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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 sware 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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"MY GOD IS BETTER THAN YOUR GOD"

by Pastor Don Elmore

This article is an answer to the advertisement sent to us by a couple who are readers of *The New Covenant Messenger*. They live in Oklahoma. They wrote regarding this ad (see box):

"The enclosed ad from *Time* via Unitarian Universalist startles me. Although having read the Humanist Manifesto II, it merely condenses the thought 'Just decide who and what you want your god to be, and 'presto,' or if you prefer, he/she/it, is there.'"

It is an historical fact that the Freemasons made a huge impression upon the Unitarians and Quakers beginning in the early 1800s. They greatly influenced both movements to begin the orchestration of one of their main beliefs: that there is no difference in the sexes. Women had the ability and right to speak to men, vote in elections, and run for and hold office - this was just the beginning points.

Practically all the women who fought for women's rights' in the beginning of the movement were members of either the Unitarian Church or the Quaker Church. These two apostate, renegade churches were also earlier instrumental in helping to destroy Christianity throughout the nation. The certainty took over from the Puritan/Pilgrim Christianity in Massachusetts and for the most part turned it into a thriving humanistic state and region.

Their desire for a pluralistic society was a result of their thoughts and actions which were reminiscent of the Canaanites laws but not God's (laws).

God's Law many times insists that He is the God of gods. For example, in Deut 13:13 He instructed His people that they should kill all the Canaanites that lived in the Promised Land: "Take heed to thyself that thou be not snared by following them, after that they be destroyed from before thee; and that thou enquire not after their gods, saying, How did these nations serve their gods? Even so will I do likewise." [Want to learn Aboriginal 'dream time'?]

And in the next verse He adds: "*Thou shalt not do so unto the LORD thy God: for every abomination to the LORD, which He hateth, have they done unto their gods...*" So, the LORD was very instructive in telling His People not to try to serve Him in the same way that the Canaanites were serving their gods. A throughout the Old Testament, this warning was repeated.

First, the God of Israel told His people to kill every person of the Canaanites. Let not any of them live. But after Israel failed this request and made them payers of tributes, God said that they were to remain as a TEST FOR THEM—i.e.—To see what laws they would follow—the Canaanites' gods or the God of Israel.

Today, most 'Christian' churches teach that their members are not under any of **God's Laws!** They teach that the Law of God was nailed to the cross with their Saviour. But this leads to an even stranger stranger theological dilemma. If there is no law of God for His people to keep, then there is no sin that His people can do. "For sin," the Scripture says, "is the transgression of the Law" (1 John 3:4). If there is no sin that His people have committed, then there is no need of a Saviour.

This is a major problem for the churches. Most churches have changed their doctrine and as a result they have changed their need for a Saviour. They really don't need a saviour at all—for they're not guilty of any sin. God's Law has been put away; and so has sin. (refer to Sheldon Emry's **Seven Sins of Canaan, #110 @ \$5.65**)

THE PURPOSE OF JESUS DEATH

Jesus came to die ONLY for His people. Freemasonry flatly contradicts this statement. Former Worshipful Master Jack Harris said the following:

"In all the rituals that I taught for eleven years, Masonry did teach how to get to heaven. They taught it with the apron that I wore, by my purity [of] life and conduct. They taught it in the Hiram Abiff legend in the third degree [symbolizing] the immortality of the soul. Through all their writings they say they are teaching the immortality of the soul to the Mason. But the Word of God tells me that the only way to have immortal life is through the Person of Jesus Christ. Never at any Masonic ritual did they point out that Jesus is the way of salvation." (*The Secret Teachings of*

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the Masonic Lodge, John Ankerberg and John Weldon, pg 89).

Ahhhh. That is the point. Never “did they point out that **JESUS is the way of salvation.**” They did NOT teach that God the Father chose them, Jesus the Son died for them (John 6:44).

But now most churches reject any teaching on any of these functions of God. For example, most denominations and churches do not teach that God chose a particular people to be His own. Instead, they teach that any people of any race can choose God for salvation (the chosen God concept, contrary to the Bible’s ‘chosen people’ concept).

Scriptures, like Ephesians 1:4 are totally ignored.

“According as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world...” can only be understood in the context of the entire Bible. Who were chosen by God?

Many Scriptures clearly state that God did indeed choose a people for Himself. Deuteronomy 10:15 is one such verse: “Only the LORD had a delight in thy fathers to love them, and He **CHOSE** their seed after them, even you above all people, as it is this day.” (That’s **EXCLUSIVE-NESS**, folks! #714 @ \$22.55)

Notice that this verse indicates that God did choose a people. It was the fathers who He loved (Abraham, Isaac and Jacob/Israel). And He chose their seed (the sons of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob); even the Israelites who Moses was talking to at that time. God certainly did not choose the Canaanites or any other race of people.

The Scriptures keep talking about how “the LORD swore unto your fathers” to give them this land (Deuteronomy 11:21). He didn’t choose any other race to be His people; Just to Israel.

The LORD GOD of Israel kept repeating to them, over and over, that they “shall diligently keep all these commandments which I command you, to do them and to love the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways, and to cleave unto Him (Deuteronomy 11:21a, 1 John 2:3, 3:22,24; 5:2-3).

Israel was continuously warned: “I am the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods before Me.” This is the first commandment that God gave to Israel (Deut. 5:6-7). God was exclusively Israel’s God. They were forbidden to have any other as their God.

God not only loved their fathers, but the Bible plainly tells about the COVENANTS that He made and swore to the fathers. Do the covenants mean anything today? Did

they mean anything back then?

Our God deals with His people by election, predestination and covenants. The Bible tells the stories of how these covenants came into being. And, surprising to most Christians, how the Old Testament (covenant) people became the New Testament (covenant) people. It was the same people who are the recipients of both covenants: Both the House of Israel and the House of Judah (Hebrews 8:8; 10:16-17; Jeremiah 31:31). Modern theologians have changed the Word of God to have Israel to be the people of the covenants in the Old Testament, but in the New Testament there is a new people. They call the recipients of the New Testament the Gentiles, meaning all non-Jewish people.

But this is not what the Scriptures say: The new covenant was made with the two divided houses of Israel: The House of Israel (the 10 tribes who were first divorced and scattered) and the House of Judah. There is no mention of any other races choosing to be a part of the heritage of God or a “spiritual Israel.”

Modern theologians have argued that since the Jews refused the conditions of the New Covenant that God then put them away. The Jews are set aside and a new and different people became qualified to receive the new covenant. But this is a grave error. It is in direct violation of Hebrew 8:8 and Jeremiah 31:31 which tells exactly who is in both covenants.

They say that for two thousand years, this new covenant has been for the gentiles, but not for Israel. That this age will end with the Gentile church being raptured out and then the Jews will begin the process to once again become the people of God. WHAT

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NONSENSE!

When Peter gave his Pentecost sermon to the Israelites who were at the Temple he referred to them as, “Ye are the sons of the prophets, and of the COVENANT which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, ‘And in thy seed shall all the kindreds [families] of the earth be blessed.’”

Do the Unitarians talk much of the election of God? Do they speak much of His covenants that He has made with the fathers? Do they emphasize the doctrines that glorify the Saviour who stated that He only died for the sheep and not the goats.

Thurgood Marshall, the first black person to be put on the Supreme Court, said in his speech honouring 200 years being under the Constitution of the United States:

“While the Union survived the civil war, **the Constitution** did not. In its place arose a new, more promising basis for justice and equality, the 14th Amendment, ensuring pro-



tection of the life, liberty, and property of all persons against deprivations without due process, and guaranteeing equal protection of the laws. And yet almost another century would pass before any significant recognition was obtained of the rights of black Americans to share *equally* even in such basic opportunities as education, housing, and employment, and to have their votes counted, and counted equally. In the meantime, blacks joined America's military to fight its wars and invested untold hours working in its factories and on its farms, contributing to the development of this country's magnificent wealth and waiting to share in its prosperity."

Before this he said: "When the Founding Fathers used this phrase 'We the People' in 1787, they did not have in mind the majority of America's citizens. 'We the People' included, in the words of the Framers, 'the whole Number of free Persons.' On a matter so basic as the right to vote, for example, Negro slaves were excluded, although they were counted for representational purposes at three-fifths each. Women did not gain the right to vote for over a hundred and thirty years."

