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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!*

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"LESSONS FROM JUDAH'S KINGS - PART 6"

by Pastor Don Elmore

**KING JEHOShAPHAT
INTRODUCTION**

King Jehoshaphat and the Kingdom of Judah was facing a very serious national crisis. Three powerful armies—the Moabites, Ammonites and Edomites—had made an alliance with each other to conquer the smaller Kingdom of Judah.

When King Jehoshaphat was informed of the coming invasion of the large multitude of these three enemy forces, the Scriptures inform us that he "feared," but "set himself to seek the LORD" (2 Chronicles 20:3).

In the next verse, we are told that the King gathered all of Judah together to ASK HELP OF THE LORD. The King Jehoshaphat followed God's commandment of what to do in situations like these by going to the house of God (2 Chron. 7:14) and they:

1. Humbled themselves
2. Prayed
3. Sought God's face
4. And they turned from their wicked ways.

The kingdom of Judah was no match against these three ancient foes. In his prayer before gathered Judah (including their little ones, their wives, and their children; vs 13), King Jehoshaphat indicated such:

"For we have no might against this great company that cometh against us, neither know we what to do; but our eyes are upon thee" (2 Chronicles 20:12b)

The God of Israel was pleased with the leadership of King Jehoshaphat and his obedience. For as a result of his faithfulness, God answered Jehoshaphat's prayer by sending the prophet Jahaziel. The prophet's words were astounding:

"Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; FOR THE BATTLE IS NOT YOURS, BUT GOD'S" (2 Chronicles 20:15b)

Then followed one of the most unbelievable military victories in history. Like the battle of Jericho, this battle was clearly one of Divine intervention. And all the nations that were located in the Middle West knew it:

"And the fear of GOD was on all the kingdoms of those countries, when they had heard that the LORD fought against the enemies of Israel" (vs 29).

AN APPLICATION

During the old covenant days, Israel was to gather and seek their covenant GOD at the Tabernacle/Temple when any four areas of evil came upon them:

1. The sword
2. Judgment
3. Pestilence

4. Or famine

In the previous story of King Jehoshaphat, the evil was the Sword. And so superior was both the infantry number and military strength of their enemies that they King of Judah readily acknowledged that they (including himself) "KNEW NOT WHAT TO DO!"

Today in the United States, the same covenant people of the same covenant God face another dire situation. While all four areas of evil are no doubt present or near—the most urgent evil is PESTILENCE.

DISEASE IN AMERICA

According to the *World Health Report 2000* the United States ranks 12th out of 13 countries that were surveyed with regard to sixteen available health indicators. Even worse, the United States ranks last for low birth weight and neo-natal and infant mortality.

Heart disease, cancers, arthritis, diabetes, hypoglycemia, hyperinsulinemia are so widespread in the United States that it is estimated that over half the population exhibits one or more symptoms of these life-destroying diseases. Symptoms of adult onset diabetes are now being routinely noted in six year old children. Obesity and its related endocrine dysfunction are commonly observed in teenagers.

One hundred years ago most diseases in the United States were infectious diseases. But their frequency and fatality rate have been greatly reduced because of improved sanitation and cleanliness.

However, new diseases have appeared with much more devastating consequences. Not only are they fatal, but they

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rob the person of vitality and strength. They cause much agony and suffering. Loss of memory, loss of endurance, loss of energy, loss of general health to such a degree that many spend the last years of their lives as invalids.

One of these new diseases, practically unknown in the 1800's is DIABETES. Surprising to many, diabetes has many symptoms:

1. Arteriosclerosis
2. Elevated blood pressure
3. Elevated cholesterol
4. Elevated triglycerides
5. Elevated blood sugar
6. One time strokes, both ischemic and hemorrhagic
7. Heart failure
6. Renal failure
9. Liver failure
10. Obesity
11. Impotence
12. Retinopathy
13. Peripheral neuropathy
14. Polycystic ovary syndrome
15. Systemic candida
16. Impaired carbohydrate metabolism
17. Impaired fat metabolism
18. Gangrene
19. Blindness
20. And others

So rapidly has this disease progressed in the United States that in a hundred years it has gone from a per capita incidence of only 28 out of 10,000 to over 5,000 out of 10,000 in 2004. At the rate it is accelerating, by the end of the next generation there will be very few individuals who will escape the clutches of this disease.

WHAT CAUSED DIABETES TO APPEAR?

Simply put, the cause of all these symptoms of diabetes is the violation of two of the Ten Commandments and one corollary that God gave to His people (Deuteronomy 5:17, 18):

Commandment #6 "Thou shalt not kill [murder]"

Commandment #7 "Neither shalt thou commit adultery."

Corollary: "The LOVE of money is the root of all evil" (1 Timothy 6:10)

There are two types of diabetes: Type I and Type II.

1. Type I diabetes is when insulin is *insufficiently* produced by the pancreas.

2. Type II diabetes is the newer of the two. It occurs when the insulin is sufficient, but *ineffective* in reducing the blood sugar.

The obvious question should be what happened in the United States that caused the insulin that is produced to be ineffective in reducing the blood sugar in the blood? The answer would have to coincide with something that occurred in history in the early part of the 20th century that caused that devastating effect to occur.

THE ANSWER

The answer is important as it gives a key to preventing and a way to be cured from these common diseases—

ADULTERATED FOOD AND DRINKS

To quote from the website:

www.healingmatters.com/deception.htm:

"As early as 1901, efforts had been made to manufacture and sell food products by the use of automated factory machinery because of the immense potential profits that were possible [LOVE of money]. Most of the early efforts failed because people were inherently suspicious of food that

wasn't farm fresh and because the technology was poor. As long as people were prosperous, suspicious food products made little headway. Crisco the artificial shortening, was once given away free in 2-1/2 pound cans in an unsuccessful effort to influence the United States wives to trust and buy the product in preference to lard.

Margarine was introduced and was bitterly opposed by the dairy states. With the advent of the depression of the 1930's, margarine, Crisco and a host of other refined and hydrogenated products began to make significant penetration in the United States food markets. Support for dairy opposition to margarine faded during WWII because there wasn't enough butter for both the civilian population and the needs of the military. At this point, the dairy industry having lost much support, simply accepted a diluted market share and concentrated on supplying the military.

Flax oils and fish oils, which were common in the stores and considered a dietary staple before the American population became diseased, have disappeared from the shelf. The last supplier of flax oil to the major distribution chains was Archer Daniel's Midland and they stopped producing and supplying the product in 1950.

More recently, one of the most important of the remaining genuinely beneficial fats was subjected to a massive media disinformation campaign that portrayed it as a saturated fat that causes heart failure. As a result, it has virtually disappeared from the supermarket shelves. Thus was coconut oil removed from the food chain and replaced with soy oil, cottonseed oil and rape seed oil. Our parents would never have swapped a fine healthy oil like coconut oil for these cheap junk oils. It was shortly after this successful media blitz that the US populace lost its war on fat. For many years coconut oil had been one of our most effective dietary weight control agents.

The history of the engineered ADULTERATION of our once clean food supply exactly parallels the rise of the epidemic of diabetes and hyperinsulinemia now sweeping the US as well as much of the rest of the world."

What changed? The clean real food supply changed to an artificial, adulterated food supply. And as a result—an epidemic of diseases. This includes godly Christians who rightly had forsaken the unclean foods.

THIS IS IMPORTANT! Christians must avoid not only unclean foods but also adulterated clean foods; and fake artificial foods.

- Artificial, fake sugars: Refined sugar (white), whether it is refined from cane, beets, corn or molasses parallels the refining process of heroin. Repetitive refining: from the poppy juices to opium, then further refined into morphine, and finally to heroin. Man-made sugars are refined several times until finally they are reduced to white crystals.

- Artificial fake sweeteners: Saccharin is made from coal tar and formed by dehydrating saccharinic acid. Even though it is more than 300 times sweeter than cane sugar, it has absolutely no food value whatsoever, but causes a very



acid reaction in the body. An even worse sweetener is aspartame (NutraSweet). This excellent ant poison is made with aspartic acid, phenylalanine, and methyl alcohol. Methyl alcohol is a chemical that breaks down in high temperatures and turns into formaldehyde and diketopiperazine (DKP); both chemicals are known to cause problems in the nervous system. The symptoms of aspartame are a lot like the symptoms of multiple sclerosis and Alzheimer's disease as well as a connection to epileptic seizures and brain tumours.

