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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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### "WHERE SHOULD WE THEN LIVE?"

by Steve M. Schlissel

#### COVENANT COMMUNITY

Covenant consciousness - its importance is incalculable. The Bible, after all, is a covenantal revelation of the Covenant God to His Covenanted People. In the older administration, the covenant was confined to the Israelite people (Ephesians 2:11-12), who were given circumcision as a sign and seal of covenant admission. To be uncircumcised was to be cut off from the people of God (Genesis 17:14). Thus, from the beginning, the sign and seal was to be administered in terms of a people; Israelite males (future covenant heads of households) were by circumcision formally incorporated into that people, who were the people of God. Yes, circumcision spoke of what ought to be true of each Israelite (viz., that they placed no hope in the flesh, but rather in their God), yet the rite itself ensured no such thing. As Paul by the spirit so perfectly expressed it:

*"For he is not a Judean, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: but he is a Judean, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God."* (Romans 2:28).

Did that mean that there was no advantage in being a member, externally, of the covenant community? Paul certainly thought there was! *"What advantage then hath the Judean? or what profit is there of circumcision? Much every way."*

The Judeans as well as the dispersed Israelites of the Assyrian captivity, were Paul's *"Kinsmen according to the flesh"* - they were the *"Israelites to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises; Whose are the fathers, and of whom concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen"* (Romans 9:4-5). Their chief advantage was found in the fact *"that unto them were committed the oracles of God."* Thus, above and prior to the (subjective) conversion of any Israelite, stood the objective ground of their covenant status. The faith or unbelief of individual Israelites did not negate the covenant. As Paul said, *"What if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? God forbid!"*

In the new administration of the covenant, baptism (a bloodless sign) replaces circumcision as the rite of admission into the New Covenant, and a new people (made with the same physical Israel), as Judeans and "Gentiles", sharing in the promises of God on an equal footing (*"having broken down the middle wall of partition between us"* -

Ephesians 2:14). Israel, with the crucified, resurrected and ascended Lord Jesus Christ as her head, is now seen to be *"a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God."* (1 Peter 2:9). To us is now committed the complete *"oracles of God."*

All these people, who are properly baptized, are part of this New Covenant. Baptism, however, like circumcision, cannot be regarded as a guarantee that there is or will be in each candidate, the subjective reality of which it objectively speaks. Rather, lawful baptism, like lawful covenant circumcision, is a rite of formal reception into the community covenanted with God. It is a legitimate pastoral concern to see, subjectively and experientially in all who are baptized, the realities of which baptism speaks. But this concern must not cloud (or worse negate) the objective reality that those lawfully baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and holy ghost, properly constitute a **people**.

Christians in this time seem virtually unable to *think* in terms of covenant peoplehood. Why? Because we make the subject (the individual) our starting point, rather than the object (the covenant). We then filter all Scripture data, seek to answer all problems, and live out our own lives, in individualistic terms. In this column I want to highlight one manifestation of this hyper-individuation: **where we choose to live**. It seems most Christians today do not even

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entertain the thought of living in a Christian community. And no wonder, when our thinking about Christianity is restricted to individual regeneration or, at most, individual churches.

Demographers tell us that the average person will move many times during the course of his life. Decisions regarding where to live typically involve employment, proximity to other family members, factors regarding housing costs, transportation, education, cultural venues, and among the more committed, proximity to a sound church. Rarely, if ever, do Christians put Christian neighbours at, or near, the top of their list. But we should.

### LEARN FROM OUR ENEMIES

This is how observant Jews make this important life decision. They are only allowed to move to a Jewish community. There are many reasons for this, but two are inescapable: the *minyan* requirement, and the Sabbath-day's walk. Christians are familiar with the latter from Acts 1:12 where the Mount of Olives was said to be "a Sabbath day's journey," i.e. 2,000 cubits, or about a mile, from Jerusalem. To walk a greater distance is considered "work" (according to the tradition of the elders) and therefore forbidden. *Minyan* (Hebrew for "number") refers to the minimum number of male Jews above the age of thirteen required for congregational worship. They have a saying: "Nine *tsaddikim* (righteous men, often Torah scholars) do not make a *minyan*, but one common man joining them, completes the *minyan*."

It is not uncommon today to find, outside small *shuls* (synagogues), a man seeking to flag another Jew, urging him to come inside that they might commence with the liturgy. Some find support for this minimum number for a congregation in Abraham's "bottom line" (Genesis 18:32); others in the ten spies who, in Numbers 14:27, are called an *edah* (congregation), a word commonly used in Exodus to refer to Israel (Exodus 12:3, 6, 9, 47).

The reality is that in order for a Jew to live *as a Jew*, he must live in an area where there are at least nine other post-'*bar mitzvah*' Jewish males. And since Jews have worship services twice daily, having only the minimum number available is undesirable. The numerous other advantages of covenant community are very real (for example, convenient access to Jewish day schools, availability of foods and goods which conform to rabbinical standards, etc.), yet ingenuity might find ways to have some of these met (mail order, homeschooling). But there is no way around their requirement for ten men for congregational worship and no handy way around the limitation imposed by the "*Sabbath day's journey*." Serious Jews *must* live in communities of Jews who are within walking distance of each other.

One happy result of these traditions is the point I wish to impress upon you - in the Jewish mind, **the community comes first**. Thus, when considering where they might live, Jews have at the top of their list an item which rarely, if ever, appears on the list of Christians considering the same. Some might think this is a distinct advantage for the Christian. I regard it as an unmitigated disadvantage as well as a severe missiological handicap.

Pastors who suggest that Christians *ought to live* in close proximity to one another are sometimes viewed suspiciously, or even as "cultish." But the idea is hardly novel. In Acts 2 we learn that "*every day*" believers met together in the Temple courts, broke bread and ate together in one another's homes, with glad and sincere hearts; a tough

thing to do if scattered in far flung pockets. Rev. John Butler has called my attention to Lane's notes on Hebrews 3:13 (q.v.), where he acknowledges that Christians were likely to be meeting daily. Calvin's daily preaching in Geneva relied, for efficacy, upon a people living in sufficiently close proximity to avail themselves of the opportunity to hear him.

That Christians have the freedom to do "x" is not a compelling argument for them to choose to do "x". As Paul taught, asserting that "*All things are permissible*" should not lead one to conclude that "*all things are expedient, profitable or beneficial*" (1 Corinthians 6:12). Though Christians are free to live wherever they choose, there are good reasons for them to choose to live in covenant community. **Better reasons than those employed by Jews!**

Those reasons I hope to set forth at a later date; let us first try to jump one or two nearer hurdles. For what is being suggested may have grounds and implications beyond our received, comfortable ken. We are simply unaccustomed to thinking in terms of covenant community. Even people who do live in a *de facto* Christian neighbourhood don't usually regard it as such. They are more likely to think of it in ethnic or nationalistic terms, or even denominational.

Somehow, the fact that the neighbours go to a different church becomes akin to saying, "They serve a different Master." And when house or apartment hunting, Christians *rarely* put, "Is it a Christian neighbourhood?" near the top of their requirement list. Thankfully, as noted above, some Christians at least consider, "Is it reasonably close to a suitable church?" Far be it from me to discount this consideration! But I fear that framing the question like that may leave unchallenged the very mindset which is in need of a covenantal adjustment. For we too easily think of "the Christian religion" and

"the church" as conterminous, i.e. as having a strictly common boundary. But this is not correct.

The Christian Faith is larger by far than any church, even than *the church*. The role of the church is vital, critical, even central. But it is not *all* there is. By equating Christianity with the institutional church, we start with a faulty premise and, not surprisingly, end with defective practice. Christ's claims may begin at the church, but they do not end there. All of life is to be lived self-consciously under His Lordship. He, NOT the church, is the sole mediator between God and man. God's covenant lays claims upon us in all walks of life and is to govern us in all manner of living. Churches exist to aid us in pursuing that goal, not to absorb us as if the church alone may pursue it.

The New Testament epistles contain a great deal of instruction about Christian living, but very little of it is directed to elders of the institutional church for enforcement. The Corinthian Christians, for example, were one and all instructed not to eat with "professors" who openly dishonored God's Law. The Thessalonian believers were admonished not to associate with professors who disregarded Paul's apostolic instructions (5:14), and they were all commanded to keep away from every brother who is wilfully idle (5:6).

