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"Blessed be the LORD God of *Israel*; For He hath visited and redeemed *His* people, And hath raised up an 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!* They are God's EXCLUSIVE people.

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The Trojan Horse - Part 2

VIOLATION OF THE FIRST COMMANDMENT

Like the study of evolution, which has many various, diverse theories, psychology also has many different opposing views. There has developed since its inception four main schools (forces) of thought in this offshoot of philosophy with over two hundred and fifty different systems of psychotherapies. Psychoanalytic psychology (the first force) gave way shortly after World War I to behaviorist psychology [see pt 1, #227 Feb 2005]. But after about forty years of this new "second force" of psychology, a completely new branch of psychology began that was totally different from the previous two.

THE THIRD FORCE OF PSYCHOLOGY: Humanistic Psychology

The founder of the new third force of psychology [1960] adamantly disagreed with both Freud/Jung's theories on the source of man's problems and Watson/Skinner's theories on how man behaves. The founder, Carl Rogers, while a student at the University of Wisconsin was selected as one of ten delegates to the "World Student Christian Federation Conference" that was held for six months in Beijing, China. Not surprisingly, he began to doubt some of his Christian beliefs and became exposed to some of the philosophies of the Eastern religions.

Shortly after his return to the States, he entered Union Theological Seminary. While attending a class at the Seminary entitled, "Why I am entering the ministry," he realized that he did not want to enter the ministry and so he dropped out of the Seminary. Additionally he switched his major: he began to study clinical psychology at Columbia University. He also married, but against his parents wishes.

Rogers was influenced in the area of psychology by Otto Rank (real name, Otto Rosenfeld). John Dewey, the humanist, and socialist educator, who was a signer of The Humanist Manifest I, had influenced Otto Rosenfeld. Rosenfeld lived in Austria. Shortly after cheating on his wife with a client, he divorced his wife and immigrated to the United States and became a professor at the University of Pennsylvania.

But it was Rogers who was responsible for making this new type of psychology very popular. He eventually became a professor of psychology at Ohio State University

in Columbus, Ohio and wrote sixteen books and over 200 articles. Because of Carl Rogers' writings and influence, this new force made a drastic change in the field of psychology. Different from the first two forces, this new force of Rogerian psychology shifted the emphasis from man to self. Notice how America's view on deification changed over the past two centuries:

From the DEIFICATION OF GOD

[when Calvinism was prevalent]

to the DEIFICATION OF MAN

[during the first two forces of psychology]—

now emerged the DEIFICATION OF SELF.

For the first time, psychology's goal was **the empowering of individuals to achieve their full potential**. Experience was more authoritative than the Bible. Counseling became client-centered instead of therapist-centered. The therapist's job was not to tell his client how to solve his problems, but to help the client think of his own solution. This was based on the premise that man was basically good and that the client usually knew better than the therapist as to how to proceed. The therapist's technique was to listen carefully to what his client said and then to continually respond: "So how do you FEEL about that?" Never judgmental but always asking questions, he tries to lead his client to arrive by his own thoughts to the answer.

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Rogers, who had renounced the Holy Bible and his conservative Protestant upbringing, adopted an anti-Biblical view of man and offered in its place his second-rate substitute. This hater of God's Law, attended séances and sought the Ouijaboard for answers to the hereafter. In his psychological model, Rogers taught that there was no right and wrong—no sin. He advocated that the problems that man had stemmed from two areas: conscience and guilt. In his system, these two had to be done away with because they prevented a person from having freedom, creativity, and joy.

To obtain this, each person needed non-judgmental self-acceptance. In other words, everyone **MUST** love himself or herself and accept him or herself because self-love and self-acceptance is the key to solving one's problems. Self is elevated to godhood, because each person has within themselves the answers to their problems.

THE INFLUENCE OF HUMANISTIC PSYCHOLOGY

Carl Rogers is probably one of the most important *social revolutionaries* of our time. From encounter groups, to liberal ideas about marriage, to promotion of the women's movement, and to the human potential movement—hardly any American alive has not been affected. At work, school, counseling centers, and in books, magazines articles, seminars, and on radio and television shows, Americans are bombarded by the concept that man has not only **evolved physically** but is also **evolving spiritually**.

War has been declared and is raging against Christianity and most Christians are unaware of the battle. Like David when he found himself in the enemy army of the Philistines (1 Samuel 29), many Christians are fighting on the wrong side, but don't even know it. Listen to the following prophetic words written by Carl Rogers:

I believe that in our decaying culture we see the dim outlines of a new growth, of a **NEW REVOLUTION**, of a culture of a sharply different sort. I see that **REVOLUTION** as coming not in some great organized movement, not in a gun-carrying army with banners, not in manifestos and declarations, but through the emergence of a **new kind of person**, thrusting up through the dying, yellowing, putrefying leaves and stalks of our fading institutions.—“Therapy for the Masses,” *Christianity Today* magazine, November 8, 1985, page 22.

One of the “fading institutions” that Rogers refers to is the Christian church. So this new mutant, “Emerging Man,” who will change the fundamental nature of our society is a non-Christian man.

And, sadly, this revolution has happened. This new culture has been built upon New Age psychology that has become the emerging man's religion of self-worship. No longer do most Christians embrace the words of Jesus to “**deny self**,” but they rather heed the battle cry of the “Age of Aquarius:” self-confidence, self-potential, self-awareness, self-acceptance, self-love, self-image, self-esteem, self-fulfillment, self-development, self-assertion, self-actualization, and self-*ad infinitum*, and self-*ad nauseam*!

And what was the “culture of a sharply different sort” that Rogers predicted would come in the late 1960s and 70s? Could it be the Cultural Revolution that America experienced during this period of time that caused a sharply anti-Christian shift in music, morals and purpose of life? Wasn't there a revolution of **sexual promiscuity**, a revolution of **mind-altering drugs** and a revolution in the hypnotizing beat of **hard-rock music**? The revolution of “sex, drugs, and rock-and-roll” produced a “new kind of person!”

In David Frum's book *How We Got Here—the 70s*, he refers to this rebellious period of time as “looking out for

number one,” which meant forgetting traditions, forgetting moral standards, and forgetting Christian beliefs. This cultural rebellion could hardly be called “the greatest rebellion in American history. It may have lacked the blood and gunpowder of the political rebellions of the past. There was no Boston Tea Party, no firing upon Fort Sumpter. But **it was more earthshaking** than ANY of the violent uprisings of the past” [emphasis mine, D.E.]

THE FOURTH FORCE OF PSYCHOLOGY: TRANSPERSONAL PSYCHOLOGY

Abraham Maslow, the son of Russian Jewish immigrants, developed in 1969 the last major psychological theory. It was an outgrowth of humanistic psychology, Jungian concepts, and the Cultural Revolution. In this theory, man is a **spiritual** being, capable of making his reality. Because there are no absolutes, man needs to discover the “god” within himself. To do this, mystical practices, occult meditation, and many other Eastern religious rituals are advocated. man determines what is right and wrong. The goal of man, according to this view, is self-actualization.

MASLOW'S HIERARCHY OF NEEDS

SELF-ACTUALIZATION

The achieving of full potential
[only 1% of the population]

ESTEEM NEEDS

Internal:	External:
Self-respect	Status
Autonomy	Recognition
Achievement	Attention

SOCIAL NEEDS

Affection, belonging, acceptance, friendship

SAFETY NEEDS

Security, protection from physical and emotional harm

PHYSICAL NEEDS

Hunger, thirst, shelter, sex

Maslow's famous Hierarchy of Needs chart, shown above, outlines the progression of needs that man has to meet in order to achieve the desired goal of self-actualization. Basically, although Maslow readily admitted there were exceptions, man had to meet his lower needs before he could meet the needs listed on the next higher level of the chart. But only after a person met **ALL** of his physical, safety, social, and esteem needs, could he then achieve his full potential. Maslow estimated that only one-percent of the population ever achieved this goal of his new fourth force of psychology.

Transpersonal psychology was the title given to Maslow's new emerging force. This new “denomination” of psychology emphasized the importance of the ultimate human capacities and potential that had no systematic place in psychoanalytic psychology, or behaviorist psychology, or humanistic psychology. For it incorporated the spiritual—but like all of the other psychological forces—it totally rejected Christianity.

