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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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"DECEPTION ON IDENTIFYING ISRAEL, PT 4"

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THE SCYTHIAN CONNECTION

"And now I am here to be judged because of the hope given by God's Word to our fathers; for the effecting of which our twelve tribes have been working and waiting night and day with all their hearts. And in connection with this hope I am attacked by the Jews, O king!" (Acts 26:6-7)

This is part of Paul's testimony before King Agrippa, about 63 AD. It is evident that he did not think the twelve tribes were lost from history. To him they were very real and he was to be the messenger to them as seen in verse 23: *"unto this people* (Geneva Bible) *and the Gentiles* (nations)." Who are *"this people"* (which most translations say *"the people"*)? It was those people who had him arrested - the Jews. He was being obedient to his heavenly vision and witnessing to his brothers in Judea as well as the 'Gentiles' (the dispersed ten tribes of Israel). This is confirmed in verse 20, *"But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance."* Once again we see that the Bible makes a distinction between those in Judea and those of Israel who were not present at that time (previously scattered).

In fact, even before Israel was divided and went into the various captivities,

"...at least three times as many Israelites had left their homeland before the captivities began, either compelled by the increase in population or, beginning with the ninth century, for fear of the Assyrian power, which was invading the land of the Hittites and Syria." (Haberman, *"Tracing our Ancestors,"* p.122).

This puts us in the time frame 900-800 BC (reigns of Ahab and Jehu) that the disintegration of the Kingdom of Israel began. The Bible confirms this in 2 Kings 10:32-33:

"In those days the LORD began to cut Israel short; and Hazael smote them in all the coasts of Israel; From Jordan eastward, all the land of Gilead, the Gadites, and the Reubenites, and the Manassites, from Aroer, which is by the river Arnon, even Gilead and Bashan."

The various wars and deportations of Israel are found in chapters 16-18 of 2 Kings. The following is one of the accounts and why:

"And the king of Assyria did carry away Israel unto Assyria, and put them in Halah and in Habor by the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes: Because they obeyed not the voice of the LORD their God, but transgressed his covenant, and all that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded, and would not hear them, nor do them" (2 Kings

18:11-12).

Pagan empires used forced evacuation to prevent rebellion at a later date. They also put other peoples in the vacated land and cities. Over a period of a few years and two conquests of Assyria, millions of Israelites had been relocated. By 700 BC, only a small group of Judahites remained in Jerusalem. Jeremiah the prophet warned them that, because of their sin, God would abandon Jerusalem as well. Jerusalem was destroyed about 586 BC, and the people who were there were taken to Babylon for seventy years of captivity. After the seventy years were ended, Ezra brought back less than 50,000 Israelites (Ezra 2:63-65).

What happened to the millions of Israelites who never returned to Jerusalem? Are they lost forever to the covenant promises of our God? The apostle Paul asked this same question 500 years later in Romans 11, *"Hath God cast away his people? God forbid ... God hath not cast away His people which He foreknew."* The question boils down to this: What happened to the millions of Israelites driven from Palestine 700 years before the time of Christ?

The Bible doesn't tell us what happened to this major portion of the Israelites after this account in 2 Kings, so we must depend on secular history to find out. We know that

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God cannot lie. His people and covenant must continue. Someone has been lying to us about our history by saying the tribes of Israel are “lost.” The historian Josephus of the first century AD knew the ten tribes of Israel existed. He wrote:

“Wherefore there are but two tribes in Asia and Europe subject to the Romans, while the ten tribes are beyond Euphrates till now, and are an immense multitude, and not to be estimated by numbers. (Antiquities, XI, V, 2).

In the prophet Hosea 1:6-10, God said that He would “...utterly take them away” [from Palestine]; and yet after their removal would make them “as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured or numbered.” God keeps His Word.

NAME CHANGES

The Phoenician name for the “House of Isaac” was ‘Beth-Sak.’ On the Armarna Tablets the ‘Habiru,’ ‘Habiri,’ or ‘Abirir’ (sounds like ‘Hebrew’), who conquered Palestine under Abdasherah (or Joshua) are also referred to as the ‘Saga’ or ‘Saka’ men (Bristowe, “The Oldest Letters In The World,” p.32). So it appears that ‘Israel’ was their Bible name only, while their heathen neighbours and enemies spoke of them as ‘Habiru’ or ‘Sakai’ (‘Hebrew’ or sons of ‘Sac’ or ‘Isaac’); that is one of the reasons they were so easily lost from historians.

In 1900 there were cuneiform tablets found in Nineveh (published in 1930). Many of the tablets were Assyrian frontier post reports, dated about 707 BC. They describe the activities of the people called ‘Gimira’ who lived in the land of Gamir. One tablet stated that when the king of Urtary came into the land of Gamir, his army was routed, as the Gimira counter-attacked, entered the land of Urtary, and killed their commanders.

In another tablet, of about 30 years later, during the reign of Esarhaddon, king of Assyria, reported that a large number of Gimira seeking freedom escaped to the shores of the Black Sea. The Greeks also recorded the same activity, including an invasion of Sardis, the capital of Lydia, in 645 BC. In their records they refer to the Gimira as ‘Kimmerioi’ which we translate into English as ‘Cimmerian.’

At around 600 BC the Lydians drove the Gimira or Cimmerians out of Asia Minor where they settled in the Carpathian regions west of the Black Sea. These Israelites were called in the book of 2 Esdras (13:40-44), the “people of Ar-Sareth.”

We now know what happened to that larger body of Israelites that did not escape the Assyrians. They formed an alliance with King Esarhaddon, when he came under attack by the Medes and the Persians. This treaty allowed the Israelites to establish colonies in Saca-sene in the north and Bactria in the east. As the Medes advanced their attack, those in the north moved through the Dariel Pass into south Russia and became known by the Greek name, ‘Scythians.’ Those in the east (Bactria) were forced to move north and east, and the Persian records called them ‘Massagetae’ and ‘Sakka.’

Thus archaeology has solved two of the greatest archaeological problems:

1. What happened to the hundreds of thousands of Israelites who disappeared south of the Caucasus?

2. What was the origin of the Cimmerians and mysterious nomadic tribes, known as Scythians, who suddenly appeared north of the Caucasus; both at the same time in history?

They were one and the same people: they were Israelites!

Our history books pick up the story at this point recording the westward migrations of the Scythians and their contact with the Cimmerians, who had earlier settled west of the Black Sea. Their kinship lost over the centuries and ensuing battles forced them westward to become the ‘Celts,’ ‘Gauls,’ and ‘Cimbri.’ By the end of the fourth century BC, the Scythians had established a great and prosperous kingdom. (“Heirs of the Promise,” Sheldon Emry, p.17, #CI-001 @ \$20).

SCYTHIAN DOMINION

There was a huge mass of people called Scythians whose western border was the Euphrates River. Many inhabitants of Israel’s capital city, Samaria, were taken to “...Halah and Habor (Caspian Sea area) ...and the cities of the Medes” (2 Kings 18:11). There is an account by the Medes that the Assyrian King Esarhaddon in 674 BC was confronted by an alliance of “Mannæan, Media, and newly-arrived Cimmerian forces” (Culican, *The Medes and the Persians*, p.46). Notice the phonetic similarity between “Samaritians” and “Cimmerians” and that they had just recently arrived. Wouldn’t they likely be the Israelites from Samaria taken captive by the Assyrians just a few decades earlier? Certainly they would be anti-Assyrian and would logically join an alliance against them.

There were many related clans of Scythians north of the Black Sea region and some far to the east next to the Russian border with China and Mongolia. The appearance of the Scythians in Asia occurs in the reign of King Sargon of Assyria (722-705 BC), the same time period as the fall of the kingdom of Israel and the flight of Israelites out of Palestine into Asia. Besides being called ‘Scythians,’ they were also known as

‘Saca’ or ‘Saka.’ The Bible says in Genesis 21:12, “...it is from Isaac that your seed will take its name.” The Hebrew language did not list vowel sounds, therefore the name ‘Saca’ would be represented by the consonants S-C or S-K (reflecting the fact that the ‘c’ is pronounced like a ‘k’). The word ‘Saca’ represents ‘Isaac’ with the latin plural ‘ae’ attached.

In about 624 BC, the Scythians launched a massive invasion to the south, and occupied Asia Minor, Syria, Media, Palestine and much of Assyria. They conquered as far south as Egypt, but spared that nation when the Egyptians offered them tribute money. The Scythian attack upon the Assyrian city of Calah was noteworthy. The Encyclopaedia Britannica notes that Calah was the headquarters of the army in Assyria. By directly attacking Calah, the Scythians were clearly “going for the jugular” of Assyria. Though Assyria struggled on for a few years, the Scythian invasion dealt them a mortal blow. Babylonia also revolted against Assyria, and the eastern Scythians joined in this revolt.

