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# SOME INDISPUTABLE BIBLE FACTS

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### Introduction

The Protestant Churches today, have traditions in the same way as the Pharisees did and the Roman Catholics do. These traditions make the word of God of no effect in that they block understanding of "election" and the identity of the elect.

If asked to show someone all the verses he knows that say when a Christian dies, he goes to heaven, how many verses could he give? Could anyone point to one prophecy that forecasts this? If asked which of the heavens out of seven, people could talk about, which one could it be? For instance, in 2 Cor 12:2 Paul says he was, "caught up in the third heaven." Yet most of the church-goers have this tradition about "going to heaven" with no idea what they are talking about.

There is a whole parallel system of religion complete with language, experiences, beliefs, and lying wonders that refuses to accept many things in the Bible.

This system claims "Adam" of Genesis 2 was the first man whereas the Bible places the Garden of God as coexisting with the Assyrian [empire] in Ezek. 31[a prophecy to Pharaoh, king of Egypt, CIM]. This means that the Adam of Genesis 2 came into existence after there already was a civilization from Genesis 1. Please note that there is no "Adam" in the Septuagint Genesis 1.

If pointed out that Jehovah is called Satan in scripture, the churches might well have a fit because of their concept of what that word means. [God became an adversary to Israel—"adversary" is the same word translated as "satan".]

Churches teach that Paul had revelation about the Church that was not revealed to the prophets of the O/T, whereas Paul says he spoke about nothing but what "are written in the law and in the prophets". [This was spoken to King Agrippa].

Perhaps their major deception is saying that "the Jews" means Israelites, whereas the parties are in fact the House of Israel and the House of Judah, and not "Jews and Gentiles." it can be demonstrated easily that the word "Gentiles" usually refers to Israelites.

To assist their known or unknown deception, churches use dynamic equivalents, such as the NIV which is not a translation. They even have the effrontery to call a paraphrase a translation.

It is these traditional beliefs that have preconditioned most churchgoers against any from of "chosen people" as found through Scripture. So churches in effect dispose of the O/T with some saying in a derogatory way, "That's Old

Testament - but we are New Testament Christians."

If asked what the difference is between "redemption" and "salvation", and whom each could apply to, how many could give a rational Biblical answer? It must be admitted that all should be able to give a straight answer and have an understanding of such commonly used words. It would be rare to find any churchgoer who understands the differences between "sin", "iniquity", "transgression", and "lawlessness."

Now, it is not hard to easily find simple Bible statements that are **indisputable**. Only when we have such certainties, can we build on a rock-solid foundation.

Only when we are familiar with what is "indisputable" are we able to answer questions and to refute arguments. We are not talking about just historical identity facts; we have to be able to handle doctrinal issues as well.

When confronted by religious people, Jesus had a way of asking questions, and turning the matter back on those confronting him simply by asking a question. For instance, he would say, "have ye not read what it is written"? There are a host of Scriptures that can be used to throw questions and do it in the same style as Jesus used.

For instance we can say, "have you not read what Isaiah said, 'for the transgression of "my people" was He stricken, or of Jesus when he said, 'I was not sent but to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' if they say, "Well that was then, but now everything has changed", then ask, "Well, when did it change?" It will soon be found they have no real answer. Churches rarely have any concept that

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the New Testament involves fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecy.

There are many Scriptures that are completely limiting and cannot be generalized to include anyone at all outside of Israel. These are all commonly ignored.

As most people will accept a measure of *exclusiveness* in the Old Testament, we will first look at the New Testament for some of the indisputable verses.

Try highlighting in say (highlighter, we will use) **bold underline** the words which declare exclusiveness. For instance in Matthew 1:21 we read, "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His name Jesus, for he shall save **His people from their sins**," "His people" being an exclusive statement. It was not long before you will have an underlined Bible--as an example see the verses below.

This verse also brings out one vital fact that churches ignore, namely, that **Israel were "His People" before they were saved**. The churches say people "get saved" and then become His people, but this is one of the invalid traditions of the Protestant churches. On the other hand, the Roman Catholics say they have inherited the promises made to the Israelites.

So first let us look through a few New Testament verses to see some more examples of what we could highlight in the same way. Look at the emphasized words below.

Luke 1:16 "And many of the **Children of Israel** shall he turn to the Lord their God". Highlight "Children of Israel."

Luke 1:55 "He has helped His servant **Israel**, in remembrance of His mercy, as he spake to **our fathers**, to Abraham, and to **His seed** forever." [If "forever", this could never change later].

Luke 1:68-9 "Blessed be the Lord God **of Israel** for He hath visited and redeemed **his people**. And has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the **House of His servant David** ... as he spake by the mouth of His holy prophets ..... to perform the mercy promised to **our fathers**. [There is no other prophesy, is there?]

Luke 1:77 "to give knowledge of salvation unto **His people** by the remission of **their** sins."

Luke 2:34 "Behold, this Child is set for the rising again of **many in Israel**."

John 1:31 "But that He should be made manifest to **Israel**, therefore am I baptizing in water."

Acts 5:30 "**The God of our fathers** raised up Jesus ..... to be a Prince and a Saviour ..... to repentance to **Israel**."

This is a very blunt statement of whom Jesus is to be prince over. Jesus is called "**The redeemer of Israel**" and "**the Saviour of Israel**". Where we find the phrase, "**Saviour of all men**"-[Titus 4:10], this refers to "all men" **of the context**; that is "all men **of Israel**."

## SOME OF THE INCONTROVERTIBLE THINGS WE CAN SAY WITH CERTAINTY THAT "WE KNOW".

1. **WE KNOW** SOME CAN 'HEAR' AND SOME CANNOT 'HEAR'.

John 8:43-43 "Why do ye not understand my speech?"

even because ye cannot hear my word." Jesus says in this section of Scripture that those begotten "*from above*" from conception (through Sarah's womb) can hear, and that those "*from below*" cannot hear His words. Jesus also says, "*Let him that hath ears, let him hear*". So not everyone has ears to hear. The Churches teach that the ability to hear depends upon belief, but as faith comes by hearing, how could those who do not have the inborn capacity to believe ever be converted and come to belief and faith.

2. **WE KNOW** THAT NOT ALL PEOPLE ARE ORDAINED TO ETERNAL LIFE.

Acts 13:48 *And when the Gentiles*-[Paul calls them, 'Men of Israel'],-*heard this, they were glad and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed.*

"Ordained" is in the passive voice and in the past tense, that is, it is viewed as having been completed in the past, once and for all, not needing to be repeated. Being passive means the individual does not do the choosing.

3. **WE KNOW** THAT THERE ARE THOSE TO WHOM KNOWLEDGE OF THE MYSTERIES OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS NOT GIVEN.

Matt 13:11 Jesus answered, "*Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.*"

In John 6:65, Jesus says, "*No man cometh to Me, except it be given unto him of my Father*". So we know that this does not include everyone. [This selection [by God] is based on 'stock', as Paul says, "*Men of the stock of Israel*".].

4. HOW CAN WE SAY **WE KNOW** THAT THE BASIS IS RACE?

Rom. 8:29 *For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.*

Those "foreknown" are those "known in the Old Testament." God says he "knows" none other than the Israelites. We read of those of whom Jesus said, "*I never (ever) knew of you*"-or-"*will never know you.*"

5. **WE KNOW** WHOM GOD DID FOREKNOW?

Amos 3:2 *Hear this Word ...the LORD hath spoken ... O children of Israel, ... You only have I known of all the families of the earth.*

Here the mood is perfect....for all time. So the "fore-known" of the N/T are the known of the O/T.

6. **WE KNOW** THAT JESUS WAS NOT SENT TO OTHER THAN ISRAEL.

John 17:9 Jesus prayed about "*as many as thou hast given me*" and then he prayed for those who would believe amongst those to whom the disciples were sent. The twelve were sent, "*to the lost sheep of the House of Israel*"-[Matt. 10:6], the same ones whom Jesus says that He was sent to, i.e. "*I am not sent but to the Lost sheep of the House of Israel*."-[Matt. 15:24].

We must also note that Jesus commanded His disciples in Matthew 10:6-7, "*but go rather to the lost sheep of the*



House of Israel. And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand”.

It is rare to find any church that believes Jesus on either issue here.

7. **WE KNOW** THAT THE NAMES ‘ISRAEL’, ‘ABRAHAM’, ‘ISAAC’, ‘JACOB’, AND ‘THE FATHERS’ [OF ISRAEL] CONTINUE THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT.

So how possibly could all these be interpreted as “The Church” does? It is interesting to see how the churches try to get around this. They just make statements and then claim these to be facts ... like all politicians .... or modern-day scribes. Churches seem oblivious to the fact that the word “Israel” is an adjective, that is, it means “Israelite”.