These, along with many other warnings, lead us to conclude that the primary sphere of Christian government beyond the individual and his family, is the Christian *community*, not the Christian church. In a vibrant covenant community, a community well-taught at the local assem-

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blies, the social costs of sin serve as the front-line infantry, with the artillery of formal church discipline reserved only for flagrant, unrepentant violators.

The church is a servant of God's covenant. When we see the covenant and the church as strictly contiguous, or worse, reduce the covenant and put it in subjection to the church, we ask the church to assume a role and to bear a burden it was not designed for. All too often, when assuming this burden, we find the church imposing itself where it does not belong, sometimes usurping the role of covenant fathers, or the covenant community, and in extreme historical instances, the state, as well. God's dealings are with a people.

As God's people, we are active servants in many spheres. We are active in our families; God has instructions for all family members. We are active in churches; God has instructions for church members, for those *servicing* as officers as well as those serving in other diverse capacities. We are active in our communities; God has instruction for us in our service at work and at play. We are active in civic circles; God has instructions for our behaviour in the political sphere.

The church is the place where the community assembles for formal corporate *worship*. It is also the place where the community is to receive comprehensive *instruction* in the whole word of God - confessionally rooted, authentic instruction. These functions are the Jakin and Boaz (1 Kings 7:21) of the church. Her third pillar, her glory, is found in the deeds of love and mercy (done in truth) which flow forth from her. But even these pillars, though found in her uniquely, are not found in her alone. Every family is to be a worshipping family; there are many means by which instruction may come. To restrict love and mercy to the church is to ask to live in a cold world instead!

The point of all this is simple. When the church is viewed as comprehending in itself the totality of the covenant, it will become a robber baron. It will (inevitably) shift its orientation from that of servant to that of lord. It will seek to govern every aspect of anything calling itself Christian; will seek to micromanage the affairs of its communicants; will impose its power to discipline in ways the Apostles never dreamed of; and will short-circuit the ability of its members to press Christ's claims beyond its own borders. Confusing the church with the covenant means, will, in its worst case, be the loss of both in any given generation.

But when we see that God gives His Word to a *people* - and that the members of this people are all prophets, priests and kings; when these people of God live together in communities so that their lives intersect at ten thousand points during the week; when we see that God's Covenant Word - NOT the church - is to govern every member at every one of those ten thousand points, then the true glory of the church is ready to shine forth.

For in serving the community as a center for worship, instruction and mercy, she makes herself absolutely indispensable, just as God intended. Then she, like a wise and good mother, finds that her children would rather cut off their arms than live without her. For she, like a wise and good mother, has worked herself into the *hearts* of her children through the power of self-denial and love, through nurture and faithful instruction, through the incalculable power that accrues to one who has exercised no other muscle than that which was required to be always there to

*serve*. A wise woman builds her house, preparing her children for maturity. The church which prepares her members for *independence*, i.e. for service *outside* her precincts, will find members tripping over themselves to serve inside and out. Just as such mothers can normally exist where there are strong fathers, so also such churches can exist only where there are strong Christian communities.

An Associate Press story last year told of a planned 'gay' neighbourhood in Chicago. It was receiving institutional and municipal recognition as such, along with millions of dollars to showcase it. I live where I was born: in New York City. We've long had "gay" neighbourhoods. We have just about every kind of neighbourhood too: Italian, Polish, Caribbean, Russian, Pakistani, Arabic, Yuppy, Orthodox Jewish, you name it. Guess what we don't have? That right! But we're working on it!

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## DADDY'S GIRL: COURTSHIP AND A FATHER'S RIGHTS

by Sarah Faith Schlissel

I've been Daddy's girl from Day One. My first word was "Dada." I've always wanted to do what Daddy was doing, go where Daddy was going, read what Daddy was reading, say what Daddy was saying. We have the same sense of humor, preferences, pet peeves, strengths and weaknesses, even the same allergies. Little wonder people call me "Daddy's Little Clone."

But does this exhaust the ways in which I might be reckoned "Daddy's girl?" Beyond being an X-chromosome donor, may we think of the "-s" in "Daddy's" in the possessive sense, and affirm, with legitimacy, that Daddy is my *owner*? That "my heart belongs to Daddy" is certainly true. But do daughters, *per se*, belong to their Daddies?

The answer to this question will bring us the answer to the propriety of courtship as a model for a daughter's premarriage relationship with a prospective suitor. For the crux of the courtship question is not empirical, but principal. I define courtship as the discovery of a life-partner for a daughter under the direct oversight of the father. Any man seeking to beg, borrow or steal a daughter's hand without her father's endorsement is seeking to gain, in unlawful ways, property not his own. Daughters are Daddy's girls in the objective sense, and this particular daughter rejoices in that truth. I am owned by my father. If someone is interested in me, he should *see him*.

This might sound harsh. "Ownership" makes some cringe. Okay, okay. So call it "authoritative stewardship." But for many, this is not much better. "What are you talking about? This courtship stuff may be nice (up to a point), and I agree that dating is unwise, riddled as it is with temptations - but hold it a minute there, sister! Are you saying that you're just a piece of property? How could you think of yourself in those terms? You need some serious help with your self-esteem there! Get real! Get with it! This is the 21st century!"

Yes, it is grating to our ears. However, let's not dismiss the idea without examining its merits. The Christian worldview, informed by Scripture, functions as our spectacles. Through the Bible, we see the world as it is; and no part of life is exempt from God's governance. We want to live in accord with His law, even if it means living in (uncomfortable) opposition to popular culture. Everyone committed to

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advancing God's Kingdom must be prepared to live against the norms of unbelief [see previous article]. Culture and custom which begin with God's Word will inescapably conflict with culture which begins with the word of man.

And the Word of God teaches that progenitors have certain rights. Let's use that as our major premise and construct a syllogism. Major premise: The creator of something is sovereign over that which he created. Minor premise: God created all things. Conclusion: God is sovereign over all things. This agrees with Scripture: "*The earth is the Lord's, and all it contains, the world, and those who dwell in it, for [i.e. because] He has founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the rivers*" (Psalm 24:1). God created it; therefore, He has full authority over it.

This same truth is variously expressed in Scripture: "*Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own?*" (Matthew 20:15). The potter (Romans 9:21) has a right to do with his creations as he sees fit. Put another way, to generate something is to have an implicit sovereignty over it. We happily concede the fact that human ownership is always second order ownership *under* God, the only absolute Sovereign. Nevertheless, God has made explicit His will that parents, as the immediate generative source of individuals, are to be revered for that very fact, and the rights of parents are to be honored by children and society. (It is not to be wondered at that our generation speaks only of women's rights and children's rights, whereas the Scripture speaks of God's rights and parents' rights.)

I don't feel qualified to discuss the role of sons, but it seems clear that there is a peculiar relationship between the father and the daughter. Since a daughter is, by the grace of God, always under authority - there being a transfer at marriage from a father's to a husband's authority - daughters are "Daddy's" uniquely. While he must raise his sons to be loving husbands and fathers who make houses possible, he raises his daughters to be submissive, godly wives, and wise mothers, to make houses homes. He raises a son to be a provider, he raises a daughter to be provided for.

Proud independence is not a noble goal for a woman, and the spirit which pursues it is not a part of a godly girl's *trousseau*. Of course, those who exalt independence, denying headship to a husband, will certainly deny it to a father. Thus, they find the idea of courtship offensive. But those who acknowledge that God's way is right (Luke 7:29, 35), find the idea of "authoritative stewardship" quite pleasant! The very first question of the Heidelberg Catechism is this: "*What is your only comfort in life and in death?*" The answer is matchless: "*That I am not my own, but belong, body and soul, in life and in death, to my faithful saviour Jesus Christ.*" Sinners find this answer repulsive. "Not my own? That's no comfort! That means I can't do what I want!"

Well now, isn't that the whole issue? We don't want to feel like we're owned, because we want to do what we want to do. It's as simple as that. We know that whoever owns us has authority to determine our comings and goings, and each of us wants to be his own boss. It is thus no wonder that sinners cringe at the concepts involved in courtship.

On the other hand, saints are those who are obliged to

come to terms with authority structures which come from the Hand of God. And, because earthly authorities are themselves under God's authority, we acknowledge that no daughter is obliged to obey commands *from any source* bidding her to sin. Yet some would seek to use this concession by arguing, "What if God tells the girl to do something that her father doesn't approve of? What if, for example, the LORD reveals to her, through various signs and feelings, that she is to marry a particular man? Wouldn't God's will for the girl supersede her earthly, mortal, imperfect father's will?"

