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"Blessed be the LORD God of *Israel*; For He hath visited and redeemed *His* people, And hath raised up an horn of salvation for *us* in the house of his servant David; as he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began; That *we* should be saved from *our* enemies and from the hand of all that hate *us*; to perform the mercy promised to *our* fathers and to remember his holy covenant; The oath which he sware to *our* father Abraham, That he would grant unto *us*, that *we* being delivered out of the hand of *our* enemies might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of *our* lives." Luke 1:68-75; the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic-Germanic-Scandinavian people are *ISRAEL!*

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THE BIGGEST ERROR OF THE PROTESTANT REFORMERS

by Jim Jester

This is one of the most common responses I get from people when I make a comment like, "God is a God of judgment" or, "Jesus Christ did not die for everybody" or, "God says He hates certain things or certain people." Many times someone will come back with a Bible verse taken out of its context, and say, "Don't be so negative!" or, "You're being divisive" or, "We are not to be judgmental." This was the case recently with a Sunday School teacher, So I wrote back:

Electricity doesn't flow unless there is a negative and a positive. It is now time to be positive. In the beginning of my life I was Arminian; I rejected all five points of Calvin (T.U.L.I.P.) But now I am more of a Calvinist than Arminian because God is sovereign, it is He who chooses, not us. We only choose to serve Him (after He motivates us). We can't have it both ways; as I once believed, that God was for me and I chose to accept Christ; therefore His vote and my vote made a majority.

I had always wanted unity in the church but this conflict in doctrine has been struggled with by greater minds than mine. Since Luther posted his 95 Theses on the door of the *schlosskirche* in Wittenberg the debate has gone on for centuries. Why can't the Christian world unite? Men like Luther, Zwingli, Calvin, Arminius were not able to reconcile and unify the church. I knew that because of Genesis 3:15 there would always be conflict in the world, but why not unity in the church?

That is the only place where true togetherness can be. The church is the source of truth because of the Bible. How can we reconcile? I now realize that there is a way, a third option other than Calvin's five assertions or Arminius' five answers to Calvin. Finally, after some 500 years, the church can unite! It can happen by discovering the Covenant God made with His People.

The biggest error of the Reformers was that they had no COVENANT in their theology. They all came from their former Church of Rome—the Catholic Church. The word Catholic means "universal." The Bible never taught universalism; look what happened at Babel when men tried to unite. We can only unite under God's banner because we are His. The Catholic Church had no covenant and neither do the churches today. This was what the Reformers missed because of their lifetime background of teaching from this pagan church. Protestantism, as good as it was, is still catholic (universal).

When the Pilgrims arrived in America there were only a

few Christian denominations; now there are thousands of them. Why? Because there is no anchor (the Covenant/ God's Law) to hold them together. It is only by re-discovering the covenant and who it was made with that we can unite as the true Christian church. The result would be drastic and many will not like the message. It would cause the biggest rift since the Protestant Reformation, but when the dust settles it will be for the better of humankind, mankind, and Christians everywhere. I say let it come, and the result will be the Kingdom of God "on earth as it is in heaven" just as our Lord has taught us to pray.

The thread of Universalism runs deep in every religion of the world. Christianity, Judaism, Buddhism, Islam, Freemasonry, Satanism, etc. The St. Paul of Buddhism, a king known by more people than Jesus, King Asoka the Great, 304-232 BC said, "One shall not condemn another religion or race by word or deed." This is the philosophy of everyone today and the core belief of all religions. While it became widespread since this king, its origin lies with evil and ancient Babylon. But is this philosophy that "all are the same and all are brothers" Biblical? We are taught this in church, in school, in college; it's on TV, radio, print, it's everywhere. The Bible alone stands out against it. **Only**

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Our God is exclusively different from all others and **He expects us to be exclusive** not inclusive.

The third option for Protestants? Of course! Calvin believed the Elect were those who were to be saved out of all races. There was no way to know who those people are. Arminius believed the Elect were those who had been saved out of all races and there was no way to identify them other than they brought forth the fruits of a sanctified life. You see, **they both were wrong because they both were universal; they had no covenant.** Both were Catholic!

The Protestants did not go far enough. The Covenantal option is the third alternative to theology. Christendom can now stop squabbling over the issue of Calvinism vs. Arminianism. The Elect is Israel as the scripture plainly says. Isaiah 45:4, "*For Jacob my servant's sake and **Israel mine elect**.....*" We know who they are even though they do not always live up to the standards of God's Law and haven't over the many centuries. But God is still working with them today and always has.

