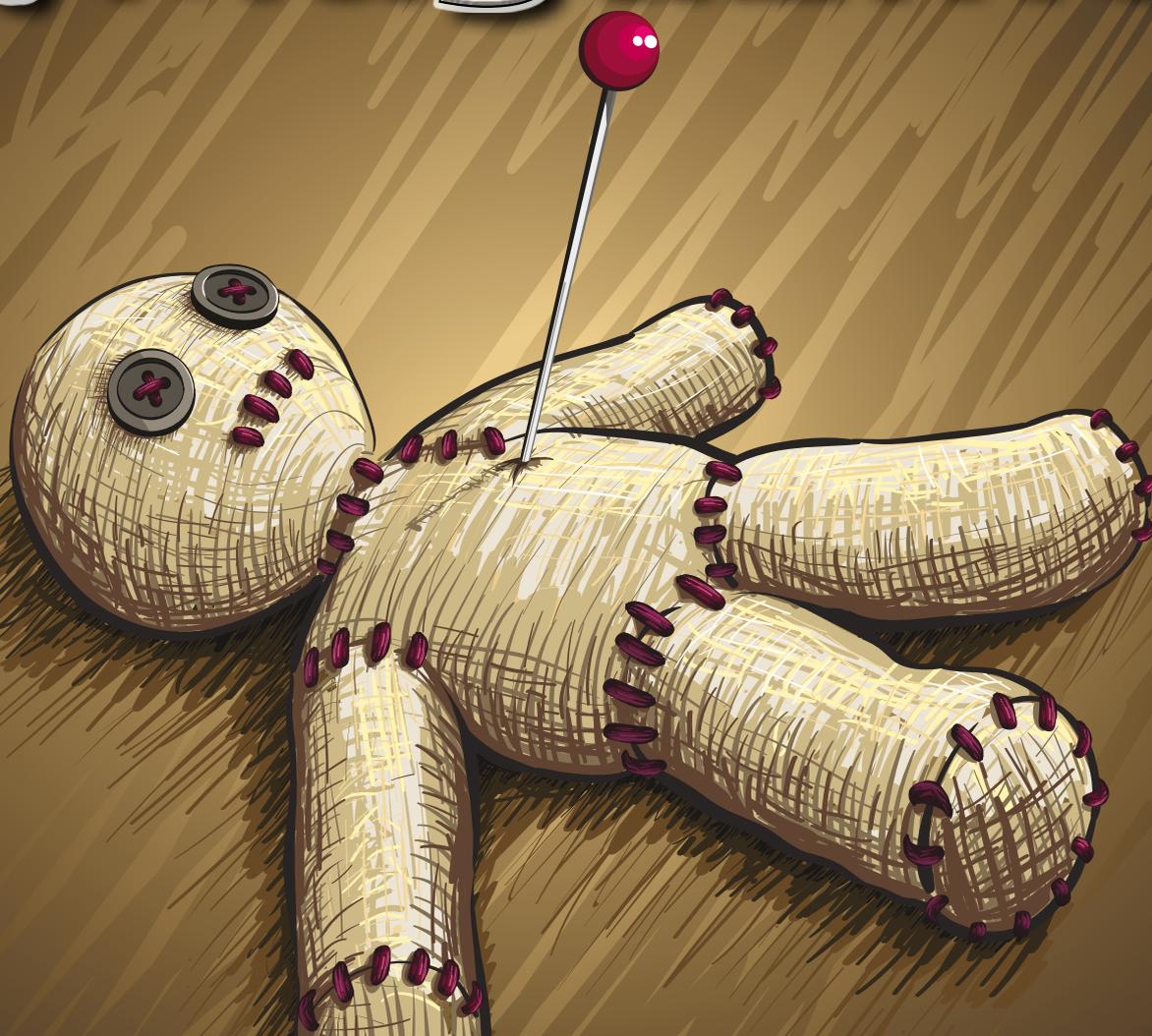


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Two New Commentaries

MIKE WILLIS

The Guardian of Truth Foundation has just recently published two new commentaries: (a) 1-2 Samuel by Bob Waldron and (b) The Gospel of Luke by Colly Caldwell. Both of these are extensive works.

Well known for his previous works on history and geography of the Bible, Bob Waldron has finished the first of his commentaries on Old Testament history. He has agreed to do the works of 1 Samuel through 2 Chronicles. Bob has studied Hebrew and is able to bring his grammatical analysis of a verse to the commentary in such a way that it is useful to the common man. Bob's commentary is not superficial, as indicated by its 1091 page count. I am not aware of another volume written by a Christian on the Old Testament that compares to this.

Colly Caldwell, former president of Florida College, has also completed his 1412-page commentary on Luke. It, too, is a comprehensive study of the subject, having been worked on for well over fifteen years. The material is written on the level of the common man, as has been the design of the series of commentaries, but does not shy away from discussing technical issues that deserve attention. We are delighted to have three of the four gospels now in print and look forward to Kyle Pope's commentary on Matthew within a year or so.

Daniel King has turned in the volume on Daniel and it should be in print no later than early summer.



Other commentaries are also advancing. Leviticus by Evan Blackmore and Deuteronomy by John Weaver are scheduled for completion this year. I have written the first draft of Genesis and am in the process of reworking it. Others are working on assignments that are not so nearly finished.

I published my commentary on 1 Corinthians in the late 1970s, and soon thereafter plans were made for a whole set of New Testament commentaries. We are nearing completion of the set (all that are missing are Matthew, 1-2 Thessalonians, and James) and are well on our way to having a set that includes the Old Testament as well. The series has been well received and is a significant improve-

ment over other commentaries written by members of the church, although there are some exceptionally good individual volumes.

THE GUARDIAN OF TRUTH FOUNDATION

The Guardian of Truth Foundation has been in existence since 1956 for the purpose of printing materials that are useful to brethren in teaching the Bible. Over a period of fifty-five years, many institutions depart from the truth, move further and further into liberalism, and end up undermining the very truth they were initially started to promote. Being aware of the inevitable apostasy or demise of all such human institutions, we have tried to secure the use of this tool for our generation. Hopefully we can pass down to another generation an organization to use in printing material that brethren can confidently use in their teaching programs.

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Scott Willis, son of Lewis Willis, sits on the Board in an advisory capacity. I think this list of names reveals the commitment this board has to teaching sound doctrine.



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Remembering a Good Friend and Brother: Julian R. Snell

CONNIE W. ADAMS

At the age of 84, Julian R. Snell passed from this life at his home in Collierville, Tennessee. He had preached the gospel for more than sixty years.

In addition to many gospel meetings throughout the country, Julian preached in local work at Owensboro, Kentucky; West End in Louisville, Kentucky; Butler, Missouri; Laurel, Mississippi; Grenada, Mississippi; Tampa, Florida; Abilene, Texas; Manslick Road, Louisville, Kentucky; Frankfort, Kentucky; Simpsonville, Kentucky; Lawrenceburg, Tennessee; Hunter's Run, Memphis, Tennessee; and Spring Creek, Tennessee. He did extensive work in eastern Kentucky and made two preaching trips to Romania.

One of the strengths of his preaching was his excellent work in Bible classes. When the institutional division took place in the 1950s and 1960s, Julian took a firm stand which cost him support and required great sacrifice for his family. But he encouraged and emboldened many others to stand for the truth whatever the cost.

Julian was a man of many interests. He was an avid fisherman and served as President of the Kentucky Silver Muskie Club in the 1980s. He also loved to hunt and coached baseball for a time.

He was a special friend to this writer. He followed me in the work at



Manslick Road in 1973 when I went to work with the new Hebron Lane church, which was a peaceful “swarm” from Manslick Road. We spent much time together. He proved to be not only a friend, but a wise counsellor. I often consulted with him about a number of things. He wrote a column in *Searching the Scriptures* that was always well done and thought provoking. For the first several years of my work as editor of that paper, we published a special thematic issue in July. Julian helped me organize the subjects and choose the writers for each article. After he moved to Memphis, we did not see each other often and spoke on the telephone occasionally.

Enola was the love of his life and they were married for 64 years. They had five children, seven grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren.

We enjoyed bantering with each other. One time he called our house and Bobbie (my first Bobbie) answered the phone. He was in a hurry and asked, “Is Connie handy?” She said, “He most certainly is not. He is the most unhandy husband I’ve ever had. All he can do is pick a guitar and preach.” Julian must have enjoyed telling that about me because I had people all over the country to approach me during meetings and ask if I was that “unhandy husband.”

Not only will I miss this good friend, but a host of brethren will as well. Funeral services were conducted on December 23 in Memphis, Tennessee. His son-in-law, Doug Seaton, preached. Congregational singing was led by Jackie Smith and Don McCaslin. A crowd of 250-300 attended. Our heart-felt sympathy is offered to Enola and all the family.

One by one, we are losing a generation of faithful soldiers of the cross. More of my generation will join them before long. We need more young men to stand in the gap and serve the Lord while exposing and opposing every form of error. “It is appointed unto man once to die, and after that, the judgment” (Heb. 9:27). 

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Why Be A Christian?

JOHNIE EDWARDS

Since we continue to call on you to be a Christian, let's look at some Biblical reasons for being a Christian:

1. Old Testament Prophets Foretold Such. Three times in Isaiah there is prophecy about the name New Testament folks would wear.

Isaiah 56:5 — “Even unto them will I give in mine house and within my walls, a place and a name better than of sons and of daughters; I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off.”

Isaiah 62:2 — “And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord shall name.”

Isaiah 65:15 — “And ye shall leave your name for a curse unto my chosen: for the Lord shall slay thee, and call his servants by another name.”

2. God Called His People Christians. Remember Isaiah 62:2 said God would call His people a new name after the Gentiles had seen God's righteousness. They saw this in the conversion of Cornelius in Acts 10-11. Now notice: “And the disciples were



“Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian”

called Christians first in Antioch” (Acts 11:26).

3. That's Who Apostles Persuaded Men To Be. Agrippa's response to Paul's preaching was this: “Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian” (Acts 26:27-29).

4. Honors Christ and Glorifies God. “Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but

let him glorify God on this behalf. . .” (1 Pet. 4:15-16). Wearing this name exalts Christ (Phil. 2:9-11).