The northern Scythians from the Black Sea held Western Asia and the Mideast under their dominion for only a short time (28 years according to Herodotus). Why did

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Scythia attack the whole territory of the Assyrian Empire, and then leave after so short a time? Both answers come clearly into focus when one understands that the Scythians were the descendants of the ten tribes of Israel.

The motive for the invasion was likely two-fold. The primary motive was the desire for revenge against the Assyrians who had forced them off their land and destroyed the old kingdom of Israel. It was ironic justice that after Assyria invaded and destroyed the kingdom of Israel; Assyria was invaded and given its death-blow by Scythia (the offspring of the Israelites that had originally fled from Assyria). A second possible reason for Scythia's invasion was the old-timers reminiscing about the "good old days" and the "land of milk and honey" which was only about a century earlier. Perhaps they considered living there once again if it proved suitable.

It is significant that while marching through Palestine, the Scythian motive was simple conquest. Why did they spare the capital? The obvious conclusion is that the Scythians chose to spare Jerusalem. This makes sense only if the Scythians were the descendants of the ten tribes of Israel, who knew the Jews ("Judahites") were one of their related tribes. This indicates that while the Scythians were intent on destroying Assyria, their purpose was to liberate Palestine. One city in Palestine, Beth-Shan, was renamed 'Scythopolis' in honour of the Scythians, and the local population retained that name even after the Scythians left the area. When a city is renamed it is done to honour the memory of a person or nation. Since the Scythian presence among the Judahites was a gentle one, and liberated them from the Assyrian Empire, Beth-Shan was likely renamed Scythopolis to honour the Scythian liberation of the region.

That the Scythians completely ravaged Assyrian territory while sparing Judah's cities clearly indicates that the Scythians looked upon the Judahites more favourably than the other nations it invaded. This would make no sense if the Scythians were wild nomads from northern Asia who were in Palestine for the first time. However, it is completely logical when one realizes that as descendants of the ten tribes of Israel, the Scythians were blood relatives of the Judahites. The Scythians' artwork depicted Scythians as having beard-ed, Semitic faces, clearly indicating that they originated in the Fertile Crescent (the traditional Semitic homeland), not in the Asian interior. To assert that these Scythians had a Mongoloid origin from northern or eastern Asia, one must ignore the facts.

This Scythian occupation, which included Palestine, occurred during the reign of King Josiah (circa 639-608 BC). The Bible does not mention 'Scythians' in Palestine at that time, because 'Scythians' was a Greek term, but the Bible refers to them as 'Israelites.' During the reigns of previous evil kings, the Judahites had lost the knowledge of their God. When a copy of God's Laws was found in the Temple restoration project of Josiah, the nation again learned about God's Laws (2 Chronicles 24:8-33).

When King Josiah learned what God's Laws were, he was aghast at his nations' degenerate condition. 2 Kings 23:4-20 records that King Josiah's reforms included the destruction of sun-god and mother-goddess images, forbidding human sacrifices, tearing down brothels of homosexual prostitutes, slaying pagan priests and even destroying the altars of pagan gods which King Solomon had built for

his foreign wives.

Josiah also re-established the Passover and the Days of Unleavened Bread. Notice the curious record of who kept these festivals along with Josiah and his nation in 2 Chronicles 35:17-18,

"And the children of Israel that were present kept the Passover ...and the Days of Unleavened Bread ...there was no Passover like to that kept in Israel from the days of Samuel ...as Josiah kept ...and all Judah and Israel that were present ..."

Here, the Bible makes the distinction between Israel and Judah. 2 Kings 17;18 says that God "...removed them out of His sight: there was none left but the tribe of Judah only." How was it possible that portions of the ten tribes were again in Palestine at the time of Josiah and devout enough to participate in God's Holy Days? The answer is simple. The Israelites from the ten tribes "who were present" in Palestine at the time of King Josiah's revival, were the Scythians who were then occupying everywhere from Palestine to Mesopotamia! If the Greeks had written this passage in 2 Chronicles it likely would have read, "All the Jews and Scythians that were present..."

The Assyrian capital, Nineveh, fell in 612 BC. The Scythians eventually withdrew from Palestine having accomplished their goal and satisfying their curiosity. They

were not interested in imperialistic expansionism. They liked their freedom and independence. Seeing that Palestine was too small for their population, they preferred their wide-open spaces rather than the burden of ruling over other nations of foreigners with unwanted customs and lifestyles. Herodotus records that Scythia ruled 'Asia' (Mesopotamia, Asia Minor and Palestine) for almost three decades. After they were gone, the Babylonians became the dominant force, and it was during this time that Jerusalem fell and the remainder of Judah went into captivity. Later, the Medo-Persian Empire replaced the Babylonians and it was King Cyrus who allowed a portion of Judahites to return under Ezra and

Nehemiah.

Most of the Scythians (Saciae, Saki, Saks) were to the north - but we should not forget that some of them remained in the south in "the cities of the Medes" (2 Kings 18:11). Professor Waddell in his map of Eastern Asia gives western Media as the home of the 'Guti' or 'Catti,' which is derived from 'Gadil' or 'Gad' and therefore either men of God or Judah or both. These 'Guti' mixed with the 'Saks' and together they formed the backbone of the growing power of Media. It was the Guti of King Cyrus' army, under general Gobryas, who took Babylon in 536 BC. This was that memorable destruction on the night of Balshazzar's feast as told in the book of Daniel. This is just one of many instances where Israel is fulfilling her destiny as God's "battle axe."

"Thou art my battle axe and weapons of war: for with thee will I break in pieces the nations, and with thee will I destroy kingdoms; ... And I will render unto Babylon and to all the inhabitants of Chaldea all their evil that they have done in Zion in your sight, saith the LORD. Behold, I am against thee, O destroying mountain, saith the LORD, which destroyest all the earth: and I will stretch out mine hand upon thee, and roll thee down from the rocks, and will make thee a burnt mountain ...Prepare against her the nations with the kings of the Medes, the captains thereof,

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and all the rulers thereof, and all the land of his dominion. And the land shall tremble and sorrow: for every purpose of the LORD shall be performed against Babylon, to make the land of Babylon a desolation without an inhabitant." (Jeremiah. 51:20, 24, 25, 28, 29).

SCYTHIAN CULTURE

Not all people who lived on the Russian steppes designated by the name 'Scythian' were descendants of the tribes of Israel. 'Scythian' became a term in that region for any tribe with a nomadic or semi-nomadic lifestyle. The Israelites and Scythians had this trait. Many historians tend to paint the Scythians as wild and uncivilized, and there were many of those tribal groups to the far north. Many theorize that the Scythians came from the north and modern students are educated into thinking that the Greeks and the Romans were the most civilized people of the ancient world. But Strabo, a Greek writer of the first century ("*Geography*," viii, iii, 7), had this to say:

"...but the Scythians governed by good laws ...and this is still the opinion entertained of them by the Greeks; for we esteem them the most sincere, the least deceitful of any people, and much more frugal and self relying than ourselves."

The 'Saciae' Scythians had nothing in common with the wild uncouth nomads of the northern steppes, but had much in common with the civilized cultures of the south. Tamara Rice in her book, "*The Scythians*," p.22. wrote:

"...their wealth and great love of finery won them the goodwill of the great Hellenic merchants established along the shore of the Black Sea ...the Scythians ...displayed an extraordinary [ability] to appreciate and assimilate the best in the art of their day."

Not all of them were agriculturalists; some were merchants and others had mining and manufacturing pursuits.

They produced some of the ancient world's most beautiful works of gold art. This was also a part of their Israelite/ Phoenician heritage. Collins in his book, "*The Lost Ten Tribes of Israel Found*," p.197, addresses the significance of language in identifying Israel:

"Virtually all historical accounts speculate that the Scythians originated in northern Asia and migrated southward to south Russia. However, the evidence strongly points to an opposite conclusion. Their linguistic traits (they all spoke "the same Iranian tongue") indicate that they originated in the Mesopotamian/ Fertile Crescent region, and that they had migrated northward into South Russia. If they had originated in the dim recesses of northern Asia, their common language would be in the Mongolian family of languages, not the "Iranian" family of ancient languages. Also, their own artwork depicts the Saciae/ Scythians as a bearded, Semitic race, further confirming their origin was in the Middle East. The only Semitic nation which "disappeared" from the Fertile Crescent just prior to the arrival of the Scythians in the Black Sea region were "the ten tribes of Israel." As soon as the ten tribes of Israel "disappeared" from their old territory, the Scythians (bearing the name of Isaac) "appeared" near the Black Sea and spread throughout the Russian steppes. The connection between the Israelites and Saciae/ Scythians is not hard to understand."