Maybe this is what Unitarians are saying in the ad (in the box). The Constitution now says that all peoples are equal and all gods are equal. How dare they, if anyone says that their god is better than another's. - -

Well, I did!

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THE GREAT MASQUERADE: AN IMPURE FAÇADE

By Stacey McDonald

"In like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing, but, (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works." 1 Tim 2:9-10.

"But it doesn't matter what I wear!" Sarah scoffed. "God sees my heart!" Sarah finished putting on her lipstick while Hannah tried in vain to reason with her old friend.

"Yes, God sees your heart," Hannah explained, "but nobody else does—especially boys—they see that." Hannah swept her hand in front of Sarah's revealing outfit. "Don't you see? They're too distracted by what you're wearing to notice you."

"But that's my point! I don't care if boys notice me or not." Sarah smiled coyly. "I just care what God thinks, and He can see my heart." Hannah sighed, "My mom always says that whatever is in our hearts will eventually show up on the outside—in what we wear, how we carry ourselves, what we say, how we treat others, and . . ."

"Okay, okay, I get your point." Sarah tugged at her skirt, which suddenly seemed shorter than ever before. She wasn't in any mood to listen to her friend today. Lately, Hannah seemed to have become more and more legalistic, and her comments were really beginning to irritate Sarah.

Sarah continued applying another layer of mascara and turned to her friend in exasperation. "Look, Hannah, I'm glad you're so concerned about my soul and all, but I don't see things the way you do. I just don't think there is anything wrong with what I'm wearing, and I don't think God

does either. I'm just dressing like everybody else. Besides, If a guy lusts, that's his problem!" Sarah nervously buttoned another button on her blouse. "So please stop judging me!"

CHANGING OUR CULTURE FOR CHRIST

Have you ever had a conversation like this? Many people believe that we should draw our modesty standards from what is commonly worn in our particular culture or era. Of course, if that were entirely true, we could also say that if we were born in a remote jungle where everyone walked around nude, then we, as jungle Christians, could also forego clothing. Another problem with this type of thinking is that God intends Christians to be dominion takers—people who influence our culture for Christ rather than the other way around.

Consider the popular clothing styles, the slang, and even the liberal moral trends, followed by a huge portion of our society - multiple divorces, shacking up together, children born out of wedlock, same-sex situations, and indulging in tattoos and body piercings, etc. Much of what we see comes directly from Hollywood actors, television icons, and pop music 'stars.' Instead of being a people set apart (Proverbs 23:17), the church sadly reflects this same tendency.

Therefore *"Come out from among them and be separate," says the Lord. "Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you. I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters," says the Lord Almighty. Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.*" (2 Corinthians 6:17-7:1)

If we visit almost any church youth group, we will see young ladies who speak, walk, dress, and flirt exactly like the daughters of the heathen. This has resulted from our love of and conformity to the world, a condition that the church largely fails to recognize. Christians must be conformed to the image of Christ (Romans 8:29), and our uniqueness should be evident to the world.

Today's young people have turned from the influence of their parents and grandparents (Proverbs 7:1-2) and embraced instead the persuasive tactics of the ungodly. Imitation is called the highest form of flattery—we tend to imitate those we esteem and want to emulate. If we imitate the world, exactly what do we communicate? "Beloved, do not imitate what is evil, but what is good. He who does good is of God, but he who does evil has not seen God" (3 John 11).

IF IT FEELS GOOD, WEAR IT?

Others take a relativistic approach to modesty. These women believe that if they feel modest in their clothing, that's all that matters—and too bad for the poor guy sitting in the church pew behind them! We need to remember that when it comes to obeying God, feelings are irrelevant. Scripture, not our personal, creative moral standard, must be our authority. Especially when going to church, young and old need to remember that they are having an audience with God. Would they dress that way for an audience with some very important personage? God is higher, and more important.

If Scripture teaches us that we are to dress in "modest

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apparel” (1 Tim 2:9), then there must be immodest apparel as well. We know from Proverbs 7:10 that the adulterous woman seduced her lover with flattery and the “attire of a harlot.” What does this mean?

Although God doesn’t give us fashion specifics or sewing patterns, He clearly states that we are to dress and behave modestly. He has created us distinctively female and has instructed us throughout Scripture to be chaste. What, then, does chastity require?

CHASTITY COMMUNICATES CHRIST

Chastity before marriage reflects both purity of the body and a wholesome thought life. A chaste young woman will not flaunt her body or flirt with young men. Instead, she is adorned by her modest demeanor and discreet speech. Rather than focusing on “how far” she can go, she guards even her thoughts by concentrating on her relationship with Christ and faithfulness to her future husband.

After marriage, a woman reflects chastity through her faithfulness to the purity of the marriage bed—both literally and as reflected in speech and attitude. A chaste wife delights in her husband, happily reserving her body for him. Her speech is wholesome, she is not idle, and she refrains from activities that would compromise her own or her husband’s reputation. Chastity, in other words, is a way of life, the essence of who we are as Christian women. “That they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed” (Titus 2:4-5).

A chaste woman guards her reputation (the way she is regarded or perceived by others) by making certain never to portray herself falsely as tainted or impure. Such an unholy picture would bring shame upon the name of Christ, herself, and her husband or father. Scripture tells us that this literally “blasphemes the word of God” (Titus 2:5) by inviting the heathen to believe a lie about His power and holiness.

Webster’s 1828 Dictionary defines the word blaspheme this way: “To speak of the Supreme Being in terms of impious irreverence; to revile or speak reproachfully of God, or the Holy Spirit.” If the world looks at the way we dress or behave and sees impurity, we have failed to communicate Christ in a “pious” or “irreverent” way. This in turn allows the world to “speak reproachfully” of our most holy God.

Certainly, many of today’s seemingly unchaste Christian women do not intentionally blaspheme God through their dress or actions. Instead, they have so immersed themselves in modern culture that they have become blind to the pure, the lovely, and the good. Most of us, desensitized since childhood by the media and peer influences, find it difficult to differentiate between that which is pure and good and that which is nothing more than whitewashed filth.

Therefore, we must diligently search out the principles in Scripture that apply to modesty, chastity, and femininity, and be willing to conform cheerfully to what we learn—no matter how much we love those old jeans or how “cute” we find that new skirt!

Christians have mimicked the heathen for so long—copying their fashions, borrowing their educational and social philosophies, conforming to their dating format, and adopting their dialect—that we do not even recognize the loss of our Christian Identity. We have worn the cos-

tume and spoken the language of the world for so long that we no longer recognize ourselves. Unfortunately, neither does anyone else.

If the church does not reform its thinking to line up with Scripture, what hope do we have for change? If Christian women do not begin to consistently communicate biblical beauty, femininity, and modesty, how will our culture understand and appreciate the delicate appeal and power of virtuous womanhood?

Instead of mirroring the behaviour or appearance of the latest pop star, Christian young women can show our culture a better alternative—one that is wholesome, pure, and lovely. Through our clothing, speech, behaviour, and conversation, we have the opportunity to reveal to the world a beautifully honest picture of holiness and ourity of Christ.

The following discussion questions are excerpted from *Raising Maidens of Virtue: A Study of Feminine Loveliness for Mothers and Daughters*.

1. Have you ever thought about what you look like from behind—how tight or sheer your clothing is? Ask your mother to stand behind you and watch you walk. Ask her if she thinks you swing your hips or swagger.

2. How is modesty a heart issue? Discuss ways that heart issues show up in our actions.

3. When you walk up a flight of stairs, what do men behind you see? What types of clothing would be the most modest in this situation?

4. Have you ever worn a long, flowing skirt or dress? How did it make you feel? How did others view you? Did it properly cover your private areas with no problem?

5. Do you have skirts that have slits that are cut up higher than you would actually wear your skirt? What happens when you walk or sit?

What happens on a windy day?

6. Is your clothing modest to the people who are sitting behind you in church? Ask your mother or a wise female friend to stand behind you while you bend over to pick up a book off the floor. Now do the same with them standing in front of you. What did she see? What would your father think?

7. Raise your hands high above your head. Does your tummy show? You may think, “I’ll never be walking around with my hands above my head,” but this is a good allround test. I’ve seen young ladies in blouses that seemed modest until they bent over to pick up a toddler or had to reach up to a high shelf.