5. Avoids Wearing Human Names. Such is condemned in 1 Corinthians 1:10-15. This makes one “carnal” (1 Cor. 3:1-9).

6. Christians Are God's Family. Paul penned as he wrote of our Lord: “Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named” (Eph. 3:14-15). The church is God's family (1 Tim. 3:15). Name Him (2 Tim.2:19) **TW**

Does Your Soul Prosper?

DAVID DANN

The third letter of the apostle John is addressed “to the beloved Gaius, whom I love in truth” (3 John 1). John begins his letter to this brother by expressing his concern for the well being of Gaius saying, “Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers” (3 John 2).

The word “soul” is often used in the Bible to refer to that part of man which is not physical. For example, Jesus said, “And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell” (Matt. 10:28). In cases such as this the term “soul” is used interchangeably with “spirit” (see Jas. 2:26). In this sense then, a man’s soul prospers when his spiritual relationship with God is as it should be.

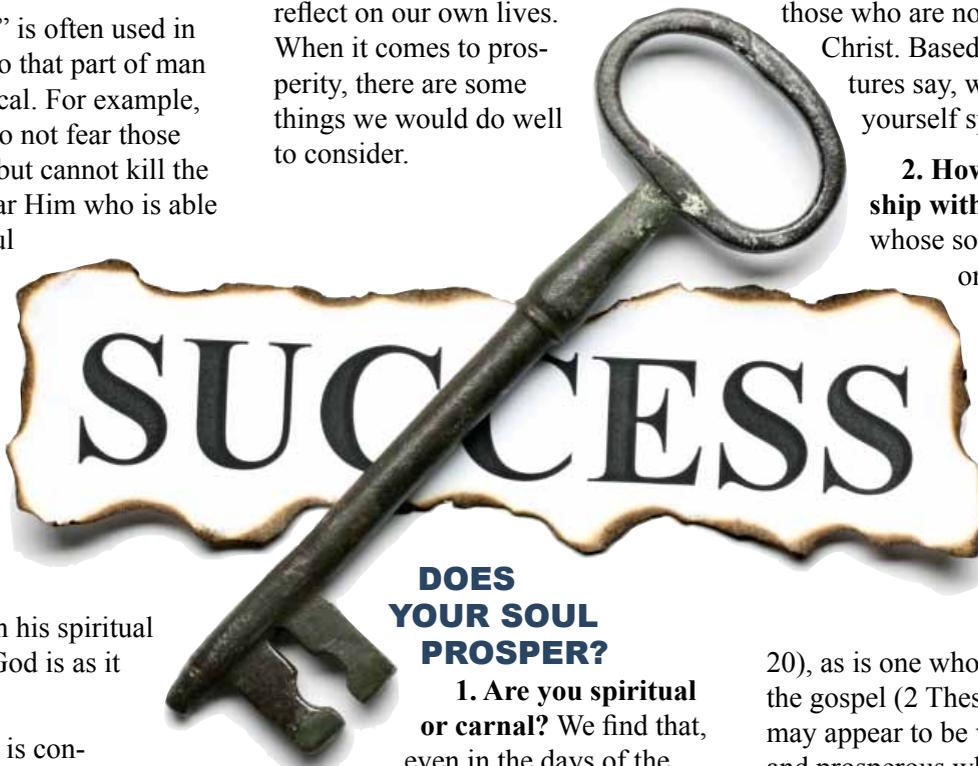
In our text John is concerned with Gaius’s prosperity, or success in life. But notice that John’s hope is for Gaius to have the kind of success in other areas of life that he is experiencing in his spiritual relationship with the Lord. John hopes that Gaius will have the kind of success in life and health that he is having

spiritually. In other words, the apostle’s desire is for this brother to be as well off materially and physically as he is spiritually. And it is clear that Gaius is prospering in his relationship with God since John writes that Gaius was known to “walk in the truth” (3 John 3). John’s statements concerning Gaius ought to cause us to reflect on our own lives. When it comes to prosperity, there are some things we would do well to consider.

“grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (2 Pet. 3:18). They also show their love and concern for others by working to help those who are weak (Gal. 6:1). Those who are carnal, on the other hand, are the ones who are not growing, are concerned only with themselves, and tend to behave a lot like those who are not even followers of Christ. Based on what the Scriptures say, would you consider yourself spiritual or carnal?

2. How is your relationship with God? The one whose soul prospers is the one who is growing spiritually and maturing as a Christian (Heb. 5:12-14). But a Christian living in sin is not prospering at all. Such a one is headed for destruction (Heb. 10:26; Jas. 5:19-

20), as is one who has never obeyed the gospel (2 Thess. 1:6-8). A person may appear to be very much alive and prosperous when, in reality, he is spiritually dead. The state of your relationship with God will determine whether or not you are prospering spiritually. Have you been forgiven of your sins, or are you headed for destruction (Rom. 6:23)?



DOES YOUR SOUL PROSPER?

1. Are you spiritual or carnal? We find that, even in the days of the apostles, some Christians were considered “spiritual people” while others were viewed as “carnal” (1 Cor. 3:1). The spiritual ones are those who are truly dedicated to serving the Lord each day. These are the ones who put forth a constant effort to

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MATERIAL PROSPERITY VS. SPIRITUAL PROSPERITY

1. Many people pay careful attention to material success. Our society is largely centered on material prosperity and the accumulation of wealth. A man is viewed as successful if he earns a large salary and prospers materially. But Jesus said, “What will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?” (Mark 8:36). The success of a man’s soul in relation to God is more important than all of the financial success the world can possibly offer.

2. How does your spiritual prosperity compare to your material prosperity? John hoped that Gaius would prosper “in all things” as his soul prospered (3 John 2). John’s desire is only good if Gaius is already prospering spiritually. What if you prospered materially just like you do spiritually? If you were doing as well materially as you are spiritually, would you be a millionaire, or would you be bankrupt?

PHYSICAL PROSPERITY VS. SPIRITUAL PROSPERITY

1. Many people pay careful attention to the prosperity of their physical condition. Of course we ought to take care of ourselves physically, and Paul reminds us that “bodily exercise profits a little” (1 Tim. 4:8). However, the apostle goes on to write that, “godliness is profitable for all things” (v. 8). The importance of the spiritual far outweighs the importance of the physical. Rather than focusing more on our physical condition than our spiritual

condition, we ought to “seek first the kingdom of God” (Matt. 6:33).

2. How does your spiritual prosperity compare to your physical prosperity? John prayed that Gaius would prosper “in health” just as his soul prospered (3 John 2). What if your health prospered just as your soul prospered? If you prospered physically in direct proportion to how you are prospering spiritually would you be in the physical condition of a world-class athlete? Or, would you be on the brink of death?

Don’t allow yourself more material or physical success than the success you enjoy spiritually. **TW**

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CONCLUSION

What sort of spiritual condition do you find yourself in today? Does your soul prosper? If your spiritual condition is not what it should be, then what will you do? “For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace” (Rom. 8:6).



Irony in the Scriptures

DICK BLACKFORD

Someone said, “Irony is hard to define, but you know it when you see it.” He was right. Irony in the Scriptures is often seen when things turn out the opposite of what one intended. It may be a paradox that expresses an absurdity and is akin to satire. It happens so often that it is more than coincidence. Most of the time it is a case of someone getting his comeuppance. A modern way of expressing this is — “what goes around, comes around” or “that’s going to come back and bite you.” The biblical way of expressing it is that one “reaps what he sows” (Gal.6:7).

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Irony in the Scriptures can be used as evidence for the existence of God, for man could not have contrived these things and caused them to happen.

HAMAN

The case of Haman is the first case that usually comes to the minds of most Bible students. There are several ironies in this account in the book of Esther.

The first is the fact that Haman devised a plot to commit genocide against the Jews. Haman was an Agagite (descendant of Agag). Saul had been commanded to utterly destroy all the Amalekites, who had been seeking to destroy Israel, but he spared Agag. *Now Haman is trying to destroy all the Jews in the Persian Empire.* The irony is that there would have been no Haman if Saul had not spared Agag. What goes around, comes around.

It was the disobedience of Saul, *a Benjamite*, which almost led to the destruction of the Jews. It was the vigilance of Mordecai, *a Benjamite*, which saved them from Haman’s plot.

The king had commanded all his servants to bow to Haman. Haman couldn’t stand it because one man, Mordecai, would not pay homage to him. Haman built a gallows on which he planned for Mordecai to be hanged.

On the very night Haman came to the king to suggest that Mordecai be hanged, the king *happened to be reading* in the records about Mordecai’s heroism in saving the king’s life! *Now the king is going to have an opportunity to save Mordecai’s life!* He plans to honor Mordecai and he asks Haman’s advice — “What shall be done for the man whom the king delights to honor?” Haman *just knew* it was himself that the king wanted to honor. He describes the royal array and glorious parade with all its pomp and pageantry, with one leading the horse and proclaiming: Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delights to honor.” *Then the king told Haman to do that for Mordecai.* Haman wanted to be in the limelight, but this wasn’t exactly what he had in mind! The man who was stuck on himself is put to shame. He goes to his house mourning, with his head covered.

Haman was hanged on the gallows he had built for Mordecai. Not only was Haman at the end of his rope, more irony is seen in that it was Haman’s wife and friends who came up with the idea of the gallows! They didn’t know it was going to “come back and bite them,” for not only Haman, but also his ten sons were hanged on the same gallows.

Earlier, when Haman had obtained the decree to annihilate the Jews, the

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king said to him: “The money and the people are given to you, to do with them as seems good to you.” In the end Mordecai is appointed over all the house of Haman and is given similar permission. The king gave his signet ring and the authority to write a decree in the king’s name and seal it with the king’s ring. Those who planned to put the Jews to death are themselves put to death. Justice reigned. Numerous ironies here.

THE TOWER OF BABEL

Some of Noah’s descendants settled in the land of Shinar. In their pride and arrogance the people said, “Come, let us build us a city, and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven, and let us make us a name; lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth” (Gen. 11:4). Notice the frequent “us” or “we.” They had a grand scheme to “make a name for themselves,” but we don’t know the names of so much as a one of them! And their effort to *prevent* being scattered upon the face of the whole earth resulted in exactly that!

ABRAHAM AND BABYLONIA

Abraham came to the Promised Land from Ur of the Chaldees, which later came to be known as Babylonia. When his descendants turned away from God they were sent into captivity in the country from which Abraham came – Babylonian captivity!