The New Covenant is actually an extension of the Old Covenant with the same people! It is a renewal of the everlasting Covenant in Jesus' blood. It was made exclusively for the People of God, no one else. Why was this necessary? Because they had broken the Law (which was their Covenant) and God divorced them. Jeremiah 3:8 "*And I saw, when for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah feared not, but went and played the harlot also.*"

It is they, Israel, who were lost and without hope as the prophet said, Ezekiel 37:11, "*Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, our bones are dried, and **OUR HOPE IS LOST**: we are cut off for our parts.*" In the words of Paul, Ephesians 2:12, "*That at that time ye were without Christ (anointing), being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, **having NO HOPE**, and without God in the world.*"

No hope and without God? Why? Because they were divorced and scattered. In the words of the prophet Hosea 1:9, "*Then said God, Call his name Lo-ammi: for ye are not my people, and I will not be your God.*" What a tragic condition to be in; no longer God's people? Divorced? He continues in verse 10, "*Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered: and it shall come to pass that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people, there it shall be said unto them, Ye are the sons of the living God.*" Amazing: This is fulfilled in the New Covenant.

One side issue is that many who see that the Elect are Israel in the Bible think it is talking about today's country of Israel(i), which is the "Jews." This is a common mistake made because of our conditioning. One should erase the word "jew" from their mind when reading the Bible. It causes much confusion because it is a slang word which has multiple meanings and is an improper translation of the Biblical text. The original word should be translated "Judean" which is a person from the country of Judea (like the word 'Australian' or 'American' it says nothing of a persons racial origin).

Or it should be translated "Judahite" if the person is a descendant of Judah. Point is, the Bible is not talking about Israel as a country; it is very clearly talking about Israel

being Jacob and his descendants. Israel is not a country (established in 1948 in Palestine) it is a race!

One must remember the basis of Christianity is from Abraham, Moses, the prophets and the Law. The word "jew" does not appear in the Pentateuch; Abram was not a jew, neither was Moses. The Law was not given to jews. It was given to Israel. Jews did not exist at the time but their forerunners, the Amalekites did. According to the Biblical genealogical records, Amalek was the grandson of Esau. It was the Amalekites who were the first to attack Israel after they left Egypt. The word "jews" does not appear in the Bible until the second book of Kings (16:6, and they were at war with Israel). This alone should raise a red flag for Bible Students. Something is wrong about what we are being taught in this age.

Back to the third option in theology. The truth of the Covenant made by God with his chosen family, nation, race (these are synonymous in the Bible, although not always used that way today) will sound very offensive to most of today's Christians; having been programmed as if in a cult. It was offensive to me, too. But as I thought about it, it made sense. Who am I to question God? Didn't He create genetics.?

And, if He chose to work out salvation in a particular race, why should I say it's not fair? We know that not everyone is saved in the end anyway, so what's so offensive about it if that's how God works?

Arminius was so arrogant as to say we choose; Calvin said God chose already; but didn't know on what basis. This made God look like a tyrant, saving some but condemning others, based on what? Nothing! But, with a Covenant there is a perfectly justified basis for His actions. Yes, this is offensive in this day in which we live.

It may cause us to lose friends and it may cause the government to label us as "racists" but do I care? No, I serve and trust the God of

Abraham, not the other gods of universal salvation for all. Is not the following statement from the Bible a "racist" (I have used quotes because this word has not been defined) statement?

"For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God, and the LORD hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto himself, above all the nations (i.e. supreme) that are upon the earth." Deuteronomy 14:2.

This will imply many things and stir many questions and it takes time to sort out the mind; but there are many resources available. Covenant theology is really nothing new, it just sounds new to most people. Yes, I think we should be positive, positively in line with what the Bible teaches!

There can only be unity in a Biblical context. If this means the exclusion of other doctrines, races, and other sacred cows, then that's what it will take to establish the Kingdom of God. So, modern Christian, you don't think that the Laws under the Covenant can establish God's Kingdom on Earth? Stop being so negative. NCM-FGCP.

COME OUT OF HER, MY PEOPLE

by Mark Downey

"And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues" (Revelation 18:4).