8. How low is your neckline? Look in the mirror while holding on to your knees. Do you see cleavage? If so, everyone else does too! If you are fuller in the chest area, you may need to be more careful of certain fabrics. Sweaters, knits, and the newer “stretchy” fabrics tend to cling and accentuate the bust line, and tops that are too large fall open easily. Be careful also of the button-up tops which are too small and are stretched tight and tend to open between buttons.

9. Be aware of where others’ eyes may be drawn. You want them to look at your face, not other parts of your body, while they are talking to you. Avoid garments that hug areas which should be kept private.

10. Would you feel naked wearing your nightgown or undergarments into a courtroom or church? What would your pastor and his wife think if you invited them over to supper, and then answered the door in your underwear? Would they be shocked? Why do many of us think it is

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acceptable then to invite fellow Christians over for a pool party where everyone is wearing “coloured underwear”? Discuss your answer with your mother (Romans 12:2).

11. Discuss how we have been conditioned by the world to accept public nakedness, all in the name of recreation and fun—or even Christian liberty. How should we change our thinking? (1 Peter 1:14).

12. Talk about how someone can be dressed modestly from head to toe and still reveal an immodest demeanor.

Read Proverbs 7:10-11 and Proverbs 31:22, 25.

13. Look up the following words in the dictionary. Discuss with your mother how they might apply to immodesty:

Conceit
Haughtiness
Egocentric
Ostentatious

What is the root sin of each of these offenses?

14. Read all of Proverbs chapter 7. Do you see what could be described as the “attire of a harlot” in the styles offered in most department stores today? What do you think is meant by “her feet abide not in her house”? Was the woman described in Proverbs 7 modest? Was she focused on serving her husband and her household faithfully or on gratifying herself? Men tend to sin by lusting after women, while women tend to sin by lusting to be lusted after. Lust is the very opposite of love because it takes instead of gives.

15. If a maiden knowingly exposes private parts of her body or wears clothing that may incite lust in a young man, then she is acting selfishly. Again, this is the opposite of what Scripture describes as love. Do you think the Proverbs 7 woman loved the young man she enticed? Do you think she enjoyed flaunting her body? Have you ever chosen an outfit because you thought it might get the attention of a boy? Pray about your answer. Discuss the selfish motives behind choosing your wardrobe this way. Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things (1 Cor. 13:4-7).

16. Are you dressing for the approval of man or God? Is your goal to impress or attract others or to be pleasing to God and to glorify Him? Be honest!

<http://familyreformation.org/articles>

The following is the ‘**Dress Code**’ for Male and Female students, sponsors and guests to the South Pacific ACA Student Convention in November/December - God willing we will be travelling there again this year. I think most of the below requirements could be adhered to most anytime! - here is the dress code:

- All shirts/blouses/dresses must cover the shoulders and have complete sleeves (to elbow) so that underarms cannot be seen.
- Necklines must be at or above the clavicle bone at the front and of an equal height or higher at the back.
- No clothing is to have “cut-outs” or similar openings.
- Midriffs must not be exposed even when stretching.

• Skirts/dresses minimum length must be such that they touch the floor when kneeling.

• Any splits in skirts or similar garments, must not be above the knee.

• No see-through materials are permitted.

• No body-hugging clothes are permitted.

• Shorts (including athletics shorts and splits in shorts) must not be shorter than the wearers’ four fingers’ width above the top of the kneecap when standing.

• Shoes must be worn at all times including athletic events.

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CREATED TO WORSHIP

by Tedd and Margy Tripp

Human beings are worshippers. It follows then, that children are worshippers. We can almost hear someone say, “Not my children, Tedd and Margy, they fall asleep in church every week.”

But nonetheless, your children are worshippers. They have been created in the image of God. The world in which they live is designed to display the glory of God, and children—indeed, all human beings—are uniquely designed for worship. Like explorers driven to find distant shores, your sons and daughters go off every day in search of excitement, seeking an answer to the question, “Who or what is worth worshipping?”

The fact that human beings are hard-wired for worship is a unique aspect of our creation. It is the reason we love to hear a symphony or watch a juggler or marvel at an

athletic feat. We love to be dazzled. It is the reason we watch sports on TV. Do you know that Antarctic penguins hold no diving competitions? They perform marvelous feats without colour commentary or slow motion replays. A brown bear grabs a salmon from the Columbia River, by any account an amazing feat of timing and coordination, and yet none of his fellow bears line the shore to applaud. Human beings do this sort of thing because human beings are uniquely designed for worship. Your kids love to be entranced by something amazing because they are instinctively worshippers.

Now, what happens when children who are designed for worship fail to worship the God in whose image they have been made? These children do not cease to be worshippers; they simply worship and serve something else. The apostle Paul speaks to this in Romans 1:25: “[They] exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever.”

This is what your children do; it is what all humanity does. If your children do not worship and serve God, they substitute something for God, worshipping and serving something in the creation instead. They manufacture an idol—a substitute for God.

These idols your children find are not small statues of wood or gold; they are much more subtle. Leaving a Chinese restaurant recently with two young granddaughters, I



felt a tug on my coat. "Grandpa," one asked, pointing to a large statue of Buddha in the corner, "who's that fat man?" The question provided a wonderful opportunity to speak to the girls about idols. {I don't think this was a good venue}

The human heart creates so many idols:

Pride and performance. Some children will lay all at the altar of performance. They are driven. The joys of performance and the praises that attend excellence stimulate and impel them.

Power and influence. Other children exhibit a lust to control the people in their world. These are the organizers and arrangers. If the game is playing school, they will always be the teachers.

Pleasure and sensuality. You may have a thrill-seeker in your family. This is the child who constantly seeks the rush of exciting, heart-throbbing, and adrenaline-pumping experiences. He finds the joys of ordinary living boring.

Possessions. Some kids crave stuff. They pore through the catalogs that enter your home. They collect stuff, they polish stuff. When they leave the house, they want assurance that no one will touch their stuff while they are gone.

We could add to the list. People are endlessly creative when it comes to finding substitutes for God. Other idols include the fear of man, the desire for approval, the longing for friendship, or simply the consuming desire to be someone or have something that elicits the response "Cool!"

All of this brings me to my point: **The most important job you have as a parent is to show the glory of God to your children, who are compulsively worshippers.** Your kids are hard-wired for worship, but in their fallen state, they instinctively worship and serve created things rather than God. Psalm 145 talks about this when it says,

"I will extol You, my God, O King; And I will bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you, and I will praise Your name forever and ever. Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; And His greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall praise Your works to another, And shall declare Your mighty acts. (Psalm 145:1-4).

Your job is to be one generation commending the glory and excellence of God to the next generation (see also Psalm 78:1-7)

Help your children see that we find our greatest joys in the nearness of God rather than in fulfilling our appetites (Deut. 4:7). "There are many who say, 'Who will show us any good?' LORD, lift up the light of Your countenance upon us. You have put gladness in my heart, More than in the season that their grain and wine increased" (Psalm 4:6-7).

Show your thrill-seekers that the lasting joys and pleasures that people crave are found in knowing God. "You will show me the path of life; In your presence is fullness of joy; At your right hand are pleasures for ever more" (Psalm 16:11).

Illustrate for them that the greatest deliverance from adversity is not removal from difficulty (Psalm 27:1-3), but enjoying the beauty of the Lord. "One thing have I desired of the LORD, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD, all the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in His temple" (Psalm 27:4).

Other Psalms to which you may turn to underscore the joys and delights of being entranced by God are Psalms

36:5-9; 63:1-5; 73:25-26; 81:10-16; and 96:1-6.

WHY IS THIS SO IMPORTANT?

1. Your kids do not merely exist amidst the facts and circumstances of their lives. They interpret everything that happens around them, and their interpretation determines how they respond. The key to correctly interpreting life is the being and glories of the God for whom they are made. If they are worshipping and serving idols, they will never accurately interpret the circumstances of life.

2. Since you love your kids and desire their happiness, you will always be tempted to feed their idols. Many parents do just that. They fill their children's lives with stuff and take delight in their children's delight in possessions. Yet they cling to the hope that someday their children will see that life is not found in possessions, but in knowing God. Resist the temptation to polish your children's idols.

3. The Christian life begins with glory. "For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" (2 Cor 4:6). The Christian life continues and grows as we behold God's glory. "But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord" (2 Cor. 3:18).