8. **WE KNOW** THAT THE NEW COVENANT ONLY APPLIES TO ISRAELITES.

Heb 8:8 “Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah.”

And from this we can see that the New Covenant could not apply to anyone who had not had the Old Covenant. That is, the New covenant can only apply to Israelites. The relevant prophecy this fulfills is found in Jer. 31:31.

9. **WE KNOW** THAT REDEMPTION CAN ONLY APPLY TO ISRAELITES.

None could be redeemed = ‘brought back’ who had not been in place once before. If we are ever told to believe something that cannot be found prophetically in the O/T, watch out! There are no other references about Jesus as Redeemer than “The Redeemer of Israel.”

10. **WE KNOW** THAT SHEEP CANNOT CHANGE INTO GOATS BY BELIEF, AND TARES CANNOT CHANGE INTO WHEAT.

In Matthew 13, Wheat is sown as seeds by God and Tares are sown as seeds by the ‘enemy.’ According to God’s law each reproduces “*after his kind*.” They grow together and are separated unchanged at the harvest time - (Jude 19 and Rom. 8:15.) A person cannot change his genetic origin.

Yet Churches will, or will not to, believe about the “known” and the “foreknown”, or of God’s Law about seeds reproducing after their “kind”.

11. **WE KNOW** THAT IF GOD HATED ANY PEOPLE, THEY COULD NOT BE PART OF THE WORLD GOD “SO LOVED.”

Rom. 9:13 “Jacob have I loved, Esau have I hated”.

So we know by statement and by tense that the Old Testament position is maintained in the New Testament-- [See Mal. 1:1-4 where God says he hates the descendants of Esau for all generations]. Obadiah details their destiny as does Jesus in the parable of the vineyard.

12. **WE KNOW** OF WHOM ONLY, GOD IS THE GOD OF.

Exodus 3:15 “And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name (shem) for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations. (Take note those who favour the ‘holy name’)

We cannot find reference to God being the God of anyone else by name through the Bible. This applies for “all generations”.

13. **WE KNOW** THAT JER 23:27 APPLIES IN CHURCH PRACTICE

- “as their fathers have forgotten my name for Ba’al [=“Lord”]”

Likewise the churches pray “Lord this and Lord that”.

“Ba’al = the god of all races. Witness the prayer of Elijah on Mt. Carmel, and how Elijah named his God as **the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob**. The prophets of Ba’al did not do this, neither do the churches.

Yes, there are references to the “God of all the earth” but the context is Israel, so it refers to all the earth of Israel.

14. **WE KNOW** THAT GOD PLACES HIS NAME ONLY ON ONE PEOPLE.

Deuteronomy 28:10 *And All people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the LORD; and they shall be afraid of thee.*

Deuteronomy 26:19 *and to make thee high above All nations which he hath made, in praise, and in name, and in honour ; and that thou mayest be an holy people unto the LORD thy God, as he hath spoken.*

Numbers 6:27 *And they shall put my name upon the children of Israel; and I will bless them.*

This is an exclusive statement.

Note in the first two verses the word “ALL” which does not include Israel in the “all”. This is typical of the use of “all”, “every,” “whosoever” and “every” in both Hebrew and Greek where “all” refers “all” of each context only.

We can see “all” in “*You only have I known of all the families of the earth*”:

15. **WE KNOW** THAT ELECTION IS NOT PRIMARILY A MATTER OF BEHAVIOUR OR BELIEF

Romans 9:10-11. “When Rebecca also had conceived by one, even by our father Isaac; (For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;)

This is about offspring being elected by God, before having done good or evil- [ i.e. from conception]. This is not a belief factor.

16. **WE KNOW** THAT THE POTTER MAKES DIFFERENT VESSELS FOR DIFFERING PURPOSES.

Romans 9:21-22 “Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour? What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction:

God says that he had a purpose for making such differing vessels. And, we know when clay is fired, it cannot be moulded into another vessel. Popular church doctrine turns election into a matter of belief and any person’s choice instead of God’s sovereign choice.

17. **WE KNOW** THERE ARE TWO SEEDS RIGHT

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FROM EARLY IN GENESIS.

There are religious persons in the assemblies, "Not having the spirit" - (Jude 19), and that there are also those whose spirit can witness with God's Spirit that they are the children of God. The "natural" (-pre-Adamic) man cannot receive the things of the Spirit of God-[1 Cor 2:14.] So we know that there is a difference in 'spirit' between peoples in the assemblies.

This goes back to Genesis 1 and 2 where we find two seeds, "The seed of the Serpent" or the "natural man" and "The seed of the woman" both of whom continue until this day. But the Churches say the natural man converts to become one of God's people.

18. **WE KNOW** THAT NOT EVERYONE IS PLANTED IN THE GARDEN BY GOD.

Matthew 15:13-14 "But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up. Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch."

Jesus tells us that the tares are planted by the "enemy" and that they will be "rooted up" and are first burned before the wheat is gathered. [*The Rapture Of The Wicked*, #632 @ \$7.50] Note that tares and wheat are planted as seeds (at conception), and that one cannot turn into the other.

19. **WE KNOW** THAT THE WORD TRANSLATED AS "GENTILES" IS USED OF ISRAELITES.

Cor. 10:1-2 "Moreover Brethren, I would not have you ignorant, how that all **OUR FATHERS** were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea [i.e. the red Sea], and were baptised unto Moses."

This determines that we can know that these Corinthians [as other 'Gentiles' addressed] were Israelites. "Goyim" [Heb] and "ethnos" [Gr.] are used of Israel too. A look through a concordance will convince anyone about this.

20. **WE KNOW** THAT ADOPTION ONLY PERTAINS TO ISRAEL.

Rom. 8 "Who are Israelites to whom pertaineth the adoption....." (see *Who Are Israelites*, Sheldon Emry, #140 @ \$2.50)

Adoption refers to the adoption or placing of "Sons" [huios] out of the "Children" [teknon] of Israel and adoption does not "pertain" to other than Israel.

21. **WE KNOW** GOD HAS ANOINTED HIS PEOPLE.

John 2:27 "But the anointing which you have received abideth in you..."

John 3:9 "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin, because his seed remaineth in him."

John 5:18 "we know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not."

Even if this contradicts conventional theology, we know that the Apostle John is right in agreeing with Paul in, "Now he which established us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God; Who hath also sealed us, and

given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts." [2 Cor. 1:21]

"Us" and "Our" does not include anyone else. [The matter of "sin" will not be dismissed here but note that it has to do with "seed".] Churches and commentaries dodge this mention of seed.

22. **WE KNOW** THAT ONLY ISRAELITES CAN BECOME "LOST" [SHEEP].

Luke 19:9-10 "He also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Lost= *apollumi* which means being set aside for punishment for having broken God's law; that is, it only can apply to Israelites. It is these lost sheep that Jesus came to save. Jesus came to save sheep, but not goats [Esau is the goat].

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23. "Born Again". Jesus actually said, "Ye must be born from above". "Anothen", the word and tense means "from an origin in the past."

24. "God so loved the world." It is easily demonstrated that the world here is that world of the Israelite context, and does not mean the world of every racial context.

25. "Go ye unto all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." the Gospel is that of the Kingdom of God over Israel. the "creature" refers to things made by man, that is, this command is to go to houses and cities where Israelites live. (Not preach to birds and animals as Francis of Assisi did)

26. "Gentiles"= *Goyim* and *ethnos*. these words are also used of Israelites, and basically means any group of a common origin, which may be Israelite or non- Israelite, and which they are is determined by context.

27. "Grafting in". Rom 11:17 [Grafting only can be done to the same family stock]. This is about the divorced House of Israel being grafted "back" into the un-divorced House of Judah.

28. "Adoption." Rom 8:15-23 Rom 9:4, Gal 4:5, Eph 1:5. the word *huiosthesia* is about the "placing as "sons" out of the "children" of Israel.

29. "Abraham's Seed." Gal 3:16 where "christ" is a verbal adjective. It is Abraham's seed which is **anointed** [christ].

30. "Jews." In the plural it refers to the Judean nation-(multiracial), and in the singular it refers to the House of Judah. Churches ignore (or do not know) the different words for "Jew."

31. "Pilgrim's and Strangers"-[Heb. 11:13 - 1 Pet. 1:11]. There are differing words translated as "Strangers", some refer to Israelites and others refer to foreigners or non-Israelites.

32. "The Church" which consists of the "sons" called out of Israel, not out of every race.

33. "All, "Every, " "whosoever" refers to "all" of each context, not all of everything else.