This is perhaps one of the most profound utterances in



the Revelation given to John. It contains the racial message of Christian Identity that the White race, i.e. Israel, is God's people. But, we are commanded to come out of her, which is alluding to Mystery Babylon in chapter 17 and 18. Mystery Babylon represents the culmination of filthy state sanctioned religious, political and economic systems of death.

What is it that we should come out of? To the Christian Identity community it is removing oneself from the traditions of man which manifests itself in Jewish fables found in the Catholic Church and subsequent Judaized churches the doctrine of little men inculcating fear of non-existent gods and deities in the minds of children of God (violating the first commandment; i.e. Exodus 20:3), thinking self-righteously that they doeth service to God (John 16:2).

Since the time of Jesus there have been those who violently try to take the Kingdom of God by force (Matthew 11:12). The Jews killed Jesus, thinking they were doing a service for God, but all they showed themselves to be were small 'g' gods. The divine admonition is for White people to come out of this insidious and self-destructive thinking. The so-called church (of Rome) has become indistinguishable from the synagogue of God's adversaries. And this infection will no doubt try to worm its way into Christian Identity.

But we are told to "*Come out of her*" who is drunken with the blood of the saints and martyrs of Jesus (Revelation 18:4, 17:6). Christian Identity recognizes ourselves as the "*Chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people, that we should show forth the praises of Him who hath called us out of darkness into His marvelous light*" (1 Peter 2:10).

In order for a royal priesthood to come out of the darkness there must be royal law to guide their paths to light and life. And in fact there is: "*If ye fulfill the royal law according to scripture, thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well*" (James 2:8). "*Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not know God, for God is love*" (John 4:7-8).

Sadly, this lasting standard of God is lost to those who cannot or will not practice the Word. They will not be able to come out of their personal interpretations of love to justify dark and destructive patterns of conduct. Hasn't the apostate church done this very thing in the name of God? Why should we emulate what we are to come out of?

We should not confuse the purpose of the Law with God teaching is the principles of loving Him and each other. Love is the centerpiece of all scripture. If it is not yet the centerpiece of Christian Identity, it should be. Doctrines pale into insignificance if the Christian cannot conduct themselves in a godly manner. Is fratricide pleasing to God. This is found nowhere in scripture. God wants us to have eternal life with Him, but first we must learn how to live with each other without brother warring against brother. We can do just that by coming out of Babel and seeing that the spirit of the law is far superior to the letter of the law, which the Pharisees corrupted for self-gain and murdered our LORD and Saviour. For 2000 years we have witnessed this bloodshed purportedly being Christian, but it is nothing more than a façade and impersonation. Are we not better than Cain and Judas?

The royal law is the perfect wisdom of God to deliver us out of a world of bitterness and sophistry. Who shall separate Christian Identity from the love of Jesus the Christ and keep us in the bonds of the beast? I dare say it is those

who live by the sword and shall die by it as well. Sin is simply violating the royal law of love and the wages of sin is death.

May God bless Christian Identity to come out of the throes of self-destruction and enter into His marvellous light of life. With our explosive increase in knowledge, let us not lean upon our own understanding, but to trust in the LORD with all our heart. God will not allow the status quo of worldly behaviour as found in petty jealousies, resentments, bearing false witness, hands that shed innocent blood or encouraging such crimes and those who sow discord among brethren ... to move forward into His Kingdom.

The royal priesthood that comes out of the religious machinations of fables and ungodliness will enter the Kingdom of God, whereas those who never understood their calling in life will be outside for without are "*Dogs, sorcerers, whoremongers, murderers, idolaters and who-soever loveth and maketh a lie*" (Revelation 22:14-15).

Failure to come out of this dark world of wicked imaginations will leave them outside of the Kingdom in the dark. I believe there will still be a time for reconciliation, but that's another subject for another time. "*O give thanks unto the LORD, for He is good; for His mercy endureth for ever.*"

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FALSE BRETHREN

by pastor Mark Downey

This subject needs its own sermon, especially in light of what we've been talking about lately regarding the church world as well as our own movement. The phrase 'false brethren' is only found twice in the New Testament and I'd like to give a richer understanding of what these personalities entail. We've heard of false prophets, false apostles, false witnesses and false

teachers, but what exactly constitutes false brethren? The mainstream churches have terribly desecrated the biblical meaning of the word "brother" with a Masonic substitute, '*the brotherhood of man*,' implying a restoration of a multi-cultural Babylon. And indeed, Mystery Babylon is infested with brethren who are not true to their own race and the ancestral faith of their fathers.