Perhaps the best thing you can do for your children is to go before God, behold His glory, and then move toward them with the encouragement that they have been created for a great and glorious God who longs to bring them abundant life.

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GLOBAL COOLING IS COMING!

by Ron Fraser

Though arguments rage over the issue of climate change, only one side is getting the lion's share of the publicity. The global warmists win hands down on that score. The realists' argument is plainly not fashionable. It does not win votes, it does not win business, and it's certainly not appealing to the mass media!

That the Earth's climate is undergoing change is without question. As to its reasons and its history, they are the nubs of the arguments posed by both the short-term pro-global warming

pundits and those who take a longer view. Believe it or not, in the not-too-distant future, this Earth is in for a big freeze—guaranteed! But it will not be due to any of the long-term cyclical changes that periodically contribute to either a rise or fall in the Earth's temperature. This freeze will, indeed, be brought on by the hand of man! More on that later.

PURE SCIENCE

Take away the intense politics surrounding the global warming debate. Take away the self-interest groups, business interests, legal, bureaucratic and mass media influences that all seek to make a buck out of driving public hysteria over the fads and fashions of the age.

Pure science—given the history of cyclical changes in the Earth's temperatures—reveals that man has little influence on the overall surface temperature of the Earth. Man's influence on temperature is localized at best.

Scientists all agree that the greatest single driver of Earth's climate is the sun, the source of our Earth's energy.



Only 160 years have elapsed since the end of the Little Ice Age. It was the onset of the Little Ice Age in the 12th century that drove the Viking residents of Greenland from their previously lush pastures on that large island to settle south in warmer climes. During the Little Ice Age, the evidence tells us that glaciers expanded, threatening many a mountain village with destruction. Since 1850, with the end of that cooling cycle—well before the Industrial Age began to add its pollutants to Earth’s atmosphere—the world’s ice packs have been receding.

The problem with global warming is that the theories of their politicized pseudo-science do not match the more exact science of those responsible for accurate measurement of global temperatures.

Ocean temperatures are these days measured by 3,000 automated Argos buoys deployed in the seas. These buoys present a challenge to global warmers. “The Argos buoys have disappointed the global warm-mongers in that they have failed to detect any sings of imminent climate change. As Dr. Josh Willis, who works for NASA in its Jet Propulsion Laboratory, noted in an interview with National Public Radio, ‘there has been a very slight cooling’ over the buoys’ five years of observation, but that drop was ‘not anything really significant.’ Certainly not enough to shut down the Gulf Stream” (Brookesnews.com, March 31).

Added to this challenge to the global warming theorists, is the evidence produced by NASA’s eight weather satellites. “In contrast to some 7,000 land-based stations, they take more than 300,000 temperature readings daily over the surface of the Earth. In 30 years of operation, the satellites have recorded a warming trend of just 0.14 degrees Celsius—well within the range of normal variations” (ibid).

In a widely-publicized—and criticized—interview with NPR, Michael Griffin, the administrator of NASA, in response to a question regarding the legitimacy of spending money on space projects rather than concentrating efforts on attending to global warming, stated, “I have no doubt that ... a trend of global warming exists. I am not sure that it is fair to say that it is a problem we must wrestle with. *To assume that it is a problem is to assume that the state of Earth’s climate today is the optimal climate, the best climate that we could have or ever have had and that we need to take steps to make sure that it doesn’t change.* First of all, I don’t think it’s within the power of human beings to assure that the climate does not change, as millions of years of history have shown, and second of all, I guess I would ask which human beings—where and when—are to be accorded the privilege of deciding that this particular climate that we have right here today, right now is the best climate for all other human beings. I think that’s a rather arrogant position for people to take” (May 31, 2007).

Mr. Griffin highlighted that leftists, who tend to be thick within the ranks of the greens and global warmists—most of whom are avid evolutionists who deny the reality of a Creator—generally have no compunction about playing god in efforts to impose their will on the masses.

A DANGEROUS RELIGION

Suddenly, in the general absence of common sense prevalent in today’s society, the whole global warming

nonsense has become a religion, and a very dangerous religion at that.

Food riots in various parts of the world are highlighting the ludicrous nature of government policies that have taken traditional food crops out of the food chain in efforts to create so-called green fuels. The carbon credits fiasco is proving quite a scam for corporatists whose sole interest, far from benefitting global climate, tends to be an increase in corporate profits.

Politicians who find difficulty in gaining consensus between political parties on issues of vital importance are suddenly finding common ground on the global warming issue. One prime example was Germany’s Chancellor Angela Merkel. When faced with great divisions within the European Union on a range of issues during her leadership of last year’s EU summit, she cleverly played the global warming card, raising that issue to the top of the summit agenda. Predictably, all parties fell fashionably in line behind her on this one single issue. By thus achieving consensus on what the media has seized upon as an issue of vital global importance, Merkel was able to snatch victory out of the jaws of what may well have otherwise been billed as a debacle.

Not only that, the German chancellor can now strut her global EU warming stuff on the world stage, greatly enhancing her country’s prestige in the great ongoing global warming debate—a sure winner when it comes to attracting the attention of the global media!

But there is a cost to such politicking. Governments are imposing crushing tax burdens on industries and individuals in efforts to “solve” this illusory problem. As one common-sense commentator, British political economist Rodney Atkinson, wrote of Britain’s “climate change” levies, “Those levies in the UK have raised energy costs by at least 6 percent, which

(together with other government disasters like fuel taxation and the failure of the EU gas market) has contributed to a crisis of energy poverty among millions of British households (when 10 percent or more of income is spent on fuel bills)” (www.ukconservatism.freeuk.com, April 24). He cited one government-commissioned consultant who estimated that efforts to comply with an EU renewable-energy mandate would have a lifetime 259 billion Euro price tag. “This is a scandalous waste of human resources,” he wrote, “and all based on the myths of MMGW [man-made global warming].”

This is a problem of global proportions. Already many economies are reeling from the cumulative effects of the global credit binge, plus the escalation of energy costs and the flow-on effects of rising costs on staple foods. It seems crazy for governments to be adding to their own and others’ mounting financial crises by feeding the fire with policies that continue to escalate the price of anything that needs manufactured heat, light or motorized energy to produce it.

On top of these costs are the millions of dollars in taxpayers’ money going toward research intended to prove the global warming theory. “Little or no government funding has been made available to those who have questioned MMGW,” Atkinson continued. “There has been massive politicization of science by MMGW fanatics in governments. Those bent on acquiring greater power for suprana-

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tional organizations have sought to create public concern—regardless of the truth. Some have let their political and ideological intentions out of the bag!”

He then quoted Christine Stewart, a former Canadian environment minister, as saying, “No matter if science is all phony, there are collateral environmental benefits ... [C]limate change provides the greatest chance to bring about justice and equality in the world.”

Atkinson concluded, “There is no greater danger to mankind than those politically motivated global power seekers who use scare tactics to acquire control over the masses and supranational constitutional control over free nations. The quality of politicians in the rich Western democracies is now so poor that groups of scientists and business men and ideologically motivated world government enthusiasts can easily manipulate them. Climate change seemed to them a gift from heaven—literally!”

This commentator calls this man-made global warming craze a “modern equivalent of medieval religious hegemony” that “terrified the ignorant and uneducated into submission. The new enslavement may be reliant on the new gods of politically perverted science, but the effects of its myth-making and global costs are no less terrifying than the Inquisition.”

THE TRUTH ABOUT GLOBAL WARMING

Now to the *reality* of an imminent, truly man-made, global *cooling* phenomenon.

It is a fact of history that never has a weapon of war been manufactured without an intention to use it. We live in a terribly destabilized and destabilizing world. Nuclear weaponry has been trafficked all over the world. Pipsqueak nations vie with the great global powers to establish their own nuclear weapons programs. The world lives in fear of a madman triggering nuclear warfare. Only quite recently, Israel wiped out a nuclear weapons manufacturing establishment in Syria.

There are prophecies in your Bible that indicate, far from global warming being a threat to mankind, *nuclear winter* is a real prospect for the future (Matthew 24:20-22). That’s the problem that ought to be of greatest concern to us today.

Yet, to our detriment, due to a real poverty of true leadership within our Western democracies today, we can expect little progress toward preventing such a catastrophe. This deficit of leadership is also prophesied in your Bible (Isaiah 3:1-4).

