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"Blessed be the LORD God of *Israel*; For He hath visited and redeemed *His* people, And hath raised up and horn of salvation for *us* in the house of his servant David; as he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began; That *we* should be saved from *our* enemies and from the hand of all that hate *us*; to perform the mercy promised to *our* fathers and to remember his holy covenant; The oath which he swore to *our* father Abraham, That he would grant unto *us*, that *we* being delivered out of the hand of *our* enemies might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of *our* lives." Luke 1:68-75; the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic-Germanic-Scandinavian people are *ISRAEL!*

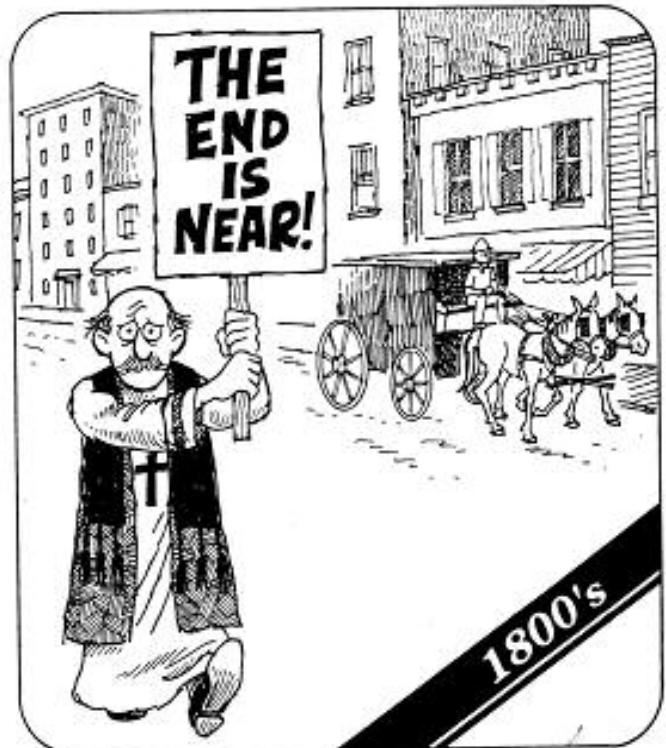
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THE END TIMES

By Ben Williams



There are many false doctrines in the international religion we know as Judeo-Christianity - that strange religion which is neither Christian nor Jewish. yet, those who have taken steps to rid themselves of the bondage of this religious mind-set, which focuses attention to the next world and disdains this one (which is being stolen from under our noses), have discovered it takes more than just "changing one's mind." It requires "conforming one's mind to Scripture."

Judeo-Christianity is a religion of "futurism:" a continual looking ahead to times which never arrive. It is a mind set with a constant longing for some fantasy paradise where no pain exists and there are no bad guys and no problems. It is a religion whose king has left, and whose arch-(supernatural)-enemy (the Super-Spook) has taken control as the "god of this world!" To proponents of this religion, we are tempted to say, "My King reigns - sorry about yours!"

Of all the many doctrines used to brainwash the faithful slaves of this mind-set, none is more powerful than the doctrine of "the last days." It is a doctrine which constantly proclaims, "We are in the last days! We are in the last days of the last days!" (or as I recently saw in a *Philadelphia Trumpet* - "We are in the last hour!" Nov.2001, CIM). Or, "The world is coming to an end! Praise God, isn't that wonderful?"

Of course, most of these poor souls believe that when they die they won't be really dead. Rather, they will go on living in some other realm - some place off in outer space, where their god (who was never able to hold it all

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together here on planet earth) allegedly lives. The impossibility of their belief - that one can be alive **and** dead at the same time - never really seems to dawn on them. Instead, the pagan idea found in the very first book of the Bible (Genesis 3:4) has found fertile ground; the lie that the serpent spoke when he said: "*Ye shall not surely die ...*" (or as it reads in the Hebrew, "... *dying you shall not die...*").

The "last days," with their great tribulation, their war in heaven, supernatural angels pouring out vials or breaking seals over the earth to bring physical destruction to all but a small special remnant (mainly Jews who missed the rapture because of their hard-heartedness, but were able to escape the mark of the beast), makes for great movies, TV specials and hellfire sermons. These are undoubtedly responsible for many a "worldly" sinner turning in his wine bottle or drug needle to become, instead, a religion junkie following after some preacher who promises "the end" is near, and we must be ready to "fly away" at any moment.

While we may make light of these fanciful interpretations of Scripture, we do not mean to underestimate the firm lock they place on the minds of people. Such delusions prevent us from seeing the intended meaning of Scripture. God deliver us from spiritual blindness!

"But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." (I Corinthians 2:14)

Many of us have come to realize just how foolishly the "natural man" thinks of Biblical truth when we try to tell them that "heaven" doesn't mean a place off in space somewhere, or that Jesus is not "coming back" because He never left, and He is reigning NOW! Some people will look at you and ask, "What turnip truck did you just fall off of?" "After all, do you have a degree?" Or, "How can that be? The 'church' couldn't have been wrong for 2000 years! Could it?"

Church counsels, popes, priests, and canonized saints who have had mystical experiences surely can't all be wrong, can they? Yet, when some of us carefully examine verses of the Bible which we have been taught from childhood, we find the phrase "last days" just doesn't mean what we were told and is not even consistent with the rest of the Bible.

EXAMPLES OF "LAST DAYS"

Several examples in Scripture clearly show that the phrase "last days" does not refer to some distant future time. For example, consider what the writer of Hebrews said concerning Jesus:

"God who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in times past unto the fathers [of Israel] by the prophets, Hath in these LAST DAYS spoken unto us [i.e. the children of those fathers] by his Son..." (Hebrews 1:1,2)

When did Jesus speak? Obviously, in this case, the "last days" could not possibly refer to some far distant future time. Jesus began speaking during His ministry in the first century AD. Peter, speaking to Christian Israelites, stated the following:

"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition for your [Israelite] fathers; But

with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these LAST TIMES for you," (I Peter 1:18-20)

When was Jesus manifested to Peter and these Christians? These "last times" could not possibly refer to a time **after** their lifetimes. Peter, speaking to these same people, gives them a warning:

"This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance: That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy [Israelite] prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour: Knowing this first, that there shall come in the LAST DAYS scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers [of Israel] fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation." (II Peter 3:1-4)

Would it make any sense for Peter to warn Christians about things that would take place after their lifetimes? No! These scoffers were busily at work at the time Peter wrote these words. Speaking to those putting their trust in riches, James wrote:

"Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are motheaten. Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the LAST DAYS." (James 5:1-3)

Was James suggesting these rich men were storing up treasure (wealth) for some 2,000 years in the future? Of course not. 1 John 2:18 states:

"Little children, it is the LAST TIME: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now [2,000 years ago] are there many antichrists [plural]; whereby we know that

it is the LAST TIME."

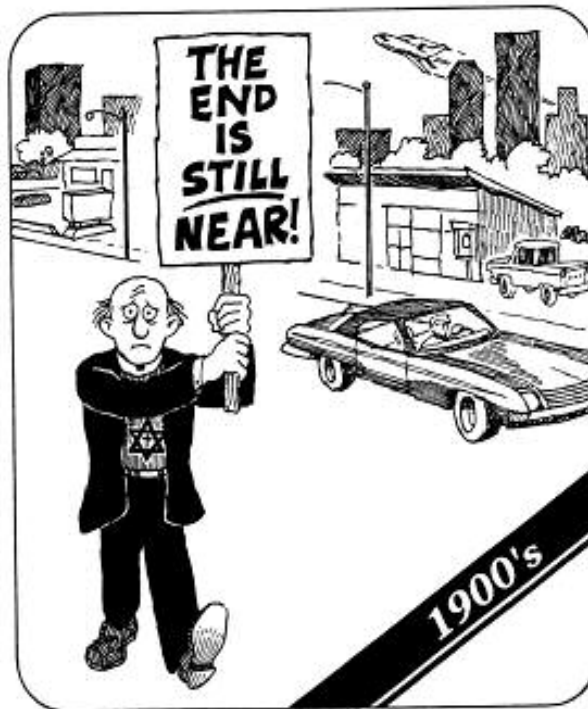
The "last time" mentioned in this verse existed when John wrote it. Anti-christs have existed since Jesus began His ministry. John certainly was not talking about some far-off future time for which we, today, are still waiting.

These examples illustrate the difficulty in assuming that the phrases "last days" or "last times" refer to the far distant future. Let's look at a few of the problems surrounding "the last days" doctrine.

First of all, the obvious: If Jesus told those listening to Him that "**their** generation" would not pass away until all these things came to pass, then how can we make "that generation" apply to people living 2,000 years later? In Matthew 24:34 Jesus said:

"Verily I say unto you, THIS generation shall not pass, till ALL THESE things be fulfilled."