Herodotus records that the Scythians were very zealous in forbidding idolatry and the worship of "foreign gods." In one instance, King Saulius of Scythia executed his own brother for participating in the rites of a Greek 'mother-goddess' festival and wearing 'images' associated with the mother-goddess ("*The History*," 4.76). In another instance, a Scythian king (Scyles) participated in forbidden, pagan rituals of the Greeks in which devotees allowed 'Bacchus'

to possess them in frenzied rites. King Scyles tried to prevent any Scythian from learning about his "secret life." His actions were discovered however, and the Scythians rejected him as king, selecting his brother, Octamasades, as the new king. With an army, Octamasades pursued his paganized brother, and beheaded him in Thrace (the modern Balkan region of Europe), where Scyles had sought refuge (Ibid, 4.78-80).

The fact that the Scythians executed, without mercy, even their own rulers and royalty who worshipped pagan gods or who kept images of them, and that they avoided swine's flesh, shows that they were practicing two features of the Law of God given to the Israelites under Moses. They evidently had experienced a "revival" in their new homeland near the Black Sea. And what is the matter with Americans? Can't they control their own government? It will take actions like this to bring America back from the precipice of destruction.

It is plainly seen that the other supposed "lost" tribes were "beyond Euphrates" and some were in Palestine during King Josiah's reign. Paul knew when he testified before King Agrippa about the "...hope given by God's word to our fathers ...our twelve tribes ..." Americans need to realize, with all the descendants of the tribes of Israel, that we are responsible before God to follow His Laws.

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HEADLINES:

"Government Regulators Downplay Environmentalist Impact of Oil Spill - Obama Orders BP to Stop Spill"

Just when I think that I have plumbed the depth of the foolishness that is abroad in this country, something, such as this headline, comes along to disabuse me of that thought. Certainly such silliness as this puts to rest Darwin's theory, that an intelligent species morphed from that lovesick amoeba that supposedly oozed from a primordial soup and ultimately became man.

Why, I ask, do these cretins continually refer to this disaster as a spill? What we have is a gusher of crude oil emanating at high pressure through a hole in the earth's crust from a huge reservoir of crude in the bowels of the earth, and this a mile down on the floor of the Gulf waters.

This is no less than a manmade catastrophe, but to hear Mr. Obama and his government regulators tell it, one might think that Paul Bunyan kicked over a bucket of crude and that we will wipe it up with a rag.

BP and the Obama administration have fed the people a litany of lies from the inception of this monumental blunder unto the present time. And if it were not for some truthful caring and sharing independent engineers, the entire population would still be in the dark as to the dire magnitude of this man-caused eruption, that has the potential to turn into a world-wide cataclysm, and most likely will.

Of course, we need not be apprehensive any more now that President Obama has ordered that the 'spill' be stopped. Since "We will change the world" Obama deems himself to be our saviour, one wonders why he hasn't just gone to the gulf, parted the waters and plugged the leak. I am sure that all those who have put their faith in this novice's campaign messiah-rhetoric will certainly rest easy knowing that the people's saviour has now ordered that the 'spill' be stopped.

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PRIDE GOES BEFORE A FALL

For well over a decade this nation has been continually assailed by cataclysmic events, the circumstances of which have cost billions and destroyed lives, property, and peace of mind. At no time through this series of catastrophes have I observed a stiff-necked people turn to Almighty God in repentance and ask His forgiveness of our national sin. I have witnessed a remorseful response to the losses that were incurred, but remorse for the sins of the nation is conspicuously absent.

Not a single politician has kneeled in the presence of God in humble subjection and appealed, in the name of Jesus, for mercy and forgiveness. To do so in these times would ensure the defeat of that politician by his, or her, constituency. In this nation and in this time the false gods of heathen religions are accepted and protected by the people, the courts, and the political system, but the one true God is rejected and despised [while they ram their religion of heathen, humanistic evolution down our throats].

THE CONTINUING LAWLESSNESS OF A SINFUL NATION

Despite the seamless calamities that descend steadily upon this nation there has been not the slightest discernable lessening or reversal of the deformed moral character of the people. It is popular to blame the putrid immorality of our society upon the courts and the politicians, but the truth is that no inimical legislation is passed, no immoral law is upheld, and no vice is encouraged or protected without the collective approval and commendation of the people.

Infanticide continues at a steady pace in this nation, murdering medical practitioners have exterminated some sixty-one million babies in America [100,000 per year in Australia!] It is an abhorrence of monumental and cold-blooded savagery. If sixty-one million puppies were similarly systematically annihilated the populace would be howling for the heads of those doing the killings. Such is our twisted sense of morality and justness. This nation is stained with the blood of these infants, and their blood cries out for justice, and justice for these little creatures of God will not be denied.

The minds and bodies of our youth continue to be corrupted and defiled by indoctrination by the schools, the government, and the social institutions of this nation in the filthy practice of sodomy and the encouragement of same-sex 'marriages.' These perverse practices are promoted and accepted by the media, the legislative bodies, the courts, and the majority of the denominational churches [because they produce no Christian Israelite children]. A solid majority of the people deems them normal and acceptable, even though the Bible condemns such as abominations.

Surely repentance is not going to emanate from the bulk of the church pulpits in this society. Too many preachers have not the faith of a gnat or the integrity of an ant when it comes to upholding scriptural instruction. They ignore the Gospel and evade the teachings of Christ and His disciples in order to preach social justice and universal salvation. Many embrace the false doctrine of universalism as an alternate to Christ's teaching that no one comes to the Father except by Him. By their evasion of scriptural admonitions against destructive behaviour they encourage degenerate and unbiblical practices. And then they have the temerity to call themselves ministers of God.

In spite of all the foregoing, we have the audacity to

ask God to bless this country. Every time I hear a politician close a speech or an address with 'God Bless America,' I cringe for that person in abject shame before the sovereign God.

AND THE END OF THE STORY

There are yet some hard learners who think that the nation can be rescued by correct political leaders and a return to constitutional principles. They still seek a restoration by and of men. They fail to take into account that the perverse in this nation far outnumber the honest and honourable. But, more importantly they fail to recognize that it is a spiritual disease that afflicts our society and saps the life's blood from a once-blessed republic. We are under condemnation by the Lord God of Israel for our national sins (Amos 3:2).

There are no saviours among men; one would think that after one year of Obama that lesson would have been brought home. Still we know that men rely upon men, and we also know that this will continue until the people of the world turn their lives over to antichrist and slip completely into the grasp of evil.

This country is well beyond being salvageable. It is facing destruction. This is what happens when one shuns his creator and rests his faith in corruptible men. We are staring disaster in the face. Our national debt now exceeds thirteen trillion dollars [of banker created credit, i.e. thin air], and will soon be greater than the entire national economy. Nothing is going to stave off an economic collapse. Continuing disasters of one kind or another, coupled with the desperate and dumb endeavours of the government and the Federal Reserve serve to deepen the crisis and hasten the coming break-up of the economy. When that collapse comes it will be a catalyst that sets into motion a rolling series of events that will bring this nation rapidly to its knees.

The mestizo hordes that the political dimwits and social liberals have encouraged to pour across our borders have seriously disrupted social order and social cohesion, they have dissipated local economies and siphoned off monies earmarked for the native indigent and elderly, they have escalated crime and threatened the personal safety of individual American citizens, and they have resurrected and spread diseases [the African/Australia circus acrobat who infected heaps of dumb white women with AIDS], that had been nearly eliminated. They have inflicted no less injury to the nation than the barbarian Huns, Goths and Visigoths visited upon an equally stupid Roman Empire.

When social unrest reaches a volatile point and social wars are ignited, these will join with the subversive Muslim elements that we have, in our limited wisdom, allowed to infiltrate our society to propagate their 'kill the infidel' agenda. This country is destined to experience an internal turmoil that will so weaken our ability to fend off foreign belligerents that we will be attacked and destroyed. In plain blunt language this nation is toast.

"Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." **Matthew 7:13-14.** - Seek the narrow gate!

Robert McCurry Comment

The Lord's redeemed, covenant people are biblical realists; God is sovereign and man is responsible. Each of the great civilizations in the world passed through a series



of stages from their birth to their decline to their death. Historians have listed these in ten stages.

The first stage moves from bondage to spiritual faith. The second stage moves from spiritual faith to great courage. The third state moves from great courage to liberty. The fourth stage moves from liberty to abundance. The fifth stage moves from abundance to selfishness. The sixth moves from selfishness to complacency. The seventh stage moves from complacency to apathy. The eighth stage moves from apathy to moral decay. The ninth stage moves from moral decay to dependence. And the tenth and last stage moved from dependence to bondage.