Simply put: **NO!** As strange as it may sound, in the peculiar relationship of the father and daughter, God, as it were, takes a back seat. God has created a hierarchy such that the daughter is directly answerable to her father, and her father then answers to God. This doubles the father's responsibilities, because he must account to God for the way he raises his daughter.

The father's ownership, of course, is an "*in order to*" thing. God has given the daughter to the father so he can raise her in the fear and admonition of the Lord, protect her from harm and want, protect her from other men, and sometimes, protect her from herself, even from foolish decisions she might make on her own.

Numbers 30 provides help in understanding God's view of the father/daughter relationship.

*"If a woman makes a vow to the Lord, and binds herself by an obligation, in her father's house, in her youth, and her father hears her vow and her obligation by which she has bound herself, and says nothing to her, then all her vows shall stand, and every obligation by which she has bound herself shall stand. But if her father should forbid her on the day he hears of it, none of her vows or her obligations by which she has bound herself shall stand, and the Lord will*

*forgive her because her father had forbidden her."*

In that scenario, a daughter has solemnly promised something to the Most High God, who has no superior. The father then hears of this vow, and on the day he hears of it, forbids her, saying, "No, Mary, you may not do temple service on the 15th of Adar; we have to visit our relatives in Bethlehem that weekend." And the LORD will forgive her. So much then for "God told me to disobey you, Daddy." Throughout Scripture, daughters are given in marriage; they do not give themselves, and they may not be taken!

If we're understanding this properly, just think of the impact it has on courtship. In modern "dating," the girl is seen as belonging to herself. Therefore, it's a logical conclusion that any man who wants to be romantically involved with her has only to ask *her* permission; ask for *her* telephone number. But if it's true that the father owns (has lawful authoritative stewardship rights over) his daughter, then the young man must seek the father's approval. It's not simply up to the girl. This changes the tone of any relationship there might be.

If it's the father who must give his approval, the young man knows that he is being watched, and he has to prove himself worthy. God has given fathers a lot of insight into the character, impulses and designs of young men. Flowers and sweet words might win the daughter; but Daddy's a man, and it's a lot harder to pass Daddy's tests. Further, a

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godly father is aware of his daughters capabilities and needs, and can often see more clearly than she, whether a young man is a complement to her and whether she can aid him in his calling. The order of God, as indicated in His Word, is that God Himself defers to the will of the father when it comes to his daughter. God says: "You heard your father. The answer is NO." Thus the will of the father, regarding his daughter, **IS the will of God!**

So I really am "Daddy's girl." And no man can approach me as an independent agent because I am not my own, but belong, until my marriage, to my father. At the time of my marriage, my father gives me away to my husband and there is a lawful change of ownership. At that point and at that point only, I am no longer bound to do my father's will. Instead, I must answer to my husband. If you read the rest of Numbers 30 you will see that this is the case. Notice that there is no intermediate point between Daddy and Hubby. There is no "limbo land" where the girl is free to galivant on her own, "discovering herself" as she walks in fields of gold, apart from any defining covenant head, doing whatever she sees fit.

You might not sneeze in sync with your Dad, or laugh at the same jokes. Maybe you're exactly like your Mom, or an even mix of both your parents. Whatever the case, I hope you see that objectively, you are no less of a Daddy's girl than I am. My responsibility as a daughter is simple: to do the will of my Father in Heaven. Courtship is but one instance where the rubber of Scripture meets the road of life.

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## WHY WE ARE SICK

by Rik Huffman

Why do we call our doctors for every little sniffle? Why do we line up for flu shots that they say will protect us from the coming PANDEMIC only to get the flu anyway? Why do we believe them when they tell us sunshine (Vitamin D3) will cause skin cancer and instead we slather on sunscreen which has cancer-causing ingredients? Why do we let the FDA prevent supplement companies from telling us the healthy benefits of real food and health supplements? Why are we obese? Why do we have a diabetes epidemic? Why do we let them force cervical cancer vaccines on our young girls? Why do we let them give our newborns 15+ different kinds of vaccines before they leave the hospital? Why do we not recognize our own sons and daughters who come to visit us in the "old folks home"? And on and on I could go. Where do I start. At the beginning I suppose.

They are trying to kill us off intentionally! No, really, I mean it! A rational, logical, thinking person could see it no other way. The Bible says, in Deuteronomy 28:15-22,

*"But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee: Cursed shalt thou be in the city, and cursed shalt thou be in the field. Cursed shall be thy basket and thy store. Cursed shall be the fruit of thy body (our children will be pagan, adulterous philanderers, or in layman's terms, promiscuous, new-age miscegenators), and the fruit*

*of thy land, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.*

*Cursed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and cursed shalt thou be when thou goest out (domestic unrest and insomnia at home, stress at work, if you have a job). The LORD shall send upon thee cursing, vexation, and rebuke, in all that thou settest thine hand unto for to do, until thou be destroyed, and until thou perish quickly; because of the wickedness of thy doings, whereby thou hast forsaken me. The LORD shall make the pestilence (plague) cleave unto thee, until he have consumed thee from off the land, whither thou goest to possess it.*

*The LORD shall smite thee with a consumption (hunger) and with a fever, and with an inflammation (arthritis?, MS?), and with an extreme burning (ulcers, acid reflux), and with the sword (rape, robbery, murder), and with blasting (blight), and with mildew (fear); and they shall pursue thee until thou perish."*

They go on for several more verses, but you get the point. Just about every kind and type of ailment, crime and domestic unrest was to be put upon us if we turned our backs on OUR God.

Guess what? We did and He did and is still doing and it's only getting worse. I can't begin to list all the "natural" disasters that have been occurring in the last year or so. Not to mention the not so natural ones, like the BP oil spill for instance. The other, much larger volcano in Iceland is in danger of blowing. The Yellowstone caldera is starting to get indigestion. Earth-

quakes in "divers" places. It kind of makes you wonder if we might not be suffering some of those punishments for our disobedience, huh?

## MUSIC, THE UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE

I believe it all started back in the '50's with the new kind of music and dancing (actually it started much longer ago, even back to the book of Judges and beyond shows our continued disobedience). The beat is what they have used to turn us away from our former beliefs (well, it was instrumental). Studies show that a beat of 45 to 60 bpm will put us into a hypnotic state, leaving us open to suggestion. All they needed were the right lyrics after that. Slogans in the 60's and 70's like, "if it feels good, do it." Or "drop out, tune in, turn on" helped our adversaries achieve their goal of our demise. Songs like "All We Need Is Love" helped start and perpetuate the free-love generation. It spawned rebelliousness to our parents, school officials, and ultimately, our God.

Pastor Don (Elmore) has done multiple sermons on how those who hate us have infiltrated and corrupted our belief system. They infused us with guilt and now most of us think it's okay for our daughters to marry outside the Covenant. A few years ago I heard Jay Leno, in his nightly monologue, say that in 50 years there will be no more natural blondes born in the U.S.A. He said it in such a way as for it to seem inevitable.

## FOOD

I have a book, written in 1934 by Arthur Kallet and F.J. Schlenk (yid?), called "**100,000,000 Guinea Pigs**", which warns us about food additives. This book was written before processed food had to have ANY kind of labelling on it AT ALL, let alone fat or sodium content. People in the first half of the last century were mostly guinea pigs like the title says. And producers of these poisons couldn't be prosecuted for any deaths caused by their products [much like today] because they hadn't broken any laws. Because there were very few laws concerning processed food in



those days.

Nowadays you'd be hard pressed to find anything on the store shelves that doesn't contain some kind of soy derivative or high fructose corn syrup as one of the main ingredients. Both of which are poison. Unfermented Soy contains pseudo-estrogens. Organic hormones that mimic our bodies' estrogen, causing men to grow boobs and women to get breast cancer by speeding up the natural cell splitting and duplication in the breast tissue. It's what causes our young girls to hit puberty sooner and sooner with every passing year. [On [Ninemsn.com](http://Ninemsn.com) on 3-11-10, was a news article about a 10-year-old girl in Spain giving birth, CIM].

Consumption of High Fructose Corn Syrup is basically drinking FAT. The reason is that when it reaches your liver, it tells your liver to release an enzyme that causes your body to store fat. Have you ever seen those young boys or girls walking around that are really skinny, except for that spare tire around their body. That is the result of guzzling Mountain Dew all day, among other things.

The bovine growth hormone they inject into beef and dairy cows gets transferred to us when we eat beef and causes cancer cells or tumors to grow faster in our bodies, feeding on all the sugary soda pop and acidic crap we ingest.