ABRAHAM AND LOT

Abraham gave Lot the first choice of the land. Lot chose wealth, culture, and advantage. Abraham took what



remained. Abraham ends up having a great inheritance to pass on, while Lot is left living in a cave, having lost everything in the fire. That sure wasn’t the way he planned it. The reason Lot is spared is because God remembered Abraham (Gen. 19:12-20:30).

PHARAOH AND THE ISRAELITES

Moses said that when it seemed the Egyptians had the Israelites trapped at the Red Sea, Pharaoh would say, “They are bewildered by the land; the wilderness *has closed them in.*” However, it was the Egyptians who were bewildered when the Red Sea closed them in! The Lord overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea. “Not so much as one of them remained.” They all drowned in the water. And what was it Pharaoh wanted done

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to all the male babies in Israel? He wanted them drowned (Exod. 1:22; 14:1-31)! Boy! Aside from the miracles, can we not see the hand of God in the irony?

JOSHUA AND THE PAGAN KINGS

When Adoni-Zedek, the pagan king of Jerusalem heard how Joshua had destroyed Jericho and Ai, he feared

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greatly. So he formed an alliance with four other pagan kings to go to war against the Gibeonites, for they had made peace with Joshua.

When they went into battle against Israel “the Lord cast down large hailstones from heaven. . . . There were more who died from the hailstones than the children of Israel killed with the sword.” (Josh. 10:11). This was also the occasion when God caused the sun and moon to stand still. “‘Sun, stand still over Gibeon; And Moon in the Valley of Aijalon.’ So the sun stood still, and the moon stopped, till the people had revenge upon their enemies” (Josh. 10:12, 13).

These pagans worshiped the host of heaven and it was the host of heaven that did them in! God used the hail, sun, and moon (Deut. 4:19; Rom. 1:25).

JOSEPH, GIDEON, AND THE MIDIANITES

It was the Midianites who bought and sold Joseph into slavery (Gen. 37:28, 36). The Midianites continued to oppress Israel and the Israelites were under bondage to them for seven years and were forced to live in dens and caves (Judg. 6:1, 2). The Midianites would destroy Israel’s crops and leave no sustenance for the people, their cattle, sheep and donkeys. Israel’s enemies were “as numerous as locusts while their camels were without number” (Judg. 6:5, 6).

The people were greatly impoverished. But when God decided to deliver Israel from the Midianites, He chose Gideon and his *tiny army* of 300 men to defeat the “numberless” enemies. And who was Gideon? He

They got their comeuppance. And we see the hand of God in the irony.

was of the tribe of Manasseh, *a son of Joseph*. Remember, it was the Midianites who sold Joseph into Egyptian slavery. Now it is a descendant of Joseph who subdues the Midianites!

They got their comeuppance. And we see the hand of God in the irony.

BALAAAM AND HIS DONKEY

In Numbers 22 we read of Balaam’s furious anger. It was so great that he was beside himself. Many have lost touch with reality and done foolish things while angry. Enter Balaam. He got into an argument with a donkey and didn’t even realize the donkey was arguing back – and was winning the argument! The real irony is that Balaam threatened her by saying, “If there had been a sword in my hand I would have killed you by now.” But the donkey that Balaam wanted to kill by the sword had saved Balaam from being killed by the sword of an angel (Num. 22:22-33). Balaam wanted to take the life of the donkey that saved his life!

Balaam’s complaint against the donkey was that she had made a mockery of him. But hadn’t Balaam made a donkey of himself? You be the judge. Don’t ever get in a debate with a donkey. It may be hard to tell the difference.

ABRAHAM, SAUL AND THE TAMARISK TREE

The Christian believes that “all scripture is profitable” (2 Tim. 3:16). Yet there are times when he may not see why seemingly insignificant details are mentioned. Farther along he may understand why.

“And Abraham planted a tamarisk tree at Beersheba, and there he called on the name of *the Lord*, the Everlasting God” (NASV). But it was under a tamarisk tree that Saul ordered the slaughter of 85 priests of *the Lord* because they had ministered to David (1 Sam. 22:6-19).

Under the tamarisk tree Abraham was thinking of God, while Saul was thinking of himself.

When Saul and his sons were found dead at the battle on Mount Gilboa, the Philistines cut off Saul’s head and fastened his body and the bodies of his sons to the wall at Bethshean. During the night the valiant inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead took their bodies down from the wall, burned them, and buried their bones, where? Under the tamarisk tree (1 Sam. 31).

CONCLUSION

These are only a few of the cases of irony in the Scriptures. Truly, the nature of the ironies is one of the evidences for the existence of God and the inspiration of the Bible. 

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News of You

JEFF SMITH

Lonnie and Nathan Fritz's mother, Donna, passed away on December 29 in Lubbock, Texas, at the age of 75. Donna Fritz was the wife of long time gospel preacher **Rolland Fritz**, who survives her as well. Cards of condolence may be addressed to Rolland at 7401 Auburn, Lubbock, Texas 79426.

Preacher **Leon Cathey**, most recently of the Hillside church of Christ in Graham, Texas, passed from this life on January 22 at the age of 70. Survivors include his wife, Patsy, and children, Tracey and Roy, as well as four grandchildren. Please address condolences to Pat Cathey, 105 Deer Lane, Graham TX 76450.

Sandra Waldron, wife of Bob Waldron, suffered heart trouble the last few days of December. On January 3, a stint was put in where an artery had been reduced by eighty percent of blockage. Sandra is recovering nicely and doctors report that her heart is strong following the procedure. After recovering from some respiratory infections and adjusting to the stint, she is expecting full recovery. One may send a card to her at 34527 Cedarfield Drive, Dade City, Florida 33523.

Evangelist **Morris Hafley** is retiring from full-time preaching at the end of April. Brother Hafley has served as both an elder and preacher most recently with the Paden City church of Christ in West Virginia, where hometown boy Brian Price will take his place in June. Brian has labored with the Cedar Avenue congregation in nearby Moundville for more than a decade. Mo, his wife Judy, and her mother, plan to return to Indiana.

For the last several years, **Bobby Holmes** of Lancaster, Texas, has led a contingent of preachers and teachers into India, at the invitation of brother Joshua Mahendranath of Bangalore. Bobby's health no longer permits him to make these journeys personally, although he continues to correspond daily with the hundreds of preachers who have passed through the annual classes throughout south India. This year, **Marc Smith** of Hewitt, Texas, and **Dan Torres** of Bellingham, Washington made the trip while **Joe Price**, who had planned to go, was forced to stay home to recover from a broken scapula. They will have returned by the time you read this, but their trip journal and future plans, Lord willing, remain online at <http://joerprice.blogspot.com/>.

Tom and Carolyn O'Neal's health crises have persisted into 2011. Tom spent more time in intensive care this winter, struggling with blood pressure, blood sugar, and kidney function difficulties.

Harry Osborne's mother was recently hospitalized to undergo a stint procedure, and has also suffered from blackouts caused by low blood pressure, as well as a collapsed disc in her back.

We hope you are benefitting from these monthly updates on brothers and sisters in Christ, and are using them both for prayer and exhortation. If you would like to submit news items for possible publication, please email them to Jeff Smith at jssmith@electronicgospel.com or mail them to 845 Edgehill Road, Burleson TX 76028.

We are most interested in news of milestone wedding anniversaries, deaths of widely known individuals, debates scheduled, preaching trips planned, preacher relocations or retirements, congregations established, relocated or merged; appointment of elders or deacons, and human interest or inspirational stories (Phil. 3:17).



A Tribute to Anne Anning

SEAN SULLIVAN

A Special Person
— *Philippians 2:1-4*

INTRODUCTION

Life holds a series of meetings and partings. If we live long enough, we will see times of departure for friends, family, and brethren. On Tuesday, January 11th, I received a phone call to let me know that my life was dealt another departure. This time, a dear loved-one who has been a blessing to all the people who ever knew her. Sister Anne Anning, who worshiped the Lord with the Wellandport congregation in Ontario, Canada, peacefully passed from this life to the next.

One of the great costs of living so far from home is times like this, when I would love to be there for her funeral, but it is just not possible. Knowing this, I could not let her passing be silent. I want to share with you a few thoughts about Anne Anning.

In my life, there have been some “grandmothers in the faith”; to me she was the first. When Anne passed from this life she had accomplished, according to our calendar, 96.5 years of life. In those years, she accomplished much more than just passing the time. She was a constant and true—faithful child of God; and to me, she was a blessing of kindness, genuine care, and encouragement. Let’s consider from the Scriptures the importance of these great characteristics that need to be seen in our lives too.



ANNE WAS FULL OF KINDNESS

There is something very redeeming about a person who simply chooses to show kindness to others. It is not necessarily “big things” that are offered in kindness; often it is the “little things” that make the difference. The strength of Anne’s kindness was found in simple things like a note or a word well spoken—a cup of tea or a sandwich at her kitchen table. It was her willingness to simply make “time” for those around her that showed her kindness more than anything.

According to Acts 9:36-42, Tabitha was a person full of generosity and kindness. The widows were cared for when Tabitha was around; she made them tunics and garments. Maybe it doesn’t seem like a lot, but those widows would have a hard way of life

without others to care for them, and Tabitha determined to use her ability to truly express kindness to them.

We, too, need to look for opportunities in this life to be kind, seeking the simple gestures like a word fitly spoken. Kindness is an important characteristic of a Christian (Eph. 4:29-32).

ANNE DEMONSTRATED GENUINE CARE

Sometimes in life, we do things because we “have to.” Things done by obligation are typically not done heartily. There is a notable difference in the attitudes and actions of one who truly cares. Anne was a person who did what she did with the fullness of her heart. Sometimes her offers of care were very apparent and well known. Many other times, those times of care were known by very few, if any, other than the recipient. One particular point of care in her life was the sending of greeting cards; on special occasions, whenever Anne sent a greeting card there was a long letter filling all of its blank spaces in the card—she was always concerned about others. Her willingness to go beyond the expected was a clear indication of her genuine care.

The Scriptures speak of those who willingly demonstrate genuine care: The woman with the alabaster flask (Mark 14:3-9) was certainly an exam-

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ple as Jesus said, “*She has done what she could*” (v. 8). Also Epaphroditus, was one who truly cared (Phil. 2:25-30). Paul said, “Not regarding his own life, to supply what was lacking.” The brethren at Philippi were also providers of care—enough to reach out to support Paul whenever the opportunity was presented (Phil. 4:10).