TRANSPERSONAL PSYCHOLOGY: ANOTHER NAME FOR SOME OLD RELIGIONS

Unknown to many Christians, modern-day psychology [transpersonal] is **saying the same thing** that the Hindus and Buddhists **have been saying** for thousands of years: god is within, and there are techniques to discover or unfold this god-power within. And to discover this god-power within, one has to achieve an “altered state of con-



sciousness”— one has to change his conscious mind. And how does one do this? It can be accomplished in many different ways, some of which are listed below:

1. Mind-altering drugs
2. Meditation
3. Yoga
4. Shamanism
5. Yin-Yang
6. Hypnosis
7. Visualization
8. Colour therapy
9. Chanting
10. Sensory awareness
11. Reincarnation therapy
12. Tai Chi meditation
13. Guided imagery
14. Alchemy
15. Biofeedback
16. Mind power
17. Parapsychology
18. Autogenics
19. Transcendental Meditation
20. Possibility Thinking
21. Hard Rock Music
22. Meet all the needs of Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs chart.
23. Travel all of the 33 degrees of Freemasonry

Some prominent motivation speakers and writers who teach **transpersonal psychology principles**:

1. Napoleon Hill, author of Think and Grow Rich
 2. Zig Ziglar
 3. Earl Nightingale
 4. Tony Robbins
 5. Jack Canfield, author of Chicken Soup for the Soul.
- Some prominent preachers who teach **transpersonal**

psychology principles:

1. Norman Vincent Peale
 2. Robert Schuller
 3. Kenneth Hagen
 4. Kenneth Copeland
 5. Mary Baker Eddy
 6. Elizabeth Claire Prophet
 7. Agnes Sanford
 8. Norman Grubbs—Intervarsity
- Some prominent organizations, which teach **transpersonal psychology principles**:

1. Mary Kay Ash—Mary Kay Products
2. Amway
3. Ernst Holmes—Church of Religious Science
4. Christian Science
5. Mormons
6. Jehovah's Witnesses
7. Hare Krishna's
8. Scientology
9. Erhard Seminars Training
10. Dr. Dobson—Focus on the Family
11. Silva Mind Control
12. Positive Mental Attitude individual success seminars
13. Lifespring

Through counseling, motivation seminars, positive thinking, positive confession, human potential books, and many church sermons and retreats, anti-Christian practices have entered into the church hardly without a fight.

Schools, including Christian schools and seminaries, teach psychology as part of their curriculum—and yet it is a false religion! Schools, businesses, and government agencies provide counseling services that are based upon the beliefs of these disguised Hindu and Buddhist religions. The silence of the ACLU over this teaching of religion in public schools is more evidence of their totally biased agenda aimed specifically against Christianity.

The **modern day psychologist** is the same as the old **witchdoctor and sorcerer**. They both believe in laws that control spiritual forces, which in turn control the physical world through the power inherent in spoken words. This creative power of the spoken word is one of the main precepts of the Jewish Cabala. As verified by E. Fuller Torrey, one of the world's top research psychiatrists: "The techniques used by Western psychiatrists are, with few exceptions, on exactly the same scientific plane as the techniques used by witchdoctors" (*The Mind Games: Witchdoctors and Psychiatrists*, p.8).

The now popular psycho spiritual techniques of visualization represent a revival of shamanism—which is sorcery and witchcraft. Anthropologist Michael Harner of the New York academy of Science declares:

A shaman is a man or woman who enters an **altered state of consciousness**—at will—to contact and utilize an ordinarily hidden reality in order to acquire knowledge, power and to help other persons ... It is in the SSC (Shamanic State of Consciousness) that one "sees" shamanically. This may be called "visualizing," "imaging," or as expressed by Australian aborigines, using "the strong eye." ...As the distinguished Australian anthropologist A.P. Elkins observes, the vision of an aborigine shaman "is no mere hallucination, it is a mental formation visualized and externalized, which may even exist for a time independent of its creator..." —*The Way of the Shaman*, pp. 20,50.

So blatant, widespread, and accepted is this teaching that when Napoleon Hill, the champion of the "Think and get rich movement" teaches: "**Anything the human mind can believe, the human mind can achieve**," no cry of "heresy" is heard. Even though, this financial guru later wrote that he received this "Supreme Secret" from a "disembodied Master." And when Gloria Steinem of the National Organization of Women bragged, "By the year 2000 we will, I hope, raise our children to believe in **human potential**, not God," few took up the sword of truth in opposition.

Various New Age transpersonal psychology seminars, which are dedicated to human fulfillment by using the techniques of creative visualization, verbal and written affirmations, and an altered state of consciousness have been utilized for their employees by such big corporations as: General Motors, American Telephone and Telegraph, Rockwell International, Bank of America, Hughes Aircraft, Weyerhaeuser along with many governmental agencies, such as: the IRS, CIA, U.S. Customs, U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, and NASA.

And many Christians participate in other ancient religious techniques such as Yoga, transcendental meditation, Tai Chi, Karate and many others. The YMCA and some public schools and colleges even offer courses in these

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CONTRAST OF THE THEOLOGY OF PRESBYTERIAN CALVINISM AND FINNEY

	<u>Calvinistic Theology</u>	<u>Charles Gradison Finney Theology</u>
TOTAL DEPRAVITY	God is sovereign Man is innately evil Original sin	God is not sovereign Man is innately good Denial of original sin
UNCONDITIONAL ELECTION	God in His sovereignty chose a people	God did not choose anyone Man chooses God
LIMITED ATONEMENT	God died for and atoned the sins of His elect	God did not die for anyone, He died for a purpose, not for a people
IRRESISTIBLE GRACE	The Holy Spirit draws the elect people to God	Man comes to God on his own power
PERSEVERANCE OF THE SAINTS	Those whom god has chosen; Jesus has died for; and the Holy Spirit has drawn are forever "saved"	Man has to obtain perfection; "saved" only as long as he unfailingly obeys

ancient Eastern religious rituals. Have you ever considered how counter-productive it is to have a campaign against swallowing, injecting, snorting or smoking of mind-altering drugs and at the same time teaching yoga, transpersonal psychology, transcendental meditation, visualization, positive thinking, etc. **that have the same purpose** as the taking of the mind-altering drugs: to achieve an altered state of consciousness? No wonder there has been so little success in the war against drugs!

THE CHANGING OF THE THEOLOGY

To change the culture, first there must be a change in the theology. And the theology was changed. It began with the Second Great Awakening, which led to the national ministry of Charles Gradison Finney.

"Thus, in Finney's theology, God is not sovereign; man is not a sinner by nature; the atonement is not a true payment for sin; justification by imputation is insulting to reason and morality; the new birth is simply the effect of successful techniques, and revival is a natural result of clever campaigns" (www.capo.org). He is popular in today's world of the mainstream churches because he was instrumental in the SHIFT from reformation orthodoxy, evident in the First Great Awakening to revivalism, evident from the Second Great Awakening to the present.

Finney's moralistic impulse **envisioned a church** that was in large measure an agency of personal and social reform rather than the institution in which the means of grace, Word and Sacrament, are made available to believers who then take the Gospel to the world of God's covenant people. In the nineteenth century, the evangelical movement became identified with political causes—from abolition of slavery and child labor legislation to women's rights and the prohibition of alcohol. Reacting against the pervasive Calvinism of the First Great Awakening, the successors of that movement of God's Spirit turned from God to humans, from the preaching of objective content (namely, Christ and Him crucified) to the emphasis on getting a per-

son to "make a decision."

Finney demonstrates how close Arminian revivalism, in its naturalistic sentiments, tends to be a less refined theological liberalism, as both caved in to the Enlightenment and its enshrining of human reason and morality. It is upon Finney's naturalistic moralism that the Christian political and social crusades build their faith in humanity and its resources in self-salvation.