## WATER

BPA in our plastic bottles mimics estrogen as well. Water from water treatment plants is tainted with all the pharmaceuticals that the pill-heads in your town are flushing down their toilets in the form of urine and waste. Not just that, but the chemicals they use to "treat" that water are poison.

Did you know water has a memory? It's the basal theory behind Homeopathy. A chemical like sulphur is added to some pure water, then it is "potentized" by shocking or slamming the container onto a hard surface, like a counter. This method of "potentization" assists the joining of the sulphur molecule and the water molecule. Then it is diluted and "potentized" again, repeatedly until the sulphur is completely gone from the water.

But, the water acts as if it still contains the sulphur. The hydrogen bond in water is strong and maintains the molecular shape of the last thing it was attached to, effectively mimicking it. Hence "memory." It works no matter what you add to the water, like tampons or toilet paper or Prozac. Imagine drinking some tap water in, say, someplace like San Francisco. Eewww!

That is why spring water, from a spring that YOU go to, is better than anything you buy at a store. A good (and getting better) resource for spring water is found on the web at [www.findspring.com](http://www.findspring.com). Most bottled water in any store is from a tap somewhere. Either that or it's mixed with tap water; it only needs to contain a certain percentage of actual spring water for them to be able to call it that.

There is only one type of bottle water I trust in our local grocery store. The name is Apollinaris Classic. It is a naturally sparkling mineral water, meaning it is naturally carbonated which is GOOD for our bodies. It's naturally carbonated and comes in a green bottle which means they didn't pasteurize it, and since it wasn't pasteurized, if sunlight gets to it, it may grow algae or something.

If you must get your water from the store, look for a coloured glass bottle. Real spring water, that percolates up from deep underground, has been there for potentially hun-

dreds if not thousands of years - before pollution. Its molecular structure is in a proper, hexagonal form. The kind of form our body recognizes and embraces. Find the movie called F.L.O.W. on the internet. Google it. I think it's about an hour long. The U.N. (and big corporations) own the world's water.

## FEAR

They keep us afraid of the next big disease, the next terrorist attack, the next superbug, the next big storm or natural disaster. God does not impart a spirit of fear but of peace. Studies have shown that when we are kept in a constant state of fear, our bodies maintain an acidic state, which promotes the growth of viruses and non-beneficial bacteria in our bodies causing sickness and cancer. Our enemies know this and constantly use it against us. Remember back to the 70's when the weatherman would predict 8-12 inches of snow; it was no big deal, right? Now when the weather-nazi's call for 4-6 inches they act like we are heading for Armageddon! It's all part of the plan to keep us on edge and fearful as often as possible.

## CARE

A few years ago I heard that Alex Jones went to *Bohemian Grove* and filmed their pagan Yiddish ritual in which the representative of big corporations, media and government watched as "CARE" was sacrificed to the owl god Moloch. (He's mentioned in the Bible, by the way) [video **CI-335 @ \$15**]. I didn't really get it at the time, but I do now. I remember thinking, "Why would they sacrifice an attitude or emotion on a pagan altar?" I didn't understand the reason for this. *Now I do.*

Have you ever tried to tell someone, who was having a hard time breathing while eating a huge pork chop, that they were going to have a heart attack or stroke if they kept eating like that, only to be met with, "It doesn't matter, we are all going to die of something someday and I'm going to enjoy myself before I do."

Or when you tell someone that Christmas is pagan and it's a direct violation of God's Law, do you get something like, "I don't worship the 'stinkin' tree, it's just a place to put the presents and besides I can't take Christmas away from the kids now, they've been doing it since they were born! God knows my heart, I'm a good person, Christmas don't hurt nobody"?

"Care" is gone. People do not care if they are violating God's Law. They care more about the pedigree of their pocket dog than they do their own children. And now even mixed-up dogs are popular! Ever heard of a Cocker Spoodle? Or a Puggle? It's all in keeping with the flow of sin. We get so much contradictory information from our "Yidivision" flat screens about health and vitamins and minerals and pharmaceuticals, that it's no wonder we have given up caring about what's true.

But that is exactly what they wanted to happen. It's working! Their sacrifice of "CARE" is working. But Jay Leno failed to consider one thing. Our God said that there will always be a remnant that has never bowed a knee to Baal. As long as there are stars in heaven and a sun and a moon, there will be a remnant of Israel to worship their God. Which means, there will always be blondes.

## ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE

Why have the American Medical Association always taking advantage of every opportunity to demonize the natural healers of this world? Natural methods like herbs and

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supplements and even providing information on the beneficial aspects of something as simple as a walnut has been attacked by the FDA, the AMA and big Pharma. Why? The love of money - filthy lucre.

How many times have you heard a doctor say "I know it's expensive, but, how much is your health worth?" If you are healthy, they lose the key to your bank account. If you no longer go to the doctor once or twice a month, they no longer get that residual income from your snots and sneezes. If you should fail to get cancer, like all our good people should, then, in their eyes, you are stealing from them.

Heaven help the doctor that happens to wake up to natural health methods; his career is over, unless he keeps it to himself. They eat their young. They don't even care about each other, let alone us. In Colonial times they used to hang herbalists who they considered witches. Herbalism has long been considered pagan or "hippy." It's been relegated to the scrap heap of useless wisdom by Allopathic medicine. I've been studying natural health for some time now and I have come to the realization that it's all about semantics.

You can sometimes find a diamond ring in a sewer, right? When a new age *shaman* declares that a plant has a "spirit," what that really means is that the plant has a "personality" or a way about it. It means it is good for a specific thing concerning healing. Plants are susceptible to vibration.

When you talk to, or coo to your plants, like you do to a little baby, it feels the vibration from your words and acts accordingly, just like the baby. Just because we don't see it, doesn't mean it's not occurring. Plants respond to energy (vibration, thoughts, feelings), negative as well as positive. Ever heard how the flavor of deer meat is affected by whether or not the deer was scared or on an adrenaline rush when it died? Same thing.

New-agers claim you are supposed to "pray" to the plant before you harvest it. What this means is that if you send 'good vibration' type words or thoughts to the plant before you harvest it, it will lose none of its medicinal value. I know this sounds like hocus pocus, but it isn't.

Studies have proven under a microscope that when you say "thank you" in an extremely positive way with as much intent and meaning as possible, to a glass of water, it changes its molecular structure to a hexagonal form similar to a snowflake..

Thoughts affect biological things, be they plants, water (which is everything) and even people. How many times have you come into a room and felt tension in the air, even though there was no yelling going on? Do you follow me? Natural health isn't something to be avoided just because it's become associated with "New Age," tree-hugging, crystal-worshipping maypole-dancing, drum-circle, environmentalists.

God gave us plants for our food and for our health.

Psalm 104:14 "*He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man: that he may bring forth food out of the earth.*"

Ezekiel 47:13 "*And by the river upon the bank thereof, on this side and on that side, shall grow all trees for meat, whose leaf shall not fade, neither shall the fruit thereof be consumed: it shall bring forth new fruit according to his months, because their waters they issued out of the sanctu-*

*ary: and the fruit thereof shall be for meat, and the leaf thereof for medicine.*"

Did you notice cattle are supposed to eat grass, not GMO corn or chicken parts? And don't listen to anyone who tells you not to eat as much fruit as you want because it's too much sugar. It's the RIGHT kind of sugar. The adversary has taken what was once a gift God gave to Israel, and changed it to make it unsavory to them; made it so repulsive as to seem unnatural and unsafe. He has given it to His people and they have added ceremony and ritual to it so to make it seem too pagan and anti-Christian to use it to heal ourselves. By adding "eye of newt" and "lip of chicken" to a big cauldron he has putrified our God-given gift of self-care.

Nature was put here to be of service to man, not the other way around. If you take away the ceremony and ritual and unclean items being dropped into the pot, you can retake what was once yours.

You don't have to "pray" to the plant before you harvest it. But there is some merit to the practice of having a grateful attitude while harvesting wild medicinal herbs as this can enhance its benefit to our physiology.

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## JAILED FARMER DEFENDS PRIVATE LAND RIGHTS

A West Australian farmer who spent three months in jail for ignoring a court order by clearing his land accuses the government of meddling in private property affairs.

Maxwell Szulc, was released from Wooroloo Prison on Monday after serving a prison term for contempt of court. The Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) had warned Mr Szulc not to clear native vegetation from his farm in Munglinoo, in the state's south.