- Artificial, fake starches: Macaroni and other pastas are manufactured by removing the bran which is rich in vitamins and minerals. To the ground up wheat is added water—therefore a dehydrated paste food. Breads, cereals, cakes, pastries, donuts and other baked goods made from devitalized white flour are not only devoid of any nutritional value, but can be blamed for a vast majority of the ailments that afflict today's civilization.

- Artificial, fake fats: Lard, margarine and similar packing house products, fats, and greases, have their constructive nutritional value totally destroyed when they are heated to very high temperatures in order to process them.

The cooking of donuts, french fries, fish (covered with dough and bread crumbs), and onion rings (which are coated with dough); in deep-fat fryers cause the person eating them to experience the degeneration and disintegration of the body long before its time.

- Artificial, fake beverages: Soft drinks, along with beer are two of the most dangerous of all the drinks. Mixed together are a man-made drug, a corrosive ingredient, carbon dioxide, coloring matter often made from coal tar or from the distillation of coal, or dyes, or heating aluminum with chlorine, or from dried and pulverized female lice.

- Artificial, fake oils: Man-made hydrogenated oils are deadly oil when consumed. Created to help extend the shelf life of foods, it shortens the life of anyone who eats it.

In addition, since foods have been further adulterated by colouring agents for meats (sodium nitrites), food enhancers (monosodium glutamate), preservatives (yeast extracts), and substances created by high cooking temperatures (acrylamides), pesticides, herbicides, hormone injections, radiation, excessive sodium, genetic altering, and on and on and on ... then in order to prevent disease, a Christian must avoid all processed foods: that is, foods that come in a box or a can.

SUMMARY

Why are many Christians sick? It is in most cases because of what they have eaten. Instead of eating real food that was created by God which would nourish and regenerate their cells, they have eaten man-made artificial foods that not only have starved and suffocated their cells but have also afflicted them with poisons.

Deception is an enemy of Christendom. Many assume that the Jews are God's chosen people and as a result have a faulty prophetic and world view. Many assume that the food at the grocery store and restaurant are safe and nutritious, and as a result are suffering from all kinds of degenerate and disabling diseases. Amen.

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For Good Health Avoid Any Food With The Following Ingredients

1. Sodium Nitrates
2. Monosodium Glutamate
3. Aspartame
4. Yeast Extract
5. Hydrogenated Oils
6. High Fructose Corn Syrup
7. Acrylamides
8. Saccharin
- 9 Refined White Flour

The enemy is doing as much as they can to destroy the true covenant people of God.

- Birth Control (prevent children from being born).
- Abortion (murdering children that have been conceived)
- Vaccinations (12 are now recommended for boys; 13 for girls)
- Flu shots
- Rock & roll music
- Adulterated foods and beverages
- Artificial foods

- Frenzied sex
- Debt usury credit money system
- Contaminated water
- Polluted air

GlaxoSmithKline, a pharmaceutical company, has created a "Here's To Life Program" to provide to its customers valuable heart health information, hints and tips on healthy living, advice from nationally recognized cardiologists, and special offers for their aspirin product called "Ecotrin." In addition, to anyone who joins their free program, they will send their newsletter that contains information on what they call the "Five Pillars of Health."

GLAXOSMITHKLINE'S FIVE PILLARS OF

HEALTH

1. Physician Relationship. This pillar focuses on the relationship you have with your physician and how you can work with him or her to improve your wellness and quality of life.

2. Nutrition. Good nutrition can affect more than your weight. It can affect your overall health, including your heart health. Find out what you can do.

3. Physical Activity/Fitness. Physical activity doesn't need to mean running a marathon—but it does mean continually striving to improve your fitness.

4. Mind & Body Connection. The effects of stress on the heart have been well publicized and widely studied. Managing stress can help you to achieve vitality.

5. Pharmacy. The interactions between medications, supplements, vitamins and minerals represent an area of great confusion. Learn what you can do to clear the confusion."

What's wrong with GlaxoSmithKline's Five Pillars of Health? Nothing with two of the pillars: Nutrition and Physical Activity/Fitness. However, their statement that good nutrition can affect your overall health would be better worded if it said: nutrition does affect your overall health.

The Physician Relationship: Wouldn't it be better if

New Booklet VACCINATION

Investigate Before You vaccinate: A Guide for parents

"Nobody wants their child to suffer from disease or illness, but are vaccines the answer? Most literature promotes the belief that the 'benefits' of vaccines outweigh any potential 'risks.' This booklet contains information that questions both the effectiveness and safety of vaccines. Investigate before you vaccinate. Read the information that promotes vaccination and that which questions it. Then you can decide for yourself." Kathy Scarborough.

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your physician was one of the elders of your church? Not only would he have an understanding of the body, but also the soul and spirit. Proper anointing with oil and prayer would be part of the healing process.

Mind And Body Connection: This pillar should be changed from the secular humanist view to the Christian view of Mind, Body and Spirit Connection. The effect on the body by the actions of the soul and spirit should be a part of the pillar, instead of totally omitting the spirit. The consequences of guilt, bitterness, hatred, worry, fear, anxiety, envy, jealousy, and other sins needs to be dealt with by repentance, restitution, and forgiveness.

Pharmacy: This pillar should be destroyed and replaced with God's medicines, herbs and essential oils, along with the vitamins, supplements and minerals.

Sadly, most local churches have given up the area of the health of the sheep's soul and spirit to psychologists and psychiatrists; the health of the sheep's body to medical doctors and their treatment of symptoms by using drugs. Correctly, the medical profession admits that they cannot cure any disease—but our God can and does!

The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob not only "forgives all thine iniquities," but also "heals all thy diseases" (Psalm 103:3). Amen.

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THE HEALTH WAR by pastor Don Elmore

During my lifetime the United States Government has declared war on:

- Poverty
- Drugs (illegal)
- Cancer
- Terrorists
- Illiteracy
- Second-hand smoke and several others.

The United States Government like to pride itself on being the "freedom" enforcer of the world. They brag that they are bringing freedom to many areas of the world that were oppressed by dictatorships—like Iraq and Afghanistan.

But what about the freedoms in the United States? Freedom of speech, religion, right of assembly, right to bear arms, and others have been slowly eroding. Recently, another freedom is being challenged—*the freedom to choose one's health care*. The oppressive arm of the United States Government in several startling cases has strongly asserted that they can and will make medical decisions for parents whether the parents agree or not!

ABRAHAM CHERRIX

This is especially seen in cases concerning a parents' decision to help with curing their children's diseases by seeking alternative therapies over traditional and often harmful, treatments. The most famous of a host of cases is the current battle involving a 16-year-old Virginia boy named Abraham Cherrix.

In August 2005, Abraham was diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease. After his initial diagnosis, Abraham submitted to chemotherapy, which made him feel weak and nauseous. His cancer went into a brief remission before returning earlier this year. When his doctor informed him that he wanted to treat him with some stronger chemotherapy, Abraham, supported by his parents, decided to forgo the traditional drug treatment and instead try an alternative herbal treatment; involving cancer-fighting herbs and an organic diet.

However, the Virginia Department of Social Services decided to get involved, and asked the state court to require Abraham's parents to return him to the hospital in Virginia for conventional treatment, which would include stronger chemotherapy that he'd previously undergone, as well as radiation therapy. The court **ordered** Abraham's parents to give **consent**, which by definition involves a **willing** agreement between the consenting parties. Fortunately for their son's health, his parents refused. And the battle began. The Cherrix family is trying to fend off the oppressive courts seeking to subject Abraham to a "therapy" that he and his parents do not want; a therapy that comes with side effects ranging from pain and hair loss to vomiting and possible infections.

KATIE WERNECKE

An even more oppressive case involved a 13-year-old Texas girl, who also was diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease in 2005. But when she was originally taken to the hospital by her parents, they thought that she had pneumonia—not cancer. When the cancer was discovered, the doctors gave Katie chemotherapy. And then they also wanted to give her radiation therapy.

Her parents declined, citing possible complications such as stunted growth, an increase in breast cancer risk and learning difficulties. They opted to try an alternative therapy involving high doses of intravenous vitamin C, but before they got to try the much safer therapy, the Texas Child Protective Services intervened.

Unlike Abraham's case, Katie was taken from her parents after they were labelled "neglectful" by the state, and her mother was arrested and thrown in jail for taking her daughter to hide at a family ranch in order to avoid the ordered "treatment."