The turning point in American history occurred over one hundred seventy years ago. The door of most churches was opened and left unguarded against heresy, and the wolves quickly entered: Joseph Smith and Mormonism, Unitarians and The War of Northern Aggression, Darwin and evolution, Marx and Communism, The Secret Six's financing of the Scofield Bible and dispensational theology, **Freud and psychoanalytic psychology**, Charles Russell and Jehovah Witnesses, Christian Science, The Jesu-

its and their Futuristic prophetic theology, the feminist movement, Federal and state income tax, **B.F. Skinner and behaviorist psychology**, the creation of the United Nations, *The Humanist Manifest I and II*, *Brown vs. Board of Education*, **Carl Rogers and humanistic psychology**, *Roe vs. Wade*, the hard-rock music revolution, the mind-altering drug revolution, the sexual revolution, **Abraham Maslow and transpersonal psychology**, the church growth movement, Promise Keepers movement, the positive mental attitude movement, the sodomite movement, etc.

The culture has been changed—because the theology has been changed.

And how drastic has it been changed! **The Trojan horse of psychology slowly helped change the theology** of America from Christianity to Hinduism/Buddhism/Talmudism/Cabalism/Freemasonry/Jesuitism and thereby its culture.

THE CHANGING OF PSYCHOLOGY

1898 PSYCHOANALYTICAL [Man is controlled by

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repressed and forgotten memories in his unconscious]
 1919 BEHAVIORISTIC [Man is controlled by external environmental forces]
 1960 HUMANISTIC [Man is controlled by himself]
 1969 TRANSPERSONAL [Man is to strive to be god]

TRANSPERSONAL PSYCHOLOGY: THE SAME OLD SERPENT'S LIE THAT WAS TOLD IN THE GARDEN

In the Garden of Eden, God created the man-Adam and from his body he formed his wife, Eve. The Serpent (the enchanter of the ten sephiroths and all twenty-two paths of the magician) deceived Eve by lying to her that she "could become a god." Later God chose a people: the physical seed of his friend Abraham, his only covenant son Isaac, and Isaac's son Jacob. this genealogical seed eventually became the **kingdom of God** on the earth and was known as Israel.

God warned the people of His kingdom not to practice the abominable behavior of the cursed Canaanites that they had replaced the former land of Canaan, such as: "using an enchanter, or a medium, a wizard, a necromancer, an observer of times, a diviner, a witch, or a charmer," etc. (Deuteronomy 18:9-14). But they continually failed to obey this direct command and other laws that were given to them by their divine King. Therefore, the Syrians, Assyrians, and Babylonians took them captive into other lands at various times as a result of their sin.

After centuries of being dispersed from the Promised Land because of their disobedience, part of this chosen seed inherited the birthright land of Joseph (one of the twelve sons of the Patriarch Jacob). In the early days of their colonization of this newly settled land of America, the belief in a sovereign God was prominent. However, the doctrine of election was distorted and misapplied. Soon, the doctrine of God's election was changed to man electing God. Then it became a popular belief that all people were descended from Noah and/or Adam and/or a small glob of molecular material. This set the stage so that over the next several generations man's election deteriorated to a belief that man doesn't even have to choose God—he just has to discover the god that is within himself—thus, the lie of the Garden has reemerged— "thou shalt be as god knowing good and evil" (Genesis 3:5b).

All of the leaders of the four forces of psychology hated and/or rejected orthodox Christianity. Most were students of the Jewish Cabala and the occult, which deceptively masqueraded the "tree of the knowledge of good and evil" as the "tree of life." They regularly participated in many of the forbidden Canaanite practices that God instructed His people "they were not permitted to do so."

A WARNING GIVEN BY JESUS TO CHRISTIANS

Most of Christianity, but not all, seems to be unaware of the danger of this offshoot of philosophy—psychology. But they are without excuse as the Bible foresaw this danger by giving the following clear warning:

"Beware, lest any man spoil you through philosophy ...:" (Col. 2:8a). As a result, the philosophy of the Eastern religions, the Jewish Cabala, the catholic Jesuits, and the Jewish Masonic religious organizations have all been merged into the pseudo-science Trojan horse of psychology. They all have the SAME GOAL:

The goal of transpersonal psychology is **self-actualization**.

The goal of Taoism is *hsii*.

The goal of Sufism is *fana*
 The goal of Buddhism is *nirvana*
 The goal of Zen is *satori*.
 The goal of Mormonism is **celestial marriage and godhood**.

The goal of Freemasonry is **to obtain god-hood by following the 10 sephiroths and the 22 paths of the mis-named "tree of life."**

The goal of Hinduism is **to become one with the universal self**.

All are different words for the same thing—discovery of the "god" that lies within each person.

AMERICA HAS BECOME A HINDU/BUDDHIST COUNTRY

While Christian leaders may be blinded to the real roots of psychology, the leaders of the Eastern religions are not. For example, the famous Tibetan Lama Chogyam Trungpa, who was a leader in the Buddhist faith, made this revealing plain statement: **"Buddhism will come to the West as PSYCHOLOGY."**

And shamefully, the first commandment given by God to His people was that they *"should not have any gods before me"* (or 'beside' me. Exodus 20:3), is not only violated by modern day Christendom, but is actually promoted and taught: "Eastern religions are coming to the West as PSYCHOLOGY, while PSYCHOLOGY is being promoted throughout the world through [apostate] Christianity." General Cornwallis was right—The majority of churches in America are being used to teach the one-world theology "without being

noticed by the masses, and under the invisible all-seeing-eye of the Grand Architect of Freemasonry"

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**You Are What You eat
 THE SCRIPTURAL FOOD LAWS
 Disease and Sickness**

Wherever there is disease and sickness among Yahweh-God's Israelite people as a nation, they are refusing to keep and administer His Laws. Multitudes continue to live in pain and suffering, while countless numbers have gone to untimely graves for national failure to keep and administer the law and individually observe the requirements for continued and uninterrupted health. Also, and perhaps of greater importance, there are many who have not been able to avail themselves of immunity from sickness because of ignorance of the law and its requirements.

Healing is Available Now

Though the law of health was made a statute in the nation, assuring the removal of all sickness from the people when all of His commandments and statutes are kept, yet the individual does not have to wait until the nation is righteous before the blessing of continued health is made available. This is because healing and health were made an ordinance as well as a statute in the nation forever, and this statute and ordinance have never been abrogated. They are still operating for those who can claim their benefits through *complying with the requirements*. We live in a strange world. professing Christians seldom, if ever, search the Word of God for guidance in their everyday activities and particularly is this true in the requirements for health. Certain fundamental laws are given in the Scriptures, which, if kept, would give that health and vigor so characteristic of the life of Moses. Moses died at the age of one



hundred and twenty and the record states "... His eye was not dim, nor his natural face abated..." [Deut. 34:7]

Clean and Unclean Animals

Man was a vegetarian in the years prior to the flood [Genesis 1:29]. When Noah began to load the ark he was instructed to bring in *seven* pair each of the *clean* and *one* pair each of the *unclean* animals. This presupposes a knowledge of such classification **long before similar instructions were given to Israel at Mount Sinai** [Jabal al Lawz in Saudi Arabia]. After the deluge, Yahweh-God added meat to the diet of man. "But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat" [Genesis 9:3-4].

Promise of Healing

When Israel, in Egypt, forgot God, they experienced the diseases of the Egyptians. At Marah, Israel received instruction as to how they might secure immunity from all sickness. While the *keeping of the law* will give immunity from disease, yet for those who have violated its provision, healing is promised. The Psalmist had this in mind when he said, "...*Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not His benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities, Who healeth all thy disease...*" In both cases the conditions *must* be kept in order to secure *both forgiveness and healing*.

Thou Shalt Not

That which men consume will mean for them either health and life or sickness and death. When finally the full story is written it will be found that the diseases which afflict mankind are the direct result of eating the forbidden things. The ... **thou shalt not ...** of the commandments is NO more binding than the ... **Thou shalt not eat any abominable thing ...** it was not necessary to instruct Israel in the type of herbs (vegetables) and fruit that they could eat, for each instruction had already been given to man during the time that he was a vegetarian. That rule was relatively simple. Man could eat the vegetables *bearing seed* and the fruit of the trees yielding seed. Yahweh-God has provided a great variety of food without violating this rule. Fungi, of all kinds, such as *mushrooms*, are forbidden [Genesis 1:29].