34. "The World" is "that world of each context", not the whole globe. (World of music, world of sport). If we read "that world" for "the world" we would be more accurate. There are differing "worlds" in Scripture.

"The earth" usually has the meaning, "that particular earth." Each country has its own earth. It is false to make a national or geographic term into a racial term. For example, it is easy to prove that the Roman Centurion was an Israelite.

35. "Man" "Mankind" and "Men." There are differing words for "man." There is the "Enosh" man and the "Adam" man, as well as others. Sometimes husbands only are being addressed and sometimes only women are being addressed.

36. A Covenant Relationship is necessary to have a relationship with God, and the New Covenant is not made with all races - see Hebrews 8:8-10, and below.

### CONCLUSION

The doctrine of **The Exclusiveness of Israel** is a strong and mighty tower, with unmovable foundations. It cannot be moved because the God of Israel established it. but it is only of value to Israelites when a covenant relationship is established. There is a big "if" in the verse below that is addressed to Israelites- (ONLY!). Look again at the **Bold italic underlined** words:

"Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel. And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which the LORD commanded him. And all the people answered together, and said, All that the LORD hath spoken we will do. And Moses returned the words of the people unto the LORD." (Exod 19:5-8).

No other peoples are addressed outside of Israelites!

These Israelites made a meaningless group response which amounted to a false promise. It was an emotional response. When Moses delayed to come down, they quickly turned aside and danced around the golden calf (chapt. 32).

Here God proposed a covenant. But we have to appreciate that a covenant is a two-way thing. To be valid it has to be actioned by both parties, or it is not valid. A Covenant involves being in dead earnest. It involves meditation in God's Law day and night [Ps. 1:1]. It involves a searching out of truth.

The point is this; the Children of Israel were not known as God's people until they purposed to obey the Covenant. They are called "The people" or "The Children of Israel" before this.

"This day the LORD thy God hath commanded thee to do these statutes and judgments: thou shalt therefore keep and do them with all thine heart, and with all thy soul. Thou hast avouched the LORD THIS DAY to be thy God, and to walk in his ways, and to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and to hearken unto his voice: And the LORD hath avouched thee THIS DAY to be his peculiar people, as he hath promised thee, and that thou shouldest keep all his commandments; And to make thee high above all nations, which he hath made, in praise, and in name, and in honour; and that thou mayest be an

oly people unto the LORD thy God, as he hath spoken." Deuteronomy 26:16-19.

"Yet the LORD hath not given you an heart to perceive, and eyes to see, and ears to hear, unto THIS DAY." Deuteronomy 29:4

The day Israel became the people of God was when they made a covenant to obey God. Nobody becomes one of God's peculiar people by belief in Anglo-Saxon-Celtic identity. Every member has the potential to make a covenant to obey and believe God. What God is looking for is a Covenant relationship with His people.

### "AN EXAMINATION OF AMERICA'S TURNING POINT"

Part 6 Pastor Don Elmore

#### THE RESTORATION MOVEMENT

The United States of America, after the adoption of their Constitution, was basically home to only eight major denominations, churches, or religious organizations:

1. Roman Catholic Church - mainly in the states of Maryland and Louisiana.

2. Lutheran Church

3. Methodist Church

4. Baptist Church

5. Presbyterian Church

6. Episcopal Church

7. Congregational Church

8. Masonic Lodges

In 1800 there were only six synagogues and fewer than two thousand Jews in all of America. During that century, in the Northern states, many pseudo-Christian Churches and Movements emerged that gained influence and rapid growth. A small portion of these were:

1. Quaker Church

2. Unitarian Church

3. New Jerusalem Church (Swedenborgism)

4. Seventh-day Adventist (Millerism)

5. Transcendental movement

6. Women's Rights Movement

7. Radical Abolition Movement

8. Anti-slavery Societies

But another wave of religious activity erupted mainly in the frontier states—Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, and upper New York State. The dominance of Calvinistic theology that was so prevalent in the First Great Awakening of America was waning. Thousands of immigrants were coming to this country from Europe with non-Christian ideas and thoughts.

Ministers and members alike were leaving the mainline Protestant churches in search of something different in protest of church authority, confessions of faith, creeds, baptism, communion, moral standards, and denominational traditions. The leaders of this new movement intended to RESTORE the church back to its New Testament origins.

In the frontier, the choice between the intellectual, but lax morals of one type of churches and the denominational churches with scholarly sermons and formal services did not appeal to very many. With the danger of Indians, the long days of labour in the fields, the isolation of many of the settlers, the stage was set in these new areas of America for a new type of revival and churches. Many areas were rough and ungodly. Into this environment came the Second Great Awakening and the Restoration Movement.

But this Movement actually made things a lot worse for Christianity. For it complemented the rational, enlightenment movement that advocated doctrines that were farther away from the Calvinistic sovereignty of God than they

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were from the belief of the Humanistic **deification of man**. It totally denied the doctrines of God's election and God's limited atonement as well as the Calvinist's view on the depravity of man. And many of its leaders threw away or made optional many of the basic doctrines that multitudes of Christians had been martyred for over the previous several millenniums. When many of the dissidents were rebuked or disciplined by their churches, they thumbed their noses at their churches' actions by completely ignoring or defying their decisions. Subsequently, they started their own new churches, presbyteries, or religions.

As a result, the gradual erosion of truth in Christianity over the last two centuries has progressed so far that when one of the richest men in America, Carl Lindner joked that he is "one-third Catholic, one-third Baptist, and one-third Jewish," [NOTE: He failed to mention, as most influential people do, that he is a 33rd degree Mason] no one even seems to be aware of the absurdness of this statement [*American Israelite*, "State of Israel Bond Honors Linder," June 2002]. In like manner, church authority has been chipped away at in the same period of time until it has practically no authority at all.

Calvinism was vulnerable because of its failure to properly identify the people of God's election, atonement, and grace. Even though many of them referred to themselves as Covenant believers, they erroneously **universalized** and **spiritualized** the promises of the Abrahamic Covenant to individuals from all races and cultures. By misidentifying the recipients of this unconditional covenant, they were without the "anchor of the soul" (Hebr. 6:19). Thus, the anchorless ship of Calvinism was tossed to and fro and eventually was blown off course by the winds of heresy and apostasy and almost totally destroyed.

The Protestant Reformation in many ways over compensated many of their beliefs because of their disdain for the Roman Catholic Church. This was especially true in regards to their view on the interpretation of Scripture. Since Romanists left the interpretation of the Bible exclusively to their priests, the Protestants' view on interpretation swung to an extreme opposite position. In many Protestant churches, Creeds became the oppressive standard that had to be followed to the letter of the stated belief. But this clashed with the tendency of the Protestants for the private interpretation of a man to be given some authoritative respect [Priesthood of the believer]. The result was the multiplicity of sectarian groups and schisms that developed within the Protestant churches. In addition, many of the dissidents formed new religions, new measures, new churches, new doctrines, and new denominations.

### THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

The roots of the American restoration Movement extended backward to the period after the Revolutionary War when many churchgoers and ministers grew restless over the church's autocratic structure, the control and support of European countries of a particular church, the strict adherence to creeds, and denominational boundaries.

In Scotland, the national church was the Presbyterian Church. However, in the 1700s, movements began that established independent Presbyterian Churches. The followers of John Glas, Robert Sandeman, and the Haldane brothers were led to make an effort to live and worship after what they considered to be New Testament ideals (weekly Communion service, plurality of elders, weekly collection for the poor, foot washing, and Open commun-

ion) as they made efforts to lead their churches away from the false traditions of their state church.

Archibald McLean was raised a Presbyterian. However, he later rejected both infant baptism and sprinkling. In 1768 he co-founded the Edinburgh Scotch Baptist Church. This Scottish Baptist church followed Glasite doctrines, except they practiced baptism by immersion. It is said by some that Archibald McLean eventually concluded that baptism was for adult believers only and that its purpose was for the remission of sins.