HUMANISM VS. CHRISTEN- DOM

These two battles are representative of many more to come. The anti-Christian socialistic-fascist humanistic belief system that asserts that the state owns children is rapidly replacing the Christian belief system that God made the father the head of his family.

These cases are not about which method is best. Its about who gets to decide—the parents or the state. The Government Health authorities are in a war to revoke parents' rights to treat their children with natural therapies.

If the Health authorities win—will there not be more oppressive activity in the health decisions of children? What about vaccinations? Notification of aborticide? Prescription drugs? Blood transfusions? Flu shots?

HYPOCRITICAL ARGUMENTS

Jesus strongly condemned some of the religious leaders of his time by declaring to them that they were "hypocrites." The same could be said about the state Health authorities of Virginia and Texas.

• In regards to the baby that is in the womb of a mother, the government loudly proclaims that the mother has the right to choose—freedom of choice—to murder her baby.

• In regards to the baby after it is born, the mother and father have no right to choose—no freedom of choice—as to how to treat their sick child if it is NOT a treatment that is approved by the Medical agencies, like the American Medical Association.

But how successful has been the treatments advocated by the American Medical Association? Since the early

Historical videos:

CI-013

The Most Misused Word in the Bible

by Peter J. Peters

**Spotlight Magazine, by Lois Peterson, &
When Jack Mohr Came to Colorado (or,
Standing In the Gap), Peter J. Peters**

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CI-014

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For Lack of Truth, by People Concerned
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1970's when President Nixon declared War on Cancer, over \$2,000,000,000,000 has been spent on conventional cancer treatment and research, with the result that Americans are dying of cancer more now than ever before!

But that is only half of the story. The American Medical Association and the National Cancer Institute have spent another large sum of money forcing holistic therapies out of business! If a clinic or medical practice has success against cancer, even curing patients, their methods are not studied or tested, but they are immediately persecuted. They are harassed, defamed, lied about, sued, chased out of the country, etc. Freedom to cure Americans of diseases is not permitted in the benevolent socialistic country of America.

What most Americans don't know is that the American Medical Association, charged with protecting Americans, have waged a decades-long war against CANCER CURES in an attempt to keep them from the public. Their tactic in this war is to either suppress the information or to label as "quack" anyone who has a proven successful treatment.

THE HOXSEY TREATMENT

Why have very few Americans never heard of John Hoxsey and his great-grandson—Harry Hoxsey? John Hoxsey was an American physician who discovered a remarkably effective cancer cure in 1840 (that's one hundred and sixty-six years ago) by watching horses with cancer heal themselves by foraging for certain rare herbs.

In the 1930's, Harry Hoxsey, a coal miner with no formal medical training, began promoting his great-grandfather's cancer formula—which contained a number of herbs, including bloodroot, burdock, red clover, licorice root, poke-root, barberry root, buckthorn, prickly ash, and cascara. He also marketed a salve for external cancers, which successfully burnt off external cancers.

Regardless, his method of powerful herbs, vitamins, immune stimulation and an organic diet proved amazingly effective at CURING cancer, and the word of his cancer treatments spread. People from all over America—including "terminal" patients conventional doctors had given up on—sought his treatments, no matter where he was practicing. And a high number of them were successfully cured.

Since Harry was not a doctor, he teamed up with seven licensed physicians to run his clinics. But even though these treatments were very helpful to many Americans, he was arrested hundreds of times over the course of his life and was eventually forced to go to Mexico, where he could once again establish his clinics.

This is the treatment that Abraham Cherrix wants to utilize. One of the many alternative treatments that the American Medical Association wants to suppress.

THE ROLE OF THE LOCAL CHURCH

The Apostle James asked the question: "Is any sick among you?" (James 5:14). His answer: "Let him call for the ELDERS OF THE CHURCH..."

The local church has surrendered their authority to usurping humanistic agencies that are more concerned about the "health business" rather than the healing of God's people. If any of our readers are seeking to "call the elders of the church," for their or a friend's ailment(s), then you are urged to call Elder Lawrence Blanchard, Doctor of Naturopathy. (LawrenceBlanchard@fuse.net)

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PLANNING THE COUNTER-REVOLUTION

by David Warren

How can the debate over same-sex marriage be done when its damage to society continues to multiply?

Whatever the fate of the Parliamentary review of "same-sex marriage," the battle is far from over. There is too much at stake on both sides of the "culture war," and participants must remain patient about the outcome.

I am myself on the side of decency and right: A pessimist in the short run, an optimist for the long. I'm a Catholic, and therefore sure God is with us. While it is worth trying to overturn the enemy's most recent gain while it is fresh, I still acknowledge His superior forces. To put a sharp point on it, in Canada today, the devils have control over the media, the courts, the bureaucracy and the education system. That's more than a match for "the people."

Same-sex marriage was foisted on Canada in a revolutionary way—without an election, without serious public debate. It was introduced as an in-house job by the revolutionary party (something larger than the Liberals), working with Pierre Trudeau's so-called Charter of Rights and Freedoms. The systematic attack on our common law is part of a larger attack on all norms of public decency, in what was once a Christian society. Since the "straight" nuclear family was the bedrock of that society, the enemy has invested much in its destruction.

Same-sex marriage was never an end in itself. To begin with, the thing was demanded only by a fringe of the fringe—one of several minorities of radical activists within the tiny minority of homosexuals. It was enlarged not by the "gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered," but by the larger constituency of the "politically correct." Their leadership grasped what a lethal weapon "gay rights" could be, against "family values." For if I may contradict my allies on the socially conservative right, there was no "homosexual agenda." It is the old left agenda, being pursued for a moment by homosexual means.

The genius of same-sex marriage is not that it creates the spectacle of men marrying men, women marrying women. That is mere show, like gay pride parades. To this day, few homosexuals desire to ape the symbolism of family values. And what is the point being homosexual, if you do?

The genius is rather in what same-sex marriage does to society at large. It compels the rewriting of the legal and tax codes to eliminate such concepts as "father," "mother," "husband" and "wife." It creates doubt and confusion about all social relations. It thus extends the psychic carnage wreaked by the feminist revolution. By decisively separating the concept of "marriage" from the responsibilities of child-rearing, all of the conventions that hold a society together are turned topsy-turvy. The very connection between biological reality and moral order is severed. And in the follow-up campaign, the child's interest in a secure family, with "a mommy and daddy," is replaced by every adult's right to own a child. The eugenic movement, which now offers "surrogate parenthood" as a technological fix to the unalterable facts of nature, broadens the desecration.

To be fair, few of the nominal supporters of same-sex marriage grasp any of this. They have been told this is just a "rights issue," and they've been taught to avoid any form of prudential reasoning. And opposition has been rendered largely illegal by revolutionary changes to our criminal

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also

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(also about South Africa)

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(although these are not recent, they are 'new' to the list. Some interesting history exposed.



code.

under these circumstances, it makes more sense to proceed as the left did, but in reverse. The Harper government has already cut off funding to the Court Challenges Program and the Law Commission of Canada. These were the enemy spearheads, which depended on taxpayer funding. The prime minister has also started to appoint supreme and superior court judges who are morally and intellectually sound, though we will have to keep the Liberals and their like out of power for a decade or more to turn that tide.

The enemy has devoted a lot of work to making us shut up about “gay issues;” to making us dread having to confront the subject again; to making us tremble at the word “homophobia.” What Mr. Harper needs, to achieve more, is a far more vocal and tactless constituency to his right.

(courtesy Western Standard, Canada, Oct 23, 2006)

POTS CALLING KETTLES IRRATIONAL

by Ted Byfield

Post-modern western culture can't handle militant Islam, because in a self-serving way, it's just as irrational.

Islamic Jihadists are not big on reason, columnist George Jonas wrote in the *National Post*, following Pope Benedict's recent comments on historic Islam. “To counter any suggestion that Islam is a violent religion,” Jonas noted, “Muslims attacked churches in the West Bank, Gaza and Basra.” How dare Pope Benedict infer that the Islamic faith begets violence! A British Muslim leader wanted him subjected to “capital punishment;” a Somali Muslim leader thought he should be slain “on the spot;” an Al Qaeda spokesman urged “a major attack” on Catholicism.