We, too, need to look for opportunities in this life to demonstrate genuine care with a willingness to do what we can do from the heart. Genuine care is an important characteristic of a Christian (1 Cor. 12:25-27).

ANNE WAS A VOICE OF ENCOURAGEMENT

There is something about receiving encouragement that is so important to our human experience. The right encouragement from the right source is all that is needed to motivate true success. There are some people who fear other’s success and cannot see its goodness. Some are so self-centered that they think others’ success causes their own contributions to this life to be dismissed or overlooked. Anne was

never that way; she encouraged the best in everyone around her. She was not worried about self; she wanted the best for others.

Encouragement is a pat on the back, a good word, a helping hand. She was able to provide these with complete sincerity and trust that what she hoped for, in you, was true.

The word of God records the greatest encouragements. Joses was a great encourager (Acts 4:36-37). His encouraging nature was to the point of being called “Barnabas” (son of encouragement). Not only by the Apostles (Acts 4:36), but also by the Holy Spirit from this point forward in the Scriptures. The Scriptures record that his encouragement was done with “*gladness*” (Acts 11:23). Paul was also an encourager, “*when they had seen the brethren, they encouraged them. . .*” (Acts 16:40); in Macedonia, Paul, “*encouraged them with many words*” (Acts 20:2).

We, too, need to look for opportunities in this life to be encouraging with

a willingness to motivate betterment in others. Encouragement is an important characteristic of a Christian (Rom. 12:15; 1 Thess. 5:9-11).

CONCLUSION

What would someone say on the occasion of your passing? We tend to write our own sermon by the steps we take while living. It does not cost too much to be kind, caring, and encouraging. It only takes the determination of special effort.

This world will miss Anne Anning, but she has, with the certainty of faith, found a good place to wait for us in Paradise. This confidence is not due to any human standard, but rather the standards of God that have been revealed in His holy word -- the word, through which Anne Anning served God for many years—the word in which she placed her confidence.

Where is your confidence? God is waiting and He is offering the greatest of hopes—today is the day to confidently seek Him. Will you? 

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Wanted: Faithful Preachers

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This writer recently visited seven churches in various parts of the U.S. who are looking for a preacher to work with them. After having already made the schedule and

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travel arrangements for these churches he learned of yet more churches that are looking. Several of them have been without a preacher for some time. Some are self-supporting, some nearly so. There is an obvious need for faithful men to work with these and other local works with openings for a sound man.

VARIOUS REASONS FOR THIS NEED

1. A need for a man with more time to prepare sermons and classes than any members presently have. Some of these congregations have been having preaching done by various men of the church. Inasmuch as all of these men have full-time secular

jobs, a belief exists that a man able to do the work of an evangelist full-time would better suit the needs of these churches (2 Tim. 4:1-5).

2. A need for a man with sufficient time to pursue contacts and schedule studies with them. Barnabas' initial work at Antioch and that which he

later did in company with Paul shows the effectiveness of such a worker in a given local congregation (Acts 11:19-26).

3. Problems facing a local church to which a full-time man has more time to devote. Again we find an example of this in the work of Paul and Barnabas at Antioch. In Acts 15 they devoted considerable time to the problem that Judaizing teachers presented to the work there (vv. 1-31). Note that these men had the time to familiarize themselves with the problem, discuss and study it (with others, in this case), and convince brethren concerning the truth of the matter.



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While we dare not denigrate the work of *any* worthy brother who undertakes to handle such matters (especially elders), doctrinal problems as well as some personal differences are often handled better by a man with the time to study and patiently deal with them (2 Tim. 2:15, 24-26).

4. To help churches to be fitted out to work to their full capability. By helping to build up the body of Christ spiritually and numerically, an evangelist helps equip a church to better perform its God-given work (Eph. 4:11-16). Many people were taught by Paul and Barnabas at Antioch and built up in the faith (Acts 11:26). As a result, the church became spiritually strong enough to later do without these two faithful men (Acts 13:1-3). Further, the works of evangelism, benevolence, and defense of the faith in which we later see them engaging are a direct result of the earlier work of faithful preachers of God's word (Acts 11:27-30; 13:1-3; 15:1-29).

WHERE ARE THE PREACHERS?

1. Are capable men being “anchored” within easy distance of relatives? The Lord's work needs to be done everywhere and we dare not play

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down the importance of preaching the word in a place close to one's home (Acts 4:36; 13:4-12; 15:39). Further, one's influence might be such that he

is able to work more effectively in or near a place of long-held residence (Mk. 5:18-20). All this being said, let us remember that a given local church may come to the point where it can do without an able preacher due to the abilities of other such men in its midst or proximity (Acts 13:1-2). There is a danger that the desire to be close to home is dearer than the desire to see the Lord's work accomplished in a place uncomfortably distant (Luke 18:29). This leads to our next point.

2. Are we unwilling to sacrifice the comforts of life? This question is directed to both preachers and would-be preachers. Some preachers' situations are such that they need the extra support a larger church can supply. Would-be preachers can have real needs that call for a well-paying secular job. In light of the very real needs catalogued under our first point (above), it is hoped that all capable men would seriously consider their actual situations. If you have objections to personally answering such needs, my only request here is that you carefully consider and weigh them. God's work is waiting to be done in many places where willing workers are needed.

3. Do we cherish or otherwise entertain memories of past injuries? As any seasoned, faithful preacher knows, the results of standing for the truth are not always pleasant. In light of this, there is a danger of finding a work which causes us relatively little pain and camping there. Moses knew pain and injuries in his younger years that resulted from efforts to help his

brethren (Exod. 2:11-15). It is to his praise that, in spite of this past suffering, he made the choice to further suffer for their good (Heb. 11:24-26). His example is there for us to learn from and imitate.

4. Do we fail to encourage our sons and daughters in this area? In light of the hardships we may have seen preachers suffer, do we fear seeing our sons choosing to become preachers or our daughters deciding to become preachers' wives? Are local church's failing in encouraging their young men to take part in teaching classes or preaching on occasion? Let us not fail in these areas. The future of the church depends to a large extent on the crop of young people that is growing up among us today.

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CONCLUSION

Faithful preachers are needed. Worthy churches are waiting. Can you go? Will you encourage others? Things are changing constantly in our society and in our lives. However, the need for gospel preaching is something that will never change. **TM**

Let's Talk About God!

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INTRODUCTION

In what may be the shortest introduction you have seen, I offer just two questions: What is your view of God? And, does your view harmonize with the facts of Scripture?

THE PROPHET NAHUM

The basic thrust of Nahum is the destruction of Nineveh. He is very descriptive in his short book. He describes the corrupt and sinful conditions existing in Nineveh; he describes the ones whom God will use (the Medes and Chaldeans) to utterly destroy Nineveh; he further offers a description of Jehovah, the One who is to bring this destruction to a darkened end. In this article, we will be concerned only with what he has to say about Jehovah God. In the first eight verses of his book, Nahum offers at least five descriptive facts concerning God; let us notice each of them.

1. “God is jealous, and . . . revengeth.” Here we see God in the role of a husband, being married to His people. His bride is for Him only; He will not tolerate any rival; nor will He accept second-place in her affections. He demands absolute loyalty from His bride; and, He will give her full protection. “Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord” (Rom. 12:19). God can take vengeance for He does so with absolute justice (Rom. 3:5-6).

2. “The Lord revengeth, and is furious” (full of wrath). Again, the fact that God is the avenger is affirmed. He is not “getting even,” but is rendering just judgment upon all offenders—this He has done, is doing, and will do. Jonah, who deals with the same city, well illustrates that God will take vengeance, use His wrath, in His own way and in His own time. But, He will do it!

3. “The Lord takes vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserveth wrath for his enemies.” The words “adversary” and “enemy” appear to be synonyms, and both suggest that which is “opposed to.” Then or now, any who oppose God, or any portion of His plans for man, would be an enemy, an adversary of God. Paul speaks of those who are enemies of the cross of Christ (Phil. 3:18), and of those who were “enemies in your mind” (Col. 1:21). Further, we are told that “all enemies” are to be put “under his feet” (1 Cor. 15:25).

4. “The Lord is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked.” He is not slow because of weakness, but because of His love for His creatures. He simply does not act impulsively. He may wait until man has filled his cup of iniquity, but He will not excuse the guilty. Punishment will come! It is, for any of us, a measure of wisdom to get this point for today.

5. “The Lord hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet.” Here God’s power, in the forces of nature, is called to our attention—and all can see this. This being in evidence, the prophet is showing the certainty and fullness of God’s wrath, it will sweep away all opposition.

“Who can stand before his indignation? And who can abide in the fierceness of his anger?”

Beginning in verse four, Nahum offers other traits of God, and in verse six asks a two-fold question: “Who can stand before his indignation? And who can abide in the fierceness of his anger?” The above five exclamations concerning God offer us considerable insight into His nature; but, that is not all that we have to say about God.

THE GREATNESS OF GOD

God Is Omnipotent (All-powerful). “For the Lord your God is God of gods, and Lord of lords, a great God, a mighty, and a terrible, which regardeth not persons, nor taketh reward” (Deut. 10:17). Many passages testify as to His unlimited power—Genesis 1:1; 2:7, 19; Exodus 32:11; Proverbs 26:10; Psalm 66:3; etc. Paul

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said, “the weakness of God is stronger than men” (1 Cor. 1:25). Peter offers an excellent comment on God’s greatness, “by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished. But the heavens and the earth, which now, by the same word, are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men” (2 Pet. 3:5-7). Could any man, in his right mind, question the unlimited power of God?

God Is Omniscient (All-wise).

“The foolishness of God is wiser than men” (1 Cor. 1:25). If this simple fact be true (and it is), what man could possibly question the *unlimited* wisdom of God? God gives wisdom to man (James 1:5), the Greater to the lesser. We see this fact again, when God gave wisdom to Solomon which excelled all men (1 Kings 4:30-31). Daniel said that God “revealeth the deep and secret things” (Dan. 2:22); and, David said, the “Lord knoweth the thoughts of man” (Psa. 94:11). Through the prophet Isaiah, God said, “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts” (Isa. 55:9). Add to these Paul’s statement in Romans 11:33, and we see just how foolish a man would be to question this unlimited wisdom of God, “O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!” How badly we need to recognize this fact today!