### THE RESTORATION MOVEMENT SPREADS TO AMERICA

In the late 1700s and early 1800s in America, independent restoration groups were also springing up in opposition to different denominations. Some of the locations of these independent restoration Movements, their leaders, and their former denomination affiliations were;

1. Northwest Alabama: John Taylor, Baptist
2. South Georgia: Christian Herman Dasher, Lutheran
3. North Carolina and Virginia: James O'Kelly, Methodist
4. Central Tennessee: Wade Barrett, Baptist
5. Tompkinsville, Kentucky: John Mulkey, Baptist
6. New Hampshire and Vermont: Abner Jones and Elias Smith, Baptists
7. Kentucky, Ohio and Tennessee: Barton W. Stone, Presbyterian
8. Pennsylvania, Kentucky and Ohio: Alexander and Thomas Campbell, Presbyterian
9. Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Kentucky and Ohio: Walter Scott, Haldanean Presbyterian
10. Upper New York, Ohio, Missouri and Illinois: Joseph Smith, Methodist
11. Ohio, Missouri, Illinois: Sidney Rigdon, Baptist
12. North Carolina and Kentucky" James McGready, Presbyterian

The explosion of defectors from major American denominations was sparked by different reasons. For example:

#### The Methodists

A. James O'Kelly

On December 25, 1784 John Wesley sent a letter to the American Methodist Church giving them independence from the English Methodist Church. Francis Asbury was appointed as head of the American Methodist Church. But he was headstrong and difficult to get along with. A disagreement arose as to whether Francis Asbury would continue to determine the itinerary of the Methodist circuit riders or if they would gain control of their own preaching schedules. When Asbury refused to give in, a group of Methodist ministers, led by James O'Kelly broke away and formed the Republican (Free) Methodist Church. In 1794, they changed the name to the Christian Church. In the late 1700s these churches spread from Virginia and the Carolinas through the Cumberland Gap into Kentucky, Ohio, and Indiana.

B. Joseph Smith

Joseph Smith's paternal grandfather was a Catholic and his paternal grandmother was Anglican. Four of the members of his family, including his mother, were proselytized into the Presbyterian Church. His father and older brother were also members of the Masonic Lodge. Joseph, himself, participated in Methodist meetings and joined the local Methodist church class in 1828. Yet, in spite of his chaotic religious family background, Joseph actually became the leader of the most successful of all the Restoration Move-

### THE JUDGMENTS OF THE DIVINE LAW

Dr. Stephen E. Jones

*Tartarus, Gehenna, Hades, The Lake of Fire, The Eonian Judgment, What the Greek Church Fathers Believed, the Soul, being clothed in a glorified body, the Rich man and Lazarus, the Biblical use of Fire as a Symbol of Judgment, Law and Forgiveness, and more.*

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ments. On April 6, 1830, he and six others organized the "Church of Christ" in Fayette, New York.

### The Baptists

A. Abner Jones and Elias Smith

Baptist ministers Abner Jones and Elias Smith championed defeat of tax support for the establishment Congregational ministers. They also rejected the Calvinistic features in regard to God's election and predestination. Their desire was to create new churches founded on the restoration of the New Testament church in its first century purity. They went by the name Christian, or Christian Connexion. They started migrating westward after 1810 into upper New York, where they became especially influential, then into Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan.

B. Sidney Rigdon

Sidney Rigdon was born near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He was ordained a Baptist preacher in 1820. But after meeting Alexander Campbell, he soon came to agree with his teachings and views. Therefore, he resigned as pastor from the Baptist church and joined the Restoration Movement of the Campbell's. Being a persuasive preacher, he quickly became a major factor in the growth of the Campbellite movement in Ohio. In 1828 he formed a commune in Kirtland, Ohio. Because of a difference of opinion with Alexander Campbell on the commune, Sidney defected from the Campbellite movement in 1830.

### The Presbyterians

A. James McGready and Barton W. Stone

At the turn of the 18th century, the Second Great Awakening titillated the Kentucky and Ohio frontier. Presbyterian outdoor camp meetings sprang up throughout the region, led first by Presbyterian Pastor James McGready in Logan County, Kentucky at Red River Church. After several years of camp meetings, they dramatically grew in interest in Kentucky and surrounding areas: 4,000 at Concord; 6,000 at Lexington; and 10,000 at Harrison County. The climax of this unique American revival came with the 1801 extravaganza (over 25,000) at Cane Ridge, Kentucky, northeast of Lexington (near Paris, Ky) led by Presbyterian minister Barton Stone (a convert of Pastor McGready in North Carolina). Denominational and racial barriers crumbled as Presbyterians, Methodists, Baptists, and a small number of blacks joined in the "sacramental ecumenical communion events" that lasted for several weeks. Many of the attendees (the **unconverted** and the "saints") acted in a "godly hysteria" that was foreign to mainstream Christianity:

- \* Convulsive jerking
- \* Running and jumping
- \* Rolling like a log down a hill
- \* Loud shouting and cries for mercy
- \* Falling down and appearing as dead for up to several weeks
- \* Uncontrollable "holy" laughing
- \* Long periods of singing
- \* Seeing of visions
- \* Having dreams
- \* Uncontrolled crying for long periods of time
- \* Positioning on "all fours" and barking like a dog
- \* Falling into trances
- \* Speaking in "tongues"

Many of the ministers and members of the synod of Kentucky thought that these camp meetings were examples of disorder and chaos as well as heretical, since it diluted

traditional election theology.

Drinking and disorderly conduct were such problems during the revivals that some states prohibited the sale of alcohol within a few miles of the campsites. Some meetings degenerated to the point that "watchmen carrying long white sticks patrolled the meeting grounds each evening to stop any sexual mischief. Enemies of camp meetings sneered that more souls were begot than saved." *Counterfeit Revival*, Hank Hanegraaff, p.120; "Did You Know," *Christian History*, Issue 45, XIV, 1 [1995], p.2

Thus, they tried to stop any future occurrence of these types of revival meetings. They called their preachers who were engaged in these revivals to account, and censured and silenced them. But these ministers then rose up and unitedly renounced the **jurisdiction** of the Presbyterian Church. In rebellion they organized both a new presbytery (Springfield) and a new church of their own. They dubbed it with the name of Christian Church or New Lights. They also renounced the *Westminster Confession of Faith* and all church discipline, and professed to take the New Testament

from the May 1907 National Geographic Magazine:

### **THE 1905 REVOLUTION IN RUSSIA**

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for their church discipline. They established no standard of doctrine. Everyone was to take the New Testament, read it, and abide his own construction of it. Pastors Robert Marshall, Richard McNemar, John Dunlevy, Barton Stone, Huston, John Thompson (pastor of Springfield [now Springdale] Presbyterian Church, near Cincinnati, Ohio) and others were the chief leaders.

Soon diversities of opinions and confusion sprang up in this newly formed independent presbytery—Arian, Socinian, Universalist, etc. Disillusioned and disappointed, Preachers McNemar, Dunlevy and Huston were proselytized to the nearby celibate Shaker community [Union Shaker Village near Lebanon, Ohio]; Marshall and Thompson later repented and returned to the mainline Presbyterian Church, but Barton Stone remained and became the chief spokesman and leader of the newly founded Christian Church denomination.

B. Alexander and Thomas Campbell

The leaders of the Scottish Presbyterian Restoration Movement had influenced Thomas Campbell, a minister of one of the seceded Presbyterian churches, while he lived in the north of Ireland. But besides sharing their desire to restore the pristine purity of the church, he had also the passion to reunite it. But it wasn't until he immigrated to America that he expressed his views logically in 1809 in a document known as the "*Declaration and Address*."

His son Alexander Campbell had, independent of his father, arrived at a similar position. In 1812, they both renounced their Presbyterian faith entirely by submitting to baptism by immersion [The Presbyterian Church practiced sprinkling]. Thus they affiliated themselves with several Baptist Associations before departing in the early 1820s when they began preaching a doctrine foreign to Baptists and Protestants: **baptism for the remission of sins**. This polarized the Baptist churches; as some churches joined with the Campbells while others considered them as having seriously departed from the faith.

Both father and son became leaders in the Restoration Movement. By their great oratory skills and by means of their publication, "*The Millennial Harbinger*," their ideals to unite the church on the basis of New Testament principles and examples expanded to the other denominations and grew rapidly in many lands, including New Zealand and Australia. Their ultimate goal for uniting the churches



was so that the world [all races] could be evangelized with their inclusive gospel.

C. Walter Scott

Walter Scott was an immigrant from Scotland who, after arriving in America, came under the influence of the Restoration Movement by a Haldanean Presbyterian minister. While living near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Walter Scott met Thomas Campbell and they quickly became friends and co-operants in the movement. On November 18, 1827, while preaching at New Lisbon, Ohio, Walter Scott proclaimed for the first time in America what he considered was the lost but “ancient gospel” of baptism for the remission of sins, when he immersed in water William Amend for that purpose. (William Amend later joined the Mormon Church). He also popularized the various items of the gospel in a consecutive order that appealed to him as scriptural:

- 1st Faith
- 2nd Repentance
- 3rd Baptism
- 4th Remission of Sins
- 5th Gift of the Holy Spirit

D. Charles Gradison Finney

While living in upper New York State, Charles Finney dramatically had a life changing experience: One day he was a lawyer, the next a preacher. Although ordained a Presbyterian, Finney not only denounced the Calvinistic theology of the Presbyterians, but he completely changed the method of revivalism in the northern states. So different was his theology and methods that even he acknowledged that he preached a different gospel than did the Presbyterians. Needless to repeat, his “converts” became the agents for the shift in America to radical abolitionism, feminism, and Pelagianism [see earlier articles]. After holding many revivals in the 1820s and early 1830s in the area of the Erie Canal, he eventually became head of the Theology Department and later the President of Oberlin College and Seminary in Oberlin, Ohio. He also was the pastor of the Oberlin Congregational Church, the largest church in America at that time.