That all their threats wholly affirm the very view to which they are objecting never seems to dawn on these gents. And that, Jonas wrote, is because being reasonable doesn't interest them. Their sole concern is to conquer the world for Islam, whatever the cost in blood, devastation, death and irrationality. Something Jonas did not observe (though in his speech, Benedict did) was that this same rejection of reason is also occurring in the western world. Here are three current examples.

1. In the September issue of *Touchstone* magazine, Barry Michaels, teaching in a “flourishing Catholic college-prep high school,” reports that his students, when facing such moral questions as abortion, “prefer either comfortable unawareness, or bold-faced denial of plain fact.” One girl, told that medical observation shows that a very young fetus feels pain (see **CI-086**, which includes the film on abortion), replied: “Yes, but what science says doesn't matter. Just because something is true doesn't mean I have to believe it.”

To “believe” something used to mean “to think it true.” But to these students—“bright and talented kids, the children of some of the most successful people in this part of the state”—belief and truth are apparently not connected. Having been schooled to regard her “beliefs” as something purely personal, a matter of subjective feeling, this girl was

unconcerned about their “truth.”

2. Out of our inviolable concern for public health we have banished smoking from virtually every public place, and are prepared to force the terminally ill to shiver with their oxygen stands outside hospital doors, rather than imperil those inside with their second-hand smoke. But one of the most health-endangering things anyone can do, says the much-respected medical ethicist Margaret Somerville, is practise homosexuality. Apart from the risk of HIV/AIDS, sexually active homosexuals evidence high rates of infection for a dozen other diseases, all loathsome and some life-threatening. Yet the same society that cracks down hard on smokers, preaches tolerance for the “gay lifestyle” in its schools to the point of openly advocating it. So much for our inviolable commitment to public health.

3. Equally high among horrible examples of consistent illogic, however, are the myriad academics of the western world who insist that Islam is a peaceful religion. Little if anything in Islam's history testifies to this; indeed, centuries of indisputable fact testify against it. From the days of the Prophet onward, Muslims spread their faith by the sword and little else. Patently ignoring this, our academics invariably begin the history of Muslim-Christian conflict with the Crusades in the 12th and 13th centuries. Seldom

mentioned, if ever, is the fact that the Crusades were a Christian attempt to recover lands previously seized from them by Muslims. This is like beginning a history of the Second World War with the “unprovoked” Allied attacks on peace-loving Nazi Europe in 1943 and 1944.

The same curious gullibility no doubt led our liberal academics for years (and some still) to embrace and espouse Soviet Communism, overlooking vicious totalitarian despotism, millions upon millions in slave labour camps, draconian prohibitions against free speech, periodic purges that claimed thousands of lives, and a record of active military and subversive aggression against every country in the free world.

Apparently, for that young student's dictum—“Just because a thing is true doesn't mean I have to believe it”—our academics long since adopted the corollary: “Just because a thing is false doesn't mean I have to reject it.” But at least they're consistent. Having been dead wrong on the major issue of the 20th century, they're

now coming out dead wrong on what will probably be the major issue of the 21st.

No wonder so many young people now shun the liberal arts.

Courtesy Western Standard, Canada, Oct 23, 2006

European Court Rules On Parental Rights.

In a landmark case, *Konrad vs. Germany*, the European Court of Human Rights ruled that the German government had the right to ban home schooling. The court ruled in favor of Germany, saying every child has a right to a “pluralistic” education (an education that teaches all children to live together with mutual respect for races, religions and

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views—as defined by the state). This hallmark case sets an important precedent for other nations that adopt international law as their own (*Court Report*, Nov-Dec 2006). Is it interesting or “telling” that Germany would be the first nation in Europe to pursue a ruling that gives it the right to mandate a pluralistic education for all children—giving it once again the ability to “indoctrinate” its young citizens with the pluralistic education the state (*the Fatherland*) deems appropriate?

The British Are Going! The British Are Going!

More than a million Britons have emigrated from their homeland since 2000. More and more people are fleeing Britain to take up residence in the United States, Australia and Western Europe. At the same time, a growing influx of foreigners is flooding the British Isles in unprecedented numbers, transforming the nation’s traditional way of life. Britain’s Office for National Statistics reports that of the 565,000 people who entered the U.K. last year, 474,000 were foreign nationals planning to stay in the country. Robert Whelan, an analyst at the Civitas think tank, says of the Britons who are leaving: “People are emigrating because of a sense of hopelessness about the problems here... nothing is ever done about the big problems like education, health care, crime. There is a growing sense that politicians will never deal with the problems ... then people pay more tax and get less back for it. So they think about taking the drastic step of emigration.” These migrations have destabilized communities, and incoming cheap labor has driven down wages, making it harder for British citizens to find work at a decent wage (This is London, Nov. 2, 2006). Notice the end-time prophecy about the British:

“Ephraim has mixed himself among the peoples; Ephraim is a cake unturned. Aliens have devoured his strength, but he does not know it; yes, gray hairs are here and there on him, yet he does not know it” (Hosea 7:8-9).

Courtesy Christian Research, by email

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CHINA’S WAR PLANS

For Conquest & Extermination of North America (this is quite long, so I’ve given just the first two paragraphs, CIM)

The following chilling speech by Chinese Defence Minister Chi Haotian was first carried August 12 by U.S. Broadcaster Hal Turner. It is a chilling but coherent plan for war. It explains that China needs more space and resources for its soaring population. It offers a vision of Chinese racial superiority and entitlement to regional, if not world, hegemony. It calls for the conquest of North America, already once conquered by Asians [the Native Indians] and the extermination of at least half of North America’s population, preferably by a still-to-be-perfected biological weapon that targets Caucasians.

I’ve sat on this frightening call for war and genocide for seven months. I talked to Hal Turner at the recent American Renaissance Conference in Herndon, VA. He said American friends of his had obtained it from dissident

Chinese military men in Shanghai. Another old China hand has since confirmed that the speech is widely known in China. It has been published in a few dissident outlets including Epoch Times. As usual, the poodle press does nothing but spin more fantasies about the huge profits that might be reaped somewhere in the future through more trade with China. Like the sorry old opium addict, they continue to “chase the dragon.”-- Paul Fromm

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ANTI-SMOKING BULLIES HAVE GONE FAR ENOUGH IN THEIR REGULATORY JIHAD

by John Martin

As city councillors and provincial governments trip over each other in a rush to enact tougher and more restrictive anti-smoking bylaws, it was a pleasure to see White Rock council buck the trend and reject a recommendation to ban smoking on outdoor patios.

What started out decades ago as an overdue move to prohibit smoking on commercial air travel has now reached the point of absurdity. Reasonable restrictions on smoking in public places have turned into a literal purging of those indulging in a product that is completely legal.

Not content to force smokers to butt out in restaurants, bars and all other indoor venues, the anti-smoking zealots regrouped to extend the prohibition to include parks, bus stops and anywhere near municipal buildings. Now they’re going after outdoor patios at pubs and restaurants.

Can private, residential patios and balconies be far behind? Is there any reason to believe they will ever declare victory and go away? I’m certainly not advocat-

ing smoking. I’ve never had a single cigarette in my life, and was much relieved when bars and diners went smoke free. (I do light up a fine Cuban Cohiba cigar a couple of times a month. But as Kinky Friedman, candidate for Texas governor notes: “I don’t see it as supporting their economy, but as burning their crops.”)

But here’s where it gets surreal. We open up a clean, warm, supervised facility for intravenous drug addicts. They continue to break into people’s houses and cars on their way to and from the injection site. Civic leaders now want to establish similar facilities throughout the Lower Mainland.

In the meantime, law-abiding, taxpaying, contributing citizens are forced to huddle outside in the wind and rain every time they need a nicotine fix.

Every day, activists are wagging their finger demanding we be tolerant, understanding and responsive to the needs of drug users, prostitutes, panhandlers, squatters, refugee claimants openly dealing drugs and other groups who have a significantly negative impact on neighbourhoods and diminish the quality of life for every one else. Yet, it’s acceptable and fashionable to shun and ostracize smokers.

Discouraging tobacco use and providing non-smokers and employees a smoke-free environment is all well and good. But the anti-smoking movement has turned into a regulatory jihad. By going after smokers on outdoor patios, it’s difficult to accept this is still about health and second-hand smoke.



The anti-smoking lobby has become a bully in every sense of the word. And standing up to such a pushy, self-righteous aggressor takes a lot of guts and comes with considerable risk.