He told them that their generation would see the things He was prophesying. If those things did not come to pass in that generation, then He was a false prophet. Judeo-Christianity (a child of Judaism) believes in a christ who doesn't fit the Bible description, but most will never even realize it. Did Jesus tell His followers to: "*Watch therefore...*" (Matt 24:42) ... for events that



would not even occur in their lifetime? Would He tell them: "Therefore be ye also ready..." (Matthew 24:44) ... ready for events they would certainly miss if they were to happen 2,000 years into the future? Jesus also told His disciples:

"So likewise ye, [them, not us] when ye shall see [they were to see] ALL these things, [not far off or future things] know that it is near, EVEN at the doors." (Matthew 24:33)

Does "at the doors" mean 2,000 years, or more, in the future?

WHEN WAS THE END?

Jesus told His apostles and disciples that there would be wars and rumors of wars. There would be earthquakes and "great tribulation." He said that, "this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all of the known world as a witness to all of the nations [of Israel]; and THEN SHALL THE END COME." All those things happened during the lifetime of His followers. (Read **THE HOAX OF THE GREAT COMMISSION**, #511 @ \$11.80)

"But didn't He also say that the stars would fall from heaven? That couldn't have happened yet!" - not unless you

remember that the words of Scripture are spiritually discerned. There are scriptures which tell us that "stars" are leaders of the Israel nations falling from their "heavenly", or high, positions - again, something which had already happened. Those "heavenly" (government) positions have been filled with aliens and enemies. In Matthew 26:29 Jesus said:

"I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with YOU [not with us today] in my father's kingdom."

To drink with His disciples again, He had to be there in their lifetimes! And, He was! His "father's kingdom" was not "future" - it was "present." In Luke 18:31 Jesus said:

"... Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and ALL THINGS THAT ARE WRITTEN by the prophets concerning the Son of Man shall be accomplished."

Now ask yourself, "What were ALL those things written about the Son of Man by god's prophets?" Well, in part they include:

- His "coming" in judgment of Jerusalem;
- The destruction of Jerusalem;
- The resurrection of dead Israel;
- The establishment of His Kingdom;
- The pouring out of holy spirit IN THE LAST DAYS, which we are clearly told happened in Acts 2.

If you say those things didn't ALL happen and some still remain to be fulfilled, then you call Jesus a liar and a false prophet. But the problem is not in Scripture - it's in our faulty interpretation of events and/or words. Matthew 24:48 says:

"But and if that EVIL servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming;"

Here, we are told that those who believe that Jesus delayed His coming for 2,000 years are "evil"! When you

read....

"And THEN shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and THEN shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds with power and great glory." (Matthew 24:30)

... do you read those words as having happened, or as some great future event yet to happen? Only one way is true! In John 6:40 Jesus said:

"And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day."

Did He say, "except those who died before 70 AD"? Of course not. Those who saw Him WERE "raised up at the last day." We too have been raised to life with him from our grave of sin and death.

THE WORLD ENDED AND YOU MISSED IT

Those who try to pigeon hole "the last days" strictly for a time in the future will be "after this current age" do not understand terms and words used in Scripture. For

example, the word "world" in the New Scripture never means the planet earth. "World" is most often translated from the Greek word "kosmos," and means the current organization of things, i.e. the government or system which is in effect. The "end of the world," with respect to the area of Judea, was only the "end of the Judean system"- NOT the end of planet earth. The "end of the world" came for Jerusalem in 70 AD.

The word "world" is also

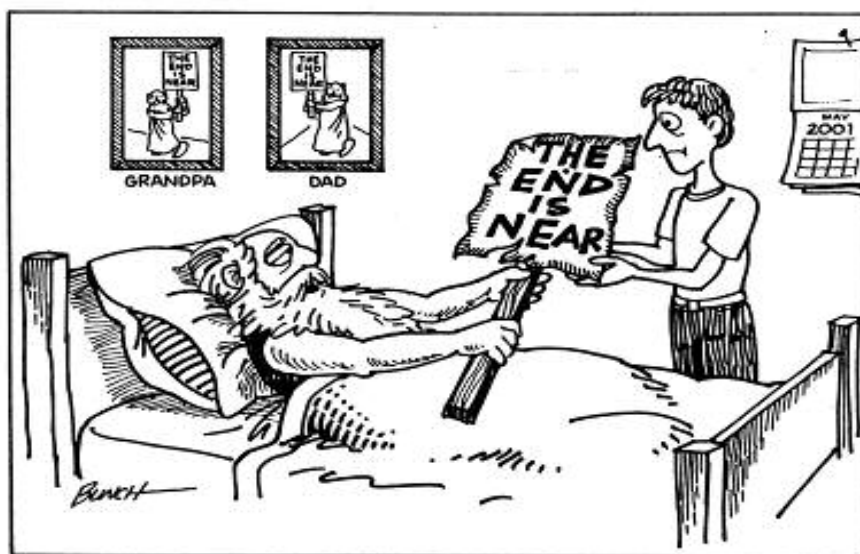
translated a number of times from the Greek word "aion" which means *eon; age; a period of time*. The end of an "age" is not equivalent to the end of the "earth." For example, consider Hebrews 9:26:

"... but now once IN THE END OF THE WORLD [eon; age] hath He appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself."

When? Has it already occurred or is it yet future? It was near the end of the evil Judean kingdom in 70 AD (the age of the Judean system). It is past tense. It is behind us - NOT future.

"And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the build-ings of the temple. And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down. And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming [presence], and of the END OF THE WORLD [age]?" Matthew 24:1-3

When was the temple destroyed? It was destroyed in 70 AD along with the rest of the Judean system (the Judean age). This particular "end of the world (age)" came almost 2,000 years ago.



"Remember, son, you'll be carrying on a tradition that's been in the family for generations."



The word "coming," as in "the **coming** of the Lord," is from the Greek word "parousia" which really means "**presence**" - not "coming." Make that change in your Bible and you will begin to read it correctly. Jesus is not away in outer space - He is not "coming." He is here and making His "presence" known.

OTHER "ENDS" OF AGES

History is replete with "ends of ages" (eons) or "ends of the worlds" (kosmos). These "eons" or worlds have already ended. Consider the following:

- The decline and fall of the Roman Empire;
- The decline and fall of the Third Reich;
- The Bolshevik Revolution in Russia and the end of the Czar Age;
- The American Revolution - the end of British colonial rule;
- The Civil War - the end of the Plantation Age.

"Ages" and "worlds" come and go. The "Parable of the Wheat and the Tares" (Matthew 13:24-30), where the end of the age is represented by "the harvest," has happened repeatedly throughout history. In each "age" a "crop" of people "grew" (morally and spiritually) until they were ready to be "harvested," then some great event or catastrophe occurred to dramatically change society. This scenario represents an end of one world and the beginning of a new one. These are also judgment days.

God is not waiting until some future time to have one gigantic "judgment day" for everyone who ever lived. Rather, He has been judging and harvesting all through history. Periodic judgments bring on changes and new ways - new worlds.

Examples of the beginning of "new worlds" (ages/systems) include:

- The New Covenant;
- The Reformation;
- The Elizabethan Age;
- The Victorian Age;
- The Industrial Age;
- The Atomic Age
- The Computer Age
- etc.

THE PARADISE MENTALITY

The "end times" doctrine seems to be a product of the "paradise mentality" - a constant longing for some imagined paradise or future utopia. Some refer to it as "heaven," not realizing what heaven actually means. Those absorbed into this kind of fantasy, view the present creation (earth) as inadequate and doomed to destruction, in need of replacement by a new "perfect" world - one devoid of almost every element which defines the present creation. This utopianism envisions effortless life, total bliss, mansions for all and streets paved with gold.

This distorted view holds that God's original creation (our present earth) is no good and must be replaced with another one that is acceptable. This contradicts Genesis 1:31:

"And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good ..."

In the meantime, according to this perverse theory, those who have died have gone to live in heaven to await those who will be "raptured" off this wicked planet just before its destruction - the so-called "end of the world."

This kind of thinking perverts one's concept of God and His creation. It turns Jesus into a weakling, and makes God a bumbler - not in control of his creation, but struggling to regain control in the future.

Such nonsense conditions people's minds, making them blind to the wonders of God's creation. THIS PRESENT EARTH is a marvellous habitat for man. It is perfect - and God created it that way. Man only has to learn the Creator's laws to prosper here. The doctrine of a future paradise is a hopeless pagan myth.