God's judgment rightly befalls those who practice idolatry and immorality, but a social judgment occurs when God gives a nation over to its sinful practices.

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DRUGS AND MEDICINES

You may have been taking drugs to improve your health but getting sicker. Did you ever wonder why? Drugs don't cure! Did you know that? They only relieve or control symptoms. Medicines alone help to cure your ailments. Actually, your body and mind can completely cure themselves with the right kind of help. Do you know the difference between a drug and a medicine? Contrary to popular belief, they are not the same but opposites. Drugs take away control of your body and mind from you! Medicines reverse this and restore the control back to you. Let me elaborate a bit more.

DRUG: A drug is a chemical substance that takes control of your body or mind depending on its own inherent nature. For example, when you take a sleeping pill, it puts you to sleep, no matter how much you want to be awake. It rules over your body and mind. You can repeat this exercise many times - and you will experience the same thing every time.

It does not stop there. Subsequently the next time you want to sleep, it will make your body ask for the pill again. As you start yielding to its demand, it will keep asking, progressively, for more and more pills for the same amount of sleep, while reducing the quality of sleep. You will finally end up in a state that - unless you take many pills each time - you simply cannot even have normal sleep, which is so natural to all living creatures. By now you have totally become a slave to that pill. The drug is the lord and master! This state is called drug dependence. Your life will no longer be under your control - but the drugs'.

The case is the same with a pain killer. Painkillers do not resolve the core problem of trauma. They make your body forget it (not feel it) for some temporary period of time. Pain will reappear shortly after the painkiller wears off, as the cause of pain has not been addressed and remains unresolved, and you will again be forced to seek the help of a pain killer. This process will progress slowly and your body will steadily ask for larger and larger dosages every time [unless the problem rights itself in the meantime]. The painkiller becomes the master and you are the slave, again.

The story is no different with pills for Hypertension (BP) or Diabetes or any other disease. An acute condition becomes chronic and you are the permanent victim. All

drugs eventually create a market for more new drugs to counteract and compensate for their side effects. Your body will end up becoming the warehouse of different dumped drugs - and they do not simply sit just there; they do immense harm. [see video #CI-792 "*Making a Killing*," LOAN ONLY @ \$5]

Drugs take control of your body and mind away from you, to dictate your life.

MEDICINE: a medicine is the substance that helps restore "normalcy" to your body and mind. Normalcy is actually nothing but your volitional control over your own body and mind. Hence its action can be seen to be the exact opposite of the drug. The proof is in the helpful action of medicine - you will never require a medicine compulsively, threatening discomfort and danger when not taken on time. Have you ever seen cases of Diabetes and BP patients, resulting in terrible complications when the prescription drug was not taken on time every day? This is because the drug is in control.

In the case of medicines, control over your body and mind is normally handed back to you, with a little help from the right medicine. Medicine has very close similarity with food and rest in its basic action.

For example: When you are thirsty or dehydrated, you cannot function normally. Then pure water (not the fluoridated, chlorinated, kind) works like medicine. When you are hungry or famished, simple food works like medicine. When you are tired and fatigued, normal sleep works like medicine. Medicines are generally harmless when there is no excess or abuse. The key factor is the restoration of normalcy - or, functional ability.

All ingestible substances can be made to work in 3 planes i.e. Food, Medicine, or Poison! Let me give you an example. Common table salt, (sodium chloride) is a food and taste enhancer. It can also be a life saver in cases of dehydration. Mind you, it can also kill in cases of Hypertension. Why? It is the same substance. The difference is how it is taken, and how much.

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TOLERANCE AND INTOLERANCE

Robert McCurry

A friend was accused of intolerance by an associate because he expressed his opposition to various sexual offenses. He was briefly troubled by this charge until he suddenly realized that this accuser was himself savagely



intolerant, intolerant in his case of Christianity.

Intolerance is inescapable. If we are Christians and abide by Scripture, we will be intolerant towards murder, theft, adultery, fornication, sodomy, false witness, and other offenses against God's order. They will be to us a violation of our freedom and order under God, and an oppression of godly men.

If, on the other hand, we are sinners and lawbreakers by nature, we will be intolerant of God and His people, intolerant of godly laws and restraints precisely because we tolerate and love sin.

Our Lord stated the issues clearly: *"No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other"* (Matthew 6:24). It is necessary for us to love God and His Word, and, if we are regenerate, it is our nature to do so. This means that we therefore hate sin and regard it as an offense against God and man and an intolerable violation of godly order which must be eliminated.

Similarly, those who hate God want to eliminate Him, and us, and everything which is an aspect of God's law and order and Word from their universe. They are savagely and bitterly intolerant.

In other words, what you tolerate says a great deal about you. It identifies your loyalties and your love, and it classifies your nature clearly. Men are known, not only by their fruits, but also by their love and hate, their tolerance and intolerance (R.J. Rushdoony, Oct 18, 1975, *"California Farmer"* 243:6, p.36).

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man (woman) love the world: the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes and the pride of life is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof; but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever." (1 John 2:15-17).

Jesus the Christ, the son of God said: *"If ye love me, keep my commandments."* (John 14:15).

God's commandments are not grievous:

"For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments: and His commandments are not grievous." (1 John 5:3).

God's people love His Law:

"O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day. Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies are my meditation. I understand more than the ancients, because I keep thy precepts. I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep thy word. I have not departed from thy judgments: for thou hast taught me. How sweet are thy words unto my taste! Yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." (Psalm 119:97-105).

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"NOWHERE MAN"

by Pastor Don Elmore

He's a real nowhere man
Sitting in his nowhere land
Making all his nowhere plans for nobody

Doesn't have a point of view
Knows not where he's going to
Isn't he a bit like you and me?

Nowhere man please listen
You don't know what you're missing
Nowhere man, the world is at your command

He's as blind as he can be
Just sees what he wants to see
Nowhere man can you see me at all?

Nowhere man don't worry
Take your time, don't hurry
Leave it all till someone else
Lends you a hand.

Doesn't have a point of view
Knows not where he's going to
Isn't he a bit like you and me?

Nowhere man please listen,
Nowhere man, the world is at your command
He's a real nowhere man
Sitting in his nowhere land
Making all his nowhere plans for nobody
Making all his nowhere plans for nobody
Making all his nowhere plans for nobody

This is one of many rock 'n roll songs that convey a secret message of the Illuminati. Rock 'n Roll was new to

America - spawned from the Haiti voodoo population of New Orleans. "Doesn't have a point of view..." Do you know anyone like this song describes. It tells of a population who doesn't know and care about anything. There are many examples that we could write about that show that this situation has transpired into today's world. We will take one such example.

There was a connection between Marxism and a group of Satanists called Frankists. One of the strongest satanic cults to take control over the Jewish population was called Sabbatianism. Jakob

Frank assumed the role of leader of this group, and afterward this brand of Satanism was called Frankism.

Sigmund Freud's sexually-obsessed theories were derived from this philosophy of Frankism. They appeared in the late 1800s. Also from this special form of Marxism, Frank taught his followers a special point of view which other religions didn't: i.e. that Frank taught his followers **to convert to another religion and hide behind that religion to practice their Satanism.**

In February 20, 1759 there was a disputation involving the Vatican and the Jewish Orthodoxy concerning the Frankists (contra-Talmudists) who called for the unity of all faiths. What they discussed were as follows:

1. All prophecies about the coming of the Messiah have already been fulfilled.
2. The Messiah is the true God, whose name is Adonai, He took human form and suffered for our redemption.
3. Since the advent of the true Messiah, sacrifices and ceremonies have been abolished.
4. Everyone should follow the teaching of the Messiah, for salvation lies only within it.



5. The cross is the sign of the Holy Trinity and the seal of the Messiah.

6. A person can achieve faith in the Messiah only through baptism.

7. The Talmud teaches that Jews need Christian blood, and whoever believes the Talmud is bound to use it.

The result of this disputation was basically a non-decision: the Vatican treated Frank's followers, not as a Jewish sect professing tenets that were not recognized by mainstream Judaism, but as a group of candidates for conversion to Catholicism.

Jakob Frank, himself was baptized on September 17, 1759, along with approximately 3,000 other followers. They were now known as Roman Catholics and not Jews. In the 1790's, the Frankists were portrayed as being neither Jewish nor Catholic, and were characterized as managing to escape the control of both Jewish and Polish authorities, operating in a legal vacuum with a peculiar mix of Judaism and Catholicism.

Later, the Frankists, although nominally Roman Catholic, reportedly circumcised their sons, kept the Sabbath, had separate burials, and did not marry outside their religion. Some of the Catholics accused them of not being real Catholics. Frank eventually went to jail as the Franks were investigated into the genuineness of their beliefs since their conversion into Catholicism.