Yet, thank God, this “modern equivalent of medieval religious hegemony” will be short-lived. In fact, its very presence on this globe is a harbinger of better, far, far better time to come!

As our editor in chief [The Philadelphia Trumpet] wrote following the 9/11 terror attack, “But realize also the positive side of this—there is a voice out there warning our people. . . . Though it comes with a lot of bad news—so much so that the land will eventually not be able to bear our words (Amos 7:10)—it also comes with the greatest news mankind has ever heard.”

What is that news? Rea it for yourself in Rev. 1:7, “Behold, He cometh with the clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him....”

That’s the real hope, and the only hope, for a future free of the enslavement of minds to such lies as the great global warming hoax!

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RESTITUTION OR RESTORATION
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It is most important that Christian Israel search the Word for the many obscure and hidden details contained in the Christian Bible that can enhance their faith; for there are many gems of understanding in the Bible that can be found and understood: like a hunter seeking success by considering all clues and keys that lead to his quarry before concluding the hunt. When the trail is cold, the target fleeting, as when Faith becomes weak, one must look for signs and revealing keys to achieve success—to fortify the Faith.

So too, should some of our people within Christian Israel who have mistakenly adopted as justified, a few distortions of fact and history from within the Word; induced by a few mistranslated phrases from the King James Bible; errors that have been corrected in other translations.

For example, the addition of the word “*blood*” in Acts 17:26 of the KJV (no longer italicized as it should be), there. 1 Peter 1:1 reads, “...to the strangers scattered abroad,” but properly translated should read, “... to the exiles of the dispersion,” for the Greek word “*Genos*” means “Race” not “generation” - a far more exclusive and specific term. Those are but a few of the errors of translation found in the early KJV, not found in other Bible versions. When in doubt as to proper wording as found in the KJV’s Old Testament, the Septuagint or LXX - - Lancelot Brenton Version should be consulted.

Whether these KJV mistaken translations were intentional or done without malice, some have impacted the views and the faith of many Christians over the ages, leading some to a hoped-for blanket consideration of universal salvation -the all mankind theses of universal salvation that has reached into Christian Israel in the past decade or so, diluting the faith by confused accommodation and false assumptions.

This contrived universalism within Christian Israel has been instigated by these mistaken translations and misguided theses that seek to blend and merge salvation for “Others” within the uniqueness, into the exclusivity Divinely granted solely to Israel. But such misguided views do run counter to the Lord’s instructions within the Word, contrary to His references to His mission and to His instructions to His disciples about the focus and direction of their ministry.

In the book of Esdras for example, here the Lord is speaking and advising Esdras about his expressed concerns for those “Others.”

“Then shall they be in a pitiful state which now have abused My ways: and they have loathed My law, while they yet had liberty, and, when as yet place of repentance was open to them, understood not, but despised it: the same must know it after death by pain.” (II Esdras 9:9-12).

God closes these comments by answering Esdras as follows:

“And therefore be thou not curious how the ungodly shall be punished, and when: but enquire how the righteous shall be saved, whose the world is, and for whom the world was created.” (II Esdras 9:13).

It should be apparent from His words that Esdras (and we) could not, nor cannot simply be an avenue for their future nor open doors to a salvation not earned, thus not granted to those not chosen! Such concerns about those not of Israel remain totally within the purview of the Lord.

For Israel however, it is kinship to the Lord wherein He ‘personally’ favors those whom the Bible identifies as the *sons of God*, for He is identified as our Kinsman Redeemer. Consequently, we cannot treat this recognition cavalierly or subordinate it to a hoped-for inclusion of all men into the coming restoration of Israel. Such expressions of concern,



as we saw in Esdras' asking, only degrade the quality, the dignity, the exclusiveness of such a munificent (bountiful, lavish), such a Divine gift offering to His kinsmen.

Solomon, in his prayer of dedication of the First Temple, sought to secure Divine approval for inclusion of aliens into God's favour in Temple worship; aliens that are depicted in Hebrew as being, "*nokriy*" (*strange, in a variety of degrees and applications, foreign, non-relative, adulterous, alien, outlandish, foreigner*). Solomon prayed that they should be considered as qualified to participate in Temple Worship, demanding that God should:

"Hear thou, in heaven thy dwelling place, and do according to all that the stranger calleth to thee for" (1 Kings 8:43).

God answered Solomon's prayer for other matters, but it was obvious that he was disingenuous in his demands for the strangers, a blatant attempt to circumvent God's well-established laws that prohibited association with foreign aliens, especially from their participating in temple worship services and with the functions of the priests. For in so doing, Solomon sought to absolve himself of his own misdeeds with alien women - using a "back door" prayer to obscure the issue and thus in an oblique way, absolve his own sins. God did not accede to Solomon's call for the inclusion of strangers.

There is another mistranslated phrase, or rather, a word, in the KJV that has stimulated some of Christian Israel to consider that it opens doors to a hoped-for universalism. Some have written books seeking justification for such views, using the KJV as the sole basis for their work, without also comparing the key phrase as presented in the KJV to that found in other Bible translations. This peculiar phrase is found in Acts 3:21 of the KJV and reads as follows:

"Whom the heavens must receive (Jesus) until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began."

Most other Bible translations do record this verse quite differently, especially since the word "Restitution" does not fit within the context or intent of Luke's expression. None of the other Bible versions use the word Restitution. Here are Webster's Dictionary meanings for the word Restitution. Note that they treat it as expressing something to be considered as compensation or as literal reparations, rather than being applicable to a universal restoration, or an adoption of salvation for all mankind.

"RESTITUTION: 1. *Reparation made by giving an equivalent or compensation for loss, damage, or injury caused; indemnification.* 2. *The restoration of property or rights previously taken away, conveyed or surrendered.* 3. *Restoration of the former or original state or position."*

Clearly the intent, the real and purposeful meaning of verse 3 is better understood by using the word "Restoration" in lieu of "Restitution" as most other translations have done, as it properly alludes to the anticipated *Restoration of Israel* and the re-establishment of His Kingdom on earth—both in a physical sense as well as a spiritual restoration.

The word "restoration" according to Vine's Expository Dictionary, stems from the Greek word, "*apokatastasis*," from *apo*, "*back again, to set in order*," or as noted in a

footnote in the Companion Bible, "*re-established from a state of ruin.*"

Thus rather than seeing the term "restoration" as being applicable solely to salvation for all mankind—as an expression that would make salvation all-inclusive; and its intent and purpose being applicable solely to a spiritual salvation, it is also considered as applying to material things, to conditions on earth, to correcting elements of nature that have become so degraded as to warrant Divine intervention for their restoration to the same conditions or status as was likely found in the Garden of Eden.

We know from the Book of Revelation, that elements of the earth, those within nature, prior to His return, will have been destroyed, or reduced to such diminished levels that it would become difficult to even sustain life on earth until they are re-established, restored.

Rev. 8 prophetically speaks of destructive cosmic events to occur as well as those that happen on earth, a "*third of the trees, all green grass burnt up, a third part of the creatures of the sea and had life, died, a third part of the ships were destroyed, a third part of the rivers, and subsequently a third part of the sun, the moon and stars.*"

Revelation 9 also speaks of a destruction of a *third part of men*, killed by alien beings described as being like locusts, but shaped like horses arrayed for battle in appearance. (Rev. 9:3, 7:11, Joel 1:6, 2:1-7). While Revelation depicts them symbolically as locusts, as being like battle horses, Joel 2:2 rightly calls them a "people" that appear in a day of darkness and gloom:

"A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains; a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations."

Such prophetic expressions of the end days and of alien beings are separate from the prophetic words applicable to the physical features of the earth; words that confirm the interpreting of the term "restoration" as being applicable to Israel as a nation and to geographic features of the earth—to the Divine restoration of their features—not to their "restitution"—for such an interpretation changes the purpose or focus of His Divine intervention—into something treated as compensation or indemnification—when such is not the case.

Christian Israel today is certainly not in a position to assume or consider that it needs such a grant, some form of indemnification; a 'reward' -- as if the Lord owed Israel something - - quite the contrary, rather Israel and the world need His acts of restoration, both physical and spiritual, if they are to join Him in the coming Kingdom.