But, unfortunately, in many men's minds, the kingdom is a future utopia. The present creation is just not acceptable. Jesus, they say, has to return from "heaven" and become king and turn the earth into a "paradise" of their own description.

According to this delusion, Jesus is presently away from the earth, in heaven, and His reign as king won't begin until some future time (at His so-called "return"). It denies His presence and reign on this current earth.

The failure to see the "last days," the "end times," the "day of the Lord," or the "judgment day" as historical and present realities, associated with a multitude of events, has caused people to misunderstand Scripture and God's purposes. Confusion as to the meaning of these terms has taken men's attention away from Jesus' workings in this present age and relegated Him to some nebulous future. Because of this, many are blind

to the freedom and life offered through Jesus now, in this present age.

The time is long overdue that true believers of Jesus the Christ should awaken from the decades of the delusion and slumber of Futurism. We must clear the priestcraft from our minds; get our heads out of the clouds; quit gazing "over the rainbow," and open our eyes to the life and freedom found in the understanding of His present Kingdom and the sure liberty it provides.*

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WHEN I GROW UP I WANT TO BE A MUMMY

by Brook Wayne

"What do you want to be when you grow up?" children nation-wide are often asked. "A doctor," says one, "a policeman" says another, yet others wish to be a nurse, a lawyer, a brick-layer, a ballerina, a teacher, a pianist, an author, a mailman ... and the list goes on and on. I'm certain that you have been asked this question many times as well, and have probably answered in many different ways. I've given many different responses over the years - a musician, an author, a ballerina, or a bank-teller. People are so diverse - they have interests that vary as far as the imagination. But ... one answer seems too often to be missing ... an answer that seems quite clear ... and that is a



simple yet beautiful one that I pray lies quite close to the heart of every little girl, and it is: a mummy.

Really, I want to know why. Why does one never hear this most noble dream? I can just hear their mothers, should I ask if their little girls wanted to one day become mummies - "Oh, but she has high goals in mind," or "She has potential for more. Why should she waste her time secluded?" Still others would argue that she, yes, she, can have impact on the world, adding quickly, "for the Lord, of course." Yet others protest, "My daughter has talent," while others just say - "Why not be both, a mummy *and* a career woman?"

Yet, I never quite see how these really compare to the perfectly suited, and honoured, "career" of God's plan for mummies at home. Quite frankly, we've been duped. The culture has called to us, and we've followed. We've heard the women's liberation movement cry that women are meant for more than being wives and mothers, caretakers of their homes. We've believed them when they tell us that women should do and be just what men are. And, we've followed their suit! We, who have the Almighty Creator to turn to, to learn of Him just what He designed and created women to be, have neglected to seek of Him what He desires! From my ardent studies of the Scriptures, I have come to fully believe that God does have a plan for women - a specific, special, and fulfilling plan. But, if we would seek it, we must turn to Him and Him alone. We cannot follow the world's way of thinking and His at the same time.

The world's thoughts in regards to motherhood are commonly among us - if not in our homes, at least in our communities, and sadly, often in our churches. Motherhood, viewed from the realization of creation, is a beautiful gift. For the believer, it can be a trust in the One Who "*opens and closes the womb.*" There is no accident with God. Each child is given as a blessing, for parents to train in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Motherhood, from the world's viewpoint, is often times thought of as an accident. It is welcomed not as a blessing from God, but as either accepted or rejected based on the individual's own preference at that particular point. Often, child raising is considered a nuisance, and while one, two or even three of these gifts may be viewed as welcome, the thought of more blessings seems a curse. Titus 2 is very clear in its instruction to the older women, who are to be teaching the younger women to "*love their children.*" Motherhood is not something every woman is called to, as I would like to bring up later. But, in general, this plan seems very clearly to be a role God gives married women.

As I said earlier, we've been led astray to worldly thinking about motherhood. We need to turn from our own thoughts, from the thoughts of the world around us, and turn to God's thoughts. (like I saw recently in a **FAIR DINKUM** magazine, a woman advocating the 'advantages' of 'family planning' and limiting the number of children according to one's [financial] means. This shows a total lack of faith and trust in God, and is in fact saying to Him, we don't trust your judgment - we can judge these things better. This is actually a blasphemous insult to God. As though He doesn't know the end from the beginning. And, contraception is actually abortion before the fact. It requires basically the same mindset, which says: God, we don't want your blessings - keep them! CIM)

What a big heart God gives girls to someday be wives and mothers at home! Have you ever watched a little girl at play? If you have, you'll know with what love she dresses her dollies. with what sweetness she sings them to sleep, how she hustles and bustles to prepare tea for her honoured guest, and with what energy she prepares her play "dinner." Yes, indeed, God gives little girls great hearts - a great capacity to one day care for, not dollies, but dear little children (as *many* as the Lord shall give), to sing them to sleep, to lovingly keep a quiet little home, and to serve her family.

If we could but see into God's marvellous plan, I think we'd all be surprised at the tremendous importance and the great price God places on His plan for women at home who "*love their husbands and children.*" (Titus 2:4) (those who value a "career" or a "job" more than being at home, or in some cases more than being married and having a family are in rebellion - total rebellion against God! CIM)

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Daughters need to be taught the value of the high calling of motherhood. They need to know it will demand everything they have to give, and more. Not just physically - in chasing a little toddler, or carrying a baby. Not just in cleaning and cooking for a family. These, too, are necessary, but motherhood will also demand everything she has mentally, spiritually, emotionally, and intellectually. There is a great price in motherhood. Easy? By no means. Rewarding? Well, it can be. But, let our daughters see the beauty of it, the results and lasting impact mothers have on the souls of their children, the incalculable

worth they can have of investing themselves in the lives of their future children, and I believe we shall return to a Godly perspective of motherhood.

Gaining A Godly Perspective Of Motherhood and Children

Sadly, I frequently see within the homeschooling community, parents preparing their daughters not for motherhood, and the Godly pursuit of raising children (should such be the Lord's desire), but rather, in general, preparation of the homeschooling daughters is directed toward obtaining a college degree, or a career. For those committed to the home-education movement, we even sometimes have a sense of wanting to "prove" that homeschool works - that academically, homeschoolers are at the top. Numerous tests and evaluations do prove that homeschooling can result in superior academic training. In fact, the lives of homeschool graduates indicate that these young people are better prepared all around for colleges or universities, careers, ministry, etc. Yet, can our pride in the success of homeschooling academia get in the way of God's perspective of motherhood?

As I've written before in other writings, I fully believe that academics have their place. Not just for sons, but daughters, too. But, we need to view all things in their proper place. Academic training should only enhance and enable one to live under God. The two should not compete. I fear we've sacrificed training the young women to be mothers and keepers at home, in lieu of training them for cultural esteem, and the security of career training.

I'd like to ask each of you unload your own thoughts about motherhood, children, and the direction young women should head, and stop and consider: what does



God desire? What is His perspective on this whole issue? How can we obtain a Godly view of motherhood and children? How can we (as a parent - in training your daughter, or as a young woman - in learning) prepare for what God wants of women as mothers? What does God say about children and motherhood?

Children are given as a blessing: Repeatedly in the Scriptures we find that children are given, not as a curse, but as a blessing! *“Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is His reward.”* (Ps 127:3) God is the One Who gives children. He alone opens and closes the womb. He calls the gift of children a blessing - a reward. We, too, need to view children as His reward.

Motherhood is a blessing: *“Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house...”* (Psalm 128:3a). This language sounds rather strange to our ears, but isn't this what every woman yearns for - fulfillment, a meaningful life, fruitfulness? This is not to say that those to whom God doesn't send children are unfruitful, for their fruitfulness is in different ways. But if the Lord would have you be fruitful, productive, fulfilled in the fruit of children, don't run from it!

Look at the examples of motherhood throughout the Bible. Hannah was a woman who longed for motherhood, and God blessed her for it. *“He maketh the barren woman to keep house, and to be a joyful mother of children. Praise ye the Lord.”* (Ps 113:9)

Doesn't this speak of what a mother's attitude should be toward her children?! A joyful mother - what a thought. As an interesting side note, we read in Proverbs 10:22 *“The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and He addeth no sorrow with it.”* Motherhood includes training: As Proverbs spells out over and over, the children left to themselves, the children who are not given instruction, are a grievance to their mothers! Proverbs speaks often of the “law of thy mother” - it is clear that God intends for mothers to train their children.

Children are to be raised up to love and honour our God: *“And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.”* (Eph 6:4). This verse speaks directly to the fathers, on whose shoulders this responsibility rests. However, as the helpmeet to such a father, the mother is included in this nurturing and training. Children are given in order that they may be taught to love the Lord their God. This training requires hard, long work - *“And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thy liest down, and when thou risest up.”* (Deut 6:7). This eternal training of the children's hearts is the real purpose. It is not to give them a good life, wealth, education, status, friends, or “a good time.” These things may be well in their place, but they do not meet the real purpose for which God created each daughter and son.