Soon, some of the Frankists came to America. And they believed what Jakob Frank had taught them: convert to another religion and hide behind that religion to practice their Satanism. One of the families, relatives of Jakob Frank, shortly after they arrived in America, changed their name. What did they change their name to? There was a boy named Billy Frank who lived in that family ...whose name was changed to a Scottish name: **Billy Graham**; and his son's name: **Franklin**. Billy was chosen to be the great integrator of the church. And, in addition, at the end of his sermon, his counselors would advise his followers to go to either a Catholic or Protestant church or a Jewish Synagogue. Did the apostles of Jesus Christ do this? Absolute heresy!

Do you have a point of view? Do you believe that Billy Graham was part of one of the biggest deceptions of our lifetime? Or are you a nowhere man making all your nowhere plans for nobody?

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USA: DISCRIMINATION LAW GONE MAD

Another case of discrimination involving Christians has reached the US Supreme Court. The Christian Legal Society at the University of California's **Hastings College of the Law** in San Francisco took legal action after the University refused to approve them as a "registered student group." Being a registered student group would have entitled the CLS to funding and the ability to book meeting rooms.

The university's reason for not registering the CLS was that the CLS required its officers and voting members to sign a "statement of faith" which includes a ban on "all acts of sexual conduct outside of God's design for marriage between one man and one woman, (including) fornication, adultery, and homosexual conduct." Hastings said no recognized campus groups may exclude people due to religious belief or sexual orientation.

In September 2004, the CLS chapter asked school officials to exempt the group and other religious student organizations from the religion and sexual orientation portions

of the university's nondiscrimination policy.

School officials denied this request and stripped the chapter of recognition and the benefits of recognition, including student activity fee funding.

CLS then filed a lawsuit on October 22, 2004. The case was first heard by a federal judge in the district court. The judge ruled against them in April 2006, rejecting their claim that their First Amendment rights of freedom of association had been violated. This decision was upheld by the 9th US Circuit Court of Appeals in March 2009.

CLS then decided to take the case to the US Supreme Court and the hearing was heard in April 2010.

During the Supreme Court hearing, the CLS lawyer, Michael W. McConnell, pointed out the craziness of forcing groups to have officers and members who have opposing views to the group.

The CLS overview of the case states "CLS argues that it is a violation of the right of expressive association to force a religious student organization to accept officers and voting members who hold beliefs and engage in conduct in opposition to the group's shared viewpoints, thereby inhibiting the group's ability to define and express its message.

"CLS also argues that it is a violation of the right to be free from viewpoint discrimination to impose the above requirement on a religious student organization while permitting every other recognized student organization on campus to limit its officers and voting membership to persons who agree with the group's shared viewpoints."

All this sounds like common sense - just like religious bodies and schools in Victoria being able to employ Christians and specify a moral code for behaviour!

During the oral arguments in the Supreme Court hearing, Justice Antonin Scalia said, "It is so weird to require the campus Republican Club to admit Democrats, not just to membership, but to officership. To require this Christian society to allow atheists, not just to join, but to conduct Bible classes, right? That's crazy."

The judges are yet to hand down the ruling. Please pray that the Court rules in favour of the CLS.

The CLS outline of this case, along with documents: <http://www.clsnet.org/center/litigation/christian-legal-society-v-martinez-uc-hastings>

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EXPLORING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

by Peter Frogley

CONSEQUENCES OF A HUMANIST WORLD VIEW

It is not uncommon for me to be accused of being radical, idealist, controversial, extreme or just plain out of touch.

Initially I was quite affronted by these accusations, but as time went by, I increasingly realised, that was my lot in life. Indeed, I would consider it a calling - some would say a prophetic calling - not to endeavour to be offensive, but to be committed to uphold what, to me, are obvious biblical standards. It seems that was the lot of the Old Testament prophet, so I conclude that such is a legitimate role to be played even in Christian circles in our day.

It seems somewhat a dilemma that I was apprehended by the Lord with a vision for Christian education that was quite radical, and in many ways idealistic, and as a result would not be understood nor appreciated by everyone. Nevertheless, I have endeavoured to carry out that vision. My responsibility is to be faithful to Him who called me

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and if that results in criticism, then that is part of my lot in life - a lot for which I am, in fact, very thankful.

So with that disclaimer on anything I will write here, I would like to explore what, to me, are some of the consequences in our educational world and beyond of a humanist world view.

NATURE OF THE MATTER

It has been a recurring theme in many articles in "*Light of Life*" that Christians have been profoundly influenced by the world view in which their training was couched, and that that world view has been overwhelmingly humanistic. Not many Christians seem to have realized this. The result is that many well-meaning Christian teachers, even in Christian schools, unwittingly practice humanistic education, believing that they are teaching Christian values. This humanism has created practices in every area of education that are contrary to biblical thinking and practice. I will explore the effect of humanism under several headings.

THE SCHOOL STATE CONTROL

The nature of a school will be defined by its undergirding philosophy. In humanistic terms, the school is created and owned by the state, to equip students to be citizens of the state. Indeed compulsory schooling legislation in practice claims that students are owned by the state.

The common humanist idea is that the bigger the school, the better, because of economics, of scale, and the better offering of subjects and teachers. The priority of the family is a foreign idea to statist educators.

Students are to be arranged in age groups to ensure appropriate social interaction. Social interaction is a major priority, as this provides the framework through which students arrive at their life values.

One school was deregistered on the basis of an inadequate curriculum. The reason given was that there were not enough children to ensure adequate social interaction! The general idea is that there will be ample opportunities for students to discuss life issues, and from the consensus of the group the student will be able to develop life values that are consistent with the group. In a humanist world where there are no absolute values, we must have some way of arriving at values. (Why a consistent humanist would want to have values provides an interesting philosophical question for them). For the humanist educator, social interaction provides the method of arriving at values. That is the philosophical reason why children commonly these days sit around tables and not in rows facing the teacher. It is not the teacher who is important in shaping the student's life and values, it is the fellow students.

Way back in 1965 the late Rosalie Slater, co-founder of Foundation for American Christian Education, wrote:

"In making the change to government sponsored schools, we closed our Bible as the educated and political text, and we shifted our level of education from the building of individual Christian character to the building of group character, conformable to society ... Faithless teaching makes for unfaithful citizens." (Rosalie Slater, "*Teaching and Learning America's Christian History*."

She was right: the goal of our humanist schools is to build group character conformable to society - the methodology described above confirms this. The concern is that some Christian schools are using the same humanistic methods without realizing the aims thereof. The goal of the Christian school is to build individual Christian character! This is not to build individualism, but to develop each unique person for the purpose for which they were created.

THE CURRICULUM

It is interesting that the pendulum of curriculum design fluctuates between laissez-faire and rigid control of content. The pendulum seems to be swinging back to a more rigid control of curriculum. In some ways Christians may think this is good, but the rigidity, more than likely, means a rigid humanistic curriculum. In the past generation or two, curriculum content has been so vague that Christian schools could teach what they wanted without too much interference. With our current federal government, we see a move to uniformity in curriculum. We are told this is to ensure portability - that students can move from one state to another without their education being compromised by different standards. That is perhaps commendable. The issue is the humanistic standard to which we are all expected to conform.

For example, we now have reading texts which are based on the fruit of a whole word methodology. This means much of the early testing is not appropriate for an intensive phonics methodology, where learning the sounds of our language is first priority. Reading begins later, but when it does, progress is far more rapid than for the whole word methodology.

So it is the State that sets the goals, not the school, nor the parents, who biblically have the final responsibility for their children's education. This is a major loss of freedom in our society, but an increasing number of Christians believe it is good for the State to be setting standards and providing for them. It means Jehovah Jireh does not need to be as busy!

An interesting aside is that despite our new national curriculum each state has its peculiar (I say that advisedly) writing style. Gone is the print and cursive (too hard for the modern student) to be replaced by

Queensland script or NSW script, etc. All similar, but with minor variations. The premise is that, it is foolish to have two styles of writing, but little consideration is given to the fact that print mimics typefaces and is used for map labelling and the like, whilst cursive is the fastest and easiest-to-read handwriting style.

The real curriculum issue for Christians is that State school curricula are written from a humanistic philosophy, whilst a Christian curriculum should be developed from a self-consciously Christian, biblical philosophy - and the two are fundamentally different.

TEACHERS

Perhaps the outstanding aspect in modern statist education is the removal of disciplinary sanction. The Bible has apparently, erroneously recommended corporal punishment:

"He who spares his rod hates his son, but he who loves him disciplines him promptly." **Proverbs 13:24.**

Today, it seems a majority of Christians believe the Scripture to be in error - or perhaps it is just the Old Testament, which they say is not applicable today.