Abominable Things are Forbidden

When Israel received the law regarding meat, God said "...*Thou shalt not eat any abominable thing...*" [Deut. 14:3]. Simple rules are given for our instruction which are easy to remember. Of the four-footed animals, only those that have the cloven (divided) hoof and also chew the cud are to be meat to eat. **The pig (swine) is forbidden**, for although it has the cloven hoof, it does not chew the cud. Of the fish that live in the water, all can be eaten which have **both** fins and scales. *This excludes shellfish of all kinds and fish such as eels and catfish* (scavengers). Of the birds and fowls, any can be eaten which are *not birds of prey*, such as the eagle, vulture, hawk, etc. The eating of *blood is strictly forbidden* at all times. The details of these laws can be found in Deuteronomy 14, and Leviticus 11.

Broth of Abominable Things

The four-footed animals that are lawful to eat all have the double digestive system. Through the prophet Isaiah, Yahweh our God has said of our generation, "...*A people that provoketh me to anger continually to my face; that sacrificeth in gardens, and burneth incense upon altars of brick* (an established church practice) *which remain among the graves, and lodge in the monuments* (with burial places of their dead marked by monuments in their churches), *which eat swine's flesh* (Christians consume great quanti-

ties of such flesh), *and broth of abominable things is in their vessels..*" (clam chowders, oyster stews, etc.) [Isaiah 65:3-4].

Disease of Egypt

The examination of the mummies of Egypt has disclosed the fact that the Egyptians were subject to the diseases which afflict our people and our nation today. God declared that the violation of His Laws would bring upon all of us the diseases of Egypt, also every other sickness and plague [Deut 28:58-61]. **We have them all!** The judgment as pronounced has come upon us. This is evidenced in the sickness and suffering for our failure to keep the law and obey the injunction ... **Thou shalt not eat any abominable thing!**

Way of Life and Death

Men are resentful when there is interference with their appetites. Christians who would not think of intentionally violating any of the Ten Commandments, will deliberately violate the laws of continued health. Later in life, when the inevitable happens, and health is gone, they blame Yahweh-God, even though Moses has said: "*See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil: in that I command thee this day to love the LORD thy God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His judgments that thou mayest live and multiply...*" [Deut 30:15-16, emphasis added]. And then they ask for prayer for healing! Can God be blamed when men deliberately choose the way of death? Because the penalties for such law violation are deferred, in

some cases, until life has nearly run its full course, men harden their hearts and Christians cite New Testament passages to justify themselves in the sins that they are committing.

Sanctified Meat

Paul told Timothy that meat was to be eaten provided it was sanctified (meaning "set apart") by the Word of God [1 Tim 4:4-5]. The only Word of God for Timothy was the Old Testament wherein we have a list of meats set apart for man to eat.

Peter's Vision

Some cite Peter's vision wherein he saw a sheet let down from heaven with all manner of four-footed animals and creeping things upon it, to justify the eating of abominable things. Read that vision carefully [Acts 10:10-28], and note that **Peter did not slay and eat!** After he awoke, he knew that no vision could set aside the plain teachings of Scripture. As he pondered the meaning of the vision, there came men from the house of Cornelius inquiring for him. Peter himself then explains the vision ... Yahweh-God hath showed me that I should not call any of the twelve tribes common or unclean (the 'circumcision' considered the 'uncircumcision' as unclean). Jesus said, "*Not that which goes into the mouth defileth a man, but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man*" [Matt. 15:11] **This had nothing to do with the eating of forbidden foods!** Jesus, in answering the Pharisees who had complained that His disciples were eating with unwashed hands was showing that this kind of dirt did not defile.

Meat Offered to Idols

Paul said, "*I know, and am persuaded by the LORD Jesus, that there is nothing unclean of itself, but to him that esteemeth any thing to be unclean, to him it is unclean*" [Romans 14:14]. The context and other statements of Paul clearly show that he had reference to **meat which had been offered to idols... Whatsoever is sold in the shambles** (mar-

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ket place), *that eat, asking no questions for conscience sake*" [1 Cor. 10:25]. The forbidden meats were not sold in the market, but there were meats sold which had been offered to idols. Paul instructs the Christian not to inquire as to whether or not they had been so offered for from their point of view the idol was nothing.

The New Testament in no way contradicts the Old Testament, and when men recognize this, they will begin to search the entire Bible for all of its truth.

[When you are in a supermarket and looking at the selections of meat, consider that those are not "pork chops," but rather "swine chops." A "pork roast" is considered "roast of swine." If you are addicted to bacon and sausage, there is now a selection of these products made from turkey (and quite good). Clams and oysters filter water for their food, and with the high levels of pollution content, from sewerage and other pollutants you are ingesting these materials. Crabs and lobsters eat carrion. A number of years ago, a man drowned off Long Island and when they pulled the body from the water two days later, it was covered by crabs eating his flesh. By consuming the crabs, you are really one step away from being a cannibal. **God wants us to be obedient to His word.** No matter how much you may like and enjoy the forbidden foods, obedience to our Father's word is more important, and though you may not understand the reasoning, consider that it is for your own good and health!]

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ROBBING GOD

by **Howard B. Rand**

Is it possible for a mortal to rob God? Can a man deprive God of that which is His and thus defraud Him? If the answer to these questions is in the affirmative, then it behooves all to give careful consideration to their motives and performances, lest, through deliberate carelessness, indifference, or by presumptive action, they not only rob God but cheat themselves. God will not hold him guiltless who turns away from the observance of His commandments and refuses to obey His Laws, considering it useless to serve Him.

To serve the Lord is to discharge the obligations of a servant, for such are all those whom He accepts as worthy of discipleship and to be called by His name; that is, Christian. Singleness of purpose and faithfulness in the discharge of duties and responsibilities are required of all who would be the recipients of His favor, else their service becomes faulty in His sight.

Do you object to being called a servant? The revelation of Jesus Christ was given by God to His Son so that He might show unto *His servants* "things which must shortly come to pass" (Rev. 1:1). It is *His servants the prophets* (those who teach and proclaim) who are to be rewarded with knowledge concerning the Divine purposes:

"Surely the LORD God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets." (Amos 3:7).

Blessings are pronounced upon those who are faithful, for they will have a right to the Tree of Life and are to enter into the gates of the Holy City (Rev. 22:14).

What constitutes a servant and what type of service is required of him? In the first place the acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour is required to initiating one into

His service. Afterward the Christian demonstrates his sincerity by keeping the obligations of a servant through loyalty to His name and obedience to His commandments.

What are the commandments of Jesus? Jesus Christ laid down a foundation principle for His disciples that their righteousness - that is, their observances of the law - should exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, or else they would not enter into the Kingdom (Matt 5:20). The gates of the Holy City will not be opened to those who do not qualify in this respect.

The scribes and Pharisees outwardly appeared righteous - that is, they pretended to reverence and obey the law - but in their hearts they rebelled against its observance. Recognizing this, Jesus took the law that was written upon the tables of stone and, as the Messenger of the New Covenant (Mal. 3:1), He wrote them upon the hearts of His servants according to the terms of the New Covenant. Thus Jesus required that His followers keep the spirit of the law; then the outward observance would take care of itself. All this Jesus clearly set forth in the so-called Sermon on the Mount. Paul as well confirmed the need of keeping the spirit of the Law in proper heart relationship to God and neighbour:

"He that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery (adulterate - pollute with an admixture - interracial marriage, CIM), Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. Love worketh no ill to his neighbour; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law." (Rom 13:8-10).

This statement expresses the truth because, when the love of God is in the heart of His servant, motivating all of his actions, there will be Christian love and respect for a neighbour's rights. This, in itself, would prevent the servant from contemplating any harm to his neighbour and would also deter him from violating any of the requirements of the law.

The Bible in no respect sets the Law of the Lord in behalf of the Christian; rather, one who has accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour is moved to obey those laws through love instead of in unwilling adherence to Christian standards to which he does not subscribe in his secret heart. Having grown in grace to the point of mastering this requirement, coming to know the true meaning of "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself," the servant of the Lord will be more than willing to obey even the least of His Laws. That this is important to his future spiritual well-being is made clear in no uncertain terms by the Lord Himself:

"Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall; do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven." (Matt 5:19).