While certainly not all-inclusive, I'd like to present the following on guiding our thoughts to a more Biblical view of motherhood.

The Character Needed By Mothers

Motherhood requires a great deal of character. Patience, endurance, kindness, self-control, love, firmness, gentleness, sense of purpose, diligence ... just to name a few! Yet, these traits don't just naturally come with the first baby, nor should we expect them to. Motherhood is, in itself, a tremendous

learning experience - for the mother! And, yet, the preparation is so needful, and so important, that it should start years and years ahead of time. Talk frequently with your children about character-not just for their sake, but also in pointing out how each trait will serve them well as a parent, should the Lord will.

God Doesn't Plan For All Women to Become Mothers

Motherhood, in all its beauty, and glory is not a role God gives to every woman. There are some women God chooses to use as singles. There are married women to whom God doesn't send children. As much as we should uphold motherhood as a God-given role, we must also be aware that God chooses to give some women other roles. One is not better than the other, they are just different places in the kingdom. What we need to be teaching our little girls and young women is that even if God does not send marriage, we all need to develop a heart for mothering and children.

A Heart For Children

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Have you heard that your country, or your form of government is godly and good, or that it has deep Christian roots? Have you wondered why, if this is so, it is in such a mess today? And has someone told you that's because the Bible is not concerned about the exact form of our government? Here is the Bible's blueprint for human government, explained in detail from the scriptures. It has always been there, but we've been too busy justifying our own creations - our governments - to take the time to see God's plan.

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Start early in the lives of your young daughters teaching them what God has to say about children. You young women, too, can be learning now what God desires of mothers. Preparation for motherhood, the practical aspect, requires a great deal of diligence and discipline to learn. But, the heart for motherhood, the committed desire to train little ones for God's glory, will take yet more - it takes a heart willing to embrace God's plan for children, a willingness to give up one's own life. This heart for mothering is so precious. Even those women who do not become mothers should have their hearts turned toward children. This doesn't

mean that they will be called to devote their life to children, but they need to have a love for children. Why? Because it is a characteristic of God's people to love children. It is something He has called every believer to - not just parents. God does, in some ways, give “motherhood” to many childless women. Isaiah 54 tells us that the barren woman is to rejoice, and enlarge her tent for her large family. How interesting it is to look through history and see the testimonies of women who cared for hundreds of children in orphanages, or to serve as a spiritual encouragement to children in their communities. Can we merely say, because not every girl shall become a mother, that she should not develop a love for children? We do not need to know how this trait will be used. In the Lord's timing, it will become evident.

We need to teach children that if God would have them marry, that they ought, Biblically, to be willing to accept children as a gift from God, and not have an attitude of rejecting any further gifts from God. The children of today need to be trained to look forward to parenthood, to see it as a blessing, a life-style, and something to be greatly anticipated.

Being An Example Of Loving Children

Let your little girls, daughters or sisters, see your own love for children. Allow them a peek into your heart, as you handle with care the new precious baby in your circle of friends. Let them see in you a heart for children.

When we speak of motherhood or training children let's uphold what we believe to be true - that a life devoted to instilling in children the sense of God Almighty, and His ways is a life well spent. We needn't hide that many of



the tasks surrounding motherhood are down-right grubby at times. It isn't the tasks that make motherhood. **It is the heart.**

We've all probably heard the summer's-end comments about finally being rid of the children for the day. Many mothers seem to sigh a breath of relief "I can't wait until they are all back in school and out of my hair!" Statements such as these reveal this mom's attitude, which at its foundation is built on selfishness. These comments reveal how a mother feels about her children. Is this the sort of attitude that reflects a Christ-like perspective of motherhood?

Loving children, and having a heart for motherhood is hard pressed in our age. Children are viewed as "objects," particularly before birth, but oftentimes afterward as well. Where is the person, the human, the tender conscience, the soul needing to learn of God? Our society has neatly disposed of the "inconvenience" of those early training years by placing them in day-care. Then, when they are old enough, our society has placed them in the government schools for their [indoctrination - sorry,-] education. How can we expect these children to live to the fullest the life God has given them, when they know not parental love and authority, nor training?

A Call For Commitment

I would like to call you young women, and the mothers of daughters, to commit yourselves to a Godly view of children. Search out what the Scriptures say about children, and learn to make it your own. Have you committed yourself, should you one day become a mother, to train your children for the glory of God, and nothing less? Are you even now learning how to discipline, train and teach children? May the Lord be glorified as we each learn to love children through His perspective.*

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CONTEMPORARY WORDS OF WISDOM

You've heard the world's wisdom Looking out for number one; do it to him before he does it to me; stuff happens ... etc.

Here are some principles you can adopt and be in accordance with God's Word:

- To the world you might be one person, but to one person you might be the world.
- Going to church does not make you a Christian anymore than going to McDonalds makes you a hamburger.
- Real friends are those who, when you feel you've made a fool of yourself, don't feel you've done a permanent job.
- A coincidence is when God performs a miracle, and decides to remain anonymous.
- Sometimes the majority only means that all the fools are on the same side.
- I don't have to attend every argument I'm invited to.
- Lead your life so you won't be ashamed to sell the family parrot to the town gossip.
- People gather bundles of sticks to build bridges they never cross.
- Life is 10% of what happens to you, and 90% of how you respond to it.
- Life is like an onion; you peel off one layer at a time and sometimes you weep.

•Did it ever occur to you that nothing occurs to God?

Government Agents Could Have Prevented Columbine Tragedy

News Release - AmericaNewsNet.com

DENVER, CO - On the talk show *Freedom Forum* aired on the American Freedom Network, investigative reporter William Zabel tells how he has the records of a government agent calling into St. Luke Presbyterian emergency room on the government emergency phone line. The agent called one hour and thirty-five minutes before the shooting started at the Columbine High School, warning the emergency room to prepare for bodies coming because a bomb would be going off and shooting would take place at a high school. *

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Last time I had someone check out the site <whatreallyhappened.com> there was a recording of an interview with an official of FEMA, who stated that he had received a phone call on Sept 10, telling him to be in New York the next morning, as he would be needed there. ---- [recording **NOT** available from CIM!]

Seems that there were people who knew something was going to happen - and it was no surprise to them!

YOUTH VIOLENCE: GUNS OR MEDICATION?

by **Ken Anderson**

With the explosion of violence among youth, people are struggling to find solutions. Are guns truly the problem with violence among our youth? The real question should be "Why are youth in America today so prone to violence, regardless of what weapon they use?" The answer, at least in part, is due to medications that are being prescribed to our children, predominantly through the psychiatric industry.

Disease or Not Disease?

Nearly four million children have been diagnosed with a disease known as Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). Symptoms include: difficulty remaining seated when required to do so, running or climbing when it is inappropriate, blurting out answers to questions before the questions have been completed, making frequent mistakes in schoolwork, easily distracted, etc. The answer to ADHD is almost always drugs. Dr. Frederick Baughman, Jr., a practising pediatric neurologist for thirty-five years and a faculty member of Harvard School of Medicine wrote, "Twenty-five years of research, most of it not deserving the term 'research,' has failed to validate ADHD by whatever name, as a disease." He also wrote, "ADHD exists as a disorder primarily because a committee of psychiatrists voted it so. In a valiant effort, they squeezed a laundry list of disparate symptoms into a neat package that can be treated. Why not bestow disorderhood on other problems common to people diagnosed with ADHD, such as Easily Frustrated Disorder (EFD) or Nothing Makes Me Happy Disorder (NMMHD)?"

D.A.R.E. = Drug Abuse of Ritalin Everywhere

Children who are diagnosed with ADHD are given a drug known as Ritalin. Ritalin's use has shot up 600% in the last ten years. In some elementary schools, 40-50% of its students are on Ritalin, and often times without parental



approval or consent. The United States consumes five times more of this drug than the entire world combined. All across America, police officers who take part in the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program walk past children standing in line for their dose of Ritalin, and then teach them to say "No" to drugs.

Kiddie Narcotics

Studies cited by the Drug Enforcement Agency have stated that Ritalin and Cocaine cause nearly identical reactions in the brain.

Ritalin can cause the very disorders it is supposed to cure: inattention, hyperactivity and aggression. Nervousness and insomnia are often experienced. Also, Ritalin can produce serious psychological dependence and cause withdrawal symptoms such as depression, exhaustion, irritability, and suicidal feelings. Dr Peter Breggin, author of the book *Talking back to Ritalin* reports that from 1985-1997, there were more than 2,700 "adverse drug experiences" with Ritalin, ranging from hostility to blood disorders and hallucinations.