The problem is, that a disciplinary sanction against bad behaviour has been removed. If children are asked to do something they can refuse without any appropriate sanction (other than manipulation or bribery) being available to the teacher.

It seems the whole system is designed to placate the child's sinful tendency - but then some Christians don't believe children have sinful tendencies! The result seems to be that teachers are virtually forced to teach toward fulfill-

a much talked about topic:

THE MARK OF THE BEAST "666"

by Pastor Bob Hallstrom

For centuries man has pondered over the mark of the beast and the question still plagues mankind today. Much has been written on the mark of the beast but hopefully this book will address the issue from a slightly different approach taken by other authors. Nevertheless, man will probably be arguing the issue long after the mark has been acquired by those doing the arguing.

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ing the child's sinful nature, rather than discipling the child to service in the Kingdom of God.

RESOURCES

Today most resources are provided by government. In a socialist system this is designed to make us dependent. Christians have said they want Christian education and they want parents to take responsibility for their children's education, but they have gone to the State to pay for it. Even now, many have not yet realised they have lost the very rights and freedoms that motivated them to seek Christian education in the first place. Christians have been deceived by the State, as the control the State insisted on has remained and indeed become stronger. Many Christians argue with some justification that taking money from the State for Christian schools is simply appropriating what is rightfully theirs through taxation. Unfortunately that is not how the State views the matter - for them it is their money and users must be accountable to them for expenditure.

THE RELIGIOUS ISSUE

All of life is religious! That is why, as Christians, we must have a biblical world view. Christianity is a lifestyle - most Christians would agree with that. The problem is that the State also has a world view - humanism, an alien religion.

Christianity, by its very nature, is exclusive - some are saved and some are lost, hence some are excluded from salvation. Christians understand from Scripture that you cannot mix another religion with biblical Christianity. But most Christians try to mix humanism (the State religion) with their Christian faith and the result is syncretism and a loss of the foundational beliefs and values that make Christianity Christian.

Even if Christians do not understand this idea, rest assured humanists do! They understand that they can not allow biblical Christianity to flourish in Christian schools because it will be introducing an alien faith to the society. They want a unified and cohesive society where all children are raised by the same standards - that is why they are endeavouring to compel at this time. They realise that biblical Christians will work to raise children who will be servants of King Jesus and who will seek to build His Kingdom on earth as He has instructed. They know that these children will be different and will be in conflict with the stated values of the humanist State.

THE QUESTION

I realise that I am presenting what is commonly considered a radical ('radical' means 'back to the root') viewpoint, but for the Christian it should be a call to return to a full-orbed application of our faith to education. If there are those who believe I have misunderstood, I would love to hear from them, because I do not wish to spend time and effort pursuing concepts that are wrong or even irrelevant.

But the question that frequently exercises my thinking is this: Do we have enough biblical capital remaining in our Christianity, in our nation, to be able to counter the humanist thrust? Or have we Christians become indistinguishable from the humanist society in which we live? Whatever our answer, the challenge still remains: Will we as God's servants train up succeeding generations of young people who will have a biblical world view and be able to build God's Kingdom in our nation?

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MAJOR SCIENTISTS DISSENT FROM DARWIN

By Don Boys, Ph.D.

A major storm of protest against the myth of evolution has been building for many years, as proved by almost a thousand major scientists, all with doctorates who have signed on to the following statement as of 2010: "We are skeptical of claims for the ability of random mutation and natural selection to account for the complexity of life. Careful examination of the evidence for Darwinian theory should be encouraged."

Those scientists threw down the gauntlet to evolutionists by publishing a two-page ad in a national magazine with the heading, "A Scientific Dissent From Darwinism."

Fevered, fanatical, and foolish evolutionists will charge that those dissenting scientists were backwoods yokels (maybe even a few snake handlers and flat earthers mixed in) dug up by pushy creationists to promote their cause. Not so! I have gone over the list and if certification and accreditation are so important, impressive, and indispensable, then those people will give evolutionists a perpetual heartburn. Major scientists around the world agree with them and many of them have not yet signed in to the dissent although they have gone on record that mutations and natural selection did not produce evolution. Other major scientists critical of evolution have died in the last 25 years.

I wrote in my "*Evolution: Fact, Fraud, or Faith?*" that "a mutation is an unexpected and random change in a cell, produced by the penetration of the cell by radiation, mutagenic chemical or other disorganizing agent. Mutations produce change, but not improvements.

Evolutionists believe that most mutations are harmful while others believe they are all harmful or neutral." Evolutionists must claim that some mutations are helpful because basically, all evolution rests upon that premise.

Pierre Grasse was known as the greatest scientist in France, and he disputed the value of mutations when he wrote, "...no matter how numerous they may be, mutations do not produce any kind of evolution." Grasse went on to say that it "is not true" that bacteria are evolving quickly because of numerous mutations. He reminds all that "To vary and to evolve are two different things; this can never be sufficiently emphasised." Devious, deceptive, and dishonest evolutionists now claim that change is evolution, but that is so silly it is embarrassing. Everyone admits to change, but the change is never from simple to a more complex creature. Never!

Grasse was supported earlier by Professor N.H. Nilsson of Lund University who said, "There is no single instance where it can be maintained that any of the mutants studied has a higher vitality than the mother species." Nilsson added, "It is therefore, absolutely impossible to build a current evolution on mutations or on recombinations."

Michael Pitman, (died 2000) former chemistry professor at Cambridge, confessed, "Neither observation nor controlled experiment has shown natural selection manipulating mutations so as to produce a new gene, hormone, enzyme system or organ."

MUTATIONS ALWAYS HARMFUL

Not only are mutations always harmful, but they produce changes in present characters, never producing new characters. Mutations are the catalyst for defects, deformity, disease, and death; yet evolutionists scream that they

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are the explanation for all the varieties we see in the animal and plant kingdoms. They teach that the many changes in combination with the pressure of the environment over billions of years have produced the differences between one-cell amoeba and complicated humans; however, mutations never create; they corrupt. Thus, the results of all mutations: disorder, defects, disease, deformity, and death.

The mutation theory is without any scientific foundation. In fact, Ernst Mayr, a famous evolutionist, believed mutations were the answer as to how evolution allegedly took place, but his own experiments with fruit flies proved the opposite! Mayr tried to increase and decrease the number of bristles on fruit flies that normally have 36, but he discovered that the flies died if they had more than 56 and fewer than 25. Repeated experiments of 30 generations proved the fact of limitations, and when the fruit flies were left alone, they were back to 36 bristles in five years! Of course, change takes place, but it is always limited change and never any improvement.

No fruit fly, peppered moth or any other creature has formed a new creature through mutations and natural selection, and more and more top scientists are supporting that position.

The co-holder of the 1945 Nobel Prize for developing penicillin, Sir Ernest Chain, called natural selection and chance mutations a "hypothesis based on no evidence and irreconcilable with the facts." And the murmur continues. The 1971 winner of the Nobel Prize in science, Dr. Dennis Gabor (died 1979) said: "I just cannot believe that everything developed by random mutations..."

We creationists will continue to remind evolutionists that their lie about "change" has been exposed. Richard Dawkins wrote of evolution, "No reputable scientist refuses to accept evolution." A similar statement has been declared by many silly, shallow scientists and the gullible continue to believe it. However, a lie is a lie if everyone (including "experts") believe it. The famous quotes from world-famous scientists prove Dawkins is a Dummy.

Moreover, as I scanned the list of dissenting scientists, I was impressed with so many of various fields, all from prestigious universities who were willing to "put their names on the line" for all to see. Those courageous scientists were experts in medicine, biology, geology, anthropology, zoology, physics, genetics, etc., holding doctoral degrees from Rutgers, MIT, Baylor, Oxford, Dartmouth, Tulane, Columbia, Cornell, Princeton, Purdue, Indiana, Yale, Duke, Stanford, Cambridge, Temple, Berkeley, and many others. Even a few Christian universities such as Liberty, Cedarville, Ashbury, Wheaton, etc., are represented.

I am waiting for Dawkins, Hitchens, Harris, Dennett, and Company to admit their lies in the advancement of atheism as they have declared that "evolution is a fact not disputed by any qualified scientists." Obviously the atheists are wrong and have proved themselves to be fools, frauds, or fanatics. Maybe all evolutionists are in a special classification - Homo Ignoramus!

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CHURCH ATTENDANCE KEY TO MARRIAGE SUCCESS, RESEARCHER SAYS

By Joshua Goldberg, - Christian Post Reporter

Married couples who attend church services frequently are happier and more likely to succeed in their marriages than those who don't attend church often or not at all, according to a recent study.