They may not know it, but White Rock council just stared down the biggest bully on the block.

Courtesy The Province, Vancouver BC, Nov 2, 06.

Criminologist John Martin, of the University College of the Fraser Valley.

BIBLE FORMULA FOR FINDING GOD'S WILL

by Dr. Everett Ramsey

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable, and perfect will of God." Rom. 12:1-2.

"Nevertheless I am continually with thee: thou hast holden me by my right hand. Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory." Psa 73:23-24.

INTRODUCTION

- My greatest desire is to know the will of God for my life. I know that living in the will of God is the place where God's direction, power, blessing and protection will be given.

- The most perfect, happy place for you is in the center of God's will.

- God has a plan for every life. If I could have been given at 16-20 what I am about to give you, my life would have been even fuller and more blessed.

- Most pastors either don't know how to lead people to find God's will or they do not feel it is important.

- Our texts tell us that we should know the will of God and that God promises to give us that leadership if we seek it correctly.

- God's promises are extremely important and available.

We sing:

Standing on the promises, I cannot fail
Though the howling storms of doubt and fear assail
By the living Word of God we shall prevail
Standing on the promises of God.

Yet many never learn how to stand on a promise. This promise to Guide and lead in His will is probably the most precious promise outside the promise to save.

Just think, you can have God guiding you. That is better than the best educated man, the best financial wizard. God is the all-wise, all-knowing, God. God knows what's ahead—He never Errors, Fails, Misses, Absent from His post, Sick.

THE FIRST NEED IS DESIRE TO KNOW

- You have got to want to know.
- I have found that many Christians do not believe it is important to know God's will for them.

- I have found another greater number of Christians who are afraid to know ... it might require action or change. "... that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God." Romans 12:2

"And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever." 1 John 2:17

SECOND, YOU MUST BE WILLING TO OBEY AND FOLLOW THE WILL OF GOD

"If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself." John 7:17.

There is a principle that God does not reveal His will to give you an opportunity to choose to obey. He only reveals His will to those who have already agreed to obey without hearing what it is.

GREATEST HINDRANCES TO KNOWING THE WILL OF GOD

Emotions, Ambitions, Desire, Lack of Knowledge.

OBVIOUS THINGS NOT INVOLVED IN FINDING GOD'S WILL

1. Money - God never allows money and how much you will make to be a criteria.
2. Fame or prestige
3. Comfort, convenience, pleasure.

THINGS IN THE BIBLE REQUIRE NO SEARCH OR PRAYER

Separation vs Fornication

"For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication." 1 Thes 4:3

Sanctify = separate, segregate

Porneo = Pornography, all perverse forms of sex including adultery, adulteration.

"That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour; not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God." 1 Thes 4:4-5.

Thankful Attitude

"In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." 1 Thes 5:18

The laws of God concerning sin.

Baptism

Tithing

Church Attendance

Praying

Study the Word

THINGS WE MOST NEED TO SEEK

GOD'S WILL ABOUT:

Life's Training & Occupation

Your mate in marriage

Where to live and work

These three areas will determine most what you do for God. Most young people are only concerned with getting a job that pays big money. Most people only want training to hold a job or make money. Most people only want a mate that aesthetically enhances their prestige.

Ask a youth to write on a piece of paper the kind of mate they wanted. One wrote, tall, dark eyes, handsome, rich, educated, talented. I responded, 'He won't need you!'

Most people live where the money is. Just like Lot and Sodom.

HOW ARE YOU GOING TO FIND GOD'S WILL IN THESE AND OTHER MATTERS?

Give yourself and your possessions to God.

"And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God." 2 Cor. 8:5

"What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." 1 Cor. 6:19-20.

God must have full surrender. He will not use an un-



surrendered vessel. On the other hand, God does not need a perfect vessel. There are certain sins that forever ruin you for certain tasks.

MUST HAVE A RENEWED THINKING PROCESS

“And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.” Rom. 12:2

The more you know about God and His way and submit to it, the easier it will become to know His will.

GOD LEADS BY THE BIBLE

This is God’s chief way to Guide.

“Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.” Psa 119:105

“The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.” Psa 119:130.

God led Israel of old by a cloud and a pillar of fire. He leads us by His Word. We are to follow Him through His Word, even if the world disagrees. Even if they think we are nuts. Even if our friends forsake us. Even if our families (or family members) disclaim us. Even if governments persecute us.

Children sing: The B-I-B-L-E it’s good enough for me. I stand alone on the Word of God, the B-I-B-L-E.

My feelings and emotions will fail me, the Word never. My eye-sight deceives me, my friends deceive me, The Bible never.

“Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.” Mar 13:31.

The Holy Bible

I could not if I would, believe that good men wrote it to deceive; And bad men would not, if they could, and they could not if they would, proceed to write a book so good. And no crazy man could ere conceive its wondrous plan. And pray what other kind of men than these 3 groups do comprehend.

And so it must be that God inspired the words that souls of prophets fired.

The Bible is the Word and Guide of God. It has been tried and tested. Every engine of distrusting has been brought against it. The engines are gone and the Word goes on.

Every hammer of every skeptic and infidel has pounded against the anvil of God’s Word. The hammers, the skeptics and infidels are gone, the Word lives on. You can put confidence in it. It is the anchor of salvation and the light to guide us. All things are tested against the Word of God.

You say, I had a vision? Yes, you may have had too much buttermilk, corn bread and onion before bed time.

STAY IN THE BOOK

You say, I’ll follow my conscience; No, your conscience may be seared.

“To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.” Isa 8:20.

One of the main reasons that men do not know the will of God is because they do not know the Bible; or someone who does. They have not had their minds renewed by the Scriptures. They have not separated from the world, they have conformed to it.

The world says, go to a wicked atheistic college

The world says, make lots of money
The world says, marry for beauty and handsomeness
The world says, get a job
The world says, move to a place you enjoy
The world says, let your wife work and make a second income
The world says, send your children to a humanist government school
The world says, women, have a career.
The Bible says, *Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added unto you.*

More heartache, More divorce, More spouse abuse, More child abuse, More sin and wickedness because men and women want to follow the patterns of the world.

The Formula is: Desire to know; Willing to Obey God; Give yourself to God; Start with the Scripture.

Seek The Counsel of Godly Men and Women

You should never make a life-altering decision without the counsel of Godly men and women. Pastor, Elders, Godly businessmen, godly parents. Prefer people over 40, the older the better!

“If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.” James 1:5.

“Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors there is safety.” Proverbs 11:14.

“The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise.” Proverbs 12:15.

“Without counsel purposes are disappointed: but a man of understanding will draw it out.” Proverbs 20:5.

“Every purpose is established by counsel: and with good advice make war.” Proverbs 20:18.

SPIRITUAL MEDITATION

“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.” Romans 8:14.

“But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.” Isa 40:31.

“This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way properous, and then thou shalt have good success.” Josh 1:8

“But his delight is in the law of the LORD; 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.” Psalm 1:2

Do NOT believe that emotions and feelings are the Holy Spirit!

SEEK THE PEACE OF GOD IN YOUR HEART

“Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let all your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” Phil 4:6

“And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.” Col 3:15.

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THE CASE OF SAUL OR PAUL

by Brandon P. Hawkins

There is much controversy within the Israel-Identity movement concerning this man “Saul” or “Paul.” Conflicting reports are coming to us from scholarly sources expounding both pro and anti points of view. - Were Paul’s writings inspired on conspired? This is the point of study and only the acid test of Scripture will reveal the justice of God, for His words are perfect and do not contradict themselves. Do Paul’s words, then, conflict with themselves or with writings of any others in the Bible, including those words spoken by our Master - Jesus, the Anointed?

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“For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.” Rom 14:17,19.

BELIEVE IN GOD’S PROVIDENCE

Israel at the Red Sea; Jonah on the boat, the storm and the fish; God’s providence includes health and finances.

Some Questions To Ask:

My feeling is that if you have to ask, is it right, is it OK, most times leave it alone!

What is my motive for doing this?

Is this thing good for me, my family and the kingdom?

Will it bring a thorn, make me anxious, worry, will it be a weight resulting in less service for God? Is it enslaving? Will it cause a brother to stumble? Does it compromise my separation from the world? Will it lead to temptation? Does it give external appearance of evil? Does it glorify God? Am I wanting to do it for some personal gain?

SUMMARY REVIEW

Desire. - Will you obey and follow? - Is it something already in the Bible? - The Three Big Ones: Occupation; Partner; Location!