What are our obligations under the law? One requirement of the law is that His people support the work of the Lord through their tithes; that is, a tenth of their increase (income). Of that tithe one tenth was set aside for the use of the Aaronic Priesthood (Num. 18:26-28). Nine tenths of the tithe was applied to the operation of Kingdom functions, this portion being administered by the Levites. Did Jesus make any pronouncement emphasizing the necessity to continue to observe this law of tithing?

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Many Christians neglect this requirement of the Law; some are even presumptuous in their refusal to heed the instructions to bring in their tithes and offerings. Malachi the Prophet records the Lord's controversy with His people (we who know our identity as the true white people of God should be leading and setting the example in this regard, and not lagging behind some of our Judeo-brethren who do not even know who they are! CIM) because they ignore that part of His Law which deals with obligations they wish to avoid by contending it is no longer applicable to them:

“Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts.” (Mal. 3:7).

Pretending they do not understand, the people ask, *“Wherein shall we return?”* The Lord answers with another question, ***“Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed Me.”***

But people counter, *“Wherein have we robbed thee?”* And the answer goes right to the point, ***“In tithes and offerings.”*** (see the whole discussion in Malachi 3:7-10). One day the Jews challenged our Lord over the issue of tribute:

“Tell us therefore, What thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not?” (Matt 22:17)

Aware of their craftiness and trickery, Jesus requested a penny, asking them (the Jews who challenged Him) whose inscription was on it. They replied, *“Caesar’s.”* Then Jesus said (to them):

“Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar’s; and unto God the things that are God’s.” (Matt. 22:21)

Jesus pointed out in this unique manner that, their attempt to entrap Him and accuse Him before Caesar, failed. At the same time He made it obvious to His followers that this in no wise excuses them from meeting the obligations to the Lord; that is, the paying of his tithe for the support of His Kingdom.

Men of the world recognize no obligation on their part as owed to the Lord, either as to their income or their time. But their Creator will ultimately bring them to judgment and deal with them accordingly.

His servants, on the other hand, those who have accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour and are in a covenant relationship with Him, being committed to serve Him in every way, should recognize that they are also definitely obligated as to their TIME and MONEY. One seventh of their time and one tenth of their income (increase) is required in order that His servants may continue to propagate the glad tidings of the Kingdom and testify to the way of salvation. It is understandable, of course, that not every one can go out on such missions of witnessing, but each one has the opportunity to participate in the work and activ-

ity of those who do. This is the purport of Jesus' statement:

“He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet’s reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man’s reward.” (Matt 10:41).

It is not only possible for the servants of the Lord to rob God by refusing to live up to their duty as tithers but they also cheat themselves by failing to provide for future dividends to be realized for the work accomplished through the support of the servants who God has called to full-time service.

A study of Christian witnessing proves that the Gospel, both pertaining to the Kingdom and to salvation, has never been able to go forward without financial support from God-fearing men and women who have been willing to sacrifice in work, with monetary gifts and in time spent in prayer. Thus God has provided a way for His faithful servants to lay up treasures for themselves, not necessarily according to the actual amount given, through work done by themselves or others whom they support, in money given and time spent in intercessory prayer, but in accordance with their ability and in relation to their assets.

Where assets are concerned, the widow, with her “two mites,” cast more unto the Lord's treasury than the abundance paid by the wealthy (Mark 12:41-44), for she cast in all she had. Under this investment program, instituted by God, the poor have as good if not a better opportunity than the rich to acquire Kingdom assets and be assured of dividends on the basis of a “hundredfold” in the age to come.

This is a type of investment modern finance cannot possibly duplicate. It is impossible under the system of Mammon to offer to the poor like returns on their meager holdings with those of the rich with their abundance. But by taking into account the ratio of one's giving to his assets, the Lord sees to it that the rich shall have no advantage whatever over the poor in respect to the returns on their investments in His Kingdom work. It is indeed a privilege to be His servant and those among His servants who are foolish enough to try to rob God only destroy the wonderful opportunity He has presented to them to lay up for themselves treasures in assets that are incorruptible and which will survive the collapse of the present economic world order now rapidly coming to judgment.

It is unfortunate but true that very few Christians are today aware of the great opportunity God has given to each one in this time of uncertainty when, through service to the King in the use of our possessions and the investment of our money, we can convert Babylon assets into Kingdom treasure that will lay up an abundance to endure throughout all eternity. This is the only way we can be sure our possessions will be secure - there is no other way to bridge the chasm between the present world order and the new world coming, and carry our assets over into the Kingdom Age. Happy indeed is the man who, recognizing the times and seasons in which we are living, has the faith to act accordingly.

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Again I have come across someone using the line "**Buy the truth and sell it not...**" (Prov. 23:23), to say that scriptural material spreading the truth should be given away free of charge.

However, this is a total misreading of this verse. If one was to say, "Buy a house and sell it not," no-one would expect the purchaser to give it away. Similarly, if one "bought a car and sold it not," we would expect that the person would retain it for his use as long as possible.

So why is it then, when applied to the truth, people misunderstand this simple instruction? Buy the truth, and

sell it not. In other words, you must spend money to acquire the truth. However, once you have acquired it do not take anything in exchange to dispose of the truth and go back to believing a lie. As Sheldon Emry once said to his audience, Now that you have acquired this knowledge of being God's Covenant people, and of His Kingdom of which you are part - if it were possible by some means to erase this knowledge from your mind - what would you take in exchange? Saying, really, if you could "sell" this knowledge, how much would you sell it for? His entire audience agreed, that there is nothing that they would take in exchange for this knowledge. In other words, once they had acquired this truth, they did not want "to sell it." All materials cost money, and someone has to be paid to produce them. The scriptures teach that the labourer is worthy of his hire (Luke 10:7). There is no such thing as a free lunch. Always someone has to pay. Even if some materials are from time to time, by different people and ministries, given away or distributed free at a particular time - someone still had to pay for them to be produced and for the materials involved. People who are interested in acquiring materials should not

expect that they will be given for free. Usually, if something is given free, people are less inclined to read it, than if they had to pay for it. —Hope this explains that verse!

**OBEDIENCE IS THE WAY TO
 DIVINE LOVE**

by Pastor Chuck Kuhler

There are many Christian-Israelite people who realize, and understand that Yahweh, the God of Israel loves them as a person and as a people. But they wonder just how to show their love to our God. The answer to that can be found in the person's

heart with the "feeling" of love and affection and "demonstrated" by their OBEDIENCE to His Laws and Word.

Obedience is defined as "a state or fact of being obedient; An act or practice of obeying, dutiful or submissive compliance to some sphere of authority." This ultimate "authority" in our case is Yahweh our heavenly Father. Unfortunately, many never consider the definition and meaning of the word OBEDIENCE.

I have heard many preachers speak on the word love: (1) the love of God and Jesus Christ for us, and (2) our love for the Father and the Son. But they never talk about "obedience" to the Words of both the Father and the Son. I have always wondered if this was because they are being held to the same criteria.

The word "obedience," and the related word "obedient," are mentioned less than thirty times in the Scriptures. Most of these references can be found in the Old testament and refer to the obedience of the nation of Israel to our God and to His appointed earthly leaders and prophets.

Some wonder why God does not appear to hear them when they pray. Could it be due to the fact that we are not being obedient and following his laws and commandments? God's favor and blessings rest upon those who obey Him. Obedience therefore is the way to joy and peace.

Let us consider the relationship of a parent and child. The unruly and disrespectful child who causes much in the way of anguish to a parent is not held in the same esteem and love as the child who obeys and listens to a parent's wishes. This does not mean that the parent will hate the one and love the other. But surely, there are levels of both hate

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or dislike and love in this earthly abode. Consider the instructions found in the six verses of Psalm 1:

“Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of Yahweh; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in their congregation of the righteous. For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the ungodly shall perish.”