In October last year, the WA Supreme Court issued an interim injunction to try to prevent the 62-year-old cattle farmer from clearing the land. Mr. Szulc continued to clear

his land and, in July this year, WA Chief Justice Wayne Martin found he had deliberately and wilfully breached a court order.

On Tuesday, Mr. Szulc accepted he had acted in contempt of court and was always prepared to take the rap for his actions. But he maintains he has the right to do whatever he chooses with his own private land, something he believes is being increasingly eroded by the government. "Ownership of private property is a core principle of democracy, you can interpret that a lot of different ways, but that's more or less the headline of what it's about," he told ABC Radio.

"It's not only farmers in this wonderful state of ours but all people in suburbia who have to deal with local councils." He said the DEC "are not looking after their own business properly and they're interfering in my business." Mr. Szulc claimed officials from the commonwealth had travelled across the country to inspect his property and issue him with infringement fines. He said the matter would be dealt with again in the Supreme Court in February.

[In another article on this farmer, it said he had cleared a fire-break to protect his property from bush fires! CIM]

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# SIN

by Dr. Arthur Hartwig

In 1973 Karl Menninger published a book *“Whatever Became of Sin?”* In his book, he attributed to Webster the following definition of sin: “Sin is transgression of the Law of God; disobedience of the Divine Will; moral failure. Sin is failure to realise in conduct and character the moral ideal, at least as fully as possible under existing circumstances; failure to do as one ought towards one’s fellow man.” (at least the first part of this definition is based on 1 John 3:4).

If the Great Commandment is *“to love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, soul and mind; and thy neighbour as thyself;”* then the great sin, indeed perhaps the only sin, is to not so love thy God and thy neighbour. But the manifestations of this sin, the ways in which this sin is committed or actualised, are legion.

Love is a decision; not a feeling! We do not love ice-cream or our car, however important they are to us and however much time or thought we invest in them. We are commanded to love God and our neighbour; not necessarily to like either of them. We are commanded to love God even when we don’t like what He allows to happen to us. Indeed, such occasions are when we need to love Him the most.

## SO WHAT IS LOVE?

My favourite definition follows: “Love is the constant care and attention to the life, needs and growth of those we love; a permanent unqualified commitment to the true good of the other; the will to extend oneself for the purpose of nurturing one’s own or another’s spiritual growth; the determined commitment to seek the other’s good, to cherish, shelter, nurture, edify and show patience with one’s spouse.”

## DO WE ALWAYS EVER

### TRULY LOVE?

In short, when we do not love, when we do not put others before self, and God before both, we put the relevant relationship in jeopardy; and anything that disrupts or threatens any relationship is a sin. So indeed, *“All have sinned and fallen short of the Glory of God.”* There are no theological degrees for forgiveness. However much we dislike this, however much we think we would prefer it to be different, we either are in a smooth working relationship with our Maker and with our neighbour, or we aren’t.

## SO! WHAT HAPPENED TO ‘SIN’?

It has been sanitised, euphemised, relativised, trivialised, corporatised, minimised, even decriminalised; with the result there are progressively more sins (broken relationships) we are required to approve.

J. Budziszewski put it thus;

“Consider just the domain of sexual practice. First we were to approve sex before marriage, then without marriage, now against marriage. First with one, then with a series, now with a crowd. First with the other sex, then with the same. First between adults, then between children, then between adults and children. As sin passes through its stages from temptation to tolerance to approval, its name is first euphemised, then avoided, then forgotten. A colleague tells me that some of his fellow scholars call child molestation ‘intergenerational intimacy’ - that’s euphemism. A good-hearted editor tried to talk me out of using the term ‘sodomy’ - that’s avoidance. My students don’t know the meaning of the word ‘fornication’ at all - that’s forgetfulness.”

When did you last listen to a sermon on “Sin”? With the benefit of hindsight, it is difficult to see that much good has come from “sexual liberation,” which has meant little more than death, disease, and wrecked lives to most who chose to participate, and undreamed of profits to the exploiters.

Most people who say abortion is wrong, still call it killing. Most people who call it killing, say it kills a baby. Most people who say it is killing a baby, decline to prohibit it altogether. More and more people favour restrictions. Yet greater and greater numbers of people have had, or have been involved in, abortions.

With record divorce numbers, increased ‘binge-drinking,’ record youth suicides, and constant pressure to legalise killing (at both ends of life), obviously we live in a moral climate that is growing progressively more chilly. But by and large we do know ‘right’ from ‘wrong,’ but we wish we didn’t. If the traditional view is true, then our decline is owed not to moral ignorance, but to moral suppression. We are not untutored, but ‘in denial’, and having great problems with our individual consciences.

When ordinary rationalisation fails, people revert to other modes of suppression. Thus a woman has an abortion - or ‘get’s rid of the evidence.’ But now she has something more difficult to rationalise. Think about what is necessary to justify an abortion. Because we cannot NOT know it is wrong to deliberately kill human beings, there are only four options. We must deny the act was deliberate, deny that it kills, deny that the victim is human, or deny that wrong must not be done. This last option is literally nonsense. The first is hardly promising either. Sonograms have made the second no longer feasible. So all that is left, is to deny the human-

ity of the victim - which completely ignores biological nature.

The demands of conscience remain constant. Those who commit evil or break the moral code (whatever it might be) will be troubled by its pangs; and in their trouble have only two alternatives. They can either conform their action to the moral law or conform the moral code to their actions. The former calls for confession and repentance; the latter rationalisation ideology, and ultimately a social activism in which those who feel guilty will unite and try through political means to make wrong right. (Does this explain the persistence, insistence and vehemence of the ‘pro-choice’ and the ‘pro-homosexual’ lobbies?). Guilt produces the need to confess; as the pool of guilt in any society grows, so the need to confess also grows. Hence, the growth in the numbers of public confessions, also known as ‘coming out’ (of the closet).

So! In many ways we are killing ourselves. If I am killing myself I do not need to be rehabilitated, I need to be transformed; to become a ‘new person.’ Therapy does not make me a new person, nor do laws, terror or tyranny. Rehabilitation rarely removes bad stuff. Transformation replaces bad stuff with good stuff; that is the difference. And many have referred to the “Expulsive Power of a New Affection.”

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[Further reading: "*The Revenge of Conscience*" J. Budziszewski ISBN 1-890626-27-9 and "*Degenerate Moderns*" E. Michael Jones ISBN 0-89870-447-2]

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## CONSIDERING MARRIAGE

(pt 2 - continued from April)

by Emilie Cianciola & Elyse Barrett

For many, it feels wonderful, so flattering and exhilarating, when someone shows romantic interest in them. All too easily, the desire to be desired can grow into a full-blown obsession with romance, courtship, and marriage. These are the girls who giggle and speculate about every boy who pays them even the least amount of friendly attention. These are the guys who playfully "pretend flirt." These are the young adults who approach their friendships with the opposite gender with colossal carelessness, who tease their friends about their existent or futuristic love lives and become matchmakers (either for earnest or "as a joke").

Courtships are seen as a thrilling game to be undertaken with glee. Guy/girl friendships are seen as opportunities for flippant jokes and gossip. The result of this behaviour is often embarrassing and relationship-damaging for themselves and others, during a time of life when it is vital to become mature and wise regarding relationships.

Sadly, those who become pre-occupied with courtship may come to view marriage as the ultimate goal of life, and may judge their self-worth according to whether someone is romantically attracted to them at the moment. Instead, our security and our sense of self-worth must be based in Christ and the high value He places on us. He is the bridegroom who paid the highest possible bride-price of His own life to purchase the redemption of His bride, Israel. What a mistake it is to weigh our value on the scale of whether we are being sought romantically, or to base our joy and contentment on any earthly relationship rather than in Christ alone, the unalterable One.

One downside to a pre-occupation with courtship is that it leads to an overly futuristic outlook. That is, happiness and purpose is seen as something to be experienced at a later date. "Once I have a sweetheart, or once I'm engaged, or once I have my dream wedding day, then life

begins! Then I can be happy!" Yet, if we see contentment as a state only to be reached after a future event, isn't that an ungrateful spirit to God, in light of the wonderful blessings and opportunities He has placed in our lives at this very moment? Our greatest identity and purpose must be found in our relationship with Jesus, not in being someone's wife or husband, as wonderful as that bond and that identity is.