"Research suggests that not only do churchgoing husbands enjoy happier marriages but also their wives are more likely to experience marital happiness, compared to married couples where husbands do not attend religious services on a regular basis," said W. Bradford Wilcox, a sociologist at the University of Virginia, explaining his research results.

According to the study, 70 percent of husbands who attend church regularly say they are "very happy" in their marriages, compared to only 59 percent of husbands who do not attend religious services. For women, the figures were similar, with a majority of those who attend church services reporting to be happier than those who do not.

"Churches supply moral norms like sexual fidelity and forgiveness, family-friendly social networks that lend support to couples facing the ordinary joys and challenges of married life, and a faith that helps couples make sense of the difficulties in their lives - from unemployment to illness - that can harm their marriages," Wilcox told Cybercast News Service.

While critics say that the survey is inaccurate and only proves that couples who already enjoy stable marriages attend church, Wilcox said that the power of faith and its role in marital relationships cannot be diminished.

"Men and women who hold a religious faith and put that faith into practice by attending church on a regular basis do look different in the marital realm," Wilcox said. "So, in a word, the couple that prays together stays together," he added!

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." (Hebrews 10:25). [are you 'assembling' or 'forsaking'?]

"And he (Jesus) came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the meeting place on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read." (Luke 4:16).

"And when they had sung a hymn" (Mat 26:30; Mar 14:26) i.e. "praise unto God"[what is your 'custom,' and what are you teaching your children regarding 'customs' on the Lord's Day? and on singing God's praise?]

FEAR NOT!

by Michael Pearl

Fear not! Stand strong in God's promises!

Fear! That stifling emotion that stalks the average person like a sinister enemy, always casting its shadow over the new and unknown, choking out creativity, adventure, and success. But it is more than an emotion; fear is a dark conviction, a worldview, a personal frame of reference.

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call it timidity, nervousness, worry, caution, introversion, apprehension, anxiety, or phobia. If the reasons for our fear were apparent, no one would question our reluctance. But how do you explain to someone that you are afraid to ask a question for fear of looking stupid, or afraid of a social contact for fear of being looked down upon?

Fear is the belief that you don't have the answers, the feeling you are not up to the task. "How can I homeschool my children?" Fear is expecting failure before any attempt at success is made. "Nothing ever works out right for me."

Fear is a deadly virus that wreaks havoc on the vitality of hope. Fear and faith are opposite poles, set apart by a world of possibilities. Depending on one's perspective, those possibilities are viewed as either opportunities or obstacles. To the fearless, opportunities spring up like dandelions in the spring. But the fearful expect everything to work against their success, and somehow it always does. The brave expect to excel, whereas the fearful chart a course toward mediocrity and accept it as their preordained lot in life, all the while complaining about cruel fate instead of taking charge of their lives.

All of us are afraid of something. A big, strong, 'fearless' man may actually have a dread of speaking in public, whereas it doesn't bother some dried-up little wimp who would be scared to death to walk past the two guys standing outside the gas station. You can usually identify your fears, although you may not have previously recognized them as such, simply by looking for those dutiful things that you are 'uncomfortable' with and tend to avoid.

Are you afraid of returning a product that you bought? Are you uncomfortable meeting new people, sitting in someone's presence without talking, approaching a person in uniform, being home alone, praying in public, sharing your faith in Jesus, talking to your children about sex, or discussing your feelings with your spouse?

And then there are the big scary things like cancer, stroke, heart attack, car wrecks, fire, atomic bombs, and terrorists on your airplane. Many families with children are afraid of the liberal agenda. The examples are endless. There are even things I am afraid of, but I am not going to tell you what they are - I'm afraid to.

The word 'fear' is found exactly 500 times in the Holy Bible (KJV), the majority of times exhorting us to fear God. In addition, 'afraid' is found 193 times. We are told to "fear not" 81 times.

There is a proper fear. We are to fear God, fear the king, fear the grave, but we are told not to fear the "terror by night; nor the arrow that flieth by day; Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday" (Psalm 91:5-6). That covers home invasion at night, flying missiles in the daytime, diseases like bird-flu, and cataclysmic terrorist attacks at noonday. "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind" (2 Timothy 1:7). Don't fear losing your mind. "Fear hath torment" (1 John 4:18).

God has directed us as to how to deal with potential fear. "What time I am afraid, I will trust in Thee. In God I will praise His Word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me. In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me" (Psalm 56:3, 4, 11). "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear." (1 John 4:19).

"When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid: yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet. Be not

afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it cometh. For the LORD shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken" (Proverbs 3:24-26). The passage said not to be afraid of sudden fear (fear of fear), nor of the terrible judgments that come on the wicked. If our confidence was in our resources, we might have reason to be afraid, but our confidence is in our God. "The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?" (Psalm 27:1).

"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD is my strength and my song; He also is become my salvation. Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation" (Isaiah 12:2-3). I have always loved the imagery of that passage. It is my life. I can see my wife and me, along with our children, hilariously drawing living water from the wells of salvation, spilling it on the ground and throwing water all over each other, drinking our fill, and pouring it over our heads. "I will trust and not be afraid." That is the key - trusting God instead of the stability of the circumstances.

Many of the unnecessary fears we have can be minimized by simple knowledge and preparation. When fear leaves you on the unhappy side of the fence, the evil nature has won, but if you allow fear to send you back to boot camp to increase your knowledge and develop your skills, you will feel empowered rather than de-feated. The tiny ant survives fire, flood, and long winters by being prepared (Proverbs 30:25).

Almost thirty years ago when we had young children, we were afraid that a handful of misguided

social workers would take them away from us. They threatened to do just that. I can still remember the tension as social workers came into our home with their questions and note-taking. I remember the "judge" telling me how much power he had and how he could remove the children from our home if we did not send them to public school. He was especially concerned about "Bible thumpers," as he called them. This was all before there was any such public concept as homeschooling. We know of no one else attempting it. Raymond Moore was the lone voice at that time, and we had not yet discovered his writings. It was scary. So we prepared.

We prepared ourselves, our children, and our possessions to deal with any eventuality. Yes, of course we prayed, but we also prepared to the best of our abilities. We fought in the area of public opinion by contacting the TV and newspapers and getting our story on the six o'clock news and on the front pages. We went to the state capitol and lobbied senators, and in time, we also attended rallies and organizational meetings. Laws were passed in our favor, and thousands joined us in what came to be called homeschooling. Because of this groundwork, if you feel unjustly threatened by the local social department you can call Homeschool Legal Defense Association (hsllda.org)

At the time there was no one for us to call, so we prepared on another front. We prepared the whole family to move to another country that was more jurisdictionally friendly to the concept of homeschooling. Since ancient times, movers and shakers have had the option to move to a new land of "liberty and justice for all."

There may be less land to choose from, but it is wise for any pioneer to know his options, and be prepared to move on to greener pastures for the good of your family. Our plans to move were a last resort, after every coopera-

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tion and legal string had been pulled. Thankfully, for us, the legal system and honest communication was enough. We're still Americans! Sounds a little crazy twenty-eight years later, but you must remember that at that time homeschooling was strange and unknown to everyone. When friends and relatives discovered that we taught our children at home, it always provoked immediate suspicion and the same question from everyone, "Why?"

This time of alertness caused us to focus on training our children in a wide spectrum of potential circumstances that they could face in an uncertain world. We trained our children to swim, walk long distances, use public transportation and telephones, live in the woods and swamps, drive a vehicle when very young, and how to spot and respond to predators and molesters.

The children learned all this without becoming paranoid. "*Fret not thyself because of evildoers...*" (**Psalm 37:1**). They had no fear. They were perfectly secure. I think they thought of the preparation as a sort of exciting game, like taking martial arts, not because you expect to have to defend your life, but because it is satisfying to know that you can.

Today, my children are all married and all have children of their own. None of us are afraid of the threats that we read about in the news everyday - terrorists' attacks, pandemics, wars, rumors of wars, wickedness in high places. We are ready. We know how to find and prepare food, how to build a shelter out of anything, how to treat sickness and disease without a doctor. We do not feel threatened today, but we still save enough seed each fall to plant the next year. We buy food in bulk and keep the old hand crank grinder from rusting. We are prepared for a long quarantine if need be.

Life is a challenge, and it is always fun. To overcome is fun. To build is fun. To solve problems is fun. "*Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparedst a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over; Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.*" (**Psalm 23:4-6**).

Goodness and Mercy shall follow me all the days of my life. That has been the expectation of every day of our lives. Sometimes when I stop suddenly, I think that Mr. Goodness and Mrs. Mercy bump into me because they are following so closely. They have followed my children for decades and now are right behind my grandchildren. As my family grows, so grows the job security of Goodness and Mercy.

Zacharias prayed the prayer we should all pray, "*That He would grant unto us (Israelites), 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 life*" (**Luke 1:74-75**).