God Is Omnipresent (everywhere at the same time).

The old standby is, “The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good” (Prov. 15:3). But, there is more! As early as Genesis 1:31, we have this aspect of God suggested, “And God saw every *thing* that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.” The prophet Hosea offers further proof of this trait of the Almighty, “I remember all their wickedness: now their own doings have beset them about; they are before my face” (Hos. 7:2). Neither is the New Testament a stranger to this thought: the Lord is “not far from every one of us” (Acts 17:27). What a shock it was to Nathanael when Jesus said to him, “Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee” (John 1:48). If there should re-

main any doubt, Hebrews 4:13 should erase it, “Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.” There are many other scriptures which offer testimony to the omnipresence of God; but perhaps these will suffice.

Have we adequately covered the “greatness of God”? Well, we are not through! We would not be finished without talking about . . .

THE SEVERITY OF GOD

“Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity. . .” (Rom. 11:22). The first recorded case is in Genesis 3, where the punishment of Adam and Eve is spelled out for their disobedience. In Genesis 4, is recorded the case of Cain and his punishment. In Genesis 6, begins the story of the flood, from whence only eight souls were saved, all the rest being destroyed in the waters of the flood. In Leviticus 10:1, Nadab and Abihu were destroyed in and by fire because they disobeyed God in the matter of worship. In Numbers 15, the sabbath breaker was stoned to death. In Numbers 20, Moses disobeyed God at the giving of water from the rock, and because of this was later rejected from leading the Israelites into the land of Canaan (Deut. 34). What Bible reader could not give more examples, especially for those who wandered in the wilderness for forty years. We are talking about the severity of God! An important point to remember is that God did not take any of these folks by surprise: He fully warned in advance. They appar-

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ently thought that God either could not or would not do as He had said.

With these facts in the background, how do we view the eternal judgment of God? Read Revelation 20:12-15, and notice these facts: All stand before God and books are opened; they were judged out of those things written in the books, according to their works;

the dead from every where are called up and judged according to their works; death and hades were cast into the lake of fire; all who were not found written in the book of life were cast into the lake of fire. How does all that sound for severity? Add to this the fact that this punishment shall be eternal (Matt.

25:46), and it rings with an even greater severity! Peter said, "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up" (2 Pet. 3:10). Do we really believe this? No wonder

Paul said, "Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men. . ." (2 Cor. 5:11). I suspect that the English language is not adequate to express the horrors of an everlasting burning hell; yet, this fact appears to make little impression on the minds of many.

The Lord is going to take vengeance on two groups—those not knowing God, and those not obeying the gospel of Christ; these are to be punished with everlasting destruction; this is to be done "when he comes." It may be comforting to some to simply deny that such will occur, but denying it will not prevent it from happening.

All this reflects, to some degree, on the severity of God. Yet, we are not through; we must continue and talk about the . . .

GOODNESS OF GOD

Again we call upon Paul in Romans 11:22, "Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God; on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off." We have already discussed the severity of

God; now we look at His goodness, a goodness that shall be for those who "continue in his goodness." We either continue in His goodness or be cut off. Listen to how the Hebrew writer expresses it in speaking of Christ, "He became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that



Those who are to share in the severity of God are plainly identified in His word. We are warned in Hebrews 2:1-3: Give earnest heed to the message of the gospel; an earlier example is given; then we are asked, "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?" Now let us read 2 Thessalonians 1:8-10, and notice:

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obey him” (Heb. 5:9). Please notice that it says “obey him” (Christ); and, not those who obey what men may offer. Does anyone know of any way to obey Christ other than to do so by following His written word? We are told in James 1:17, “Every good gift and every perfect gift cometh down from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.” Jesus tells us that God sends the rain and gives the sun for all to enjoy (Matt. 5:45). Without these two items there would be no life, at least for long! Should we not exclaim, with the Psalmist, “Oh how great is thy goodness!” (Psa. 31:19)?

For those who may be interested, Psalm 111:1-10, offers an excellent commentary on the goodness of God.

Beyond the general goodness of God, we call attention to some more specific items of His goodness. Can any act better express His goodness than that of the giving of His Son to die in our stead (John 3:16). It is expressed by Paul in this way, “But God commendeth his love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us” (Rom. 5:8). “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 Jew first and also to the Greek” (Rom. 1:16). Christ, Himself, tells us that it was the shedding of His blood that gave force to

“All scripture is given by the inspiration of God. . .”

that gospel (Matt. 26:28). Again, “All scripture is given by the inspiration of God. . .” (2 Tim. 3:16). Please keep in mind the great, yet terrible, scene of man’s eternal doom, destined to an everlasting burning hell, and no way to escape—until the goodness of God enters the picture. He sends His Son to offer what man could not otherwise have.



Then God sends the church, with Christ the purchaser and head (Matt. 16:18; Acts 20:28; Eph. 5:25). No, man did not start that church. God did! Paul calls that church the house or family of God (1 Tim. 3:15). In this family we have God as our Father, Christ as our elder brother, and our fellow-Christians—all enjoying a relationship provided by the goodness of God. We are even told that Christ is

the Savior of that body (church, Eph. 5:23). Are we not capable of seeing all these as an expression of God’s goodness?

We are told, in many passages, of the great and glorious promises of God to the faithful. “. . . be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee the crown of life” (Rev. 2:10). “Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city” (Rev. 22:14). “To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you” (1 Pet. 1:4).

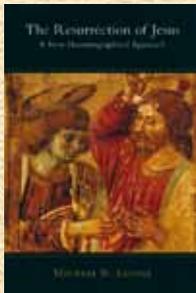
These will suffice to show that God’s goodness shall be carried beyond this life, for those who care enough to follow His directions.

Does this goodness of God make any appeal to you? Will you laugh at God’s efforts to win man from sin? Does it really make any difference, to you, what God has done? Is all the goodness of God a loss as far as you are concerned? This is the God to whom we shall give an account; and at that time His goodness will be limited only to those who have respected His holy and divine word in this life.

Perhaps we can go back to the beginning of our article and say, “This is Nahum’s God, fully revealed, fully understood, and we hope fully appreciated.” At least this is God, as we see Him! Great, terrible, and yet good! 

Book Review

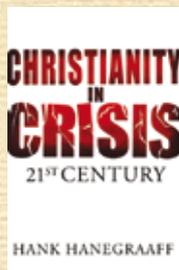
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The Resurrection of Jesus: A New Historiographical Approach. Michael R. Licona. InterVarsity Press, 2010. 718 pages, softback. ISBN: 978-0-8308-2719-0\$40

Is the resurrection of Jesus an historical fact? This question has been explored and argued for centuries with often the liberal scholar dominating the discussion. Now, in a new work by Michael R. Licona, the resurrection of Jesus is set forth without doubt as an historical fact. Licona, a Research Professor of New Testament at Southern Evangelical Seminary, amasses the large amount of historical evidence in favor of the resurrection and sets it before the reader in a clear and convincing manner. Licona believes that the resurrection of Jesus is historically credible. He has certainly done his research and his material is thorough and fair-minded. It may just be the most thorough treatment of the resurrection to date in print. Licona begins his work by answering questions and objections that historians must face when assessing the resurrection, especially the miraculous nature of the event (Chapters 1 and 2). Next, Licona examines the historical sources pertaining to the resurrection of Jesus, both inspired and non-inspired sources (Chapter 3). In the next chapter, Licona turns his attention to what he calls the “historical bedrock” pertaining to the fate of Jesus; namely, that Jesus died, Jesus’ disciples saw the resurrected Jesus, and Jesus was seen by Paul (Chapter 4). Licona closes the main portion of his work by evaluat-

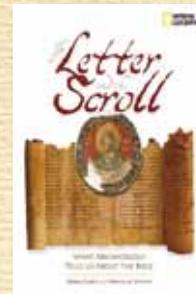
ing the six major hypotheses that purport to explain the resurrection (Chapter 5). He concludes this way: “I am contending that Jesus’ resurrection from the dead is the best historical explanation of the relevant historical bedrock” (610). Everything about Christianity hinges on the resurrection of Jesus and everyone, from beginning Bible student to scholar, will learn something new and important from Licona’s work. *The Resurrection of Jesus* is highly recommended.



Christianity in Crisis: The 21st Century. Hank Hanegraaff. Thomas Nelson, 2009. 427 pages, hardback. ISBN: 978-0-8499-0006-8.....\$22.99

Many so-called “Evangelical Christian” prosperity preachers on TV and radio are preaching a message that is radically different from the fundamental truths of Christ set forth in the New Testament. One watchdog of these radical cultural change agents is Hank Hanegraaff. He has kept a close eye on these “Faith preachers” over the past twenty years and has documented their errors in a new book titled *Christianity in Crisis: The 21st Century*. You have no doubt heard their names: Kenneth Hagin, T. D. Jakes, Kenneth Copeland, Benny Hinn, Joel Osteen, Joyce Meyer, John Hagee, and many others. These pseudo “Christian” preachers are teaching errors like you create your own reality with your words, man is a god and more than human, Jesus went to hell and was reborn and reincarnated there, Jesus was fabulously wealthy and he wants you to be rich with wealth, and

ignore all the symptoms of sickness and disease and you will be healed miraculously. Unfortunately, thousands are led astray everyday by these cultural conformists and cons. Hanegraaff has done a valuable service in exposing many of the feel-good fakes and frauds within the popular preaching community. *Christianity in Crisis* will help you to examine and understand the errors of these preachers so that you will not be seduced by their message.



The Letter and the Scroll: What Archaeology Tells Us About the Bible. Robin Currie and Stephen G. Hyslop. National Geographic Society, 2009. 335 pages, hardback. ISBN: 978-1-4262-0514-9 \$40

The archaeologist who digs through the earth will often help the Bible student who digs through the Scriptures. In a new book, *The Letter and the Scroll*, all the major periods of Bible history, culture, and geography are illuminated in eight chapters. The authors write: “The purpose of this book is not to prove or disprove the Bible but to explore the world that gave rise to its Scriptures and consider them in their historical context – an approach that can enhance one’s appreciation for the Bible both as a work of history and as a statement of faith” (19). The pictures and photos in this book are beautiful and the material is insightful. *The Letter and the Scroll* provides a great wealth of insight into Bible lands and the Bible itself. 