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CHRISTIAN IDENTITY IS DEAD (... Long Live Christian Identity ...)

by Dan Gentry

"And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: These things says he who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars: I know your works; you have a name that you are alive and yet you are dead. Awake! And hold fast to the things which remain but are ready to die; for I have not

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found your works perfect before my God. Remember, therefore, just as you have received and heard, so hold fast and repent. And if, therefore, you do not awake, I will come against you as a thief, and you shall not know at what hour I will come upon you.”

.An English word fits what has come upon those who have discovered the Israelite ancestry of the Celto-Saxon and kindred peoples of Western Civilization: **complacency**.

All life goes through stages, including learning, digesting and responding to this most humbling knowledge which, if anything, one would think would strengthen the faith of its adherents.

I can fondly remember my stumbling upon this great truth many years ago, and found it profoundly changing the course of my life. A Pentecostal teacher, the late Theodore Fitch, had shared this truth with my parents through a booklet he wrote entitled *Who Are You?* My parents studied it, and digested it for years, as they continued their “church” membership.

It was not until I read a tract my father had read and put aside, *An Open Letter to Any Minister who teaches ‘The Jews are Israel’* (#208 @ \$1.95) by Sheldon Emry, that my eyes were opened. I had read the Bible which, though it had some wonderful pearls of wisdom, made no overall sense to me. An ancient Middle East *Aesops Fables* concerning *Jews and Gentiles*, not me or my family.

On a cross-country trip one year, I convinced my parents to take a small detour to Phoenix to meet and converse with this Mr. Emry concerning matters of great import. It was startling to find we both concluded that the major conflict of our time was the outgrowth of *perpetual war* between the descendants of Jacob (surnamed Israel) and Esau (also known as Edom) over something called *birthright*. This became the basis for my re-examination of Scripture, and it was as if all the jigsaw pieces mystically drew themselves into place, so I could comprehend the order of Ages, and my place in it.

I began attending Emry’s annual family gatherings, and met several dear friends for life, to replace those who passed me off as a ‘nut case’ for believing such odd ideas! I actually loathed departing those encampments, and awaited those to come.

This continued a few years, and I learned many things concerning matters of spirit, flesh and government, which put me at odds with a world spiralling out of control, seemingly. After Emry’s untimely (*or timely, depending on how you view it*) death, the “movement” gradually lost its luster, and evil men crept into its circles to fill the vacuum. A priestcraft, and cult of personalities arose, resulting in a hornet’s nest of sects vying for doctrinal (or intellectual) supremacy. As families began to separate over these matters, people either crawled back in their prior church fox-holes for comfort, or led more secularized lives, slowly transforming into the worldly ones they once disdained.

A few began railing against what was essentially a supportive belief, or body of knowledge, rather than an organization, group or *movement*, as it was portrayed in an increasingly hostile mass media. yet, the core belief, that of an historical case of mistaken identity (*of modern-day ‘Jews’ with ancient Israel*), remained, and if anything, has

been reinforced by events of the last 30 years, here and abroad. The longer I live, the more convinced I am of the efficacy of the Identity message to convict us of our corporeal and national sins, and point us to our destiny.

That this core message has been tainted with the smear of *racism, antisemitism* (a misnomer and *non sequitur*, if there ever was one) and *cultism*, belies the question: **Who is Israel in the world today?** The “church world” largely believes it is the church world (*replacement theology* - a la Rousas Rushdoony and John Weaver) while the non-church world believes it is the political entity in the Middle East by that name. We know ancient Israel was called the *Church in the Wilderness* (Acts 7:38), a tabernacle not made by hands, in which The Everliving chose to dwell. Yet we persisted (and still persist!!!) in building temples we call “churches,” tax-exempt and beholden to the whims of secular government, either directly, or indirectly via constraint and political correctness. Multi-racial congregations encompass multiple folk traditions which color the sermons emanating from the pulpit. Ministers will do almost anything to keep from losing congregants.

We gaze in astonishment at the results, and are **complacent**. Much the same in the way Empire (*Mystery, Babylon* -- Rev 17:5) perpetuates itself after each successive figure-

head shuffles his mortal coil, and so is it with the *Kingdom of YHVH-God*, each time one of His saints passes on.

There is a saying in England, whenever a reigning king or queen *kicks the bucket* (as they all do): **“The king is dead LONG LIVE THE KING!”** So it is with the Christian-Israel message: *Despite the despots*, eternal truths live on, until such time as the King of kings and Lord of lords comes again to assume His throne in judgment, the Holy Spirit has and will lead and guide many into **all truth** (Psalms 43:3; John 16:8-13; Galatians 5:16-18), including this humbling

knowledge of who we were, and are (in “temples” of flesh).

So, in the grand scheme of things, how important is the truth of identifying christianized Israel (Jacob) in the world today? Consider this: Michael Lindsay, a sociologist at Rice University in Houston, Texas, said:

“...The issue with religion in America is not that Americans don’t believe anything, it’s that they believe in everything. Religion is 3000 miles wide but it’s only three inches deep.”

John Killinger, theologian in residence at Marble Collegiate Church in New York City, said something even more profound in his 2007 book, *The Changing Shape of our Salvation*:

“Doctrine isn’t the driving force to many people today (except) to the fundamentalists who insist on it. But doctrine is a thing of the past now religiously There’s an altered view of Scripture and the role of Christ. Christ is still savior to most of us, but maybe in a slightly different way than before. I find from pastors a greater and greater reluctance to preach from the Gospel of John, which used to be the greatest pleasure for most preachers because John was so assertive about the incarnation and role of Christ ...

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In my life I have witnessed my peers striving to *balance chakras*, make penance, read their Ti leaves, light

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their menorah, climb Mount Fuji, and find *nirvana*, all without deference to Jesus Christ, or the eternal promises of His resurrection, and ultimate victory over evil, for us. It is as though they are on a mission to prove their grandparents wrong!

Part of this generational pilgrimage to the pig's trough is due to the church world's false teaching concerning who Israel is in the world today, and part of it is *dispensationalism*, that we are somehow no longer "under (Mosaic) Law." If my parents' generation had been diligent in teaching the continuity of Law and Grace, and how our physical (as well as spiritual) roots are in the Old Testament, I doubt we'd be the religious morass we have today.

As for "movements," remember these are the doings (and goings, pardon the pun) of men, and will all become the refuse they are. When men take away from, or add to, Scripture, by claiming visions and interpreting verses out-of-context, and promote gimmicks to snare the unwary, telling followers to observe days Scripture never mentioned, they are sealing their own fate (Revelation 22:18-19).

When reading Scripture, let it be *sola scriptura*, let The Bible provide the context and solution for all questions.

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LONDON TIMES OBITUARY - LOVE IT!!

Obituary of the late Mr. Common Sense

"Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as: Knowing when to come in out of the rain; why the early bird gets the worm; Life isn't always fair; and maybe it was my fault.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you earn, or take in) and reliable strategies (adults, not children are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a 6-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children.

It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion, or an Elastoplast, or a Panadol to a student; but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the Ten Commandments became contraband; churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims. Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly

awarded a huge settlement; and the final nail in his coffin was when a woman sued a department store, because a toddler was running around her and she tripped over and fell, and she was awarded a huge settlement - but the toddler was her own!

Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents, Truth and Trust; his wife Discretion; along with his daughter and son, Responsibility and Reason. He is survived by his 4 step-siblings: I Know My Rights, I Want It Now, Someone Else Is To Blame, and I'm A Victim.

Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone. If you still remember him, pass this on. If not, join the majority and do nothing.

by e-mail

I believe whatever is in store for us will be for us. This poem is very true, unfortunately. Now read the poem.

Around the corner I have a friend,
In this great city that has no end,
Yet the days go by and weeks rush on,
And before I know it, a year is gone.

And I never see my old friend's face,
For life is a swift and terrible race,
He knows I like him just as well,

As in the days when I rang his bell

And he rang mine, but we were younger then,
And now we are busy, tired men.

Tired of playing a foolish game,
Tired of trying to make a name.
"Tomorrow" I say! "I will call on Jim

Just to show that I am thinking of him."

But tomorrow come and tomorrow goes,

And the distance between us grows and grows.

Around the corner, yet miles away,

"Here's a telegram sir, Jim died

today."

And that's what we get and deserve in the end.

Around the corner, a vanished friend.

Remember to always say what you mean

If you love someone, then tell 'em 'old bean.'

Don't be afraid to express yourself.

Reach out and tell someone what they mean to you.