### THE RESTORATION MOVEMENTS MERGE

Even though many of the Restoration Movements were started and grew without any knowledge of each other, they had strikingly similar goals and methods. The restorationist leaders attempted to dissolve the entire superstructure of the church by going back to the simplicity of the apostolic times. Many of them were ex-communicated from their original churches or they departed on their own accord. The ex-Presbyterian leaders had a strong distaste for the *Westminster Confession of Faith*; others, for any church creeds. They all detested church discipline and denominational barriers.

Most were very intelligent and excellent orators. They were zealous and extremely hard workers. They swung the pendulum from a belief in God’s election and predestination to mankind’s universal free will—from “total depravity” to the “mourner’s bench.” They rejected calling their new churches by “sectarian names,” therefore most of them called their churches: Christian Church or Church of Christ.

As the movement gained momentum, various separate restoration church groups merged together:

\* In 1793, the Smith and Jones restoration Baptist churches joined together with the O’Kelly restoration Methodist churches.

\* In 1804, these aforementioned churches joined with the restoration churches (Christian Churches) that emerged from the campfire revivals that were under the leadership of Barton W. Stone

\* In 1824, influential preacher Sidney Rigdon (former Baptist) joined with the Campbellite (Disciple Churches).

\* In 1828, Sidney Rigdon formed a commune in Ohio and shortly thereafter (1830) separated from the Campbellite churches.

\* In 1832, the Barton Stone (Christian) Churches merged with the Campbellite (Disciple) churches.

### THREE SERIOUS RESTORATION ERRORS

#### 1. A Misidentification of The Recipients of the New Testament (New Covenant)

In an attempt to RESTORE the church to its New Testament origins, the Restoration Movement leaders failed to consider the EXCLUSIVE genealogical origin of the promise of the covenant that “*is unto you* (‘men of Israel,’ Acts 2:22a) *and to your children...*” (Acts 3:39a).

This fulfilled many of the Old Testament prophecies, such as Isaiah 44:1, 3b: “*Yet now hear, O Jacob, my servant; and Israel, whom I (God) have chosen ... I will pour out my Spirit upon thy seed.*”

While all of the Restoration Movements strove to restore the church to the New Testament first century model and while they all pledged to “speak where the Bible speaks, and to be silent where the Bible is silent,” they ALL nevertheless spoke differently than the scriptures in regards to two most important pivotal, foundational New Testament questions:

#### (1) What is the New Testament?

It is generally believed that it was Tertullian that was responsible for translating the Greek word for “covenant” by the Latin word “*testamentum*” (testament). By doing so he gave a wrong meaning to the Old Hebrew idea, which expressed a binding relationship between God and His **chosen** people. Therefore, a term of jurisprudence took the place of an ideal of special relationship.

The new covenant is the Abrahamic Covenant that has been confirmed by the blood of Jesus Christ. The redemption price has been paid. The Restoration Movement not only failed to restore the church back to its covenant roots, but it took it much farther away. It instituted a covenantless and election-less gospel that they made available to all races.

#### (2) With whom was the New Testament [Covenant] made?

You would think that if the restorationists really wanted to restore the church to the way it was in the days of the Book of Acts and the New Testament epistles, they would FIRST properly identify who the members of those new covenant churches were. But like Calvinism, the Restoration Movement also failed to understand that the “Gentiles” of the New Testament churches were the uncircumcised Hebrews of the former Northern Kingdom of Israel. This error doomed the Restoration Movement from its very inception. For how could you properly restore the church to its New Testament roots if you restored it with the wrong

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people and without the covenant that God made with His people?

The Book of Hebrews is not in the Old Testament, but it is in the New. And it is obviously addressed only to Hebrews—the chosen, covenant people of God. In this book it is made as plain and clear as possible that God did NOT make the New Covenant with all the races, but ONLY with the two houses (Kingdoms) of Israel! Both the Old and New Covenant was made with the same people. For if the New Covenant was made with all of the races on the earth, then so was the Old!

Quoting from the Old Testament book of the Prophet Jeremiah:

*“Behold the days come, saith the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel AND the House of Judah, not according to the [old] covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt.... Hebrews 8:8, 9a and Jeremiah 31:31, 32a.*

As Pastor Everett Ramsey wrote in “The Bible For Christians Today,.” March 2004, p.13:

Yet today, in the regular churches of the day, this covenant [Abrahamic] is never mentioned or explained. Yet without this covenant no church can claim existence, no individual can claim to be saved or have eternal life.

## 2. A REJECTION OF ESSENTIAL CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE

The Restoration Movement was an outgrowth of the Second Great Awakening in America.

While the First Great Awakening had emphasized the rational understanding of **essential Christian doctrine**, it remained for the Second Great Awakening, the next great wave of American revivalism, to advance almost purely emotional Christianity to a central position in popular American religion’ (Religion in America, George C. Bedell, Leo Sandon, Jr., and Charles T. Wellborn, p.153). In the First Great Awakening excesses had been the by-product of revival; in the Second they would be the bottom line ... The First Great Awakening took place primarily within the context of formal church services. The Second Great Awakening took place primarily with the context of frontier campsites.

-*Counterfeit Revival*, Hank Hanegraaff, pp. 116, 117

As Pentecost, described in Acts, chapter 2, was the beginning of the empowerment of the apostles with holy spirit so that they could go into all the world of God’s covenant people and establish local churches throughout the lands that they inhabited, so the camp meetings around the turn of the nineteenth century was the **counterfeit** Pentecost for the organizing of new kinds of churches—churches with a non-covenant theology and a non-covenant mindset. As a result, the dominion of the churches was attacked and it has suffered at an exponential rate ever since.

First, it attacked the **sacrament of Communion**: The camp meetings provided an ecumenical interdenominational, interfaith communion. They made available the Lord’s Supper to anyone who was present—even the unconverted and unbelievers.

Second, it attacked the **sacrament of Baptism**: soon immersion for the remission of sins became the “new restored gospel” of the Restoration Movement.

Third, it attacked the **authority of the local church**: The practice of “neglecting to hear the church” led to a rebellious attitude. This, in turn, led to the most splintered of all movements. The Movement established to unite the church actually caused the creation of more splits and fragmentations than any other time in the church’s history. And it has continued until the present.

As a result, marriages, families, local communities, the nation, as well as local churches have been severely ham-

pered. for example:

Prior to the civil war, the church had **sole jurisdiction** over marriage. You could not get married without the church’s blessing and you could not put away your spouse without church authority. - “*The Bible for Christians Today*,” Pastor Everett Ramsey, June 2004, p.5

Thus, a serious by-product of this counterfeit Restoration Movement has been the dramatic increase in divorces. This new doctrine subtly began a major shift in America from **covenant** relationships to **contract** relationships. This included marriages. The church blessing of a covenant marriage has been replaced by a legal, civil, or church contractual marriage. Since God provides, blesses and operates in His people’s lives by covenant, His covenant people are to base their relationships with each other on covenants. When they don’t—major difficulties occur.

The Restoration Movement emphasized that it was also an anti-creedal religious movement. But there is no such thing as a “creedless church.” A “creedless church” is an oxymoron. The term “creed” simply refers to what a religious entity believes, and in the case of a church or a denomination it is usually set forth in a summary called a Statement of faith, Articles of faith, Confession of faith, Declaration of Faith, or something else. Even if a church does not have a written or published summary of some description, the church nevertheless hold to certain doctrines and practices, and these constitute the church’s creed—written or unwritten.

## 3. A BELIEF THAT ALL OF CHRISTIANITY HAD TOTALLY APOSTATIZED

Different factions of the Restoration Movement considered not only the established Christian churches to be wrong, but they also believed that the other restoration factions were NOT valid Christian churches either. The official [LDS] version of what happened to Joseph Smith when he was 14 years old in upper New York State occurred when the Restoration Movement of Jones, Smith, Taylor, Dasher, O’Kelly, Barrett, Mulkey, Stone, Campbells, Scott, Haldane brothers, Sandeman, Glas and many others had been in progress since 1730!