Give yourself to God. Get to know the Word of God. Renew your thinking. Seek input from people who know God. Meditate with God alone. Seek peace in your heart about a matter. Trust God’s providence.

Ask the questions!

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THE REASON FOR THE SEASON

By Nell Stevenson, Ontario

Sparkling lights, evergreen trees decorated in silver and gold, mistletoe and holly, gifts under the tree, crowded malls and good old Santa Claus all help to usher in our favourite season of the year. Many weeks of planning and shopping and scheduling will culminate in family dinners, gift exchanges, candlelight services and midnight mass. For a month or more, shopping, food, and festivity are at the top of the agenda because “tis the season to be jolly.”

But, where is Christ in all this?

Millions are spent on parties and home decorations. Tons of gifts and food will be collected for the “less fortunate,” who can’t afford to participate in the traditional celebrations [particularly for the poor ‘blacks’ of Africa!]. Santa Claus, offshoot of the revered Roman Catholic Saint Nicholas, does not come to the poor. Even the average well-to-do parent is hard pressed to meet his/her children’s expectations of the jolly elf; so disappointment, debt, stress, loneliness, depression and suicide, though not advertised, are also very real signs of the season.

Where is Christ in all this?

Christians of all denominations eager to promote the “spirit of Christmas,” join in the traditions because all is well as long as we keep the Christ in Christ-mas. As a sincere Christian have you ever asked yourself, as I have, “What’s it all about, this season we call Christmas?” Why the big deal about Dec. 25th? It does us well to look into these things so we don’t “perish from lack of knowledge.”

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so far back as 1250 BC, it was already a big deal. You can guess that it had no relevance to the birth of Christ who was born some time in late September. No, that day was the birthday of the “unconquered sun,” a feast for the pagans of the time to honour Baal-Birth. In the book of Judges, chapter 8, we can find reference to this very abomination.

It was a Babylonish festival season similar to ours called “Yule.” There was merriment and gift giving. The Yule log in the hearth represented Nimrod cut down by his enemies. The evergreen tree set up the next day symbolized his rebirth and deification. Gifts to the deities were laid at the foot of the tree. Wax candles, a prominent feature in Babylonish worship, were put on the tree and lit to honour their gods—Adonis, Venus, Bacchus etc.

That in a nutshell is the unhappy truth about the heathen tradition we are perpetuating. Then as now it was in conjunction with the winter solstice of Dec 22nd, the shortest day of the year. From then on the day’s light begins to slowly increase and hence the connection with the sun’s rebirth and festivities to glorify the sun.

The Bible reminds us to keep holy the Lord’s Day and none other. We have no biblical mandate to celebrate Christ’s birth, so, should we keep Christ in Christ-mas? What exactly are we celebrating on the 25th of December, that day chosen by the Roman church to Christianize the pagan festival of the sun? What is this “mass of Christ” that Protestants who otherwise reject the Mass are happy to celebrate?

“Christ-mass” the very word is an invention of the Roman church and on Dec 25th we unwittingly unite to celebrate the Mass, the sacrifice of the new law. Christ is the sacrificial victim crucified anew and offered as an unbloody sacrifice. At the consecration the priests drink from the cup the blood of Christ. The faithful receive Christ by eating the bread wafer, believed to be the actual body of Christ. These things are not Scriptural and date back to the unbloody sacrifices offered to Baal and Ashtoreth, the sun god and the queen of heaven. These idolatrous pagan practices began in Babylon with the rebel Nimrod over 2000 years before Christ’s birth and have been allowed to infiltrate into the midst of God’s people and into His church to this very day.

There is no place for Christ amid this idolatry of Babylon. “Christmas” is not a biblical word! Christmas is not Scriptural! Saying “Merry” Christmas is like saying “Merry Crucifixion.” How bizarre!! Can these words even pass our lips now?

The Lord’s Supper and the Mass are totally different in origin, meaning and practice. Can we as Christians honestly celebrate the pagan festival of December, in which the name of Christ has been joined to the Mass in a blasphemous union called Christmas? How the

adversaries must rejoice at seeing Christians participate in this counterfeit religious system with all its revelry and the evergreen tree as one of its revered symbols (while they listen to the jingle of the silver in the till). Why has the very clear warning of Jeremiah 10 not been emphasized from the pulpits? *“Thus saith the LORD, learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the sign of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them. For the customs of the people are vain:” one cutteth a tree out of the forest ... They*



deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not.

For the sake of fun and fitting in with society, will God's people, the "salt of the earth" continue to perpetuate these pagan traditions and lies for the next generation?

Now that we know the reason for the season we may want to begin a new practice and sing in July or September, "Joy to the world, the Lord is come. Let earth receive her King! Let every heart prepare Him room!" "O come, O come, Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel!"

We need no other reason to sing these wonderful hymns of worship but to celebrate the Lord's Day each week any season of the year.

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WWJD WITH THE OT?

by Robert Surgenor

Previously, we discussed how the Bible teaches us that corporal punishment in child rearing is an important part of parenting. When God created us, He knew exactly what instructions to write in His manual. Not only have we received direct orders, we have been provided with examples showing us the results of man's obedience or disobedience to the rules.

When I first started researching the subject of spanking, I was unaware of how much of God's Word dealt with that very subject. I have nowhere near the knowledge that my dad has acquired since he began preaching in 1964, so using him as a resource was a blessing. I began to discover amazing things about spanking children for misbehaviour, especially in the Old Testament.

The apostle Paul wrote in Romans 15:4, "*For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.*" [the pronouns which address Israel] Even the Old Testament (things written aforetime) contains information about corporal punishment that we should heed. We are given examples of certain parenting methods used by famous Bible fathers, and the results of those methods.

In First Samuel we read of one of the Bible's "non-spanking" parents, the priest Eli, who felt that he could "reason" with his children. Was his "reproof" effective without any "rod"? In 1 Samuel 2:23 we read of Eli speaking to his sons, "*And he said unto them, 'Why do ye such things? for I hear of your evil dealings by all this people. Nay, my sons; for it is no good report that I hear: ye make the Lord's people to transgress.'*" Eli is rebuking his sons verbally [and note that these are adult sons]. He asks them why they are acting in such a manner and then advises them that what they are doing is wrong. God then spells out the results of this "rodless" correction in 1 Samuel 3:12. God says "*For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves vile and he restrained them not.*" Why did Eli's children turn out "vile"? The answer is loud and clear. The verse states "he restrained them not." Eli failed to punish his children when they misbehaved! Eli had the habit of talking and not acting.

In First Kings we read of Adonijah, one of King David's sons, who grew up with an attitude of no fear. In fact, his lack of respect for authority caused him to overthrow a perfectly righteous government. Why did he grow up with this type of attitude? First Kings 1:6 states "*His father had not displeased him at any time in saying, 'Why hast thou done so?'*" In other words, David did not "displease" his son by demanding accountability for his actions. If you check the meaning of the word "displease" in the Hebrew text, you will be amazed to find that the word 'atsab (pronounced "aw-tsab") means to "be in pain."

This verse implies that the lack of corporal punishment, resulting in a lack of pain, caused Adonijah to grow up with an attitude of no fear of authority. David, one of the Godliest men in the Bible, was a non-spanking parent. The result was a son who was out of control. [a son who was a rapist, and a son who was a murderer].

What about the parent who demands respect for their authority? Is there any place in the Bible that addresses this aspect of parenting? Need you ask? In Genesis 18:19, the Scriptures tell us of Abraham and his parenting skills. God says of him, "*For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment.*" Do you recall the story of Abraham and his son, Isaac? Genesis 22 contains one of the greatest stories of parental authority and the obedient child ever in the human race. Isaac's respect for his father's authority reached to the limits of allowing himself to be placed on an altar to be sacrificed. Abraham's respect for God's authority caused him to do as God ordered, without question. Unfortunately, two major problems I am observing in today's youth are these, no respect for parental authority, and no fear of God.