Because when you decide that it is the right time,

it might be too late - Seize the day.

never have regrets.

And most importantly, stay close to your friends and family, for they have helped make you the person that you are today.

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WHATEVER WORKS IS RIGHT: The Dangers of Pragmatism by Israel Wayne

Ideas have consequences. You and I are influenced by philosophies and ideologies of which we are not always aware. A false belief system that subtly impacts the lives of many people, including Christians, is the worldview of pragmatism.



THE PROCESS AND THE END RESULT

Pragmatism is the belief that the end result is all that matters. The ends justify the means. It doesn't matter how you get from point A to point B, as long as you get to point B. The method or form you use is of no importance, as long as you achieve your goal. Whatever works is what you should go with.

This idea looks good on the surface but, in reality, it isn't Biblical, and it doesn't work. Pragmatism, as practiced by Christians, is built on at least two false assumptions.

FALLACY #1

"We can use our own human reasoning to figure out what is best for us, and what God's will is for our life." [this includes deciding how many children we will have!]. We must remember that we are finite, and God is infinite. The fact is, unless we are given a direct instruction from God, in His Word, we usually cannot entirely know what God desires to bring about in our situation. Oftentimes we deceive ourselves by choosing to believe that what we want for our lives is also what God wants.

FALLACY #2

Secondly, Christian pragmatists assume: "God cares only about the end result and is uninterested in the process." This is proven wrong time and again in Scripture. God is concerned with our making it to our final destination, but He also cares how we go about getting there. .

Pragmatism finds its way into many spheres of our lives. Let's look at a few fictitious examples.

BUSINESS

Phil owns a small used car lot. He buys cars at auctions and fixes them up to resell. Phil is a good mechanic who knows how to spot serious trouble in a vehicle. In order to make a profit, Phil usually can't put much money into repairs. He fixes anything obvious or life-threatening and that's about it. Phil's main goal with his business is to make a profit and provide for his family.

One day, Terri, a single mother from Phil's church arrives on the lot to buy a car. The junker she currently drives is on its last leg and she is looking for an affordable, dependable vehicle that gets good gas mileage and won't leave her stranded. As she peruses her options, Terri is particularly taken with a four-door sedan with fairly low miles. Phil has washed and waxed the car until it glistens in the sun. The price is within her range and when she pops the hood she is impressed that even the engine looks clean. (Of course, Phil knows that he has washed the engine to make it look nice). Phil also knows that within a year this car is due for about \$800.00 worth of repairs. He says nothing about the impending repairs, Terri enthusiastically buys the car, and the deal is done.

From Phil's perspective, God's will was done. The end goal is to sell cars and provide for his family, and he must do whatever it takes to accomplish that goal. He has believed.

FALLACY # 1 God's primary purpose in the car lot is to make money for Phil.

FALLACY # 2 God doesn't care how Phil goes about selling cars, as long as he sells cars.

He refuses to consider that perhaps a part of God's real purpose is for Phil to have a ministry to people like Terri.

CHURCHES

Pastor Will is a man with a plan. First Church is grow-

ing by leaps and bounds. Within five years he has increased the congregation from 40 people on Sunday morning to 450! Pastor Will is working with an architectural team to develop plans for a new multi-functional building with seating to accommodate their swift rate of growth. The cost for the new structure is so steep that even the ever-optimistic Pastor Will is a bit nervous. He realizes that giving must increase and attendance must continue to do the same in order to accommodate the debt load the church is taking on.

One of the things Pastor Will has learned from a recent church growth seminar he attended, is that the majority of rapidly growing churches in the United States are creative in their outreach to the community, to seekers. Demographic surveys for the valley where First Church is located reveal that the median age is 32 (there is a State University nearby with thousands of young adults). Pastor Will begins to make plans to slowly alter the style of worship in the church and the focus of the outreach programs. After all, "a church needs to be relevant to its audience."

It doesn't stop there, however. Before long, in his sermon preparation, Pastor Will is deliberately ignoring sections of Scripture that he knows will be controversial to his congregation [e.g. Lev. 20:13, perhaps? CIM]. "Boy, that passage would never fly in this church," he finds himself thinking one day during his sermon preparation. While he tells himself that he will get to those "deeper" issues at some point down the road, he consoles himself with the thought that God must be pleased with the changes being made in the church. Attendance grows steadily every week. Pastor Will has fallen victim to the two deadly fallacies.

FALLACY #1 He assumes that God's greatest desire is to see people coming to church.

FALLACY #2 He assumes that it doesn't matter what methods are employed, as long as they net the results of increased attendance.

EDUCATION

Bill wants the best for his children. He and his wife, Margie, work hard to make sure that all of their children's needs are met. For the past several years they have been home educating. They felt that home education would provide the best

academic results. Their local government schools are floundering under what could be termed, "almost ever child left behind," syndrome. They had thought about private schools, but with four children between the ages of six and fourteen, their income would simply not accommodate the expensive tuition. As it stood, home education was the best option they had.

Most days Margie felt stressed and often complained to Bill that she didn't feel that she had a life anymore. She didn't want the kids to have to face all of the drugs and violence in the local school, but she also felt burned out by all the demands of homeschooling. "Surely there must be a better way," she thought to herself.

One day, at the local homeschool support group meeting, Margie overhears her friend Kellie talking about a new charter school that is starting over on Fifth Street. "The class sizes are smaller, the curriculum is new and innovative, and best of all, it's still a public school, so it's FREE!" Kellie was clearly elated. "I can't wait until it opens so I can place my children there!" she exclaims. That night, Margie talks the idea over with Bill.

"Think about it, Bill," she pleads. "I can have my life

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back, the children can be properly socialized in a real school, and they will surely receive a better education that I can possibly give them with my limited high school diploma. Who knows, maybe I can get a part time job to bring in a little extra income. You can't tell me we wouldn't benefit from that!"

"I'm not so sure," Bill replies, "I mean, what about the spiritual instruction? How will we know that our children are going to gain the right values in a charter school?"

"Oh, no need to worry about that. We'll supplement their education at home with all of their needed religious training, and besides, we go to church every week. We can't lose!" She seemed so set on the idea that Bill agreed and the enrollment papers were soon signed.

FALLACY #1 God's primary purpose for our children is for them to have the best academic education available.

FALLACY #2 It doesn't matter how our children are educated, as long as they receive the best academic training.

MARRIAGE

Gil never really liked being a single adult. He always felt incomplete and socially unacceptable because he didn't have a woman to love him. As he reached his late twenties he decided that simply waiting for the right one to come along wasn't working. He purposed to be more aggressive in pursuing marriage. He signed up with a Christian on-line dating service and had several dates, but none of the relationships seemed right for marriage. Finally, he went out with Ann. She was fun-loving and adventurous. When Gil was with her he didn't feel alone or discouraged. "Surely she is the person who will meet my needs for a spouse," he thought to himself.

Soon they were married and Gil was never happier. Ann was everything he had wanted in a wife. Over time, however, it seemed like the demands of work and children had drained the enthusiasm out of their relationship. As they approached their eighth year anniversary, Gil wondered, "Whatever happened to Ann's fun-loving nature? It seemed like the spark is gone between us." Increasingly, Gil began to feel the same lonely feelings he had when he was single. He hardly ever smiles and he slowly despaired of finding happiness with Ann. Over a number of months, he became close with a woman from work. They shared lunches together and even traveled together for business a few times. She had that outgoing and vivacious approach to life that had once attracted him to Ann. Before he realized it, Gil had rationalized an affair by telling himself that God wanted him to be happy, and, since you only live once, he owed it to himself to find someone who really met his needs. Gil pragmatically assumed.

FALLACY #1 God wants me to be happy in life.

FALLACY #2 It doesn't matter who or what meets that need to be happy and self-fulfilled, as long as I am satisfied.

PARENTS

Jill is a perfectionistic homeschooling mother of five children. She gets up early, refers to her day-timer, her lesson plans, her children's chore charts, and her husband's crowded schedule. She understands that in order to accom-

plish all of her necessary tasks in a day's time, she will need to stay on course without distractions or interruptions. She tackles the events of the day with an enthusiasm that even raises the eyebrow of her organized work-a-holic husband.