There are things to do right now, and joy to be found in the blessings of today. As a friend once told me concerning marriage, "Move forward with your life, but keep one eye open!" Singleness is the time to develop talents and interests, to minister and serve others, to read, to deliberately develop character, to learn practical life skills (cooking is always a good one!), to enjoy and strengthen your bond and closeness with your parents and siblings, and to hold fast and draw near to God. In short, to become the sort of interesting and admirable person that a Godly young man or woman would be looking for in a marriage partner. A premature and excessive focus on guy/girl relationships inhibits all of these pursuits.

Another danger is when the hope for romance is slow to be fulfilled, it may lead to a cynical and guarded attitude towards love. Even worse, it may lead to a desperate desire to be loved by someone -

anyone. What a precarious mindset to be in! The daily outcome of 50+ years hangs on the decision of a marriage partner. No one should "settle" for someone who is just not a good fit. Rather, wait for the one of God's choosing; the one He has been preparing for you. Further, being caught up with the idea of romance often establishes unrealistic expectations for a future spouse. Many girls, wishing for the sentimental and romantic gesture of an imaginary Prince Charming, have become dissatisfied and discontent with the steady friendship and deep love of a husband.

We've covered two opposite and flawed approaches to marriage. The first is unnaturally and deliberately delaying marriage, and the second is boy/girl craziness (giving an inordinate amount of attention to marriage). The correct view of marriage is to consider it a good gift from the Lord and a natural and desirable state, but not something we allow to become an obsession.

What's the next step? Many homeschool graduates who do value marriage seem to be struggling to navigate within a homeschool subculture that has no established rules of behaviour, or accepted guidelines of etiquette when it comes to finding a mate. Confusion reigns in pre-courtship relationships. In fact, many times there seems to be this awkward impasse between the young man and the father of the young lady - where neither is really willing to come out and discuss a potential relationship or set the ground rules. Realizing that making such a complicated matter simple is impossible, and acknowledging that God works in vastly different ways with different people, we would yet like to offer the following words of advice to share what we believe is sound wisdom.

Those who are ready to seriously consider marriage (i.e. are of a marriable age and are emotionally, spiritually, and practically prepared) are about to make decisions that will affect them (and coming generations) forever. The weighty importance of the question, "Whom shall I marry?" is second only to the question, "What shall I do with Christ?"

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a period of rest and delight ensues as both enter into the joys of family life and of accomplishing God's purposes in their lives! However, marrying a mismatch can bring confusion and struggles. Many a good person is not the good person for you. This is not to say that God does not use and bless every marriage between believers, but only that marriages between two people who are well-suited to each other will have a much smoother ride than others!

1. Seek God. Our Heavenly Father is for marriage. He faithfully promises to give wisdom to those who ask for it (James 1:5), and He will show His good and perfect will (Romans 12:20). It may not be easy, and He may not reveal His plans at the moment you ask for it, but He always guides a heart that is open, humbly submitted to Him, and desirous of wisdom. Be prayerful. Remember that a "No" from the One who knows every secret thing is just as good as a "Yes" to us who trust in God's wisdom and God's kindness. He does not withhold any good thing from them that walk uprightly (Psalm 84:11), and He will make the way known to you. Remember that confusion is not of God (1 Corinthians 14:22). When it is of the Lord you will know - and God will never say "Yes" when your father says "No."

2. Trust your parents. The Lord has given you two allies who love you and desire to see you succeed in life, so heed their input! (Exodus 20:12 and Deuteronomy 5:16). Proverbs is replete with appeals for us to incline our ears to our parents, and equally replete with warnings of the fool who disregards the wisdom of his father and mother! The importance of taking counsel cannot be overemphasized, particularly in the area of romance when our emotions can easily obstruct our vision. In the multitude of counselors, there is safety (Proverbs 11:14), and others (particularly those who are older and more experienced in their walk with God) may have insights into your situation that you cannot see yourself.

3. Establish your goals. Decide long before you are involved with an actual courtship what your goals would be, and then you can determine the best way to reach those goals. For example, is your goal to marry someone who shares your vision for homeschooling? If so, perhaps you will conclude that the best way to reach that goal is becoming involved in the homeschool community and seek out friendships within it. Is your goal to remain physically pure? If so, perhaps you will conclude that the best way to reach that goal is to have a hands-off policy with the opposite gender. A vital key is formulating a plan with your head and making a covenant with your heart (while heeding your parents' advice) long before your heart is engaged. Then, you will be focused when the time comes to consider specific situations (Proverbs 14:80).

4. Guard your heart. If at all possible, try to avoid creating situations of emotional pain. Do not be quick to release your affections or to engage the affections of another prematurely. However, we must also be careful not to make decisions especially in this area of life simply to avoid pain. Seeking God's will is of utmost importance. If you believe something is God's will, then seek your parents' advice and pursue it without being driven by a fear of pain. God will honour your pursuit of His will through your parents' will.

The ideal scenario would be to arrive at the marriage altar without crushed emotions and disappointed romances

in your wake, for yourself as well as others. Indeed, that is the ideal we would all wish for. Yet, reality forces us to acknowledge that, even with the best of intentions, hearts will be wounded in love. It is vital to remember that risks must be taken and that an unavoidably broken heart is not a failure before God. If you do get hurt before you find your spouse, admit the pain, take your time to grieve, but do not stop loving. Ask your Heavenly Father to heal and comfort your heart. Ask Him to teach you how to love with the love He Himself so abundantly lavishes on us - freely, fully, openly, sacrificially, and joyfully (1 Peter 4:8).

[Remember that the Scriptures do not say to marry the one you love; instead, they tell you to love the one you married. (Ephesians 5:25, Colossians 3:19-20)].

May the Lord bless you with a Godly husband or Godly wife, and may all your children walk in truth.

*"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth"* (3 John 1:4).

We pray that these articles have encouraged you, challenged you, and most of all turned your eyes back to Jesus, the lover of your soul, and His life-giving Word.

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## COMMANDMENTS, NOT SUGGESTIONS

by Robert McCurry

It's only been recently that Biblical law has been viewed as non-applicational to contemporary society, by non-Christians and Christians alike. The claim is made that there are so many laws in the Old Testament that would be impossible to apply today. Laws against murder and theft are viewed as self-evident that everyone agrees on. Certainly in principle this is mostly the case, but not always in practice. The country is divided over whether abortion snuffs out a human life or just "terminates a pregnancy."

Civil governments tax and redistribute confiscated revenue to people who under other circumstances would never receive the money unless it had been voluntarily given to them, or they stole it. In *Kelo v. City of New London* (2005), the Supreme Court, in a 5-4 decision, ruled that municipalities can use the government's eminent domain power to aid private parties, by taking private homes, land, and businesses for

private commercial development. In essence, creating a reverse Robin Hood effect in order to generate additional tax revenue. Is it theft? Does it come under the prohibition of the eighth commandment?

The simplest approach is to claim that grace trumps law and then be done with the totality of God's Law. Of course, no one can live in a world where there is no law. Even atheists concede that we live in a moral universe even though they can't account for morality given their naturalistic and materialistic assumptions. This hasn't stopped them from trying to come up with moral absolutes that have application beyond the individual. 1

History's most notorious tyrants - Adolf Hitler, Joseph Stalin, Pol Pot, Idi Amin - felt no twinge of conscience in exterminating millions, but would have objected if someone tried to kill them. But in a purposeless universe, who's keeping track?

There is a long history going back centuries of attempts

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to apply Biblical law to society. "Indeed, Biblical laws deal with topics ranging from criminal and penal law to judicial procedure and the administration of justice, commercial law, torts and injuries, family law, property law, estate planning, martial law, and social welfare, in addition to the laws concerning divine sanctity, cultic sacrifice, and religious taboos that usually come to mind when people first think of law in the Bible."<sup>2</sup>

Some laws are easily transferable and applied. Laws against murder, theft and perjury are written into the law books of our nation, so much that few people ever question their origin. Marking property lines with "permanent monuments identifying land corners" is a common practice that has an ancient history, as legal reasoning has shown, first, by the contention that private property is a divine ordinance, and second that the boundaries of a person's property was sacrosanct:

"From earliest times the law not only authorized but protected landmarks. Interference with landmarks of another was a violation of the Mosaic Law. See Deuteronomy 19:14, 27:17, Job 24:2, Proverbs 22:28, 23:10."<sup>3</sup>

This is why Ted Koppel could say in a 1987 commencement address at Duke University:

"What Moses brought down from Mt. Sinai were not the Ten Suggestions. They are Commandments. **Are**, not **were**. The sheer brilliance of the Ten Commandments is that they codify in a handful of words acceptable human behaviour, not just for then or now, but for all time. Language evolves. Power shifts from one nation to another. Messages are transmitted with the speed of light. Man erases one frontier after another. And yet we and our behaviour and the commandments governing that behaviour remain the same."<sup>4</sup>

There was a time when Koppel's views were common because the general population of the nation, from farmers to government officials, knew the Bible and its moral precepts even if they didn't all embrace the fundamentals of the Christian faith.