This supposed major historical event is referred to as the First Vision. It happened on a beautiful spring morning in 1820 when teenager Joseph Smith retired to the woods near his home to pray in response to his reading James 1:5, “*If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God ...*” (Joseph Smith-History 1:11). While there praying alone and out loud, he asked for God’s wisdom to answer two questions that were perplexing him:

1. “... Who of all these parties [Methodists, Presbyterians, Baptists, Episcopalians, etc] are right, or, are they ALL wrong together?” - *Joseph Smith-History* 1:10.

2. “... IF ANY of them be right, which is it, and how shall I know it?” - *Joseph Smith-History* 1:10).

These inquiries were allegedly raised in Joseph’s mind by “... an unusual excitement on the subject of religion.” A religious revival had allegedly occurred and four members of his family (his mother, two brothers and one sister) had joined the Presbyterian Church (*Joseph Smith-History* 1:7). Joseph wanted to know which church he should join.

Both the answer to these questions and who allegedly gave the answer to his question are blasphemous. The official story relates that two personages gave the answer: God the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ (*Joseph Smith-History* 1:17).

And the answer they allegedly gave to the young boy Joseph: “I was answered that I must join **none** of them, for

is this exclusive?

***“Only the LORD had a delight in thy fathers to love them, and He chose their seed after them, even you above all people, as it is this day.”***

Deuteronomy 10:15



they were **all** wrong; and the Personage who addressed me said that **all** their creeds were an abomination in his sight; that those professors were **all** corrupt..." (*Joseph Smith-History* 1:19). "He again forbade me to join **any** of them ..." (*Joseph Smith-History* 1:20)

This would **include** the restoration churches, which were in existence at that time (1820). And since Joseph Smith did not begin his Church of Christ until 1830, then according to LDS history, there were no churches in existence that were right and no churches for anyone to join for the next TEN YEARS in America?!!! [Longer in South Africa, since the first Mormon missionaries did not arrive there until 1853].

But if that were true, then why did God on December 16, 1838 intervene and miraculously save the 464 Afrikaner men, along with women and children, and their 900 oxen, 500 horses and other livestock from the 15,000 Zulu warriors? This occurred after the *apartheid* believing Voortrekkers made a *covenant* with God to build a church (Calvinistic) if their lives were spared. Since over 3,000 Zulu warriors died in the battle and there were no deaths or significant injuries suffered by any of the Afrikaners or their animals, then was that not proof that God did not consider this "Church of the Vow" that they subsequently built in 1841 in Pietermaritzburg to be **WRONG**?

But in Joseph Smith's personal diary account he writes that all churches, including those of the South African Afrikaners were in complete apostasy: "... by **searching the scriptures** I found that mankind did not come unto the Lord but that they had apostatized from the true and living faith and there was **no society or denomination** that built up the gospel of Jesus Christ..." (The Personal Writings of Joseph Smith, p.2). From his own diary it seems that Joseph Smith knew the answer to his questions from searching the scriptures and not from the two Personages! Of course, contradictions are the norm for this movement. In fact, later in his life, Joseph completely defied on two separate occasions what both God the Father and God the Son had allegedly personally told him:

- (1) When he joined the Methodist church class in 1828, and
- (2) When he joined the secret Society of Freemasonry in 1841 and became a 33rd degree Master Mason.

And shortly after his assassination in 1844, both his wife (one of fifty) and her son (Joseph Smith, Jr.—eventually leader of a smaller branch of Mormons who settled in Independence, Missouri) temporarily joined the Methodist Church!

And the Stone-Campbell churches? They eventually became a sect more dogmatic and sectarian than the churches that they originally renounced. They ultimately claimed that they and they only were the "Churches of Christ." And that no one could be "saved" unless they had been baptized "in order to obtain remission of sins." But this sect, like the Restoration Movement of Joseph Smith, was inconsistent. For according to their own historical records, Thomas Campbell, Alexander Campbell, Walter Scott, and Barton Stone—the "big four" of Campbellite history—were themselves never "immersed to wash away their sins!"

### **THE RESTORATION MOVEMENT TAKES A SUD-DEN BIZARRE TWIST.**

Many of those who are interested in the history of religion in America are aware that the Restoration movement that originally intended to unite Christianity—actually did the opposite. It created theological confusion and resulted

in a plurality of more denominations and false religions. The Campbell-Stone led movement in the United States spawned the Holiness Churches, the Pentecostal Churches, the Church of God Churches, the Vineyard Churches, the Disciples of Christ Churches, the Church of Christ Churches, the Christian Churches, the Promise Keepers Movement, the Charismatic Movement, and the Church Growth Movement—just to name a few.

But few are aware of how the Campbell-Stone Restoration Movement played a major role in the establishment of the Restoration Movement of Joseph Smith, which provided an avenue for many Pharisaical doctrines! [see #220 July 2004 An Examination of America's Turning Point, Pt 5]. The events were sudden and bizarre.

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### **DEVOTION AND COMMITMENT** by Walter J. Chantry

*"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." Acts 2:42.*

There is an increasing restlessness among American (and Canadian, and Australian) Christians. People are drifting from church to church in the same locality, hoping to find a level of God's blessing that

seems now to be absent. As God has blessed us with the multiplication of Reformed ministries in many localities, Calvinists have joined the game of musical churches. Round go the gypsies, and we watch to see where they will sit down next.

Complaints that make Christians into spiritual nomads are that the churches are not meeting spiritual need, that they feel alienated from other saints, that the Lord is still far away. Especially do the young saints evidence this wistful, transitory quality of life.

In every generation young Christians are pummeled by the demands of starting a marriage, a family, a new career. At the beginning the financial, social and job pressures are most intense. A longing eye is cast at the older, more established saints who seem to have life together. Their homes are rooted and rock solid. Their jobs are advancing. They seem to have plenty of time to study God's Word, pray and fellowship with each other. The young do not feel that they share in the stability. They are far from the level of doctrine or prayer life of this core in the church. There is a feeling of not belonging. The temptation of the vagabond to move along is intense.

The truth is that there is no church anywhere that can carry spiritual depth of doctrine or prayer to anyone caught up in the endless demands of this age. There is no congregation that can make a person feel part of the inner fellowship of its assembly while the person allows himself to be buffeted by the noise and time demands common to mankind.

Those who now seem to have such a placid and privileged position in local churches once faced the same array of pressures that are so daunting to young Christians. But they, as the believers described in Acts 2:42, succeeded in forming constant habits of attendance at worship where prayer and teaching of biblical doctrine were central. At great effort and cost, they determined to forge a fixed pattern of life to be present when a church prayed, worshipped, and gathered together for fellowship. Now it has become part of their lives, and now they reap the benefits of time and energy invested through the years.

Usually spiritual blessing and feeling part of the church



does not so much arise from superior spiritual strengths in the church as in determined commitment to devote ourselves to continued teaching, fellowship and prayer. When someone makes it a priority to gather with the saints in this way, he or she usually feels the satisfaction of intimacy with God's people and he grows in spiritual wisdom, prayer and grace.

There is no perfect church in doctrine or graciousness. It is easy to blame our indecision, lack of discipline and lack of commitment on the local church. But spiritual weakness and a sense of alienation from God's people are quite often traceable to a very elementary failure in those who criticize the church. If we do not devote "ourselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship" and we do not "continue to meet together," the most aggressive nomadic search for inner satisfaction is destined to failure.\*\*\*\*\*

Do not just "visit" your local fellowship, but become a member, and give it your spiritual and financial support, and be a part of something, not just a hanger-on. The patterns of worship attendance that you set now, are inculcated into your children. teach them that on the **Lord's Day**, they should be in the **Lord's House**, i.e. the Fellowship, and teach them to sing Psalms. CIM  
The above article from the Net.

#### NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING

*"I humbled my soul with fasting; and my prayer returned into mine own bosom."* Psalm 35:13.

The Ecclesiastical Council for the Restoration of Covenant Israel, a group of Americans concerned about the decline in the Nation's morality and politics, is calling for a National Day of Prayer and Fasting. This practice was common among the Israelites of the Old Testament and it was often declared and used by Great Britain as late as World War II.

If America, a Christian Nation (and other Christian Israel Nations), ever hopes to regain the glory she achieved at her Independence and at the writing of the Constitution of the United States, then her People must rededicate the nation to their God.

*"Sanctify ye a fast, call a solemn assembly, gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land into the house of the LORD your God, and cry unto the LORD. Alas for the day! for the day of the LORD is at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come."* - Joel 1:14-15.

We call upon all Christians who see the handwriting on the wall, who perceive that the "falling away" prophesied in the Bible ( 2 Thes 2:3) is happening before our very eyes, and who see that our Nation is fast losing its Christian heritage to secularism and materialism, to join us in proclaiming a National Day of Prayer and Fasting on the Sunday after Thanksgiving, November 28, AD2004. Be prepared to join together that day as a National Act of Repentance before God.