Reading the first part of Matthew 24, we read about a type of individual who is offended: "*And the many shall be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another*" (Matthew 24:10); much like Matt. 13:20-21, "*But he that received into stony places, the same is he that hears the word and at once with joy receives it; yet hath he not root in himself, but endures for a while, for when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, by and by he is offended.*" Isn't it ironic how offended the church world is today to suggest that the Bible has a racial message? Matthew 24:9 suggests that there will be informants who will betray their kinsmen: "*Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted.*" It is reminiscent of Joseph being sold into bondage by his brothers, who weren't very true to a family member. "*And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall grow cold*" (Matthew 24:11-12). Some will consider themselves prophets or teachers, but vs 11 says there will be false prophets. When the Laws of God take second place to man's laws, then brotherly love will grow cold (vs 12), evidenced by a failure to communicate and being unpersuaded

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by truth.

Paul understood his brethren in the context of race according to Romans 9:3, "*My brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh* [race]." This was true in government as Deuteronomy 17:15 tells us "*One from among thy brethren shalt thou set king over thee, thou mayest not set a stranger over thee, which is not thy brother.*" From these two premises, we can conclude that in order for someone of our race to be considered a brother, they can't have any admixture of alien blood and they can't have any authority by emulating the alien. How could a brother rule over us with the spiritual mindset of a stranger? We call that kind of person a race traitor. Our ancestors had them and we do too and it always puts our people into bondage.

Why do we need to understand what a 'false brethren' is? Well, 1 Corinthians 1:10 defines our Christian and racial unity, to speak the same things and have the same mind. Paul mentions his perils among false brethren in 2 Corinthians 11:26 and in Galatians 2:4 that says, "*But it was because of the false brethren secretly brought in, who had sneaked in to spy on our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, in order to bring us into bondage.*" Not all Judeans who converted to Christianity in the 1st century did so with sincerity. They were often infiltrators attempting to subvert the Gospel. I went to an Identity conference once and there was some discussion about media scribes who were writing bad things about us.

We're not a secret society and we don't light a candle and then put it under the pulpit. But, I think with the advent of the internet and the demise of conferences, infiltration has become much craftier and by stealth, because voices are anonymous and there is no accountability; they can 'hit and run' with impunity. The Bible even talks about phony messengers of light. John's warning is just as good for us today as it was when then when he said, "*Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world*" 1 John 4:1. Anything trying to pass itself off as doctrine must be weighed in the balance wholistically by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.

There are some other interesting translations of Galatians 2:4 that raise the same red flags. "*False Christians were brought in. They slipped in as spies to learn about the freedom Jesus gives us. They hoped to find a way to control us*" God's Word Translation. "*Yet there was a danger of this through the false brethren secretly introduced into the Church, who had stolen in to spy out the freedom which is ours in Christ Jesus, in order to rob us of it*" the Weymouth New Testament. "*Even that question came up only because of some so-called Christians there - false ones, really - - who were secretly brought in. They sneaked in to spy on us and take away the freedom we have in Christ Jesus. They wanted to enslave us and force us to follow their Jewish regulations*" the New Living Translation.

These false brethren were more interested in controlling people, a precursor to institutionalized state-religion under the guise of Christianity. Those Christians, who didn't buy into their religious pitch, were ostracized as if they were in

the wrong. In Palestine, the Jews persecuted the ecclesias directly, but outside the region, they became the benefactors of agent provocateurs, agitating the local pagans against Christian proselytisers. The Jews were the leaders of all persecutions against the apostles and the infant church. And what they could not do themselves, they instigated others to do; and, by gathering together lewd fellows of the baser sort from among the nations, they made frequent uproars, and especially at Thessalonica, where the opposition to the Gospel was very high, and the persecution of the Christians very heated. In 1 Thess. 2:14-15 Paul says, "*But you, my brethren, imitated the churches of God that are in Judea, that are united with Christ Jesus. You suffered the same persecutions from the people of your own country as those churches did from the Jews; who both killed the Lord Jesus, and their own prophets, and have persecuted you; and they please not God, and are contrary to all men.*"