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CASTING OFF INSTRUCTION

by Sara Nicole Smith

Modern-day Christianity - is it all what it's cracked up to be? I've been doing a lot of thinking, observing, and questioning and I've come to a conclusion that has left me concerned, troubled and disheartened.

I look out among us (young women) and see families that have raised a standard for Christ's sake, have determined to raise their children for the glory and honor of Jesus Christ, and have prepared a way for their children to attain a higher standard of righteous living that they might grow in their Saviour's grace. These parents, though sin-

ners, have sacrificed their all for their sons and daughters - their time, abilities, talents, goals, individualities - all for the sake of the children.

But what puzzles me the most is that many youth (I'm speaking specifically of young women) growing up under this wonderfully protected "greenhouse environment" have somehow lost heart and zeal and are now living lives that are similar to the world's standards of conduct. What causes this to take place? What goes wrong? Most importantly, what can be done to remedy this situation?

I certainly am lacking in wisdom and knowledge and I don't believe there is a dry-cut solution to this problem. Yet, as I read the precious promises of the Word of God, I see a vital element that each young woman needs in her relationship with Jesus Christ: Submission.

First off, let's take a look at the children of Israel - our forefathers. The Bible isn't just filled with stories to entertain us but rather it provides instruction for us to live by and learn from. In 1 Corinthians 10, we are disheartened to read that even though the children of Israel were living out the ordinances that were laid down for them to obey, ultimately God was not well pleased. Outwardly, they were going through the motions of obedience but their heart was not right with God. Perhaps they thought that they were safe from becoming a backslidden generation but they seemed to forget the realization that God looks on the heart. There is no pretense with God.

I am not saying that our LORD doesn't appreciate outward manifestations of our love for Him. He delights when our desire to please Him is manifested in outward demonstrations (how we live, talk, act, dress, etc) but the most important thing that pleases Him is a heart that is surrendered to Him and His will.

We cannot live through life hanging on to the coat-tails of our parents and their beliefs - that isn't going to get us anywhere. It will send us on a downward spiral that will end up leaving us ungrateful, double-minded, envious, and self-seeking.

We must look into the perfect law of liberty and take personal responsibility for our relationship with Jesus Christ. We must seek to nurture an intimate relationship with our Father above and purpose to obey whatever He shows us (from His Word) to be the Light that He desires us to walk in. If we disregard His promptings and convictions, we will live under the heavy burden of sin and guilt.

"*O LORD, rebuke me not in Thy wrath: neither chasten me in Thy hot displeasure. For Thine arrows [conviction of sin, spiritual griefs] stick fast in me, and Thy hand presseth me sore. For mine iniquities are gone over mine head: as an heavy burden they are too heavy for me*" (**Psalm 38:1,2,4**).

You may ask, "What if I don't agree with the standards and convictions of my family?" There's an obvious answer and an easy solution. Read the fifth commandment and then read **Ephesians 6:1**. We aren't just *encouraged* but rather *commanded* to obey our parents; and if this wasn't enough, we are told to *honour* them and their wishes. [if only we could see more of that]. God has specifically entrusted to them the wisdom they need to raise their children for His glory. Even if you don't agree, you must take up and bear the yoke of your youth. However, if you are surrendered to the LORD and truly desire to bless, honour, and obey your parents, it won't feel like a yoke. You will be able to confess what the psalmist David did in Psalm 40:8, "*I delight to do Thy will, O my God: yea, Thy law is within my heart.*" And there is no age limit on this law, it continues in force as long as parents are alive - and beyond!

Interesting as it may sound, many of the young people I have known who are now living as a "worldling" on their own and seeking their own ways and desires are still unsat-



ified. In spite of everything they look to for satisfaction and fulfillment, they remain empty and bitterness continues to gnaw at their consciences. Some girls have left for freedom, some have left looking for love, some have left looking for acceptance. There are those, however, that have not left outwardly (leaving a father and mother's home) but have left in their "heart of hearts." In many instances, no one knows this has even happened because it's been covered up so well. Until one day, the straw breaks the camel's back and the girl "casts off" her Christianity and breaks the hearts of those who love her. You see, the progression began inwardly. She resented her God-ordained authority, privately scoffed at the principles she's been instructed in, secretly yearned for independence, and slowly gave away pieces of her heart (and/or body) to the world's influences and demands.

Have they found that it's all what it's cracked up to be? Freedom, independence, pleasure, excitement, acceptance - they may have gained some of these, maybe all of them; but at what cost? They are no longer experiencing freedom in Jesus Christ but are now slaves to the world. They are no longer dependent on a loving LORD who provides for their every need, but must now fend for themselves to keep their independence and to protect their self-image. They are no longer basking in the pleasure of God's goodness and blessing, but they are now living with the regrets of their foolish mistakes. They are no longer amazed and excited with God's supernatural workings but are now indulging themselves in that which will only gratify their longings for the present moment. They are no longer at peace knowing of their acceptance in the beloved but are now doing all they can to maintain acceptance through the fashions of this culture which are choking out their individuality and true happiness.

So, is it all what it's cracked up to be? Definitely Not! The grass may always look greener on the other side - but once that fence is crossed, you are now prey to the wolves of despair, fear and rejection.

As I mentioned before, we must look into the *perfect* Law of Liberty and live thereby. Seek to nurture a more vibrant relationship with the LORD that saved you from your sin - and saved you from a life of misery and guilt. Start cultivating a grateful heart. Begin to recognize the blessings in your parents' instructions and guidance and take note of its benefits; even be open to fostering the same convictions. Submit your will to His and begin to find true joy.

There will be hard and discouraging times; but just remember, it will be worth it all when we see Jesus. To have His blessing and to know Him supremely holds no comparison to whatever the world may offer. His way is the best way and His approval surpasses that of anyone for it holds no obligation because of Jesus Christ living in us. As you seek and follow Him, your heart will be glad and rejoice in your Saviour above as He takes great delight in you, His child.

"The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighted in his way." (Psalm 37:23).

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JOURNEY OF A STRONG- WILLED CHILD

by John and Kendra Smiley

Are you 'blessed' with a strong-willed child? Are you

amazed that anyone could use the words 'blessed' and 'strong-willed' in the same sentence? If the answer to both of those questions is yes, I completely understand. Almost 28 years ago, I gave birth to an adorable little boy who was definitely a strong-willed child.

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His strong-willed nature was not obvious from day one although I have met parents who say they knew immediately that their son or daughter was strong-willed. Evidence of Aaron's strong-will appeared when he was about 2 years old, That was when he let everyone know that he wanted to control his world.

Following a major upset caused by Aaron, he and his father met eyeball-to-eyeball on the stairs. "Aaron," said his firm and loving dad, "I will be with you every step of the way and you will not win!" - Did Aaron hear the words of his father that day and immediately become a compliant child, willing and wanting to please those around him? No! But his dad, my husband John, was true to his word. The steps of Aaron's journey were not taken alone. And even though there were battles along the way, Aaron did not win. We knew that this lovable and capable little boy was not prepared to be in control of his world even though that was his desire. Instead it was our responsibility and privilege to Be The Parent!

The challenges of raising a strong-willed child to responsible adulthood can be overwhelming and exhausting. I used to ask John time and time again, "Why does Aaron hate me?" And John's answer was always the same, "He doesn't hate you. He's just testing to see if you love him enough to maintain control." It is very likely that your strong-willed child is testing you too. How are you scoring on that test?

Today we no longer have a strong-willed child. Instead we have a formerly-strong-willed-child-turned-responsible-adult. Aaron is now Dr. Aaron Smiley, doctor of veterinary medicine. He is married and he and his wife have a little girl.

Take heart, parents, there is light at the end of the tunnel. But be warned. If you do not accept the responsibility to stay with your child "every step of the way" and be certain to "win," that light might be the headlight of a train coming toward you with full force!

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Again we come to the beginning of another month. Is it just me, or does everyone find that time just seems to go faster and faster. The weeks fly by and are gone before you realise it.

Thanks again to all who have written, and those who sent requests for material, and those who continue to regularly support with their finances etc. All are very much needed and appreciated, and we would not be able to continue without your support! We encourage you to please exhort your children and grandchildren to get on our mailing list and carry on following in your footsteps in support of the Kingdom-Israel message, and this ministry. Our numbers continue to decline as people pass away, yet it is so important for someone to carry on. Also, be very aware of who you leave all your books, tapes and other materials to in your will, as some relatives may be inclined to dump the lot - what a waste that would be. Inheritances should only be given to Godly offspring who will use it in the service of God.

Thank you again and may our heavenly Father bless you and keep you, may He make His face shine on you and be gracious unto you, and may He lift up His countenance on you and give you His peace,