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Questions & Answers

QUESTION: HOW CAN I CONCLUDE MY SERMONS WITH SOMETHING BESIDES THE WORN, TIRED, HACKNEYED PHRASE “AS WE STAND AND SING”?

I AM SERIOUS AND NOT TRYING TO BE CUTE.

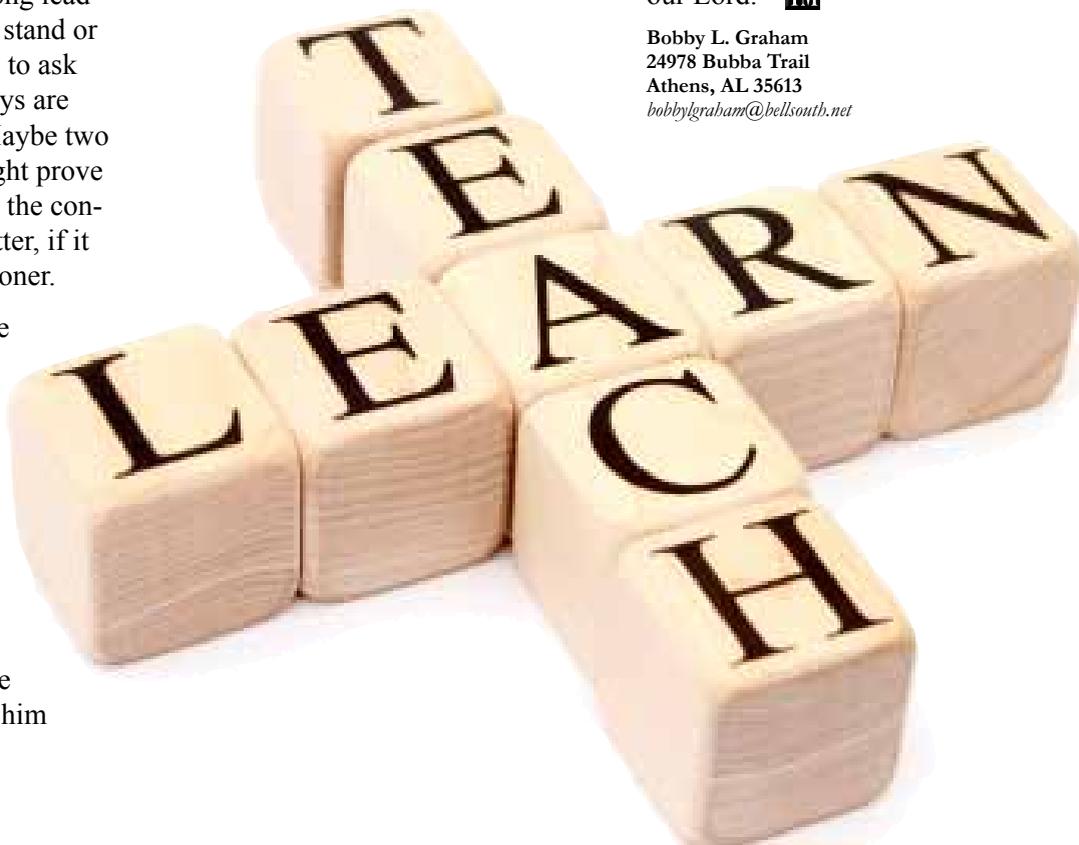
Answer: I have not attempted to deal with this question sooner, partly because I hardly knew how to approach it. I do empathize with the questioner, because I, too, try to vary my expressions; but I recognize that there are sometimes few ways to say something. For instance, a song leader who wants the audience to stand or sit has limited ways available to ask them to do so. How many ways are there to ask them to stand? Maybe two or three, but not many. It might prove helpful to ask various ones in the congregation for help on this matter, if it is that important to the questioner.

A preacher should try some variety in the way he expresses his thoughts, if for no other reason than to try to aid his audience to remain attentive. An excellent way to gain some ideas concerning variety is to study the preaching of inspired preachers. Hosea repeatedly spoke concerning the burden which God placed on him

to communicate divine warnings to Israel. The oracles found in chapters 4-13 of his work express in various ways what God wanted His people to hear. The same basic message is found there in most of them, but many ways of saying it also are found.

It is a little harder to answer this question, because there are not many ways to tell one's audience to stand to sing. Various combinations of words might work: “while we stand to sing,” “while we sing the Lord's invitation,” and “as we invite you in song to obey our Lord.” 

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“God Knows My Heart”

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We often hear this phrase uttered when one is caught in open sin, and when there is a clear disparity and discrepancy in his practice and the truth of the Scriptures. During the course of a discussion or Bible study, one may be convicted by the Scriptures of his sin, yet he is not willing to come to repentance and follow the truth of the Scriptures. Thus, this phrase “God knows my heart” is uttered. It is a feeble attempt to justify one’s sin in his own mind. The phrase is said to nullify obedience to God’s divine word. Thus, those who make this argument imply, “I am convinced in my own mind and heart, thus it must be pleasing to God regardless of what He has revealed in the Scriptures.” It is the credo of those who “serve their own belly,” rather than the Lord Jesus Christ (Phil. 3:17-19). The phrase defines the very attitude of those who seek to follow their own emotions and feelings, and reject the clear teaching of inspired Scripture which alone is able to make us complete and equip us unto all good works (2 Tim. 3:16-17). Let us consider the scriptural implications of such an argument.

This phrase assumes that sincerity is all that is needed to be pleasing to God. The idea that truth is relative and sincerity is what matters is quite a pervasive and destructive doctrine. Yet, it is prevalent in the minds of many “religious” people. With that in mind, let us consider one such scriptural

example. The Scriptures record that “there was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian band, *a devout man, and one that feared God* with all his house, which *gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God always*” (Acts 10:1-2; emphasis mine). Cornelius was devout and dedicated, yet the Scriptures also say of him that Peter would tell him “words by which [he] might be saved” (Acts 11:14). Here was a man who was the very picture of sincerity, yet he still needed to hear words by which he would be saved. Also note that Cornelius was not said to be engaging in worldliness; he was not engaged in fornication or adultery. No, he was doing things that were pleasing to the Lord: giving alms, praying to God, fearing God, and being devout in this service. But even Cornelius had no room to say, “Well, God knows my heart.” He was still required to obey the gospel, and no provision was made for him to remain in sin.

The phrase also assumes that, since God knows a person’s heart, the heart must be accepted. Yet this fails the scriptural test as well. The fact is, God knows all people’s hearts. He searches hearts (Psa. 44:21; 1 Kings 8:39). Jeremiah points out that the heart is deceitful above all things and “desperately wicked” (17:9-10). In this same context, it is pointed out that the Lord searches the heart. The fact is, man’s heart can be deceived, but God

is not deceived. Paul points out that many are deceived who “receive not the love of the truth that they might be saved” (2 Thess. 2:10-11). In the same passage, the apostle speaks of those who “had pleasure in unrighteousness.” The phrase “God knows my heart” is generally rooted in such a detestable attitude toward truth. It is uttered by those who seek to remain in sin because “God knows their heart.” What a sad and desperate state to find oneself in!

The fact is, we can only be assured that our heart is acceptable and pleasing to God through our understanding of God’s divine word. It contains all we need to be complete (2 Tim. 3:16-17). The Hebrew writer notes, “The word of God is living and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of the soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart” (Heb. 4:12). The nature of the word of God is such that it can expose aspects of our lives (i.e., in our hearts) wherein we ourselves may be deceived. The Bible reveals the truth, even in us! Man cannot go against the perfect and divine will of God as revealed in the Scriptures, and be right in God’s sight. Jesus said, “Not everyone who says to me ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but *he who does the will of My Father in heaven*” (Matt. 7:21; emphasis mine).

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God's Desire

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An infant's entire existence centers upon the question, "What do *I* want?" As children grow toward physical maturity, they learn to contemplate, "What do *you* want?" In this case, "you" is representative of parents, teachers, other sources of authority, and also includes the needs or desires of siblings, friends, etc. As we advance toward spiritual maturity, we also ponder, "What does *God* want?"

God wants what is best for us. God wishes that none be lost but that all be saved (2 Pet. 3:9). In the greatest expression of love that man has ever known (Rom. 5:6-8), God sent His Son to die on the cross (John 3:16-17).

In contrast with the benevolence of God, the devil desires our downfall and destruction. His mission is the ruin of humanity (Gen. 4:7; 1 Pet. 5:8). While God is the embodiment of love, Satan personifies malignant hostility (John 8:44). The wages of sin is death (Rom. 6:23).

What does God want from us? Perhaps it would be profitable to note

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what God does *not* want. He desires something more than empty ritual and meaningless sacrament (1 Sam. 15:22-23; Isa. 1:10-20; Amos 5:21-24; Mic. 6:6-8).

What does God want of man? God demands that truth inhabit the inner reaches of our heart (Ps. 51:6). In his final charge to his son, David stressed the need to walk before God in truth (1 Kings 2:1-4). Later, Solomon also highlighted the enduring necessity of truth (Prov. 3:1-4).

What does God want of man? God requires that he manifest mercy, a quality more important than outward ceremony (Hos. 6:6). Divine mercy is reserved for those who are merciful (Matt. 5:7). Jesus showed mercy toward sinful men (Matt. 9:10-13). In like manner, Christians must be compassionate, tender-hearted, and forgiving (Eph. 4:31-32; Col. 3:12-13).

What does God want of man? God commands contrition for sin. The sacrifice that God accepts is a broken spirit and a contrite heart (Ps. 51:16-17). The Lord is near to those whose spirits are crushed (Ps. 34:18), dwelling with the one who is contrite and lowly in spirit (Isa. 57:15), esteeming him who humbly trembles at His word (Isa. 66:2).

What does God want of man? God insists upon his full obedience. More than sacrifice and offering, He desires that man manifest a submissive spirit (Ps. 40:6-8). Jesus Christ personified this quality (Heb. 10:5-9). Never has this been more vividly manifested than in the garden of Gethsemane (Matt. 26:38-42). All who would be saved must follow in His steps (Heb. 5:8-9).