In addition to Ritalin, it is becoming very commonplace for teens to be taking Prozac. Dr. Breggin also stated, "I have no doubt that Prozac can cause or contribute to violence and suicide." Consider these Prozac users: 16 year old Ben Garris who stabbed his counselor to death; 14 year old Kristina Fetters who stabbed her great aunt to death, despite their close relationship. The list goes on. Note that in two of these cases a knife was used, not a gun.

Are there any solutions to hyperactive or depressed children, other than chemical straight jackets that potentially make them more prone to violence? It is very common for children who need sleep, exercise and proper nutrition to be disruptive and have trouble learning. When sugar is removed from the diet, behavioral improvements are often immediate. However, just getting your children off junk food and drugs is not the only answer to today's nutritional needs. Most children don't get enough fruits and vegetables, and if they did, the food was grown in depleted soil that produces food void of vital nutrients. Glyconutritionals and phytochemicals, in addition to vitamins and minerals are a must.

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CAN YOU ANSWER THIS?

Eighty percent of kindergartners solved this riddle, but only 5% of Stanford graduates figured it out!

1. The word has seven letters....
2. Preceded God
3. Greater than God
4. All poor people have it
5. Wealthy people need it
6. If you eat it, - you will die ...

Clue: the answer is within this square.
Did you figure it out?



THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT

Assassins And Hired Killers

"Cursed be he that taketh reward to slay an innocent person. and all the people shall say, Amen." (Deuteronomy 27:25).

Although applicable to doctors who assist in killing someone, this statute primarily applies to assassins and hired killers. It stands to reason that this would also apply to those who hire these murderers. They would be co-conspirators and thus they would be equally guilty of murder. Consequently, they should be judged and punished impartially under the law.

KIDNAPPING

"... he that stealeth a man, and selleth him, or if he be found in his hand (in his possession), he shall surely be put to death". (Ex 21:16).

"If a man be found stealing any of his brethren of the children of Israel, and maketh merchandise of him, or selleth him; then that thief shall die; and thou shalt put evil away from among you." (Deut 24:7).

Because the King James Version uses the words "stealeth," "stealing" and "thief" in these passages, this statute is often mistakenly placed under the Eighth Commandment - "Thou Shalt Not Steal," instead of under the Sixth Commandment - "Thou Shalt Not Kill [murder]." One of the ways to determine which commandment a statute belongs with is by the statute's judgment. A statute's judgment must be the same as the judgment for the commandment it falls under. In other words, judgment for a transgression of a statute can never be more severe than judgment for a transgression of the commandment to which the statute is subordinate. The judgment for Eighth Commandment transgression is restitution, not the death penalty, thus man stealing or kidnapping can not be an Eighth Commandment statute.

Kidnapping is a Sixth Commandment Statute because it often culminates in murder, or a kidnapped person might very well die while in, or as a direct result of, his captivity. Kidnapping is a crime of theft, however it is the theft of a person's life, not his possessions - although it may be in order to get those. Consequently, kidnapping is a Sixth Commandment violation and is punishable by death whether the kidnapped person has already been killed, sold or is in the possession of the kidnapper.

Other forms of kidnapping, subject to the same penalty, are home invasions, and armed hold-ups. An armed hold-up is taking a hostage and "selling" him for money - hostage taking is kidnapping. "your money for your life."

BURGLARY

Bouvier's Law Dictionary defines "burglary:"

The breaking and entering the house of another in the night-time, with intent to commit a felony therein,



whether the felony be actually committed or not. “Burglary,” *Bouvier’s Law Dictionary: A Concise Encyclopedia of The Law* (Kansas City, MO: Vernon Law Book Company, 1914) Volume 1, p.404.

According to Yahweh’s Law, burglary is a capital offense; therefore, the prohibition forbidding burglary must be a statute under one of the capital crime commandments. The conditions in the following passage would indicate that burglary is a Sixth Commandment infraction:

“If a thief is caught while breaking in [after dark], and is struck so that he dies, there will be no bloodguiltiness on his account. But if the sun has risen on him, there will be bloodguiltiness on his account. However, if an unarmed thief (which would be visible in daylight), who, in the judgment of the homeowner does not intend bodily harm, is killed during daylight hours, the killer is to be held responsible for the thief’s blood. The reason for this distinction is because it is impossible to determine an intruder’s intentions in the dark of the night. Thus, during a night raid, Yahweh gives the benefit of doubt to the homeowner.

ROOFTOP LEGISLATION

In the days of ancient Israel, flat roofs also served as terraces where the homeowner entertained guests. For this reason, homeowners were required to build protective railings around the perimeters of their rooftops.

“When thou buildest a new house, then thou shalt make a battlement [railing] for thy roof, that thou bring not blood upon thine house, if any man fall from thence ” (Deut 22:8).

This statute makes homeowners responsible, within reason, for the safety of visitors to their home or property. If a person is injured or killed because of a homeowner’s negligence, the homeowner is held liable according to *lex talionis* or the “law of retribution”:

“ ... if a man cause a blemish in his neighbour; as he hath done, so shall it be done to him; breach for breach, eye for eye, tooth for tooth [or life for life]: as he hath caused a blemish in a man, so shall it be done to him again.” (Leviticus 24:19-20).

In cases where a person does not die as the result of an attack or negligence, there is an added stipulation for his care: [Ted needs to differentiate between the positive act of causing, or attacking and the negative act of negligence, an accident - they are not the same!]

“...if men quarrel and one strikes the other with a stone or with his fist [or is injured because of reckless negligence], and he does not die but remains in bed; if he gets up and walks around outside on his staff, then he who struck him [or is responsible for his injury] shall go unpunished [shall not be put to death]; he shall only pay for his loss of time, and shall take care of him until he is completely healed.” (Ex 21:18-19 NASV)

“Rooftop legislation” extends far beyond terraces and patios. Deuteronomy 22:8 applies to anywhere a person might be endangered by negligence. In addition to home safety, this statute should also be applied to the workplace, construction zones, machinery, including farm equipment, automobiles, etc. For example, if demonstrable negligence is established against Firestone Tires for the accidents caused by tread separation, those responsible should be liable according to *lex talionis*. Furthermore, Firestone Tires should also be compelled to pay for any and all loss of time from employment for those injured or disabled as a result of their injuries.

Lex talionis should also be applied to the abusive use of

alcohol and drugs. Scripture does not prohibit the use of alcohol or drugs altogether. Consequently, there is no Scriptural reason to make the use of these substances illegal. Furthermore, alcohol prohibition did not work in the 1920s, and neither has today’s drug legislation.

Instead of making either alcohol or drugs illegal, responsible use should be promoted. Abstinence is preferable, and is safest for everyone concerned. However, not everyone is going to abstain regardless of the prohibitions enacted. Consequently, instead of legislating what Yahweh does not legislate, we should adjudicate that which Yahweh adjudicates and in so doing promote personal responsibility. For example, instead of attempting to curb drunk driving by prohibiting excessive alcohol consumption, it should be **mandatory** that any drunk driver convicted of causing or contributing to the death of an innocent person be put to death. If the injured party does not die, the convicted felon should be compelled to pay for his medical expenses and to financially compensate him during his convalescence.

Man’s efforts at controlling drunk driving and drug abuse have been wholly ineffective. However, when Yahweh’s laws are enforced people will be deterred from indulging in these potentially criminal activities. There will certainly be no repeat offenders when someone is executed for their drunken carelessness, having killed someone. In the same manner, if someone is injured, disabled or dies as a consequence of someone irresponsible use of drugs, the punishment should correspond to the injury or death. On the other hand, today’s ineffective drug and alcohol laws have, in many instances, made criminals out of people who have hurt no one but themselves. This has consequently also forced innocent taxpayers to have to pay for the housing, feeding and the entertainment of people who should have never been imprisoned in the first place.

Smaller government is an additional benefit derived from “rooftop legislation” enforced by *lex talionis*. Federal agencies such as OSHA and the Federal Drug Administration would be superfluous under such government. The oversight of a speedy trial and administration of the proper judgment would be the only government intervention required.

OX GORING

Animals are also held responsible for the death of humans:

“If an ox gore a man or a woman, that they die: then the ox shall be surely stoned ... but the owner of the ox shall be quit [not held responsible]. But if the ox were wont [accustomed] to push with his horns in time past, and it hath been testified to his owner, and he hath not kept him in, but ... he [the ox] hath killed a man or a woman; the ox shall be stoned, and his owner shall be put to death.” (Ex 21:28-29).