Mark Noll comments that:

"It should not be surprising that even the least orthodox of the founders of the nation paid attention to scripture, for they lived at a time when to be an educated member of the Atlanta community was to know the Bible."<sup>5</sup>

Today, the Law as summarized in the Ten Commandments literally has been removed from public view in the places where it is needed most - in our civil institutions which have become a law unto themselves. Even so, a study of the subjects of these ancient laws will show that they have a contemporary ring to them despite how they are dismissed by modern day lawmakers and jurists. Law professor John W. Welch observes:

"In teaching Biblical law to law students for twenty years, I have noticed that its topics and underlying policies have always proved surprisingly relevant and stimulating to me and to my students. Not only do Israelite and other Near Eastern texts promulgate rules that deal with problems and address legal issues that still arise in society today, but comparison and analysis is so illuminating and profitable for American law students precisely because the roots of the legal system in the United States are so deeply intertwined with biblical law. Thus, the study of its solutions and value structures helps to illuminate the issues and elements that both shaped the origins of American law and also remain relevant in modern times."<sup>6</sup>

There is no doubt that Welch's observations are accurate. The amount of extant material available to scholars on the subject supporting the claim is overwhelming even if

we are unaware of them. Some of the earliest court cases in the United States make statements that show the importance of the Decalogue in the reinforcement of our nation's legal tradition.

In a 1914 case, the court acknowledged,

"The laws of spiritual life, of civil life, and moral life are all set forth in the ten commandments."<sup>7</sup>

The 1899 West Virginia case *Moore v. Strickling* argued in a similar way:

"These commandments, which, like a collection of diamonds, bear testimony to their own intrinsic worth - in themselves appeal to us as coming from a superhuman or divine source; and no conscientious or reasonable man has yet been able to find a flaw in them. Absolutely flawless, negative in terms but positive in meaning, they easily stand at the head of our whole moral system; and no nation or people can long continue a happy existence, in open violation of them."<sup>8</sup>

In 1931, Judge Charles Sumner Lobingier declared that:

"Israel's law is the connecting link between the earliest and the latest legal systems and has proved itself one of the most influential forces in the evolution of the world's law."<sup>9</sup>

But long before these modern statements, we find that:

"King Alfred in his Doom Book adopted the Ten Commandments and other selections from the Pentateuch, together with the Golden Rule in the negative form, as the foundation of the early laws of England."<sup>10</sup>

Harold B. Clark presents a compelling historical perspective in his 1944 classic "*Biblical Law*":

"The Scriptures doubtless have been a potent influence upon American Law. In the early colonial period, the Bible seems to have been commonly regarded among the people as law. Several of the colonies formally adopted provisions of Mosaic law."<sup>11</sup>

For example, Plymouth Colony in 1636 adopted a "small body of Lawes" largely based upon the laws of Israel. And New Haven Colony in 1639 resolved that "the word of God shall be the only rule to be attended to in ordering the affairs of government in this plantation," and in 1655 adopted a code in which 47 out of 79 topical statutes were based on the Bible."<sup>12</sup>

With the exception of Rhode Island, every early American colony incorporated the entire Decalogue into its legal code. In 1638, prior to leaving Boston, Massachusetts, the leading men of the proposed Rhode Island Colony incorporated themselves into a political body. The Portsmouth Compact, signed by 23 men, stated the following:

"We whose names are underwritten do hereby solemnly in the presence of Jehovah incorporate ourselves into a Bodie Politick and as He shall help, will submit our persons, lives and estates unto our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, and to all those perfect and most absolute laws of His given in His Holy Word of truth, to be guided and judged thereby."

The following Bible passages accompany the text: Exodus 24:3-4, 2 Chronicles 11:3, 2 Kings 11:17.

There is a lesson here for today's churches and courts. There is no escape from law. The question is, "Whose Law?"

by Gary DeMar, June 29, 2010, American Vision

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## H2O2 - HYDROGEN PEROXIDE THERAPY

by Rick Coupland

*“If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and will do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee.”* (Exodus 15:26).

The underlying theme of my articles for this magazine has been and will continue to be “let’s get back to nature.” Nature is what God gave us to maintain our good health. Our bodies are living organisms made up of living cells and therefore must be nourished with living food. Because of the poor eating habits that have been forced on today’s society, major sicknesses have become prevalent. Then to make matters worse, we treat our weakened bodies with poisons (drugs).

Along with eating properly, it is well known that we should be consuming 6 to 8 glasses of good clean water daily. [No chlorine or fluoride - more poisons we can do without! Every time we have travelled to the city and used the taps, the chlorine hits you in the face when you turn the tap. I guess city people are so used to it they don’t notice it anymore CIM]. This is because our body is made up of 80% water. As Tom Robbins humourlessly claims in his novel *“Even Cowgirls Get the Blues”*: “human beings were invented by water as a device for transporting itself from one place to another.”

Most people are not aware of the fact that your body also has a presence of hydrogen peroxide. This is the same hydrogen peroxide that nature forms by the action of sunlight on water. It also occurs naturally in rain and snow, from atmospheric ozone, and in mountain streams where rushing water is continuously aerated.

Your body actually creates its own hydrogen peroxide to enable your immune system to function properly. Even

mother’s milk contains a high amount of hydrogen peroxide, which activates the newborn’s immune system. Farmers are recognizing its benefits and are using it to spray their crops to increase their crop yields. They’re also applying it to their livestock to minimize losses due to disease and infected wounds. And veterinarians are recommending that pet owners add a couple of drops to their furry little friends water bowls.

To understand how hydrogen peroxide works, we need to begin with a little chemistry lesson:

Water is H<sub>2</sub>O. Hydrogen Peroxide is H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>. That little <sub>2</sub> at the end of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> is an oxygen atom. The normal, healthy human cell contains a lot of oxygen and a slightly alkaline pH. Cancer and all diseases hate oxygen, and therefore cannot survive in an oxygen rich environment. Under normal conditions, your body produces enough hydrogen peroxide, in the necessary amounts, to quickly destroy any invading hostile organisms. When your body is oxygen-starved, it can’t produce enough H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> to wipe out these invading organisms, and the result is some form of sickness.

We can administer hydrogen peroxide for prevention of illnesses and also as a cure. This is known as “hydrogen peroxide therapy.” The product we are used to seeing in our local drug stores is 3%, and contains added chemicals. 35% hydrogen peroxide, known as “food grade,” can be purchased in health stores, and is much purer, (approximately \$20/pint). **If you’ve never used food grade H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> before, be very, very careful. It can only be used in a diluted state.**

Pouring a pint (430 ml) of food grade H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> into a hot bath and soaking in it for 45 minutes, is just one way of reaping its benefits. Many people with arthritis swear by this treatment. Similarly, it can be used in a hot tub, therefore eliminating the need for a chlorination system.

A second method, somewhat controversial, is to take it orally. For prevention purposes, many people take a glass of water (or fruit juice) with three drops of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, three times a day, (first thing in the morning, midday and just before going to bed). It must be taken on an empty stomach. If you are treating a serious illness, you add one drop per day, until you reach a maximum of twenty-five drops, three times a day. Stay at this dosage until the problem is resolved. Don’t give up! Then working in reverse, reduce by one drop per day to the basic three drops.

Adding two or three drops of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> to a small spray bottle full of water and spraying each nostril first thing in the morning is great for sinus and throat problems. This also makes a great toothpaste, far better than any product you will purchase. And here’s a concoction I keep in my household for cuts, sore joints and all problem areas. Mix one third cup H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> to one third cup glycerine, then add one and a third cups aloe vera gel. Buy a large spray bottle for ease of use. I can personally attest to suspicious moles just disappearing after persistent use.

If you are confronting a serious illness, you can turn to intravenous infusion of hydrogen peroxide. Intravenous H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> is far more powerful than the oral ingestion or topical application. For this form of treatment, you must find a physician familiar with this practice.