Our highest goal in life should be to please God. Our greatest desire should be to do His will (Ps. 73:25; 112:1). Have you demonstrated your love for God by keeping His commandments (1 John 2:3-6; 5:2-3)? **TM**

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For man to think that he may be found right in the sight of God, while yet in sin, is nothing but folly. Jesus Himself said, “Unless you repent, you shall all likewise perish” (Luke

13:3). Christ also stated, “If you love Me, keep my commandments” (John 14:15). While it is true that God does know our hearts, this fact does not show that one is saved. If one desires

to be saved, he should depart from sin, and follow the commandments of the Lord. If he does this, God who knows his heart will accept him. **TM**

The Sin of Witchcraft

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In case you haven't noticed, small children, teenagers, and adults everywhere have become increasingly fascinated with sorcerers and spells, witches and wizardry. Witchcraft has come out of the broom closet!

WHAT IS WITCHCRAFT?

Witchcraft is the alleged use of supernatural or magical powers to influence or predict events. It is also known as *conjunction*, *magic*, *sorcery*, *sortilege*, *theurgy*, *witchery*, *witching*, and *wizardry*. The *World English Dictionary* gives this definition: "1. The art or power of bringing magical or preternatural power to bear or the act or practice of attempting to do so. 2. The influence of magic or sorcery. 3. Fascinating or bewitching influence or charm."

THE PREVALENCE OF WITCHCRAFT INFLUENCE

There is a strong exposure today to witchcraft – and, for many, this exposure begins very early in life. Appearances of witchcraft are everywhere – in art, books, cartoons, comedy, magazines, movies, music, school-work, television shows, toys, on the Internet, even at Walmart (a search for witchcraft turned up eight results in all departments), and, quite possibly, in your home!

Various artists have depicted scenes of witchcraft, like the paint-

ing by Agostino Tassi (Italian, ca. 1579-1644), in which a witch seated in a landscape and accompanied by a monster is casting spells with macabre objects, including a human skull.

Countless books have been written on witchcraft, sorcery, wicca, magic spells, incantations, and rituals.

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Witchcraft is included in children's literature. Harry Potter books have taken the world of children's literature by storm. *Harry Potter* is a series of seven fantasy novels written by the British author J. K. Rowling. The books chronicle the adventures of the adolescent wizard Harry Potter and his best friends Ron Weasley and Hermione Granger, all of whom are students at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Since the June 30, 1997 release of the first novel *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* (retitled *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* in the United States), the books have gained immense popularity and commercial success worldwide. As of June, 2008, the book series has sold more than 400 million copies and has been translated into sixty-seven languages, and the last four books have

consecutively set records as the fastest-selling books in history. The first six books have been made into films; it is the highest grossing film series of all time so far. The seventh book is being made into two movies which are currently scheduled to be released nearly eight months apart: Part I on November 19, 2010 and the series finale on July 15, 2011. The series also originated much tie-in merchandise, making the Harry Potter brand worth \$24 billion. The novels revolve around Harry Potter, an orphan who discovers at the age of eleven that he is a wizard. Wizard ability is inborn, but children are sent to wizarding school to learn the magical skills necessary to succeed in the wizarding world. Harry is invited to attend the boarding school called Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Each book chronicles one year in Harry's life, and most of the events take place at Hogwarts.

Video games have been released to coincide with the films, containing scenery and details from the films as well as the tone and spirit of the books.

Universal Orlando in Florida has opened *The Wizarding World of Harry Potter*. "Here you can pass through the towering Hogwarts™ castle gates and explore the familiar passageways, classrooms and corridors. Visit the shops of Hogsmeade™ and sample fare from the wizarding world's best-

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known establishments, including the Three Broomsticks™ and the Hog's Head. Plus experience pulse-pounding rides including Dragon Challenge™, Flight of the Hippogriff™, and Harry Potter and the Forbidden Journey™, a state-of-the-art attraction that brings the magic, characters, and stories of Harry Potter to life in ways never before imagined."

This mega-selling fantasy series also includes homosexual influence. According to an October 20, 2007 ABC News report, "Well, it's official. Albus Dumbledore, a hero of the phenomenally popular Harry Potter series and headmaster of the wizarding school

Hogwarts, is gay. . . . In a surprising new Potter twist, author J. K. Rowling outed Dumbledore at New York's Carnegie Hall in front of 2,000 Potter fans during a question and answer session Friday night. After reading an excerpt from the seventh installment of her series, 'Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows,' one young fan asked if Dumbledore had ever loved anyone. 'Dumbledore is gay, actually,' replied Rowling. She was initially met with a surprised silence but ultimately the audience erupted in cheers for several minutes prompting Rowling to add, 'I would have told you earlier if I knew it would make you so happy.' . . . Many fans were thrilled with the announcement. 'This is a victory for

homosexuality the world over,' one wrote. 'Dumbledore is iconic, and I can't wait for all those little children to hear about this. I am so insanely proud of [Rowling] for doing this'" (<http://abcnews.go.com/Entertainment/story?id=3755544&page=1>).



Occasionally, cartoon writers add witchcraft into the story. Themes in some cartoons are purely based on witchcraft.

Years ago, Mickey Mouse put on a sorcerer's hat and started doing spells. Fantasia was created with wizard Mickey as the star. Many of the Disney movies are filled with witches and things from the dark world of witchcraft.

Witchcraft often appears in fairy tales. In *Snow White*, a witch casts a spell on an apple eaten by Snow White. The spell is broken by a kiss from the prince. In *Cinderella*, a witch casts a spell so Cinderella can go to the ball. The spell ends at midnight

when Cinderella loses her dress and carriage. In *Rapunzel*, Rapunzel is put in a tower by an enchantress (a witch). When the witch wants into the tower she cries out, "Rapunzel, Rapunzel, let down your hair." In *The Wizard of Oz*, Dorothy and her dog are transported to the land of Oz. A wizard is the leader and he is the man Dorothy and friends must see for help. Dorothy gets help from the "good" witch and battles the evil witches. The witches cast their spells in the story.

In 2003, Mattel Toys released the Secret Spells Barbie with these words: "An ordinary schoolgirl by day, with these words: Secret Spells Barbie transforms at night. Open the included book to discover the mysterious compartment holding her secrets. Includes fun potion-making accessories, including two mixes for making magic potions you can really drink."

Hasbro, Inc., a worldwide leader in children's and family leisure time products and services, has marketed OUIJA Board. "Ouija Board has always been mysterious. It has always been mystifying. And now the OUIJA Board is glow in the dark! With 72 fun questions included, you'll never run out of things to ask. Who will call/text me next? Gather your friends around, draw a card, place your fingers on the planchette and ask your question. Concentrate very hard and watch as the answer is revealed in the message window. Make up your own questions,

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and let the OUIJA Board satisfy your curiosity in virtually endless ways. OUIJA Board will answer. It's just a game – or is it?"

Witchcraft is a popular song from 1957, released as a single by Frank Sinatra. It reached number 20 in the U.S., spending sixteen weeks on the charts.

Witchcraft influence appears in *JumpStart*, an online adventure based learning game for kids. "Abracadabra! With a swish and a flick of a wand, Windy Hollows has magically appeared in JumpStart! Now your child can explore this enchanting new area to hunt for secret ingredients to brew up a potion, cast bewitching spells

on their Jumpee friends, and soar high above MainStreet on a magical broomstick in the new MainStreet fun zone!"

Facebook has a Witchcraft Application. "Witchcraft is a magic game played on Facebook. Start out as a petty apprentice and work your way up to be the Overlord of the world of wizards and witches!"

And, if that's not enough, there's a host of television shows and movies: *Sabrina, the Teenage Witch, Sabrina's Secrets*, the magazine spin-off from the popular TV program aimed at girls aged 9-13, *Bewitched*, Walt Disney's *Enchanted, The Craft, Charmed, Practical Magic*, the *Harry Pot-*

ter film series, *Blair Witch Project, Stardust, Witches' Night, Teen Witch, Hocus Pocus, The Witches, Buffy the Vampire Slayer, the Sorcerer's Apprentice*, and on and on it goes.

With all of these appearances, some, undoubtedly, have more exposure to witchcraft than to truth. Some have read every *Harry Potter* book and watched every *Harry Potter* film (even multiple times) and can tell you all about the fictional characters that have appeared therein (even quote them); but what of the Bible and its real-life characters? Is it possible that children know more about *Harry Potter* than *the Potter* (Isa. 64:8)?

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Imagination or fantasy does not diminish its power to change beliefs and values. God commanded the fathers, “Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you. But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in the counsels and in the imagination of their evil heart, and went backward, and not forward” (Jer. 7:23-24). Nor does the fact that a thing is imagination avert condemnation or destruction. In the days of Noah, “God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually” (Gen. 6:5). . . the Lord searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts. . .” (1 Chron. 28:9).

Evil is portrayed as good, harmless, and innocent. “Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil” (Isa. 5:20). If we’re not careful, a generation may become desensitized to the evil of witchcraft. Let’s not allow our abhorrence of evil to be diminished (Rom. 12:9).

WICCA

Wicca is a form of witchcraft. Often referred to as *Witchcraft* or *the Craft*, its adherents are commonly referred to as *Wiccans*, or as *Witches* or *Crafters*. Wicca is a religion based in nature that includes a god and a goddess, pagan rituals, and magic spells.

According to a National Public Radio report on *Teens and Wicca*, “Wicca is believed to be one of the fastest growing religions among high

school and college students” (<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=1895496>). The report told of a growing number of teenagers secretly setting up altars in their bedrooms, offering prayers to the goddess, and invoking the aids of spirits.

The book, *Rocking the Goddess: Campus Wicca for the Student Practitioner* by Anthony Paige, documents Wicca’s explosive growth on college campuses across the U.S. “Written by a student for students, *Rocking the Goddess* is the first book of its kind for the budding Wiccan. Included here are interviews with students, faculty, and college administrators across the country, as well as profiles of Wiccan role models such as Enya, Stevie Nicks, and Tori Amos.”

A big reason for Wicca’s rapid growth is the positive portrayal of witchcraft in the media. An interest in magic has been created among young people, and publishers, seeing a growing market of young people wanting to learn about the real thing, have targeted them to teach them “the real thing.” Silver Ravenwolf’s *Teen Witch: Wicca for a New Generation*, a book geared for teens, hit the streets and quickly became a bestseller. Many other books have followed.