The problem is described in Acts 17:13-14, "*But when the Jews of Thessalonica found out that the word of God had been proclaimed by Paul in Berea also, they came there as well, agitating and stirring up the crowds. Then the brothers immediately sent Paul off on his way to the sea.*" Shove off buddy, you're not welcome here. I've had that experience (twice), where I was sharing the Good News of Christian Identity with good men and their wives told their husbands to tell me to get out of their home. One wife told me, "You make me want to throw up." She had talked to her judeo-Christian minister the day before about me. History is replete with examples of the Jews stirring up persecutions of the early Christian church and fraudulently converting to *The Way*, as it was called, only to subvert it from within by way of

deception. This methodology continues to this day as a very effective means to contaminate mainstream denominations. The proof of the pudding is in the eating, and most churches have swallowed a smorgasbord of false doctrines, which may explain why there are thousands of splintered churches and a nation falling apostate, into moral decay.

The point of what was going on between Paul and the Jews is that they hated him with an equal amount of passion and fervor that they had against Jesus. Because Paul was representing the message of Jesus the Messiah, they regarded him as a threat to their power base; his doctrines were dangerous to his former colleagues, the Pharisees and Sadducees. They intentionally perverted and misrepresented his teachings; they claimed to have a superior understanding of true religion; who made pretensions to piety, but were far from being pious; who were greatly ignorant of the true nature of Christianity and who were predisposed to take every advantage to persuade and impose upon others the traditions of the elders, i.e. the adulterations of the Mosaic system. Paul ran into these devils everywhere he went as 2 Corinthians 11:26 reports, "*I have been on frequent journeys, in dangers from rivers, dangers from robbers, dangers from my kindred, dangers from the heathen, dangers in the city, dangers in the wilderness, dangers on the sea, dangers among false brethren.*" Other versions say,

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“false friends” and “false believers.”

It's evident that Paul is assigning a reason for something which he had done, and that reason was to counteract the influence of these ‘false brethren.’ And what might that be? The pivotal debate centered on Paul's refusal to submit to the circumcision of Titus, the resistance of which Paul would muster all his tact and skill to counteract and defeat their influence and designs. In so doing, he not only secured favor with the leading apostles, but effectually prevented all the efforts of the false brethren to establish a foundation of Judaism upon the lost sheep of the house of Israel, i.e. the nations in dispersion, commonly referred to as the ‘gentiles,’ who later became the White nations of Europe. It's really an amazing thing that Paul accomplished. Had these sly and cunning antichrists convinced weaker minds that the circumcision of Titus was necessary for salvation, then the sacrifice of Jesus upon Calvary would have been in vain. But, Paul nipped the judaization of Christianity in the bud.

Our liberty in Jesus, which the false brethren were hoping to quash, was preserved by Paul's patient insistence that Jesus' priestly work was superior to the works of the Levitical priesthood. Jesus is the Mediator between God and man according to the arrangements of the New Covenant, a covenant of grace, the unmerited favor to pardon sin. The promises of all spiritual blessings, and of eternal life, is revealed in the Gospel, and made sure through Jesus, are of infinitely greater value than the abrogated covenants of the old dispensation. The issue that the false brethren couldn't get a handle on was that of justification; the idea that *“There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ (an Anointed people belonging to) Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the spirit”* Romans 8:1. The false brethren are given their pink slip for absolving man's sin and their temple is being put out of business. We still have with us today “Church law” that condemns man and acts as the mediator between God and mankind. But, it is void of having any more authority than the false brethren had in Paul's day. The Roman Catholic Church proves its role in history, not as the “rock” upon which Jesus would build His ecclesia, but rather as the gates of hell unleashed upon the world, having innocent blood on their hands.

The big controversy back in the 1st century between Israelites in Jerusalem and Israelites elsewhere was about circumcision. After reading Galatians 2:15-18, we learn about justification. This is when Jesus gives us a brand new start in life, where He gives us His righteousness and we find the assurance of it through faith. We are no longer accused by the Law. The confusion about law is quickly nailed to the Cross when we realize those things Jesus came to replace. Paul was not antinomian, he was anti-ritual.