This statute applies to any domestic animal or household pet that maliciously kills or maims someone. There are two exceptions to the death penalty for this statute:

“If there be laid [imposed] on him [the owner of the ox] a sum of money [by the victims next of kin], then he shall give the ransom of his life whatsoever is laid upon him. Whether he [the ox] have gored a son, or have gored a daughter, according to this judgment shall it be done unto him. If the ox shall push [gore] a manservant or a maidservant; he shall give unto their master thirty

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shekels of silver, and the ox shall be stoned." (Ex 21:30-32).

In other words, it is at the discretion of the victim's next of kin whether the guilty party is to be put to death or pay a ransom for the life of the person killed. These exceptions could also be applied to "rooftop legislation."

Exodus 21:28-29 could also be used for anyone who maliciously, intentionally or irresponsibly infects another person with a life-threatening contagious disease such as AIDS. This is actually attempted murder!

PERJURY IN CAPITAL CASES

Perjury is a capital crime in capital cases. If it is probable that an innocent man will be or is found guilty of murder as the result of malicious false testimony in a court of law, or a guilty person will be set free, the perjurer is to be executed:

"If a false witness rise up against any man to testify against him that which is wrong ... and ... if the witness ... hath testified falsely against his brother; then shall ye do unto him, as he had thought to have done unto his brother: so shalt thou put away the evil from among you. And those which remain and hear, and fear, and shall henceforth commit no more any such evil among you. And thine eye shall not pity: but life shall go for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot. (Deuteronomy 19:16-21)

Furthermore, this statute dictates that if a plot to murder someone is uncovered, the person plotting the murder is also guilty of transgressing the Sixth Commandment, whether the killing has actually been carried out or not. This statute applies to false testimony under all Ten Commandments; it is not limited to only the Sixth Commandment.

These statutes and those discussed in previous articles help to explain voluntary homicide. Involuntary homicide will be considered later.

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THE TITHE AND RESTORATION

by **Joseph McAuliffe**

The religion of humanism has worn many faces since its initial manifestation in the Garden of Eden. The anti-God spirit of humanism has undergirded every false faith throughout history. The most prominent mask of humanism in modern times has been that of statism which Hegel aptly described as "god walking on the face of the earth." Statism asserts its deity in the financial realm by staking its claim to the first fruits of man's income. Through its power to withhold income taxes and to uphold strict compliance with estimated tax payments, the state is paid first. The state in effect avows that "you shall have no other gods before me."

However, the Scriptures reveal that the tithe is our first financial obligation - to the Lord. Proverbs affirms that we are "to honour the Lord from your wealth, and from the first of all your produce" (Prov 3:9). This wonderful promise of prosperity and abundance is for those people and nations that deem the Lord Jesus Christ as entitled to the first fruits of our labour; the TITHE. In a godly society, taxes to the state are subordinate to the tithe to the church.

The tax-before-tithe principle is not only revealed in our paychecks but also in most budget books. The first category listed after income is taxes. In fact, most modern financial planning books will list several categories for taxes since we are besieged by so many different kinds of taxation. I would like to mention that my BusinessGram Financial Planner accordingly lists tithes and offerings immediately after income and before taxes. Because there is an invariable rela-

tionship between our treasure and our hearts, or our finances and our values, then we ought not to be surprised that the Scriptures enjoin us to render our tithes to the Lord from the first of our wealth. However, in many years of financial counselling with Christians, a common remark has stood out: "**No, I can't afford to tithe right now, but I do give God what is left over.**" Left-over giving leads to a left-over faith which has significantly contributed to the spiritual declension in our churches today. If God is purported to be first in our lives, then why do we pay Him last?

From a Scriptural perspective the tithe is a financial priority and not an afterthought. It's sad to say, but it appears that most Christians are more conscientious in rendering a 15 percent tip to a restaurant waiter than their tithe to God. The tithe, however, is not a left over, "**it is holy to the Lord.**" Sure, in one sense all our money is holy to the Lord and everything belongs to Him, but the tithe is all the more special because it is the divinely stipulated amount that serves as a demonstrable proof to God and ourselves, that we really believe He is what we profess Him to be.

Because the tithe is holy to the Lord, to tamper with it is to invoke His judgment. From a Biblical perspective, no one can really afford **not** to tithe. If due to some incredible catastrophe, someone needed to redeem part of their tithe, God's Law prescribes a hefty 20 percent surcharge (Lev 27:30-31) that should be reimbursed expeditiously. Perhaps the most salient Scriptural text concerning the tithe is Malachi 3:6-12:

*"For I, the Lord, do not change; therefore you, O sons of Jacob (that's US folks! CIM), are not consumed. From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from My statutes, and have not kept them. Return to Me, and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts. But you say, How shall we return? Will a man rob God? **Yet you are robbing Me!** But you say, How have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings. You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing Me, the whole nation of you! Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this, says the Lord of hosts, If I will not open for you the windows of heaven, and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows. Then I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it may not destroy the fruits of the ground; nor will your vine in the field cast its grapes, says the Lord of hosts. And all the nations will call you blessed, for you shall be a delightful land, says the Lord of hosts."*

The text begins by affirming the immutability of God's nature in contradistinction of the contemporary schizophrenic deity of dispensationalism. What is noteworthy about this revelation of God's unchanging being as a preface to the tithe is that opponents of tithing justify their position by advancing the notion of an utterly new kind of God, covenant, and law that is totally disconnected from the old. But tithing is also reiterated in the New Covenant. Jesus exhorted the Pharisees to continue their practice of tithing (Matt 23:23), and Hebrews 7 illustrates the tithe to demonstrate the change of priesthood from the Levitical order to that of the order of Melchizedek. It's not the tithe itself that has changed, rather it is the priesthood that has been transformed in the New Covenant. We tithe to God, no longer through the Levites, but as members of the new royal priesthood in Christ.

One other piece of irony related to this text is an

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experience I had in a ministerial meeting several years ago in Ohio. The ministerial association was predominantly theologically liberal, as is common in university towns, where rarely would a pastor actually quote or cite a Scripture to validate a point of discussion. Yet to my amazement, at one meeting when the subject of financial support for a building program was the topic of the month, several of the ministers could quote verbatim Malachi 3:8-11. Up to that point, I had thought even a "Jesus wept" would be a breakthrough.

Permit me to delineate the Malachi text and highlight several features that are pertinent to our study. God, first of all, calls His people to return to Him by bringing back their tithes and offerings, which will precipitate God Himself returning to His people. The fact of the matter is that many churches today should be renamed Saint Ichabod Assembly, because "the glory has departed" from them. God remains in these non-tithing congregations in His omnipresence, but not in His *shekinah* glory.

Tithing is God's barometer for renewal or judgment. Financial obedience has always characterized the most pronounced periods of divine activity in the earth. From the construction of the tabernacle under Moses, the temple under David and Solomon, the restored temple under Ezra and Nehemiah, the spread of the New Testament church, the Puritan Reformation, and the modern missionary and renewal movements, it has been the restoration of the tithes and offerings that have marked these advances of God's Kingdom. The tithe provides the financial resources that are essential to evangelism, discipleship, and cultural dominion.

The Malachi text also reveals a startling and humbling truth ... that to **not** tithe is to **rob God!** No genuine Christian desires to break the Eighth Commandment and be identified as a thief, but that is what he is in God's sight if he refuses to tithe. Non-tithers are no better than pick-pockets, possibly worse, since they steal from Almighty God Himself. The modern church is filled with spiritual Robin Hoods who steal from God and give to the state.

Thirdly, failure to tithe will cause an individual and nation to undergo God's curse and judgment. The primary manifestation of God's judgment in this area is the predominant development and control over our lives of a statist government which God permits to enact unjust legislation, taxation, and deprivation of liberty.

Fourthly, God attaches such importance to the tithe that he allows His people to do something that is otherwise forbidden: to test Him in this area. God unequivocally promises to open the windows of heaven to pour forth His blessings upon those who obediently tithe and render offerings.

The blessings of restoration ascribed to the tithes are manifold. They include both natural and spiritual food being made to and through the church. Christians who tithe are spiritually well-nourished and healthy. Non-tithing churches spiritually resemble the emaciated bodies and gaunt expressions of those languishing in third-world poverty. The tithe enables the ministry to put meat on the platter instead of the scrimpy crumbs that characterize the sermons of non-tithing churches.

Another blessing of the tithe is that God promises to rebuke the devourer who has been plundering the material, spiritual, and vocational lives of God's people. Modern Christianity in many ways is a testimony to the power of

adversaries that have so pervasively sabotaged so many churches with false doctrines, gospel, and life-style. This has come about because Christians have abdicated the tithe. God's promise, however, is that if His people would return with their tithes, then God will return with His rebuke of the devourer, and fruitfulness will abound to the church. Believe me, there is a vast difference between our rebuking the enemy and the Lord God Almighty issuing His rebuff.