*"If ye have faith as a mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you. Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting."* - Matt 17:20-21.

Scripture tells us that these things cannot be accomplished without prayer and fasting, so let us proclaim a fast. After our celebration on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 25, AD2004, giving thanks for the liberties and blessings that our Father has provided, let us rededicate this nation to the principles of Biblical morality and liberty

which made this country great.

"If my people, which are called by my name (upon whom my Name is called, Num. 6:23-27), shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." - 2 Chron 7:14.

Please join us in reviving this tradition of national repentance in Zion.

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#### LEADERS ARE READERS

by Philip H. Lancaster

Any man who is serious about becoming the spiritual leader God calls him to be will be a reader. If nothing else, he will be a reader of the Book of Books, the Bible. But if he wants to be fully biblical in his use of the Bible he will also be a reader of other books. Books are a natural and inevitable fruit of the Bible itself.

It is a remarkable fact that God has chosen to reveal himself in language. Although it is true that the best and highest revelation of God is in the person of Jesus Christ himself, it is also true that the Bible speaks about Jesus and is itself revelation from God. Jesus said, These are the Scriptures that testify about me (John 5:39). The written Word is thus the heart of the Christian faith.

Some may say that the Bible is all that we should read and study since it alone is the actual words of

God. Other books are mere human words, they would say. The intention of such statements is noble but the implication is unbiblical. It is true that the Word is absolutely unique and must be the foundation and standard for any teaching or discussion. But Christians are obligated by Scripture itself to engage in teaching and conversation about what the Bible teaches and how to apply it to our lives.

God has ordained that uninspired people should be the source of instruction about the inspired Scriptures. Parents, husbands, elders, and fellow Christians are all admonished to teach others the Word of God (Deut. 6:6-9; Eph. 4:11-12; 5:25-27; Heb. 10:25; 13:7). When God's people were being restored after the exile, the leaders went beyond just reading the Word to the people: They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so that the people could understand what was being read (Neh. 8:8).

So we must not only read the Bible itself, we must also teach it to one another; and one natural way for this teaching to occur is through the publication of books. The teaching, admonition, and encouragement of other Christians is captured in the pages of books so that it can be read and reread, to our eternal benefit.

Of course, not all books are created equal. There is a lot of just plain froth out there vying for our attention but not worth the effort to read [including emails!]. One aim of Patriarch is to direct men to the best resources and to make them available through the mail (this is also one of our aims with our literature, CIM). We want to point you to those books (and tapes) that are truly worth your time and effort to purchase and share with others.

It is a well-known fact that men do not read much compared to women and that people generally today do not read



very much at all. One answer to this problem is to make quality material available on audio and video tapes as well as on books; and we will do this as much as possible. But there is no way around the fact that Christian men must simply determine that they will develop the habit of reading. We are a (the) people of the Book, and reading will always be a vital part of how the Lord equips and directs his people in this world.

If biblical faith is to flourish in the 1990s and beyond, Christians must buck the trend of our TV culture and get back to books. Each man should have a personal reading plan as he seeks to walk with God as a leader of his family and an instrument of Christ in all the dimensions of his life. There is no way around it: if a man would be a leader, he must be a reader. Courtesy **PATRIARCH**.

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## CHRISTIANITY DISCRIMINATES

by Pastor Bertrand L. Comparet

Part of the campaign of brainwashing to which the American public is being subjected is a huge and well financed effort to make us believe that all discrimination is bad. Those of us whose memory reaches back 40 years or more, will recall that the ability to discriminate between things of different value or utility, was then recognized as a most essential part of intelligence. Those too dull to see differences where they exist were considered stupid. How does it happen that the subsidized press, radio and television commentators now so bitterly denounce all who can discriminate? They even try to make us believe that discrimination is not Christian! Since all of the devil's doctrines are now being preached under the false pretense of "Christianity," let us examine the only source from which we can determine God's position on the subject of discrimination.

From beginning to end, the Bible is a book of discrimination, discrimination by God Himself and discrimination which God commanded us to make. We find the first record of God's discrimination in Genesis 4:3-5, where we read, "*And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the Lord. And Abel also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering: but unto Cain and to his offering He had not respect.*" What is this?

But that is only the beginning. In Genesis 5:3-4, it describes Adam's family, yet it mentions by name only one of his children, Seth, and barely notices the existence of others. Discrimination? Yes, indeed! Right on down through verse 31, this chapter notes the existence of each succeeding generation, yet approves only one in each generation by giving his name.

This brings us to Noah. In Genesis 6:17-18, we find that God discriminated in favour of Noah and his family and against all the other people living in that land. Did God see a difference between them? Of course he saw a difference. But today we are told that we must pretend that there is no difference between the races even when we clearly know that this pretense is false.

Follow me on down through Genesis and we find that God discriminated in favor of one and against others in every generation down to Abraham. Among Abraham's children, God discriminated in favor of Isaac and against Ishmael. Among Isaac's children, God again favoured Jacob over Esau, making Jacob the father of God's people and changing his name to Israel, while Esau and his descendants were cursed with God's indignation forever. Likewise, God favoured Joseph over all his eleven brothers and again God discriminated in favour of the Israelites and against the Egyptians. "How awful! say our modern liberals. Why, that is racism!" Yes, frankly it is, and it is God's own choice at that. God has certainly lost the "Minority Group" vote but I am grateful to Him for setting an example which we can follow.

Some people have been misled by their churches into the belief that the Old Testament is only a record of God's mistakes and failures. That God had to abandon all this and make a new start in the New Testament, which changed everything. No greater falsehood was ever taught. God was right the first time and all the time.

The Old Testament and the New Testament are perfectly consistent. There is as much Christianity in the Old Testament as there is in the New Testament. The New Testament is as much an Israel book as was the Old Testament. (see Emry's *Old Testament Christians*, #224 @ \$2.10 and *New Testament Israel*, #225 @ \$1.95 from CIM)

No doubt many of you have heard many preachers say that discrimination is not Christian. Let's look into this. Who is the supreme authority on what is Christian? It can not be anyone except Jesus Christ Himself. No one can tell me that Jesus Christ was unChristian.

Fortunately, Jesus Christ never used any of the weasel worded evasions which are considered polite today. He always fearlessly spoke the exact truth, in words too plain to be mistaken. All the Gospels record that, among the Jews, Jesus Christ spoke His teachings in parables

which they could not understand. Later, He explained these parables to His disciples in private. At least three of the Gospels record that Jesus explained to His disciples why He took such pains to keep the Jews from understanding Him. In Mark 4:11-21, we read, "*And He said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables: That seeing, they may see and not perceive; and hearing, they may hear and not understand: Lest at any time they should be converted and their sins should be forgiven them.*" Now that is real discrimination! How could you make it any stronger?

But that is not all. Both Matthew 15:22-28 and Mark 7:25-30, record that, when a Canaanite woman asked Jesus Christ to drive the demon out of her daughter, He replied that it was not proper to take the children's bread and cast it to the dogs. Not until she acknowledged that the children of God, the true Israelites, must first receive His gifts. Not until then did He consent to heal her daughter.

Discrimination? Yes, indeed! Racism? Certainly! But who dares to call Jesus Christ unChristian? Yes, I think that some of the "liberal" and "Modernist" preachers will actu-

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ally say this! But this only shows clearly how much Satanism is falsely masquerading as Christianity today.

But this discrimination becomes even stronger. In Matthew 7:6, Jesus Christ warns all His followers, ***“Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before the swine, lest they trample them under their feet and turn again and rend you.”*** Certainly everyone knows that Jesus Christ was not so foolish as to think that His disciples were going into the barnyard and start preaching to the four-legged animals there. When He spoke of “dogs” and “swine” He was speaking of the two-legged varieties. [They had to be recognizable as such before they were given any message, and whether they were dogs/swine or not was not dependent on their acceptance or rejection of the message! CIM] **DISCRIMINATION BETWEEN RACES? CERTAINLY!** But we haven’t had sense enough to believe Him and obey Him. We have given that which is holy, our Christian religion, unto the dogs in Africa and Asia.