Oberon Zell-Ravenheart is recognized as a world-renowned occultist, master wizard, and a practicing witch. According to the product description on Amazon.com, his book, *Grimoire for the Apprentice Wizard* (New Page Books, 2004) is “Designed as an Apprentice-level program of studies, this book is aimed at the same folks

who find Harry Potter so fascinating – those young (and young at heart) people who want to be more in control of their world. . . . When he actually begins to discuss working magic, he takes the time to explain how and why it works. He relates it to things that all teens can relate to, and puts it firmly in the realm of things which are able to be done by anyone willing to put in the time and effort. . . . He explains how to set up altars (both indoors and outdoors), how to construct shrines and henges, and other items as well. He includes basic instructions on a wide variety of healing techniques. He adds constant encouragement, in the form of reassurances that practice is required, and not to get discouraged if you don’t get immediate results. . . . This book is aimed at the total spectrum of Wizardry (like Hogwarts). It does not just cover the Ceremonial aspects of magic. It covers the spectrum from invoking angels and demons to doing simple divination; from creating planetary talismans to simple remedies for acne; and from alchemy to conjury (stage magic). Reading this book will provide a thorough understanding of Wizardry. Completing the work within this book will provide a thorough mastery of the basics of Wizardry.”

For many Wiccans, their community is the Internet where they swap e-mail, ideas, and spells. The most popular site is www.witchvox.com. Every major city in the U.S. has networks of Wiccans. There are Internet and brick and mortar stores that sell jewelry, ritual items, supplies, tools, and much more.

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A pentacle, worn as a pendant, depicting a pentagram, or five-pointed star, is used as a symbol of Wicca by many adherents.

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

We must allow the Bible and not the media to shape our attitude toward witchcraft.

THE OLD TESTAMENT

• *Witchcraft was practiced among the heathen nations.* It is found among the Egyptians (Exod. 7:11, 22; 8:7, 18-19), the nations occupying the land of Canaan (Deut. 18:9-14), the Babylonians (Dan. 2; Isa. 47:9-15), and the Ninevites (Nahum 3:1-7).

• *The Lord's people were not to have any association with or tolerance for witchcraft.* "Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live" (Exod. 22:18). "Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them: I am the Lord your God" (Lev. 19:31). "And the soul that turneth after such as have familiar spirits, and after wizards, to go a whoring after them, I will even set my face against that soul, and will cut him off from among his people" (Lev. 20:6). "A man also or woman that hath a familiar spirit, or that is a wizard, shall surely be put to death: they shall stone them with stones: their blood shall be upon them" (Lev. 20:27). "When thou art come into the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations. There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of



times, or an enchanter, or a witch, or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things are an abomination unto the Lord: and because of these abominations the Lord thy God doth drive them out from before thee. Thou shalt be perfect with the Lord thy God. For these nations, which thou shalt possess, hearkened unto observers of times, and unto diviners: but as for thee, the Lord thy God hath not suffered thee so to do" (Deut. 18:9-14).

• *Witchcraft is abomination and sin.* Moses said, "For all that do these things are an abomination unto the Lord: and because of these abominations the Lord thy God doth drive them out from before thee" (Deut. 18:12). With reference to the trespass of Saul in the commission to utterly destroy Amalek, Samuel said, "Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the

sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, he hath also rejected thee from being king" (1 Sam. 15:22-23). Witchcraft is associated with rebellion, iniquity, and idolatry.

• *Witchcraft is found in the lives of the unfaithful.* After "the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul" (1 Sam. 16:14), representing Saul's departure from following the Lord and the Lord's disapproval and rejection of Saul, Israel's first King inquired of "a woman that hath a familiar spirit at En-dor" (1 Sam. 28). Jehu spoke of the many witchcrafts of wicked Jezebel (2 Kings. 9:22). Manasseh, who "did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, after the abominations of the heathen" (2 Kings. 21:2), "made his son pass through the fire, and observed times, and used enchantments, and dealt with familiar spirits and wizards: he wrought much wickedness in the sight of the Lord, to provoke him to anger" (2 Kings. 21:6). Witchcraft is men-

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tioned, in Malachi 3:5, among those who fear not God, the Lord of hosts.

- *It was a characteristic of the faithful to put away witchcraft and seek God.* Witchcraft was not to be found among the Lord's people (Deut. 18:9-14). When Josiah came on the scene, witchcraft was found among Israel. 2 Kings 23:24 records concerning the good reign of this faithful king, "Moreover the workers with familiar spirits, and the wizards, and the images, and the idols, and all the abominations that were spied in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, did Josiah put away, that he might perform the words of the law which were written in the book that Hilkiah the priest found in the house of the Lord." Listen to these words: "And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead? To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them" (Isa. 8:19-20).

- *Witchcraft is powerless to save.* When Isaiah revealed God's judgment on Babylon for her enchantments and the multitude of her sorceries, wherein she labored from her youth, God said, "Let now the astrologers, the stargazers, the monthly prognosticators, stand up, and save thee from these things that shall come upon thee" (Isa. 47:13). They would be powerless to save themselves, let alone save their followers (Is. 47:14-15).

- *Witchcraft is a lie.* Jeremiah instructed the Lord's people, "Therefore hearken not ye to your prophets, nor to your diviners, nor to your dreamers, nor to your enchanters, nor to your sorcerers, which speak unto you, saying, Ye shall not serve

the king of Babylon: For they prophesy a lie unto you, to remove you far from your land; and that I should drive you out, and ye should perish" (Jer. 27:9-10).

THE NEW TESTAMENT

- *Simon and Elymas practiced witchcraft.* In Acts 8, we read of "a certain man, called Simon, which beforetime used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria, giving out that himself was some great one: To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of God. And to him they had regard, because that of long time he had bewitched them with sorceries" (vv. 9-11). Simon saw the difference in his deceptive power and the power of God. He believed and was baptized (Acts 8:12-13). Elymas the sorcerer withstood Barnabas and Saul and sought to turn away Sergius Paulus from the faith. Paul "set his eyes on him, and said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?" (Acts 13:7-10).

- *Ephesians who practiced witchcraft burned their books.* When the working of special miracles by the hands of Paul "was known to all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus . . . 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 19:11-20). "Curious arts" is translated "practiced magic" in the New King James and "practiced

sorcery" in the New International Version. Might we have some books that need to be burned?

- *Witchcraft is a work of the flesh.* Among "the works of the flesh" is "witchcraft" and "they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God" (Gal. 5:19-21). The word "witchcraft" is from the Greek *pharmakeia* meaning herbalist or one who uses or administers drugs. It is used virtually synonymously as a term for a sorcerer. Paul mentioned such acts of unrighteousness in Romans 1 and said, "Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them" (Rom. 1:32). Are we entertained by sin?

- *Witchcraft will keep one out of heaven.* "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death" (Rev. 21:8). When John spoke of the blessed who "have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city," he stated, "For without are dogs, and sorcerers and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie" (Rev. 22:14-15).

Let us beware of "lying wonders" which deceive and believe the truth that we might be saved (2 Thess. 2:9-12). Brethren, "I would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil" (Rom. 16:19). 

Jesus is Coming When? Really?

KIRK WALL

A small group of believers who make no claim of affiliation with any organization, are filling the air waves (radio.wecanknow.com) and billboards with the message that Christ is returning to earth on May 21, 2011 for the “Rapture.” Then on October 21, 2011, He will return for the Judgment Day. Jesus said, “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only” (Matt 24:36).

First of all, they teach the erroneous doctrine of the rapture which has no scriptural foundation.

Secondly, they go to passages such as 1 Thessalonians 5:2-6, and Mark 13:35-37 where the teachings of the Judgment Day are clear. They clearly admit that the judgment day is coming, but make the claim that for years, we have misunderstood those passages. They say, “Here we discover that there are some people who will not be caught off-guard by Christ’s second coming. We have all been taught time and time again that Christ’s coming will be like a thief in the night, but here we have a clear statement (at least, it’s clear to us now) that it will not come as thief for the children of the light.”

They grossly misunderstand these passages because they have an agenda they want to pursue. They, like the

devil (Luke 4:10), will take Scripture and twist it, bend it, and make it say what they want it to say.

As for the “children of the light,” Jesus is teaching that they will be prepared for the thief, *not knowing when he comes*.

At the end of each summer, my father-in-law goes out into the woods and cuts trees to make a large wood pile for burning during those cold winter days and nights. He knows cold weather is coming. He’s preparing! What he doesn’t know is when

We don’t know when, we just know it’s coming!

the first cold day or night will be, but he knows they will come. This is what our Bibles are telling us. Those who know of the judgment to come, prepare for its coming. We don’t know when, we just know it’s coming!

The publishers of the billboard go on to say that “God reveals the timing



of judgment.” Noah knew (Gen. 7:4). Jonah knew (Jon. 3:4). Lot and his family knew (Gen. 19:15). Pharaoh knew (Exod. 9:5, 18). All of these and others knew, to the day, when God was going to pass judgment. This is true. God gave them warnings, and as is always the case, the majority failed to heed the warnings and perished in God’s judgments. But unlike the situation when God revealed His Judgments to those who are believers, the final Judgment is different!

Jesus said in Matthew 24:36, “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone.”

If the angels in heaven and Jesus Himself doesn’t know, how can we? How could I be privileged to know part of the most vital information to mankind, and Jesus doesn’t? Brothers and sisters, *I can’t!* Judgment Day will be both a glorious and fearful day. It

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will be the end of all time and a day of reckoning for all people before their Creator. Jesus said that no man knows what day it will occur, so let us always be wary of those who prophesy that the end of the world is near, but we must always live like it is tomorrow.

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It is always good that false teachers promote the reading of the Bible, but sad that they themselves can't see the lies they believe. 2 Thessalonians 2:11-12 says, "For this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they will believe what is false, in order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness." 



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All my life I have prayed for the Lord to open doors for me to preach and He has answered those prayers abundantly. But I have also prayed that I would never be a hindrance to the cause of truth. While the thought of rusting out before wearing out in His service, is not appealing, I also believe strongly in the Providence of God. If He needs me to serve the rest of my days in some other way, then I shall try to accept that gracefully. In the meantime, if there are yet places where I can serve, please contact me.

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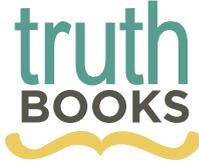
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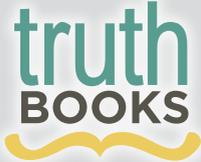
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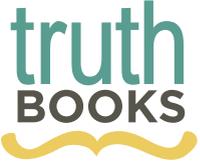
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