How much time do we have to instill these values into our children? Proverbs 19:16 gives us an indication that time is of the essence. The verse says "*Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying.*" Chasten, in the Hebrew is *yacar* (pronounced "yaw-sar") which means to discipline, instruct, and admonish. We are to chasten while there is yet "hope." The word *hope*, in the Hebrew is *tiqvah* (pronounced "tik-vaw"), meaning an "expectation of an outcome." Experience shows us that a child left to himself during the early years grows up to be unmanageable. We are to discipline our children during the years when we can expect a positive outcome, before they are teenagers, before they reach adolescence, while they are young, "while there is hope." These are the years when the parent can make an impression on the child's mind and soul, and expect a positive outcome. A child should be disciplined the very first time there is an obvious defiance of authority or conscious violation of a known rule. The age doesn't matter. The intent of the child does matter. [that was one of my errors, not quick and strict enough on violations of known rules, and not consistent enough - seen in 20/20 hindsight, HR].

God suggests in this verse that the parent not be swayed by the actions of the child. I believe that this verse encourages parents to spank their child even if it appears that the child is remorseful for their actions and that the negative behaviour has ceased. [also an area of where we should have been more diligent! HR]. Read this verse carefully. The second portion states, "*and let not thy soul spare for his crying.*" Spare, in the Hebrew is *nasa* (pronounced "naw-saw") which means to "forgive" or "accept." **In cases where a spanking is the obvious method of discipline for the offense, a parent should not forgive the child or accept an apology without carrying out the prescribed discipline.** [an area where most parents can improve, I'm sure!] What if the child is genuinely remorseful? "*Let not thy soul spare for his crying.*" [that includes "her" too]. Has God's manual for mankind ever been wrong?

WWJD?

Many times I have debated liberal "child rearing experts" about spanking children as a form of discipline. Many times I have heard the argument that, as a Christian, I should "do as Jesus would do." The so-called "expert" then goes on to say something about the passive nature of Jesus, and how Jesus would never spank a child for misbehaviour. One well-known anti-spanking activist states on an anti-spanking web site, "Jesus was overwhelmingly committed to non-violent response, even in situations of high stress



and conflict. This is shown in the Beatitudes and his rebuke of the follower who brandished a sword during his arrest. Corporal punishment is a violent act against a child's body. It is not a response that is consistent with what Jesus demonstrated. Jesus advocated non-violent conflict resolution." Even though this man is a pastor of a church, he is ignorant of Biblical truths.

One of the problems today is that many in the religious arena and the secular world have no idea what Jesus would do in any situation, let alone in "situations of high stress and conflict." The world has come to perceive God as a kind and gentle being who forgives all and punishes none. Anti-spanking activists don't think that Jesus believes in spanking. The web article mentioned above states, "Jesus was committed to love and forgiveness as both the means and the end of all human relationships. These two qualities form the very foundation of His ministry. An action such as spanking that is clearly intended to cause pain hardly qualifies for what Jesus would call an 'act of love.'"

I recently had a discussion with one of my neighbours about the Bible. My neighbour believes in abortion, he believes in same-sex marriage, and he is against the death penalty. He explained to me that God wants everyone to be happy, and is too kind to punish anyone. He believes that God is love, and nothing else. he doesn't think that Jesus advocated the death penalty. He doesn't believe that Jesus supported the spanking of children. He doesn't believe that Christ ever got angry. He said to me, "Jesus didn't believe in any kind of violence."

He was a bit surprised when I opened the Bible and showed him John 2:15. This verse is one of the few that describes Jesus as a violent individual. The verse says, "And when He had made a scourge of small cords, He drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables." Like so many other important portions of Scripture, this small verse contains a lot of information. The two prior verses explain why the Lord engaged in this type of activity. Verses 13 and 14 state, "And Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting." I believe at that point, Jesus became very angry. Psalms 7:11 states, "God is angry with the wicked every day," so we know that the Lord gets mad at least once a day.

Can you imagine this? The Lord Jesus Christ, after seeing what was happening in the temple, rounds up the materials to make a scourge, or "phragellion" in the original Greek text [pronounced frag-el'-le-on]. The Creator of the universe is wrapping and twisting the cords together into a scourge. A scourge had a handle, long enough to prevent the cords from whipping back onto the hands. The cords consisted of several pieces of rope, sometimes with knots or objects placed into the fiber. The word *made* [when He had made a scourge] in the original Greek is "poieo" [pronounced poy-eh'-o] which means to produce, construct, form, or fashion. Christ was well aware of what he was going to do with that scourge as he formed it. The Jews of that day were familiar with the scourge. It was used to flog and beat prisoners prior to crucifixions.

The remainder of verse fifteen certainly doesn't sound like "non-violent conflict resolution" to me! We are not told if Jesus actually struck anyone with the scourge, but it certainly wasn't designed to tickle the armpits. We can safely assume that He was not hiding it under His garments. We are told that "He drove them all out" of the area. He didn't direct them to the exits and ask them nicely to leave. The word *drove* in the Greek text is *ekballo* [pronounced ek-bal'-lo]. According to *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance*, the word means "with notion of violence, to

drive out or to cast out." I would guess that at first, the people in the temple were surprised at Jesus' actions. Perhaps, they were first inclined to leave when the Son of a carpenter began pouring all of the money out onto the ground. Perhaps some stood their ground until Christ began flipping over tables. We are told in Matthew 21:12 that Jesus also overthrew "the seats of them that sold doves." Can you imagine the reaction of the crowd when Jesus began flipping over tables and chairs? I can picture one money-changer saying to another, "Uh oh! It's time to get out of here!" According to Scripture, Jesus was saying, "Take these things hence." He was in effect saying, "Get your stuff and get out of here!" I've wondered how long it took for Jesus to clear the area.

My father has been preaching the gospel since I was a youngster. His messages from the platform have been described as "fiery." I once had someone who heard him preach say to me, "I don't agree with a preacher shouting like that." When I asked why he objected to a loud sermon, he replied, "In every movie I've ever seen about Jesus, He never shouted like that." We are in serious trouble when people use Hollywood to determine how Jesus acted [as people are still doing today, by watching films like *The Passion!*] Most of the people walking around with necklaces and bracelets that have WWJD engraved on them have no idea Who Jesus is, let alone know the answer to the question, "What would Jesus do?" Most anti-spanking "experts" fall into that category.

Don't be deceived by the modern day philosophy that advocates the elimination of all punishment in child rearing, especially by those who use Jesus as the example of tolerance. There are plenty of Scriptures that describe God's anger and the serious consequences that follow. Deuteronomy 6:15 says, "Lest the anger of the Lord thy God be kindled against thee, and destroy thee from off the face of the earth." Joshua 23:16 says, "Then shall the anger of the Lord be kindled against you, and ye shall perish quickly." 1 Chron. 13:10 reads: "And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzza, and He smote him."

Granted, the God of this universe is slow to anger. Psalms 145:8 says, "The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy." But that doesn't mean that God never gets mad. And when He does, look out! Jesus never had children, so He never had the chance to spank a youngster. But, His Word encourages us, as parents, to apply the "rod" to our children when necessary.

I'm not advocating spanking your child in anger (although God does - see the book of Judges!). The point I am making is that it is not always wrong to use force and fear to obtain your objective, no matter what the "experts" say. Even Jesus became angry. Even Jesus brandished a scourge. Even Jesus instilled fear into those who violated the rules. The "experts" who claim that "Jesus advocated non-violent conflict resolution" just don't know what they are talking about. I believe they will find out on judgment day!***

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PREPARING CHILDREN TO SERVE - AS UNTO THE LORD -

by Skeet Savage

“Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eye-service, as men-pleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God: and whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.” (Colossians 3:22-24).

As a Christian, an employee must work just as hard when the boss is away as they would if he were standing there looking over their shoulder, and encourage others who work around them to do the same.

Dawdling, laziness, carelessness, murmuring, gossiping about the boss or other employees, borrowing (or stealing) supplies provided for use on the job—all of these have no place in the life of a true Christian.

Promptness, attention to detail, paying heed to instructions—all these show proper respect for the authority of the employer and express, in a practical way, appreciation for the position which has been offered and accepted.

While the unbeliever may view his employment as “just a job” to be endured for eight hours a day, the Christian will offer his wholehearted participation throughout each and every business day and will work for his boss as diligently as he would work for himself or, more importantly, for the Lord, Himself.

“Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.” (Philippians 2:3)

The Christian will not be always looking for personal reward or advancement but, rather, will seek to apply himself in such a way that the company or person he works for will gain a reputation for excellence.

“Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. yea, all of you be subject one to another; and be clothed with humility; for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time.” (1 Peter 5:5-6).