Today, those missionaries who did not escape in time have been eaten in Africa or are slowly dying in Chinese prisons. The precious pearls which God gave to us, the inventive skill He placed in our minds, the high civilization which enables us to produce great abundance of every useful produce, these we have cast before the swine of the earth. They now trample under their feet the peaceful prosperity we tried to give them and use our science, our machines, even the surplus food we ship them, as weapons with which to destroy us! [Do **NOT**

**ever** donate to charities that give our resources to coloured nations. Oppose all coloured adoptions by white people! CIM]

Yes, I know how the minority groups and the mongrelizers are raging against what I am saying. But it is time that God’s truth be told before it is too late. Jesus Christ warned us to discriminate between the races, just as He discriminated. In His last talk with His disciples, in John 14-17, Jesus Christ said that He would send to them holy spirit, the spirit of Truth, whom the nations of the world order (cosmos) cannot receive because they do not see Him nor know Him. Jesus said that He prayed only for those who were His and not for the world system.

Jesus Christ knew the folly and falsehood of pretending that all people, all races, are alike or equal. He knew that every sacrifice of truth on the polluted altar of expediency and politics brings its terrible penalty in national and racial degradation which only their destruction has ever succeeded in cleansing.

All history is a vast junkyard of the wreckage of empires which ignored this lesson and in consequence thereof, perished. Several times in our past history, we were on this path to destruction and were only saved by the direct intervention of God. Today, we have allowed corrupt leaders to take us so far into this shadow of death that again, only the promised intervention of God can now save us. We have His promise to save us if we will get down on our knees and beg for forgiveness and then He will heal our land. If we will do our part God will keep His promises to Israel. While yet we can, let us turn back to the word of our God. Discriminate between that which is good for us and that which is deadly. That which is our own and that which is alien to ourselves and to our God.

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## Cath Vyse

I began my walk with God seven years ago, thanks to the persistence of a close friend who shared the gospel and Christ’s love with me. It radically changed my life! My world opened up, from that of an unhappy and confused woman, to one whose heart’s desire was to live for Christ, and serve Him in any way I could. From that point on, I threw myself into service - at church and on the mission field. The Lord sent me, on various occasions, to Manchester (UK), Scotland, Hungary and Bulgaria. I felt I was making great strides forward for the Lord, and living the life He wanted me to live.

God did indeed greatly bless those mission trips as I saw lives changed by the words of the Gospel and dramatic encounters with the Living Lord, but inside was festering pride. I was proud at being a chosen instrument of the Lord, instead of humbly acknowledging that it was all His work! Unfortunately, this instrument was not playing a harmonious tune at home. While I was out at church, meetings and missions, my unbelieving husband and children were getting the short end of the straw. Service? A hastily thrown-together “ready meal” after work. Submission? What’s that?

I had now moved to a more lively church, and again became fully emerged in church life, as well as holding down a part-time, but demanding job as a counsellor in a busy local college. I have an enquiring mind, and was busy exploring issues such as “Christian-Feminism,” asserting the “right” of every woman to live an independent life

outside of the home, fully expecting my husband to take his fair share of the chores, and wait on me when I came home from work.

Bang! Sometimes God drops a proverbial firework into the coziness of our daily lives, and begins a radical shake-up! Two things happened at roughly the same time: my husband went back to University to study for a degree, and a dear friend gave me a pile of back copies of *Above Rubies* magazines!

My home situation changed, as my husband was now busy studying every evening. My attitude took a little longer! On first reading *Above Rubies*, I was horrified! I felt that women were reduced to the status of mere chattels—tied to the kitchen sink, barefoot and pregnant! All the views I had gathered over the years rose up in protest. I vowed to give the magazines back to my friend at the first opportunity. But God, as ever, had other ideas. I couldn’t get the articles I read out of my mind, nor Nancy’s wise words of godly wisdom. Thoughts of submission, and this “high calling” of motherhood kept going round and round in my head. I kept going back and reading and re-reading. Gradually God began to change my crooked mindset. He led me to Romans 12:2, *“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will.”*

An inner transformation began which led to a change of priorities. Having received no teaching through the church on the subject of submitting to my husband, I allowed God and the Word to instruct me, through passages such as Eph. 5:22-24, Col. 3:18, Titus 2:4-5 and Peter 3:1-6.

Learning to submit went hand in hand with cultivating a Christ-like attitude - putting Vince’s needs first, allowing him to make decisions, and most importantly, stepping down from the position of authority where I had placed

myself. It has not been easy. I still take the reins back, but with God's help and forgiveness, I am changing, and becoming the godly wife He wants me to be. I took Jesus' exhortation to "go the extra mile" as directly relevant to my relationship with Vince - to serve him, and a bit more, too.

My focus changed from seeing myself as an independent, career-minded woman, to a wife and mother with a "keeper-at-home" heart. My home is Number One! I find it a joy to make my home a delightful place for my husband and children to come home to, and enjoy nothing better than filling my kitchen with the smell of home baking!

Finally, God made it clear to me that there would be no more mission trips or time away from home without my husband. I was no longer called to "go," but to "stay" in the mission field of the home. Putting my life in the right order, God's order, has left me truly blessed, instead of duly stressed!

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### REAL TERRORISM OR FALSE HYPE?

#### Henry Hoffman, Congregations of Israel

Within the past year we have witnessed a veritable plethora of terror "alerts" and "warnings." It appears that sometime during the average week, the responsible(?) agencies of the government issue some press release relative to some perceived threat. And the media immediately pounce on this release with all the fervor of "breaking news." Some months back, like little children, we were given a "coloring scheme" to denote the serious impact of some threat, with red being imminent, and ranging through the various shades of oranges, yellows, and greens. Pardon me, but I am intelligent enough to understand without going through a colouring lesson.

First of all, before someone accuses me of being unpatriotic, let me state that I am a veteran having served eight years. I do not however believe or endorse the statement, "my country right or wrong." If the nation is on the wrong track, then it is the responsibility of patriotic **Christians** to speak out on the issues. I emphasize "Christians" as I am not sure that "others" have the best welfare of our nation and people at heart.

We have heard all manner of security threats against this nation, but I ask, how many of them are substantiated and true? Is this perceived threat "real," or is it something invented by what appears to be our less-than intelligent intelligence agencies?

Could it be that all of this talk of terrorism is merely to cause the citizens to fear the unknown threat? Aside from the 9-11 tragedy (which is a story unto itself) and the so-called "shoe-bomber" what other acts of terrorism have we seen? The reports of terrorists sneaking across the Canadian border turned out to be untrue and false. Are these instances the forerunner to the end of freedom? Is all this talk of terrorism a way to justify the expansion of the government? Is this a cover for the increasing huge debts which the government is sustaining? It was recently reported that the U.S. government is now **7 trillion dollars** in debt and the interest is still accruing [what a blessing to those who 'created' this money out of thin air, parasites living off the taxpayers who have to find the increasing interest every year! CIM] There are a lot of unanswered questions for which no one is providing any answers.

We now have the new Homeland Security Agency in place. Does this really make you feel more secure? The U.S. Border Patrol is reporting that tens of thousands are crossing the southern border every day, and while some may be seeking work and employment, how about those who seek to do harm to this nation and our people. How

can we even think we are secure when we can't control our own borders [The Border Patrol is not even given enough petrol to run their vehicles! CIM] The hundreds of **billions** of dollars that these illegal aliens are draining from our shaky economy is backing President Bush to the wall. Being concerned, I wrote my congressman about the ongoing disaster on the border, and I received a standard form letter telling me that Congress is studying, evaluating and investigating the matter. That is rhetoric which means that Congress is doing nothing!! They have been studying, evaluating, and investigating for decades, but they have done nothing! In truth, both past and present members of Congress have been responsible for untold damage to this country. The only glimmer of satisfaction is that they will have to answer to a wrathful God someday for their abrogation of their responsibilities.

Is the terrorism threat real? If we would separate ourselves from the ungodly ones, the threat for the most part would disappear. Only time will tell. We need to place our trust in God Almighty instead of the ways of man!\*\*\*\*\*

A Bit of Humor

A WHALE OF A STORY!

A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales.

The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was very small.

The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale.

Irritated the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible.

The little girl said, "When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah."

The teacher asked, "What if Jonah went to hell?"

The little girl replied, "Then you ask him."

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We are getting very close again to the end of this year. If you want to keep all your *Messengers* for the year neat and together, may I suggest that you purchase a 4-D ring insert binder, and a box to a box and a half of sheet protectors. Then if you insert the pages after removing the staple, you can keep a whole year bound and together for minimal cost. I have 20 binders full that way. If you want spine and front cover sheets, send a stamped self-addressed 110X220 envelope, specifying which year you require.

We are still waiting on a few more "contacts" to send their forms in before issuing a "Contacts List" to those people. It will not be issued to everyone, but only to those who are on the list. The same applies to the "Singles" list which we also hope to issue shortly. Please send your details if you are single and want to be on the list, or request a form.

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May the God of our forefathers, who brought our ancestors out of Egypt, bless you and keep you in His care. Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for His mercy endureth forever.