Lately her middle child, Rosanna, has been exhibiting some major attitude problems. While she has traditionally been a fairly complacent child, it seems that since she hit ten years old, she picked up an edge to her tone of voice, and a reluctance to do what she is asked [told]. Jill mentioned it to her husband, and he assured her that he would try to find a minute to talk with her about it. That was a week ago and still there has been no conversation. Finally, Jill decides that things have gone far enough. It is time to simply lay down the law and let Rosanna know where things stand. Rosanna is the child, Jill is the parent, and Jill's word is law. Jill feels that unless she takes control of the situation quickly, she may lose her grip and chaos may ensue. Looking every bit like a marine drill sergeant, Jill imposes a regiment of work and retribution for slacking that would make even the most rebellious child wish for the gulags of the former Soviet Union!

Within a short period of time, the home is once again under Jill's secure domain and control. Jill breathes a sigh of relief one night as she wearily crawls into bed. She has accomplished her goal. Order and efficiency have prevailed. Yet in the back of her mind she wonders if she has really done the right thing. Is it possible that she has taken a pragmatic approach in her dealings with her daughter? She asks herself these questions as she holds tightly to her belief that:

FALLACY #1 God's primary purpose for life is for me to have a clean house, stay on schedule and accomplish all my tasks on time.

FALLACY #2 Anything that stands between me and my goals must immediately be squelched. It doesn't matter how I deal with distractions or intrusions that impose themselves into my life, as long as I

don't allow them to slow me down or hinder my progress.

All Cybil wanted was to make a stir-fry for the Saturday night dinner. The problem was that she didn't have all the ingredients and that meant she had to make a mid-day stop at the grocery store (something she really didn't like doing). The main reason she avoided the store during the day is that her husband was still at work and he couldn't be at home with Randy, their hyperactive four-year-old. Randy was one of those children that only a parent could love. She did love him, but at times she wasn't so sure how much she liked him. It seemed that he made certain to act out every time he was in public. She was quickly amassing a series of shopping war stories that she hoped would someday be compiled into a Oprah book club best-seller and would fund the years of psychological therapy that she sensed were awaiting her.

"Just once," she thought desperately to herself, "I wish we could get through a simple shopping excursion with no casualties. Please God, if you really exist, don't let Randy do anything to embarrass me!" For whatever reason, God chose not to answer her prayer. As she rounded the aisle four heading towards the soy sauce, Randy eyed the candy bar section. The war began. "Mom, I want a candy bar!!"



“Not now Randy,” Cybil demanded, “You can have one after dinner tonight.”

“No, I want one NOW!” Randy retorted. He began to kick his feet, cry loudly and throw his body backwards in defiance. A lady who was passing at the end of the lane stopped to observe the scene. Cybil shot a menacing glance at her, as if to suggest that she should mind her own business, but the lady didn’t seem to catch her drift.

“Don’t you want to help mummy do her shopping? Here, do you want a toy?” she reached into her purse and pulled out a pocket game that she saved for occasions such as these. Randy grabbed the game and hurled it down the aisle. “Pleeze, Randy.” She begged. “Just obey mummy this one time. Pretty pleeze!” Randy only howled louder and kicked harder. Sizing up the situation, Cybil resorted to the only thing that she felt worked in these situations—a peace treaty.

“Okay, Randy, which candy bar do you want?” While she hated to give in, it was the only way she knew to keep him pacified. He quickly quieted down and picked out the treat of his choice. She opened it for him and knew that she had approximately two minutes to get her needed items and rush through the express checkout before the second wave of “Hurricane Randy” would hit. Cybil was once again influenced by these pragmatic fallacies:

FALLACY # 1 The most important thing is to pacify Randy so that I can get done what I need to do.

FALLACY # 2 It doesn’t matter how I get Randy to quiet down—begging, bribing, threatening, yelling, etc.—as long as Randy is quiet. That is all that matters.

UNDERLYING ASSUMPTIONS

Granted, most people don’t systematically evaluate their belief system as described in many of the scenarios above. But whether or not they realize it, they have fundamental assumptions about life and reality that impacts how they live their lives.

BIBLICAL PRAGMATISM

In Scripture, we see many examples of pragmatism and its results. I think of the scenario in 2 Sam. 6 and 1 Chron 13. The Ark of the Covenant was in the wrong place. King David wanted to bring the Ark back to God’s people and Jerusalem. The first act of pragmatism was to assume that God didn’t care HOW they brought the ark up, as long as it was done safely.. A clue to their mentality is found in 1 Chron 13:4, “*the thing seemed right in the eyes of all the people.*” Disregarding the specific Levitical instruction for the priests to carry the Ark, they loaded it onto an on-cart and led it along. Along the way, the oxen stumbled and the Ark appeared ready to fall. Uzzuh pragmatically decided that the most important thing was to steady the Ark so it didn’t fall. No one wanted the Ark of the Covenant to be destroyed. It was a good motive, right? I mean, the end justifies the means. to the surprise of everyone, Uzzah was instantly struck dead. Yes, the end result was good, bring the Ark to Jerusalem, and keep it from falling, but it wasn’t true that God didn’t care about the methodology or the process.

Or, what about King Saul (a consummate Pragmatist) who decided that a sacrifice needed to be made to God, and he didn’t need to wait around for Samuel? The main point was to make a sacrifice, right? Or, consider Moses who struck the rock instead of speaking to it. Wasn’t the water coming out all that mattered? Or, what about Simon the Sorcerer, who wanted to buy the Holy Spirit from the apostles? Does it matter how you receive the Holy Spirit, as long as you end up having the power?

These men experienced instant death, the loss of a kingly dynasty, failure to see the promised land, and a threat of damnation, all because they thought the end justifies the means.

The means is very important to God. It matters to Him what we do, not just what gets done.

SITUATIONAL ETHICS

In schools, pragmatism has ruled as a guiding philosophy in situational ethics classes. As children are taught to evaluate various ethical dilemmas, they are subtly taught to problem-solve by reaching the end result, no matter what the means. we see pragmatism in politics, in corporate scandals, in the global economy and in world conflict. When people have a stated goal or objective (which usually is not a Biblically based end), they will often attempt to move heaven and earth to accomplish their agenda.

THOUGHT POLICE

We need to be on guard and ready to arrest (take captive) any thought that exalts itself against the true knowledge of God (2 Cor. 10:5). It isn’t just the content that matters, it is the form as well. It isn’t just the conclusion, but the storyline. It isn’t just our death, but how we live our life. We need to make certain that our goals (end objectives) are based solidly on the revealed will of God, as expressed through His Word, and that the means we use of achieving those goals are also within the will of God. As Christians, we must think and live differently from the world around us. There isn’t room in the Kingdom of God for “Christian Pragmatism.”

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Underground Church in Australia?

by Peter Stokes (excerpted)

Has it ever crossed your mind that one day we will be forced to have an ‘underground’ church in Australia? A church that ‘hides’ because it will not abide by laws that tell it who they can and can’t employ or what it can and cannot say. A church where people meet in private because there are those who will ‘dob you in’ for actually standing on clear Biblical teaching, for saying “Jesus is the only way,” or for discerning that God calls some ‘life-style’ choices SIN?

It might come as a shock to know that this could already be a lot closer than you think. Especially for those who were not involved in the failed battle to prevent the Racial & Religious Tolerance Laws being introduced in Victoria 7 years ago. Have you noticed that freedom is being eroded away before your very eyes?

Yes, right here in the land of ‘freedom and democracy.’ Yes, in this nation, built on the great ‘Westminster’ model of government - yes, where we have people elected to ‘represent’ us under a Constitution that states they ‘humbly rely on Almighty God’ to guide them.

This is not good news of course, but remember, I am not trying to be ‘prophetic’ in the sense of revealing a Word from God about the future. I don’t have to ‘hear a special Word from God’ and neither do you. We just need to become aware of what is actually going on around us right now.

Religious freedom is now under threat like never before across Australia. Ask the Queensland Christian schools and churches, who are now unable to refuse to employ an adulterer, a homosexual or even a witch as long as they keep their ‘activities’ to their ‘private’ time!!

If some Christians are ducking for cover now, with exemptions in place, what will they do when there are none? What will you do? Give in - or fight, perhaps from underground?! - Courtesy Saltshakers, Box 6049, Wantirna 3152.

End of another month again - my how it flies. Thanks for the many good comments received about the last *Messenger!* God continues to supply what is needed! All the Praise be to Him. May He bless and keep you all safe,

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