a book of instructions for the nurse who is a Roman Catholic, and is contained in a chapter entitled: "When Should One Baptise?" Here is another quotation from an authentic Catholic publication:

"In the case of the **new-born child**, baptism is to be administered as soon as there is danger of death. This favor is to be accorded even to children of non-Catholic parents unless there is a certainty that the parents will be displeased by such action, and hatred or persecution of the Church will be the result, even though the baptism be secret." (Moral Problems In Hospital Practice, by Finney & O'Brien, Copyrighted 1956, page 282.)

This second quotation admits that baptism "IS TO BE ACCORDED EVEN TO CHILDREN OF NON-CATHOLIC PARENTS" unless it is CERTAIN that the parents would be displeased by the action or secondly, that hatred and persecution of the Catholic Church would result. . . "EVEN THOUGH THE BAPTISM BE SECRET."

Concerning ADULTS who are UNCONSCIOUS... the same book instructs:

"If a person is unconscious and would have no means of learning that he was baptized, so that there is no danger of resultant hatred or persecution of the Church, such an adult ought to be baptized. This is true even if the patient has been heard to express apparently contradictory intentions." (Moral Problems, etc., Page 280.)

In the above quotation, the Catholic idea seems to be ... "If He Has No Means of Learning" about what we've done, then go to it, even though the Catholic hospital personnel have heard the patient express opposite intentions! It is no wonder that Martin Luther rebelled at the almost apparent Catholic practice of "salvation by works alone" ... because certainly the unconscious adult who had previously expressed contradictory intentions would not have met the terms of BELIEF and REPENTANCE, prior to immersion. Of course, Martin Luther went to the opposite extreme and asserted that salvation is by "faith only"... and by so doing, he and his followers were and are equally in error as is Rome.

As a final quotation on this subject, we copy from page 279, of "Moral Problems In Hospital Practice": "If the person is more than seven years old,

and has normal powers, baptism should not be conferred upon him unless he agrees to it, for the reception of baptism means the acceptance of certain beliefs and responsibilities. If the person is not yet seven years old, or does not have normal mental powers, he may be baptized in an emergency for the good of his soul. His later rejection of the beliefs or responsibilities, should he survive, will not remove the effects of the baptism."

The above paragraph scarcely needs any explanation from this writer. Possibly one suggestion might be in order... and that is put in the form of a question: "When a patient has been given a sedative (sleeping medicine), can it be said that the patient no longer has "normal powers" and is therefore a suitable subject for Catholic hospital baptism by force?"

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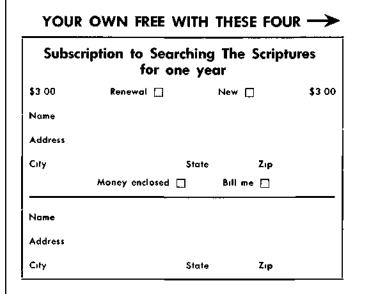
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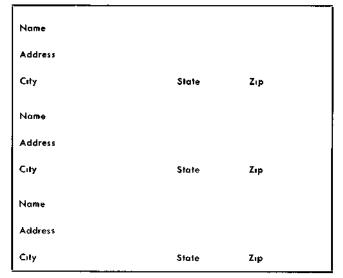
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