Lastly, God's blessing from tithing will be manifest in both evangelistic success and cultural dominion whereby even "all the nations will call you blessed and you will be a delightful land." God's will is for the church to "preach the gospel to and make disciples of every [Israel] nation." We are failing in this now in part because we do not tithe.

The restoration of the truth of tithing is foundational to the great work of restoration, discipleship, and evangelism that God has ordained for the church.

Will you render God His due and tithe?

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As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord!

EDITORIAL COMMENTS

by Andrew Sandlin

PROPHETIC PREACHING

Over the past twenty years or so, there has been a big emphasis on "expository" or "expositional" preaching. This is the practice of preaching straight through the Bible (or a portion of it) sequentially, exegeting a particular portion and expounding it. This surely is an acceptable way to preach, and it has a long history. For instance Chrysostom in the ancient church preached this way.

Advocates of this sort of preaching, however, often criticize those who do not preach this way. Anything but their way is considered sub-standard, or even not preaching at all. But this is hardly the case. In the Bible itself, there are clear examples of this type of preaching. In the Old Testament, Ezra stood up publicly and read the Law; and this is an important part of public worship. In the New Testament, Jesus entered the synagogue (Strong's, #4864 = *assemblage of persons - the meeting or the place* - assembly, congregation, i.e. the church) and commented powerfully on a pre-selected text from the Old Testament to be used for that Sabbath day (a day 'set apart' by ceasing from daily work). None of the sermons recorded in Acts, however, is, strictly speaking, expository. None is "exegetical." If you look at the sermons of Jesus and Paul and Peter, you will find that they are generally *summaries* of and *applications* of Biblical truth. They did not take a few Old Testament verses and expound them. Rather, their entire life was *suffused* by the Old Testament and, therefore, virtually everything they said in their sermons was Biblically grounded.

Their preaching was spirit-filled, Old Testament-based, direct, urgent, immediate. It was *prophetic*; they were not speaking what they considered an antiquated word and simply "applying it" to the contemporary situation. Rather, they assumed that the ancient Word was *designed* for the contemporary situation. This is the sort of preaching that we need today! Virtually all Biblical preaching is *topical* in the sense that the preacher addresses a specific topic and weaves Scriptural truth into his preaching.

Some liberals use the fact that New Testament preachers (and writers) did not quote the Old Testament verbatim as proof that they did not hold what is today termed verbal inspiration [however, if one studies the Septuagint, it seems that they did quote it verbatim! CIM] It teaches nothing of the kind. It teaches, rather, that the Old Testament was such a part of their thinking and entire life that they spoke it with ease without any attempt at scholastic accuracy.

ADULTS' "JUNIOR CHURCH"?

A long-time friend and I were recently discussing the frequent practice of many evangelical churches these days of

holding separate "junior church" for children and teenagers during the "adult" worship service. This compounds the error of the "graded Sunday school" with the elimination of covenant children from corporate worship altogether: They never hear the Word of God preached by the minister. There is, of course, no Biblical warrant for this, and plenty of Biblical warrant against it. When the Word of God was publicly declared in the Old Testament era, all members of the church, that is, those within the visible covenant, were to be present, even infants (Deut 31:9-13). In the great Feast of Pentecost and the onrush of holy ghost accompanying Peter's preaching in Acts 2, it is declared that the promise of salvation is not merely to adults, but to their *children* (v.39). It is impossible to imagine that the listeners' children were not present on this occasion. Most or all of the early New Testament churches met in homes. Is it reasonable to suppose that all of the children were

shuttled off to a separate section for some other "Old Testament lesson," while the adults heard a different message? The greatest refutation of this removal of children from public, corporate worship, however, is not even in the pattern we observe in the Bible, but in the theology that the Bible communicates: The Bible does not wrench the covenant child from the covenantal context of the visible church. There is no "junior church," and there is no "junior covenant." The covenant is one, and the church is one.

I told my long-time friend, "It would perhaps be even more Biblical if the adults were dismissed for the preaching of the Word, and the covenant children remained to be instructed in the Faith." Now there's an interesting idea!

CIVIL ASSET FORFEITURE

Some of the most evil laws ever devised are the so-called "civil asset forfeiture" laws, both federal and state. The premise of these laws is the perverse doctrine of "eminent domain," that the state ultimately owns everything. As an entirely logical implication of eminent domain, civil asset forfeiture means that property used in suspected illegal acts may (or must) be forfeited to the state. The eye of this antinomian hurricane is the Great War on Drugs, which in actuality is The Great War on Citizens and their Property. In many states, property used - or thought to be used - in the commission of drug-related crimes can simply be seized by federal or state authorities - this means your car, your boat, even your house. The horror stories of how these wicked laws have destroyed people's lives are too legion to mention here.

The Bible teaches that the earth and all property ultimately belong to God, not the state (Ps 24:1). God has placed earthly property into the hands of man, His creature made in His image (Ps 8). Man is the *steward* of God's property. In the Bible, property is owned by individuals or families. The state may legitimately own very little property, in fact, no more than can be purchased by a minuscule poll tax (Ex 30:11-16). The state today is a thieving institution that must be put back into its place.

State stealing is still stealing. (and God's Law requires double or four-fold restitution for all theft!).

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There's little doubt that members of the police and military have been heavily indoctrinated with the "us vs them" mentality. They've been granted massive new powers .. told to expect civil insurrections .. and are being "encouraged" to treat civilians who resist tyranny as "criminals of the state." Left unchecked, our police and military may unwittingly "just follow orders" and enforce the globalist's agenda "for the good of the country." UNLESS: we can remind them that they are the protectors of the people ... not the enforcers of the system!

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CHRISTMAS?

Facts:

Christmas was NOT the birthday of Jesus Christ! It was celebrated centuries before His birth as the pagan festival of Saturnalia with revelry at the season of the winter solstice. It was in honor of Saturn the god of vegetation and husbandry.

Our church fathers refused Christmas because of its pagan roots. It was not observed until the 4th century AD as a "christian" holiday. But even then many true Christians refused to follow the heathen customs of the pagans.

Our Puritan and Pilgrim forefathers **banned** Christmas celebrations because it is idolatry. All of the customs of Christmas have pagan background!

So Why do Christians object today? For these same reasons and more. A true Christian is 'blood bought' by Jesus Christ his Savior. He is an OBEYANT disciple of His Lord. God's Word says, "**Learn not the way of the heathen ... for the customs of the people are vain: for one cutteth a tree out of the forest ... they deck it with silver and gold ...**" (Jer 10:2-4).

We are told to remember His death, NOT His birth: "*Shew the Lord's death till He come.*" (1 Cor 11:26).

PRESENTS

"Christ's Mass" or Christmas is a time of merry-making and exchanging gifts celebrated by ALL pagans. Revelation 11:10 tells us that the enemies of Christ "*shall rejoice over them, make merry, and shall send gifts one to another.*" Anti-Christians rejoice that God's witnesses are dead today! Whose side are you on?

A true Christian is a separatist and Jesus said, "*Ye shall be hated of all nations for My Name's sake.*" (Matt 24:9). But, if you keep the heathen day called Christmas - you fit right in!

The doctrine of Christmas is not found in your Bible. so what is your authority for following it? Jesus said, "*In vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments (and traditions) of men.*" (Matt 15:9).

Colossians 2:8 tells you: "*Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy (man's way of thinking) after the traditions of men, after the rudiments of the world (seasonal pagan rites).*"

IF THE LORD BE GOD SERVE HIM ... AND IF BAAL, THEN SERVE HIM!!

CONFESSIONS OF A CHRISTMAS DROP-OUT

I changed when I discovered what Peter, James, and John gave Saint Paul for his Christmas present.

I used to celebrate Christmas (as did many of us, in the past! CIM), but not any more. Oh, I enjoyed the presents and the beautiful carols, the hustle and bustle of last-minute shopping, the romantic mistletoe, the family reunion around a table overlaid with scrumptious edibles.

I'd listen as modern Christmas prophets would cry out against the commercialism of such a sacred holiday and, being a dedicated Christian, I would shake my head in hearty agreement. After all, Christmas was Christ's birthday (Christ-mass), and it belonged to Christians first!

But I don't celebrate it any more. I changed when I discovered what Peter, James, and John gave St Paul for his Christmas present: NOTHING!!

St Paul didn't celebrate Christmas. Neither did Peter, James and John. Nor did any early Christians of the first century. "How un-Christian!", I declared, incensed.