This opening Psalm provides good instructions on how we are to behave in order to have a bountiful, peaceful and satisfying life. There can be found additional information in Psalm 19:7-14 and Psalm 119:1-8. Our God teaches us the way to go ... what is best for us ... the way to true inner peace, and the blessings of obedience. We read the following in Isaiah 48:17-19,22:

“Thus saith Yahweh, the Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: I am the LORD thy Elohiym which teacheth thee to profit which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldst go. O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! Then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea: Thy seed also had been as the sand, and the offspring of thy bowels like the gravel thereof, his name should not have been cut off nor destroyed from before me. There is no peace, saith Yahweh, unto the wicked.”

In these scriptures, the Father laments that we, His people, have not obeyed or listened to His commandments. Is there anything different today? Have we hearkened to His commandments? NO! We are still following the ways of the wicked and ungodly. (Please note that there are “some” who do follow His Word to the best of their abilities, but we are all sinners).

Many of the preachers today, and their Christian Pharisees make much to do over the fact that we are to “love God,” but fail to explain how this “love” is to be accomplished. In the first epistle of John, verses 2-3, we are told:

“By this we know that we love the children of Yahweh, when we love the Father, and keep His commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments; and his commandments are not grievous.”

Our Saviour, Jesus the Anointed has further instructed us in John 14:15 with very specific instructions. *“If ye love Me, keep my commandments.”* I would ask, is this very difficult to understand? Keeping the commandments of Jesus brings joy and love (see John 15:10-17). Obedience is an integral part of love for the Father and the Son. And how many due to blatant and wilful disobedience will stray to contempt and destruction? Consider the words of our Messiah in Matthew 7:13-14:

“Enter ye in at the strait gate, for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.” And in verse 21 we read: *“Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.”*

The day is coming when there will be weeping and

wailing and gnashing of teeth among the disobedient and the ungodly. We should be listening to and studying the Word of God to both see, and understand, what our responsibilities are in adhering to God’s instructions. Jesus Christ said in Luke 11:28, *“Blessed are they that hear the Word of God, and keep it.”* (emphasis C.K.). It is very unfortunate that so many of the “establishment churches” do not proclaim the Word of God, **and instruct people on how to obey it.** You can find further instructions in texts such as 1 John 2:3-6; 2 John :6, James 1:22-25, and 2:14-26, and elsewhere in the Scriptures.

It is not enough, as some think, to merely “**claim**” to be a Christian, and it is certainly not sufficient to depend on your Israelite heritage. There are many who are Christian in name only. Being a Christian (Israelite) is something that you must continually strive for and work at on an ongoing basis. It is a “way of life” that never reaches a point of completion until our earthly labors are finished. We are ALL sinners, and we all fall short of the Glory of God. But He is a merciful and forgiving God, if we earnestly, sincerely and truly seek His ways. We can show and demonstrate our love to Him through obedience to His Laws and Word.

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THE IMPLICATIONS OF “WHOSOEVER WILL” EXAM- INED

by Lloyd Palmer

Revelations 22:17 and John 3:15-16

There are a number of Biblical words that are used as crutches by Universalists to justify their “salvation for all men” doctrine; one

in particular, is “*whosoever*.” English Bible translators used many questionable words in their attempt to bring forth the true meaning of the Word of God from the original languages, including the all-inclusive “whosoever.” At the very least, today’s modern English has taken on meanings never intended by our Anglo-Saxon ancestors. Because of dubious word choices and/or new meanings, many false doctrines and erroneous concepts have been implanted in the minds of unstudied Christians, who, to their own hurt, prefer that an equally confused Shepherd tell them what he thinks the words mean.

History reveals that many improperly used words were chosen by the translators to reflect the prevailing doctrines of the era. Some words have taken on modern, corrupt meanings. The latin word “gentile” is one of these fuzzy words. Most dictionaries define “gentile” as a non-Jewish person. This definition hides the ethnicity of the so-called gentiles. Universalists also love the word because it lends support to their notion that the Christian gospel is for all ethnic types in this world.

Other English words twist scripture to present something not intended. Consider the word “hell.” There’s also the controversial word “strangers.” Who hasn’t been stymied by the misuse of “Satan?” The same abuse is true of “whosoever.” The English word “whosoever” was poor exegesis by English translators, whether by misguided choice or intentional design. Add our modern misunderstanding of “whosoever” as “anyone,” and the result is doctrinal confusion.

“Whosoever” is an objective pronoun. According to the *Oxford English Dictionary*, “objective” means: *“dealing with outward things or exhibiting facts uncoloured by feel-*

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ings or opinions; not subjective.” As an adjective, “whosoever” is used to modify and convey a “fair, impartial, equitable, neutral, open-minded and unprejudiced” meaning to a noun.

In contrast, a subjective pronoun, according to *Oxford*, means: (of art, literature, written history, a person’s view, etc.) “proceeding from personal idiosyncrasy or individuality: not impartial or literal.” Now that we have examined the difference in “objective” and “subjective,” which one of the two is in harmony with Scripture?

Jesus told His disciples, “Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you ...” (John 15:16). This is a subjective statement, and not an objective one. Arnold Kennedy, Bible expositor from New Zealand, puts it in perspective. He says it boils down to doctrine. Do you follow the “people choosing God” notion, or do you surrender to the scriptural “people chosen of God” doctrine? Your answer will determine whether you think the word “whosoever” applies to anyone who confesses Christ (the people choosing God notion), or whether you embrace the revealed: people chosen of God doctrine.

Allow me to ask this question: If all that a person has to do is “confess Jesus as his personal Saviour,” which is the doctrine of most Judeo-Christian churches, then why did Jesus say these words:

“Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will (commandments) of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity” [i.e. lawlessness] (Matt 7:21-23).

Those words are strong ones, but they reveal that not everyone who “confesses” Christ will be saved!

Universalists love to quote John 3:15-16 to claim that “whosoever,” as it is used in these verses, applies to all ethnic groups. When we look up the Greek word that “whosoever” was translated from, we discover something unusual. The word is #3588 in *Strong’s Greek Dictionary*. It is actually three words in the Greek: “*ho, he, to, in all their inflection; the definite article: the (sometimes to be supplied, at others omitted in English idiom): the, this, that, one, he, she, it, etc.*” The list is all subjective words. None of the words could be considered objective.

In other words, “he,” “she,” and “it,” etc. are all subjective pronouns. Subjective pronouns are exclusive. Therefore, the catch-all word “whosoever” is a misleading word to use, because it totally changes the inflection. I suggest that a corrected phrase be used in place of the word “whosoever.” The phrase “those who” doesn’t destroy the “people chosen of God” doctrine of the Bible. For example, let’s delete “whosoever” and apply “those who” in those two verses of John 3:15-16,

“That **those who** believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that **those who** believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

Now it becomes far less inclusive when properly translated and removes the concept that Jesus was speaking generally as many are inclined to see.

So the next time you read Scripture and come upon the word “whosoever,” try substituting “those who” and see if

it doesn’t make for better Biblical exegesis. When you understand the “people chosen of God” doctrine, you will also comprehend that our English translators choice of “whosoever” was a bad choice that led to the Universalists’ mistaken assumption that Jesus was speaking to all groups on an equal basis.

“And when the Gentiles hears this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed” (Acts 13:48).

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Why Is Isaiah’s Message To Israel’s Civil Rulers Applicable To Us Today, Since We Do Not Live In A Theocracy? by Buddy Hanson

For more than a century, this country has been electing lawmakers who, at best, admit to standing for nothing more than traditional values. It is long past time that we vote out of office those who rule in fear of public opinion polls and vote into office those who rule “in the fear of God.”¹

This is not a political preference, but a political necessity—emphasized by the fact that 700 years before Christ was born, Isaiah taught the kings of Judah that “the nation and kingdom which will not serve [the church] will perish.”² And a psalmist writes: “You reject all those who stray from Your statutes, for their deceit is falsehood. You put away all the wicked of the earth like dross...”³ David adds, “The righteous shall inherit the land and dwell in it forever.”⁴ This verse does not

say the righteous (Christians) will merely live in the land forever, but will inherit it. Jesus clearly states that His followers are to “occupy” until He returns.⁵ This means we will be in charge of its governance in all of its functions and spheres.

The Evangelical Objection

Many of today’s evangelicals may consider this unfair. They say we cannot govern by God’s rules. “What about those who are atheists or belong to a non-Christian religion?” some may ask. “What business do we have demanding that they live by our standards?”