Amazingly, modern medicine continues to ignore the many benefits of hydrogen peroxide therapy. Research on the medical uses of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> goes back as far as 1914, but as with most natural cures, has been swept under the rug. Physicians around the world that do practice alternative medicine are curing a wide assortment of illnesses with this



therapy, even many deemed incurable. Here is just a short list of what it has been used for to treat successfully: acne, arthritis, AIDS, emphysema, asthma, all forms of cancer, chronic fatigue, angina, pneumonia, shingles, Parkinson's disease, and so much more. How effective is it? If hydrogen peroxide was a drug, it would be hailed as the miracle drug of the century!

**I can't stress enough that you use caution when handling food grade H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>.** If you spill some on your skin, it will burn a little (like sunburn). Just run some cold water on it. For safety's sake, wear glasses when pouring it into your hot bath. And store it in a dark, cool place, out of the reach of children.

You can be sure you will never hear of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> therapy in mainstream medicine. Therefore it's up to you and me to let others know there are cures for just about every disease known to man. Remember, if you've never used hydrogen peroxide therapy before, you may be overlooking one of the most powerful healing tools ever discovered.

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## SAVING YOUR FAMILY FROM MUSIC PORN

by Rebecca Hagelin, Aug 23, 2010, Baptist Press.

ARLINGTON, Va (BP)--Nearly every 12 year-old knows Rihanna, Katy Perry and Lady Gaga. Do you?

The music industry today is huge, racking up over 1.5 billion in sales in the US alone, and kids are their target audience. It's an industry that is no longer primarily about music. It's become another avenue for selling porn and sexualizing younger and younger children in the process.

Recently, Mike Stock, one of Britain's top songwriters and producers denounced his own industry for marketing music that is, what he calls "99 percent soft pornography." "The music industry has gone too far," he says.

Stock, whose own music portfolio in years past included some very explicit lyrics, has changed his tune. He's a parent now. In Stock's view, "kids are being forced to grow up too young" because music videos expose them to explicit images and "sexualize" even young children.

Gone are the days when parents could protect their children from raunchy music by checking CDs for Tipper Gore-inspired advisories. Much of the music is not just raunchy anymore - it's explicitly sexual. And, it's only a download away from limitless play on your child's iPod.

And, the industry excels at promoting across every platform available - especially video. Nearly every major pop star produces pornographic music videos and pushes them to your children through Facebook fan pages (new videos generate tens of thousands of hits in just hours) and YouTube videos, plus MTV.

Live concerts are often worse, like Rihanna's recent New York appearance, which simulated sex before an audience full of pre-teen and adolescent girls.

The stars often reach down into the children's market to cultivate new fans, creating brand awareness among even the youngest children that ensure future success and million dollar revenues. Take, for example, pop star Katy Perry.

She is wildly popular with the pre-teen set, and has long left her Christian roots behind. In her latest album,

"Teenage Dream," her nearly naked, pornographic romp flashes between beach flirtations and sex in a hotel room. She boasts about resisting record company efforts to tone down her song "Peacock," baldly sexual in its connotation, because she spells success "s-e-x."

The same Katy Perry was just featured on Nickelodeon's "Kid's Choice" music awards, guest stars on "Sesame Street" this fall, and appears in the 2011 kid's movie, "The Smurfs." The fourth grade girls in my neighbourhood love her.

It's the kind of purposeful, deliberate, crossover marketing that the music industry has perfected.

### HOW TO SAVE YOUR FAMILY BY MONITORING YOUR CHILD'S MUSIC

(Fill their head with something worthwhile - teach them to memorize the Genevan Psalms from our songbook! CIM)

First, understand the problem. Research shows that exposure to sex on TV dramatically increases the risk that children will become sexually active. Music videos multiply the effect by imprinting pornographic images in our children's minds that replay every time they hear the song. Even with "neutral" lyrics, the stored images continue to do their damage.

Second, monitor. Unplug the iPod from your child's ears and check the song lists. Don't recognize the songs? Try Focus on the Family's [Pluggedin.com](http://Pluggedin.com) for the latest music reviews. (I think you can also 'Google' the song titles to find the lyrics).

Take the time to become familiar with the latest artists, celebrities and songs so you don't rely on vague assurances of older siblings or neighbours that "it's alright." Use TV parental controls to block channels that feature music videos or music celebrities.

Third, don't facilitate bad choices. Pop singers perform to sell-out crowds across the country, even in today's recession. As one observer noted after Rihanna's lewd performance:

"The children attending these shows must have gotten there somehow."

Fourth, provide alternatives. We can't simply say "No!" We need to spend time promoting the good too. There are many artists who still have high standards and are actually true musicians (not usually in pop-music, though!).

Finally, be consistent. Don't let battle fatigue wear you down. Our children need to know that we protect them because we love them. And, even when we're tired or worn down, that we will never change.

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## AMERICA'S WISHY-WASHY PASTORS

### (RICK WARREN'S LATEST HOKUM)

(Joseph Farah responds to Rick Warren's 'gay' marriage mushiness).

America achieved its independence and freedom in the 18th century in large part because colonial pastors stood up for biblical principles, preached them, lived by them and refused to back down from them - even in the face of death. The American War of Independence has been accurately called a "pulpit revolution" for this reason. It was inspired by great men of God who recognized evil and called it by



its right name. What a difference two centuries, combined with affluence and the corporatization of the 501(c)3 church culture, has made. A good example of this was on display on CNN's "Larry King Live" this week, as "America's Pastor" Rick Warren did a soft shoe act on his role in the same-sex marriage battle over Proposition 8 in California.

"You know, Larry, there was a story within a story that never got told," he said. "In the first place, I am not an anti-gay or anti-gay-marriage activist. I never have been, never will be. During the whole Proposition 8 thing, I never once went to a meeting, never once issued a statement, never... never once even gave an endorsement in the two years Prop 8 was going. The week before the... the vote, somebody in my church said, Pastor Rick, what... what do you think about this? And I sent a note to my own members that said, I actually believe that marriage is... really... should be defined, that that definition should be... say between a man and a woman.

"And then all of a sudden out of it, they made me, you know, something that I really wasn't," Warren continued. "And I actually... there were a number of things that were put out. I wrote to all my gay friends... the leaders that I knew... and actually apologized to them. That never got out. There were some things said that... you know, everybody should have 10 percent grace when they say public statements. And I was asked a question that made it sound like I equated gay marriage with pedophilia or incest, which I absolutely do not believe. And I actually announced that. All of the criticism came from people that didn't know me. Not a single criticism came from any gay leader who knows me and knows that for years, we've been working together on AIDS issues and these other things."

What are we to make of such mealy-mouthed, wishy-washy, namby-pamby hokum?

It's a great illustration of America's most prominent church leader equivocating and backtracking and saying almost nothing coherent so that he will offend no one.

Let me lay it on the line: This is not the way Yeshua talked or behaved. It is not the example of the one whom Rick Warren claims to emulate and worship. There is nothing prophetic or Biblical or courageous or principled about this kind of Christian witness.

If there is a subject upon which the Bible is crystal clear on - from beginning to end - it is homosexuality. Another subject about which no one can misinterpret what the Bible says is marriage. Let's examine the text:

*"Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination."* (Leviticus 18:22)

*"Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.*

*For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: and likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is*

*unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet."* (Romans 1:22-27).

Some suggest Jesus Himself was silent on these matters. Nothing could be further from the truth. First of all, Jesus said He did not come to overturn the law but to fulfill it. He taught that He was and is the Word - its living fulfillment. He never contradicted any of the law. He quoted from it, taught from it, explained it, and affirmed it. On the road to Emmaus, He gave two disciples a Bible study from the Law revealing Himself at the very core of it.

The law, in fact, was the measuring stick by which He was judged perfect and worthy of serving as the atonement for the sins of His people - including the sin of abominations like homosexuality. But Jesus also spoke very specifically and clearly on the subject about which Rick Warren appears so self-consciously waffling.

In Matthew 19:4-6, it says: *"And He answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder."*

Here Jesus had a golden opportunity to explain any middle ground on this issue of men and women - if there were any. There is no middle ground on this issue. Either you believe the Bible or you don't.

If you don't, there are consequences. If you do, you are obligated to take a stand for righteousness. Of course, there are worldly consequences for that, too (for some apparently too great to accept). Followers of Jesus have a choice: They can please God or please men. They can accept God's laws, which are not burdensome, and obey them, or they can reject them and try to tickle the ears of men. They can offend God or offend men.

But followers of Jesus cannot find some happy medium where they can please God and please the world. Nobody can! It's time for the pastor class to decide where they stand - with the world or with the God of the universe.

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