But when I cooled down enough to look at it objectively, I began to wonder who was really "un-Christian." Christmas wasn't celebrated by Christians before 300 AD. That means that for over 200 years Christians never seemed to give much thought as to how old their Lord was or when to cele-

brate His nativity

Well, maybe they began to feel bad about celebrating their own birthdays and not His. I wonder if He even cared. My sleuthing uncovered another shocking fact ... their celebrations for Him were quite belated. Now, I'm disappointed if my birthday cards arrive even a few days late. Imagine my embarrassment when I discovered that we've missed not only His birthday, but we've even got the wrong season. Why, His birthday isn't even in December, it's way back in September.

Any seventh-grade geography student would know that December is in the rainy season. Shepherds aren't usually out with their flocks on a hillside during a Mediterranean rain storm. Most historians and theologians agree that His birthday was in the early fall months of September, or maybe October - not December.

Hmm ... so the Savior was born in the early fall. Why do we celebrate His birthday on December 25th? The answer is easy ...

It was a federal holiday already! For the Romans, that is. December 25th was the birthday of the unconquered sun. It was made official in 264 AD by Emperor Aurelian of Rome, more than 50 years before Christmas was initiated.

December 25th was appealing for another reason. It corresponded with the hottest, wildest, most popular holiday to ever hit the Roman scene - Saturnalia. This festival, held December 17-24, honoured the Roman god Saturn. (I wonder if there is a connection with those who "keep" Saturn's day - Saturday as a sabbath?). Drunkenness, carousing, and perversion were the order of the day. The same insanity that infects the modern Mardi Gras was apparent there. Gifts were given, the most popular being wax candles and little clay dolls. Seasons greetings were heard in the streets. Businesses closed down for the week, and slaves were even given temporary freedom.

Hmm ... it all had a familiar ring. Pagan customs have been incorporated to celebrate a misdated Christian holiday that in fact is not even Christian in the first place.

Now I'm no lawyer, but that's a fraud if ever I've seen one. Sincere well-meaning Christians just like myself have been tricked (is "duped" too strong?). We've attempted to honour the Saviour with something that doesn't honour Him at all. In fact, it dishonours Him because of its paganness. Not only have we picked the wrong day for His birthday, we've picked a day when He doesn't want us to have a celebration at all - a pagan holiday!

The early American Puritans, for all the abuse poured on them by modern historians, at least could spot a fraud when they saw one. History shows that they not only rejected Christmas, they even built houses on December 25th to demonstrate their freedom from this heathen holiday.

Of course, people who don't care about the Saviour should certainly feel at home with the feasting, merry-making, and carousing that often accompanies this holiday. After all, they're celebrating the real Christmas (as can be noted from the fact that pubs, prostitutes and pimps, Anti-Christ-communists, and Babylonian capitalist merchants all celebrate this "feast"). But I wonder if any thoughtful, sincere Christian can continue to celebrate an un-Biblical religious holiday once he discovers the truth about it. The Bible says to "*keep yourselves from idols!*", doesn't it? Isn't that the Christians' rule book?

To be fair, however, I should admit that Christmas isn't altogether bad. It does bring out the best in some people. Some who are frugal or even stingy for 11 months, 3 weeks, and six days are suddenly transformed into benevolent, charitable individuals.



I have no complaints about that. It's just too bad that it takes a pagan holiday to do it!

---Denny Johnson.

THE MORNING AFTER!

'Twas the day after Christmas, and all through the land
Millions were ailing on every hand.
With heads ever aching and bleary red eyes
From gorging themselves on plum puddings and pies
On top of their chicken, or ham, or goose,
To say nothing of wallowing in Christmas-gift booze.

They worship an image in church or at home -
An old pagan practice promoted by Rome.
'Twas a Jesuit priest who, many years past,
Tied Christ in His crib and His corpse to the mast,
So Rome's flock would bow down-against God's command
To pay homage to images made by man's hand.

(how many 'Christians' suffer from indulging - maybe not on Christmas day, but at "Christmas-break-up parties" at their places of employment? Is that why Jesus died for you, so that you might indulge yourself with the pagans? Shame on you!)

Perhaps some well-meaning parents may say: "But we only keep Christmas because it is so much fun for the children, we're not REALLY worshipping Santa Claus and the tree, or those heathen gods!"

Let me pose some questions for you to consider in your heart:

1. Have you considered that children understand things DIFFERENTLY than you might think they do?
2. Had you considered that your "acting out" the rituals of pagan Baal will teach them to do also? And thus begin another generation of the same rituals?
3. Had you considered the emotions generated by "Christmas" rituals may well affect the ENTIRE LIFE of the children God has given you to teach and protect.

A few days before compiling this material into a booklet, while in a local store, I overheard a mother tell of her little boy catching her and her husband putting the gifts under the tree. She said, "He saw us, and began to cry, shouting, 'You lied to me, you lied to me,' and ran back to his room crying." She was laughing as she told it, for she thought his tears were only over "losing Santa Claus." What she may never realize was, HE HAD JUST LOST HIS TRUST IN HIS FATHER AND HIS MOTHER! That little boy will never forget that night. He will NEVER AGAIN trust his parents as he had before. God alone knows how much evil is wrought by "Christmas."

My Christian friend - leave this pagan ritual - you will be amazed and delighted at the serenity and rest that will come upon you as you pass the tensions and false emotions of "Christmas." And teach your children the truth. You will see the new respect they have for you, and for Jesus Christ. God will honour those who honour Him. God will prove in your children and grandchildren His promise, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

(taken from *IS CHRISTMAS CHRISTIAN* by Sheldon Emry, #103 @ \$5.25 posted)

HARRY POTTER FILM

The release of this film at the end of November, along with the vast amount of related merchandise, brings increased pressure on parents to allow their children to see the film or read the books.

The books describe the use of occult practices such as divination, astrology and the casting of spells. Students also

escape punishment when they break rules and lie.

In a 1999 interview on *The Diane Rehm Show*, author J K Rowling said she researched pagan and witchcraft practices to make the books more realistic. She said more than one third of the practices are based on occult practices. Richard Abanes' book *Harry Potter and the Bible* provides an excellent analysis including summaries of each book and detailed and detailed explanations of the occult activities and unethical behavior of the characters. Beris Kjos' articles *Bewitched by Harry Potter* and *Harry Potter Lures Kids to Witchcraft* on the website <www.crossroad.to> provide a good overview of the problems with Harry Potter.**

Update on Spanking

Smacking was on the agenda in Australia in the week prior to the federal election. Labor backbencher Mark Latham departed from party policy by advocating a return to corporal punishment in schools. In a letter to constituents he said he wanted tough but fair policies to "restore discipline in our high schools - bringing back the cane as a deterrent." This proposal was rejected by the ALP and by the Australian Education Union.

However, three days earlier, the Union's Victorian branch announced plans to introduce a code to tell teachers how to deal with students who attack and stalk them. In one instance a young female teacher was found in tears after being sexually harassed by Year 9 boys. (The Sunday Age, 4/11/01)

As discipline standards continue to fall, it is clearly time to re-evaluate our laws on corporal punishment in schools!**Courtesy Salt Shakers, Box 489 Blackburn

THE MIND BOGGLES

The discussion to allow the "psychologically infertile" access to expensive IVF treatment is as frightening as it is incredible. Women who have an "aversion" to men (lesbians, single women, etc) are to be allowed IVF access under new proposals being considered in Victoria. The mind boggles at how far some politicians and social engineers will stretch both the English language and common sense in order to push their radical agendas. But of course to be consistent we cannot stop there. One can easily imagine the need to help the "psychologically" unemployable - you know, people with an "aversion" to work. It would not be right to discriminate against these poor souls, so let's offer them free pensions for life.

And what about the "psychologically" unfaithful - people with an "aversion" to keeping their marriage vows? We dare not discriminate against them so let's give the swingers all the benefits of marriage - but of course without any of the responsibilities. While we are at it, let us spare a moment for the "psychologically" un-athletic - for instance short people who are discriminated against from playing with the Victorian Titans, or large people who are discriminated against from being jockeys. The world is full of such discrimination, and far be it for governments to overlook such obvious social injustices. It is said that verbal engineering precedes social engineering. Talk of "psychological infertility" is one of the best (or worst) examples yet of such nonsense. This is but another attempt of the ruling elite who are quite happy to soak the taxpayer in their attempt to radically remake society in their own image. Where will it all end?

Bill Muehlenberg, Heathmont, *Herald Sun*, 16/11/2001

Another year is dawning, Dear Father let it be: in working and in waiting - another year with Thee! Thank you all for your letters of appreciation, clippings, donations and all other support! May this New Year be one filled with the Father's blessings for you and your loved ones. May God bless you and protect you and yours,

Hendrik (Hank) Roelofs