This erroneous reaction stems from the misguided 20th century mindset that ‘satan’ controls planet Earth and Christians should focus on personal salvation and church-related activities instead of on our culture [for more on ‘satan’ we have a list of materials available, CIM]. A full-orbed view of Scripture, however, shows there is no reason to imagine Christ limits His rule to church activities or to a few individuals. It must be remembered there is no such thing as a separation of the sacred and secular. All of life is sacred.

King David provides the correct perspective: “The earth is the Lord’s, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein.”⁶ David continues by asking, “Who may ascend into [political leadership]? ... He who has clean hands and a pure heart ... nor [has] sworn deceitfully. He shall receive blessing from the Lord” (vs 3-5). God, through David, teaches that Christian leaders (civil rulers) will receive His blessings.

What, then, can civil rulers who refuse to govern according to God’s Laws expect but God’s curses? Indeed, what have our civil lawmakers and we received from God

While They Last: WHORES GALORE

by Peter J. Peters

Many books have been written exposing the evils of our present-day system of government. But have they overlooked the main culprits at the bottom of it all? Who is ultimately responsible for the problems we face as a nation today? Are we a nation of whores? Could our national problems be a result of the harlotry of the people? After reading this book hopefully you will see more clearly what must be done.

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during the last 150 years as we have arrogantly preferred to live by our own wisdom and resources? The proposition that God's Word is not good enough for civil government comes from the French Revolution, not the Protestant Reformation.

The Myth of Neutrality

Ask any Christian if he or she can take a neutral stance regarding God on any issue and the unhesitating answer will be, "No way!" But if these same brothers and sisters are asked whether their lawmakers can be neutral in making or enforcing society's laws, in too many cases their answer will be "Yes, because"

As Christians, we should know that there are no acceptable "because's" to keep us from obeying our Lord and Saviour. Rev. James R. Wilson takes us back to the giving of the law:

"When God proclaimed, on the summit of Mount Sinai, His Law, in the hearing of the congregation of Israel, it surely could not have entered into the heart of any pious or intelligent man among that people to believe, that while the private individual was bound by the law, the nation as such, the heads of the tribes, and all the civil rulers, were not to listen to it as directed to them. Everyone knows that the influence of the public laws of a nation is powerful over all the interests of the citizens, in relation to temporal prosperity, morality and religion."⁷

Because of man's fallen condition, in which he is unable and unwilling to choose or decide on the Truth, a society's laws should reflect God's will, not the collective will of the people as theorized in the "Social Contract" of the Enlightenment. This means the civil ruler must follow and enforce God's Laws and serve His purposes instead of his own. Psalm 2 is clear on this principle:

"Be wise now therefore, O you kings; be instructed, you judges of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, unless He be angry, and you perish from the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in Him." (vs 10-12).

There is no difference between a good civil ruler in the Old Testament or in the New Testament. The only way to be good is to live and rule according to God's Law. As Moses wrote, "There shall be one standard for the stranger as well as the native, for I am the Lord your God."⁸ Were this not the case, God would be guilty of having a double standard and that, of course, is impossible.⁹

The Old Testament provides several notable examples to substantiate this: Sodom was destroyed for breaking a case law,¹⁰ and Nineveh was spared destruction because it repented and began living in obedience to God's Word.¹¹ The lesson is that any nation can be assured that unless it does its best to follow God's Laws, it will perish, "because you would not be obedient to the voice of the Lord your God."¹²

For society to succeed, it must follow God's instructions, for "God is not mocked."¹³ Our goal, as Christians, is to live according to "every word that proceeds from the mouth of God."¹⁴ These words, as revealed in Scripture, reflect God's will for our life. To effect His will "on earth as it is in heaven,"¹⁵ we have no other option but to conduct our personal and public actions according to His Word.

Nowhere in Scripture does God instruct us that His Laws are no longer the best way to conduct our civil affairs. For a society to imagine it is wiser than God is to insult its Creator, Lord, Saviour and King!***

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1. 2 Samuel 23:3-7. See also *Choose This Day: God's Instructions On How to Select leaders* by Buddy Hanson (Tuscaloosa, AL: Hanson Group, 2003)

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3. Psalm 119:118-119.

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8. Lev. 24:22. See also Numbers 15:16; Deut. 1:16-17.

9. Deut. 25:13-16; Lev. 17:35-37; Rom. 2:11-12.

10. Homosexuality, Genesis 19:4; cf. Lev. 18:22; 2 Kings 23:7

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12. Deut 8:20; 30:17-18.

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14. Deut. 8:3; Matt. 4:4

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CHRISTIAN VOTE

by Warren Kelly

Ask the average pastor if you can have ten minutes out of Sunday morning service to encourage the members to participate in the upcoming election, and he will probably look at you like you just spontaneously grew a third ear in the middle of your forehead. Then, once he recovers his decorum, the answer in most cases will be no—followed by a poorly articulated explanation about the separation of church and state, problems with lawsuits, worry over offending church members, or, my personal favorite, it's too worldly.

Does God expect Christians to vote? What does the Bible say about out political involvement? Is the church responsible to educate its members on this issue? Most churches, and most Christians for that matter, would rather just bury their heads in the sand and pretend that these questions don't even exist. But the effect of that mentality has been devastating.

Since 1960:

- Out of wedlock births have increased by more than 500%.

- The number of cohabiting couples has increased by almost 1000%.

- Over 43 million unborn children have died at the hands of abortionists.

- The divorce rate has doubled.

- The suicide rate for 15-24-year-olds has more than tripled.

- By age 24, one in three sexually active people will have contracted a sexually transmitted disease.

Obviously, the church has not been as effective as it should for the last half century. But, can the church really be held accountable for the direction of our nation? Much of what has happened has been the result of decisions made



by our government. And during this same time, the church has been busy working to reach people with the message of the gospel.

During this same time period, the Southern Baptist Convention reports that more than 13 million people have accepted Christ in their churches. And that is just one denomination. Currently, almost 90% of Americans claim their religious faith is important to them and more than half of those attend church in a typical week.¹ So why isn't the church doing a better job of impacting the culture? Can the church be held responsible that people are not leading morally better lives? After all, we have all been told that you can't legislate morality.

If that's true, why is it that our government seems to have no trouble legislating immorality? Just look at the decision by the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court that forced legalized homosexual marriage on that state, lending the full weight of the government to legitimize the homosexual lifestyle. Or what about the court decisions that tell our children they cannot pray in public because it might offend someone who is not a Christian. Our courts also tell us that we cannot prevent a doctor from killing a child 3/4 of the way through the delivery process because banning partial birth abortion might infringe on a woman's right to choose.

How did we come to the point where our government could make such evil rulings? Who gave them the authority to do this to our nation?

The sober truth is, we did. We the people, or more specifically, we the church!

If we have judges who make ungodly rulings, it is because we elected the officials who appointed them. If they continue to make ungodly rulings, it is because we elected legislators who don't have the courage to take seriously their responsibility to stop them. If we have legislators who give us bad laws, who was it that put them into office?

But what can the church do about it? Many people can't believe that their one vote can change the outcome of an election, and even more don't believe the church as a group has the power to swing an election. But consider this, according to statistics from the Barna Group, of the 204 million adults who could have voted in the 2000 election, 41% were born-again Christians. And because Christians are more likely to vote than non-Christians, 48% of those who did vote were born-again Christians. These statistics are not based on the Barna Group asking people if they are born-again; rather, they ask people if "they have made a personal commitment to Jesus Christ that is still important in their lives today."

That makes born-again Christians by far the largest single voting block in the country. Considering how close recent elections have been, Christians could easily control the outcome of every election in the country. But there are two simple reasons why we don't. First, over 40% of Christians who could vote don't show up on Election Day, and that's in the presidential election, which draws the heaviest turnout. The second and more difficult problem is that more than a third of Christian voters use their vote to put into office the candidate who opposes Biblical values.

This brings us back to the three questions that we started with. The Bible doesn't directly address the concept of voting, but it does make clear that God judges governments and nations for their corporate actions just as He judges us individually. God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah for their wickedness, judging them as a city-state. God judged Babylon as a nation for their destruction of Judah.