Witnessing for the Lord on the job should be done through the shining example of a life well-lived when the employer’s time-clock is ticking away. Lunch hour and break times may provide opportunities for spoken witness and sharing of truths from the Word.

The Christian will demonstrate his integrity and trustworthiness by always giving his best to his employer so as to never cheat him in any way—especially not in time, resources, honor, or money.

God will reward the employee who is faithful to serve his Master in all these ways.**

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THE BEGINNING OF HONOR

by Rick Joyner

“Honor your father and mother (which is the first commandment with a promise), that it may be well with you, and that you may live long on the earth.” (Ephesians 6:2-3).

Ephesians 6:1 states that children (and if you are 80 and your parents are 100, this still applies!!) are to obey their parents “in the Lord.” The next two verses take this thought even further. It is one thing to obey, but it can be an entirely different matter to honor someone. We can obey for many different reasons, some of which can be selfish or even with evil intent. However, when we *honor* the one we are obeying it purifies the motives.

We also understand that honoring our fathers and mothers is simply the right thing to do. The Lord esteems this so

much that it is the only one of His commandments that carries a promise or a reward with it. If we do this, we are promised that it will be well with us and we will live long on the earth. Honoring our fathers and mothers is very important to the Lord because it is one of the primary foundations in our life that will help us to resist the spirit of lawlessness, which is growing and will ultimately bring near destruction upon the world. It is for a good reason that the anti-Christ who brings such destruction is called “the man of lawlessness” or “the lawless one.”

So, children are commanded to obey their parents “in the Lord,” which many have interpreted to be our spiritual parents. It is obviously both our natural parents and spiritual parents, but for the purpose of this article, we will mainly look at our spiritual parents.

One reason why many churches and movements do not last long is their failure to honor their spiritual parents. They dishonor them by seeking to point out their flaws and mistakes. Flaws and mistakes do not need to be covered up, but when we do this disrespectfully in order to make ourselves look better, we will not last long on the earth. This mentality develops into many, so they spend a great deal of effort trying not to be like their parents. Because of this unrighteous judgment, they inevitably become like their parents, and often end up making even greater mistakes.

From the perspective of church history we can see a definite spiritual progression with each new spiritual generation. However, we could never advance as far as we have if it were not for those who went before us making the progress that they did. We must always keep this in mind and respect our fathers and mothers in the Lord who have given us so much.

One of the ways the children of Israel honored their fathers and mothers was to drink from the wells that they had dug and continually acknowledged this [they stayed in the area of their heritage]. We can do this by reading and honoring the teachings of our spiritual parents who went before us. This is one reason I spend so much of my time reading church history and the works of those who had a great impact on the church.

I also think that one of our greatest failures is to honor our spiritual fathers without honoring our spiritual mothers. There are many great women of God whose contribution to the church was extraordinary and yet they are rarely mentioned. It is by honoring both fathers and mothers that the promise is given that it will go well with us and we will live long on the earth. It is good to honor our fathers and mothers in history, but it is even more important to honor the spiritual fathers and mothers who are still with us.

It is interesting, as the Lord Jesus remarked, that the Pharisees loved to honor the tombs of the prophets, while they were resisting the greatest Prophet of all Who was with them. It is much easier to honor those who are dead and can no longer be a threat to us than those who are commanding our obedience now. As Francis Frangipane once pointed out, “It is a religious spirit that gives honor to what God *has* done while resisting what He *is* doing.”

What can you do to honor your natural father and mother? What can you do to honor your spiritual father and mother? Why not take at least one service a year to teach on the great things that the founders of your denomination, movement, or church did and taught? If your spiritual parents are still alive, why not have them come at least once a year to honor them in a special way?

These are just a couple of ideas, but my point is that this is not a passive matter. If we are going to combat the emerging spirit of lawlessness we must actively resist it by obeying these exhortations of Scripture.

The Instruction Of The Lord

“And, fathers, do not provoke your children to anger ;



but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.” (Eph. 6:4).

It is noteworthy that this exhortation is to fathers instead of to mothers. It is not always the case, but usually fathers are the strict disciplinarians. Mothers tend to be more nurturing and prone to mercy. Fathers can be more prone to anger, which *can* cause them to carry discipline too far. Discipline not carried far enough as well as discipline carried too far can result in rebellion in our children, provoking them to anger instead of obedience from the heart. But realize that discipline is more often underdone, than overdone!

The apostle’s instructions as to how to avoid provoking our children to anger is to bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. The Lord loves His people, but seems to have a special love for the children, and has included an abundance of wisdom in His Word for how to raise them and take care of them. One of the foundations of this “discipline and instruction of the Lord” is consistency. One of the basic characteristics of the Lord’s nature is that He is consistent. Therefore, His discipline and instruction will be consistent.

We have probably all witnessed parents who must tell their children “no” repeatedly. This often happens in relation to respect for other people’s property, furniture, running inside, being quieter around adults, etc. They must usually raise their voices and begin threatening before the children believe that they really mean “no.” If we are going to raise our children in the discipline and admonition of the Lord we must teach them that our “yes” means “yes” and our “no” means “no” the first time we say it! We should not have to raise our voices to them, since a basic characteristic of the way the Lord speaks is in “a still small voice.”

Furthermore, if we have taught our children that they don’t have to obey us until we raise our voices at them, they learn that we don’t mean what we say until there is a certain level of frustration on our part. Only the Spirit can beget that which is Spirit, and only discipline that is given in the Spirit of the Lord will bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

You may wonder if it is possible to discipline our children in the Spirit. It is not only possible, but it is the only way we should discipline them—in love, doing it for their sake, not because we are frustrated with them. If you have to discipline them for something that has made you angry, first wait until you have control of your anger. Although delayed punishment is less effective.

I do believe in spanking as the most effective form of discipline for younger children. As Proverbs 13:24 states, “*He who spares his rod hates his son (child), but he who loves him disciplines him diligently.*” the first point is that if we really love our children we will discipline them diligently. This is Christ-like-ness, as we are told in Hebrews 12:5-6, “*My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor faint when you are reproved by Him; for those whom the Lord loves He disciplines, and he scourges every son whom He receives.*”

Because of the prevalence of many humanistic philosophies that are contrary to the Word of God, many have come to perceive discipline as rejection when the opposite is true. One of the scariest things in the world is being allowed to get away with things that we should be disciplined for. We should take correction and discipline that we receive from the Lord as proof of His love. Our children should do the same when they receive our correction and discipline. If they have been disciplined correctly, they will. It will give them great security knowing that you love them enough to discipline them.

Humanistic teachings on child rearing have tried to make parents feel guilty about spanking their children—that it is violence and that it imparts violence to children. The opposite is actually the truth, as is usually the case with humanistic philosophies. I personally think that the Lord put some extra padding back there so children could be spanked in a way that would cause a little pain but no injury. Spanking resolves and gets the discipline over fast, which is much more merciful than dragging the issue out with other forms of discipline that have become popular such as time outs, or taking away privileges. . These are not necessarily wrong, but we need to always consider that the Biblical exhortations on how to discipline are always going to be the best.

When I spank my younger children, I do try to make sure I am over any anger I may have as a result of their offense. . I sit and talk to them about why I must discipline them. Then I try to do it consistently, using the same number of whacks for each offense. I then hold them until they stop crying, telling them they are forgiven. Next we pray and ask God’s forgiveness, and I will play with and tickle them, or do something until we are laughing together and I am sure that there has been total reconciliation and forgiveness with no continuing rift between us.

We also need to understand that the word “discipline” does not necessarily mean punishment—but rather the training of a disciple. If we employed more positive training we probably would not have to do as much punishing for offenses.

In all of this we must keep in mind that our first command is to love our children. I personally believe that we should be giving our children ten times as much love and “positive time” as discipline. Therefore, when one of my children is going through an especially difficult time it is even more important to give that child a lot of positive attention and love. Discipline is important, but love is our most powerful training tool. True love requires discipline, but it must always be done lovingly.

Family relationships are obviously very important to the Lord. This is why adversaries assault families, and if possible, even tear down the very family structure. (witness homosexual and lesbian assaults on the family with things such as “same-sex marriage.”) This is something we must always keep in mind. Our families must be given the priority that God gives to them. If we fail with out family, we have truly failed in a significant way in this life.

This is not to say if we have failed in family relationships in the past, we cannot be restored and succeed in the future. There are few things we can do that will be more pleasing to the Lord, and do more to resist evil, than to strengthen our families.

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