God judged Israel because His people refused to stand up against unrighteousness in their culture; they allowed the widow to be defrauded and the poor to be abused, and

they allowed children to be sacrificed to the idols of Canaan.

The nation of Israel lived under a monarchy that gave the average individual limited ability to do anything about the moral condition of the nation. Yet God still judged the entire nation. If God judged the people of Israel, how much more will He hold us responsible when we have the ability to do so much more?

If anyone in America ever doubted that a few votes could make a difference in an election, the 2000 presidential race should have forever dispelled that myth. Recent events have also made it abundantly clear that the outcome of our political races have moral consequences for our nation.

If a Christian fails to cast a vote for the candidate who will do the most to uphold Biblical values in our culture, it is the same as casting a vote for the candidate who will do the most damage to our culture. If we are unwilling to use the power of our vote to hold politicians accountable to Biblical standards, then we deserve to live in the moral decay that follows.

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1. "Religious Beliefs Remain Constant But Subgroups Are Quite Different" The Barna Update, march 19, 2004, <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdate &BarnaUpdateID=160> and "Church Attendance" Barna By Topic www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=Topic&TopicID=10

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*"When round some bend in life we turn,
And kindred spirits we discern,
We feel it can't be merely chance,
This happy stroke of providence:
For surely it is God who sends
The happiness we find in friends."*

MARRIAGE

From Nancy Campbell and Above Rubies comes the following:

We are enjoying the fall in Tennessee as we watch the leaves turn to yellow, gold and red. What a delightful time of the year. As we approach the special festive season, we not only look forward to family gatherings for Thanksgiving, Birthdays and other special occasions, but we are gearing up to welcome three more babies. Pearl is due in November. Serene is due early February and Evangeline is expecting their eighth baby late in February.

Evangeline and Serene did not get time to write for this issue of *Above Rubies* but hope to be back talking to you next time. You can read Pearl's article on page six (of *Above Rubies*).

Recently, our dear neighbours, Ron and Joan Neall celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. We have lovely neighbours out here in the woods of Tennessee. Joan looked absolutely beautiful wearing her wedding gown. Not many can wear their wedding gown 50 years later, can they? Over the years, the white dress had turned golden. being a golden wedding anniversary, it fitted the occasion perfectly.

Their family put on a video presentation of their lives and even a recreation of their wedding day service, including a sermonette from the minister who married them. This minister was actually Joan's father. I was moved to tears as I listened, so much so, that I asked them to release it to *Above Rubies*. I know you will also be blessed as you read these words delivered 50 years ago (not included here). This minister and his wife were married for 59 years, although his wife lived on for another ten years.

Isn't it wonderful to hear of these faithful marriages? My own parents would have been married for just on 60



years when my mother passed away nearly six years ago. Marriage is more than a commitment to one another for life. Marriage is a commitment to the generations to follow. A strong marriage that is faithful to the end, not only blesses the children from that marriage, but the grandchildren and the generations to come. (This also includes starting off on the right foot, and not spending years sowing wild oats before settling down). When a marriage breaks up, the continuity of the generations is disturbed. It is important that couples not only think of themselves when facing marriage conflict, but to realize that marriage is a blessing to continuing generations.

Many times there is conflict. But this is not an excuse to end a marriage. You don't run from conflict. You look for ways to overcome (Like Pete Peters said, to be an overcomer you have to have something to overcome! CIM). I have dear friends who have not had an easy marriage, but because of their commitment to their marriage vows, made the decision to stay in their marriage. They have learned to live together over the years. Now, forty years later, they truly enjoy one another and live in peace and happiness together. This testimony is reiterated many times. We should not make decisions on a current crisis, but in the light of future generations.

I have just received a phone call hearing of yet another husband who has left his wife for another woman! I believe it is time we took a stand against this terrible "wimpiness" as my husband calls it. I remember growing up in a small town in New Zealand. If something like this happened in the town, the person would be disgraced in the eyes of Christian and non-Christian alike. Now, all these years later, it is becoming accepted, even in Christian circles. I believe that it is time that we took a stand against such destruction upon the family. Every faithful friend and acquaintance should challenge and plead with those who are tempted by the evil of leaving their covenantal marriage and bring devastation upon the precious children whom God has given them.

I put out a request for birth stories and received enough to fill ten magazines. Thank you each one who sent your testimony. I do not have enough room to print them all, but not one will be lost. Each testimony is so precious that I now plan to publish them in a book for you all to enjoy. That means there is still time for others to send birth stories too. Send them to me at, by attachment:

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I have many other wonderful testimonies that could not fit. They are all waiting for you to read. Let's all pray for the strengthening of families. *Nancy Campbell ****

WEDDING SERMONETTE

by Pastor E.L. Minchin

Naught but loving hearts can make a happy home. There may be wealth, honour of men, beautiful furnishings, plenty of things but these never make a happy home. Nothing but love, love for the Father above and love for one another can bring true peace and joy to the home circle. Sometimes there is in the heart love which remains unexpressed. This is like a world which has a sun but dark clouds prevent its warmth and comfort shining through. If illness comes, if death divides, then love finds words and expresses itself in deeds, but it may be too late then to satisfy the hungry heart of husband or wife.

A good home is an invincible armor that protects us in the evil world. If there is no love for home, something is wrong. In his own home a man is necessary. It is he, not another whose coming is waited for, longed for, grieved for. It matters little elsewhere whether he comes or goes. There he reveals his failures and is not ashamed. There he con-

fesses his sins and is forgiven. He shares his inmost soul with no other but the one whom he has made queen of his heart and home. The wife in the ideal home is quickly recognized by a brooding tenderness. She scorns to utter words of blame and to be irritable. She will not wreck the evening's joy by careless, unloving words that cause the forehead to become anxious and bring a mist to the eyes.

It is a great attainment for two frail, sinful hearts to become one. Two different musical instruments are not easily kept in tune. There must be constant adjusting and tuning. What can be expected then of two human hearts with a thousand strings to be kept in unison and harmony? In keeping the wedded harps in tune the husband must do his part and the wife, hers.

Husband and wife will cleanse themselves from all selfishness which fails to safeguard their hours of companionship. He will exert his best powers to become worthy of her hovering love. She will preserve the faith so dear to both in the hours of courtship, but there will be trails hard to meet that must be born together. Though difficulties, perplexities and discouragements may arise, let neither husband nor wife harbor the thought that their union is a mistake or a disappointment. Determine to be all that is possible to each other. Continue the early attentions. In every way encourage each other in fighting the battles of life. Study to advance the happiness of each other. Let there be mutual love, mutual forbearance. Their marriage instead of being the end of love will be as it were the very beginning of love. The warmth of true friendship, the love that binds heart to heart is indeed a foretaste of the joys of God's Kingdom.

The wife is truly the homemaker. Upon her management, good judgment, neatness, order, taste, energy, cheerfulness, depends the structure we call "home." It is her business, her calling to bring inside the walls of her dwelling an indefinable atmosphere that rests a tired man and makes him hasten his steps as he turns the last corner. Here peace, rest, hope, culture, companionship make the home a haven to body and soul.

The husband is the house-band, the one who strongly binds all members of the family together. A man on the street in a severe storm was passing under a tree when a weary, frightened bird dropped from above, lighted on his bosom and crept under his coat for shelter. So should every wife find in her husband's heart the protection, the comfort, the rest she needs when buffeted by the storms of life.

Every pure, happy home is a fortress held for God in this revolted world. No wonder the enemy of purity and happiness is working with all power and strategy to bring disunion and strife and hatred into it, thus breaking down the safeguard of the individual, the family, the church and the nation. There is a court of last appeal which can settle every difficulty in married life. This is the supreme authority of the Word of God. Those who direct their lives by its counsel will never know defeat.

May your earthly home become as a little paradise where preparation is made to enter into the City of God.**

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My how time flies! Is it just me, or does everybody wonder where the first quarter of this year has already gone? Thank you for some of the good comments re the last newsletter. We pray you will find this one just as helpful. Thank you also for your ongoing support, as the expenses for this ministry also seem to be always ongoing. May the God of our forefathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob bless you and keep you and make His face shine on you and be gracious unto you, and give you His protection, for your faithfulness,