So who are the false brethren? It would be those in Matthew 24:5, coming in the name of Jesus, or exploiting His authority saying they are Christians, or more arrogantly, that they are (the) anointed and causing many to be

deceived and to err. Several years ago we protested a Benny Hinn convention and were handing out leaflets proclaiming him a false prophet and one of the Hinn worshippers pointed their fingers at us in disgust saying, “Don't you know he is God's anointed?” Well, we knew and discerned his spirit as an anointed charlatan. The Pharisees were false brethren, much like the Zionists today who are not all Jews, but race traitors like the establishment universalists. A brother or sister is a blood sibling, having a common parent. As Christians, we are brothers by having a bond of righteousness in common. False brethren cannot be a part of that unity, because they do not have the spirit of God.

Does God love the false brethren? Proverbs 6:19 says God hates *“A false witness that speaks lies and sows discord among his brothers.”* The brethren are commanded in 2 Thess. 3:5 to withdraw themselves from every brother who walks disorderly. This may be hard to do, weighing things in the balance, as we read 2 Thess. 3:13-15, *“But you, my brethren, do not get tired of doing what is right. And if any man obey not our word through this letter, take special note of that man, and have no association with him,*

that he may be ashamed. Yet count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.”

That's why we have the due process of Matthew 15:5. If a brother commits a trespass, tell him his fault. If he doesn't listen, then bring it to the attention of 2 more brothers, and if that fails, bring it to the church/assembly. If he fails to be rebuked and refuses to repent, then he is cast out as a heathen. A heathen is a racial alien or one that acts like one, and therefore is not thy brethren. If he continues to pass himself off as a Christian while promoting error, he is a false brethren. Now, just how widespread is this attitude that *“I'm not accountable to anybody except God”*? I think it's epidemic. And the root of this problem can almost always be traced back to a spirit of pride. James 3:14 pinpoints that type of mindset as follows: *“But if you have bitter jealousy and*

rivalry in your hearts, do not be puffed up against the truth and lie.” This is the source of nearly all our disputes.

Not all disputes have to be ‘knock down and drag-em-out,’ ‘take-no-prisoners.’ Some controversies are honestly argued with a preponderance of Scripture and common sense. And common ground can be found without compromising if we simply look at the biblical principle involved.

However, common sense is not always attendant with the obvious. There are still some in Christian Identity who have not shed their denominational baggage entirely and still retain that sticky residue of what they heard first in their impressionable minds as a youth, or what they heard most often repeated or what corresponded to their own personal notions of what they think the truth is. But, the truth shall make us free from everything that is false. Some people just don't think they need to be freed from some things or obversely sprint towards the bondage of untruths. Christian Israelites are called sheep for a good reason: they are easily led astray. As Ephesians 4:14 puts it, *“We are no lon-*

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ger to be children, tossed to and fro and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming.”

I remember over a decade ago, there was a gentleman in our circle of friends who was very excited about a guy named Ron Wyatt, an amateur archeologist whose discoveries were as titillating as *‘Raiders of the Lost Ark.’* In fact, he purported to not only have discovered Noah’s Ark, but every archeological site and/or artifact of interest to the Christian world including the Ark of the Covenant. You may be wondering: how did he find that? Well, he allegedly found the real site of the crucifixion and the stone socket in which the Cross was placed, whereby the blood of Jesus dripped down through a crack in the rock caused by the earthquake and finally landed on the mercy seat of the Ark in a subterranean chamber along with the Menorah, the Table of Shewbread and the Golden Altar of Incense from the ancient Temple; not to mention that he also scraped blood from the Ark and had a DNA analysis which indicated a person born of a virgin. He also discovered Moses’ stone tablets of the Ten Commandments, the exact location where the Israelites crossed the Red Sea, the chariots of Pharaoh under the Red Sea, Mount Sinai, Sodom and Gomorrah, the tomb of Abraham, the tomb of Jesus, the actual rock struck by Moses to release water at Kadesh, the pillars of Solomon, the storage vaults for grain that Joseph used during the drought in Egypt, bones of the giants before the flood and it just goes on and on and on ad nauseam.

Wow! That’s unbelievable! When I first heard these claims, that’s what I thought and even more so after further investigation. But not so with a popular Christian Identity pastor who defends Ron Wyatt as if these tall tales were the gospel truth. If one wants to immerse themselves in all the rhetoric about these fantastic claims, there is such a plethora of reading that it would take weeks to wade through it all. But, common sense should tell the casual observer that this is what 2 Timothy 4:3 warns us about, *“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they draw to themselves teachers, having itching ears.”* In defense of heaping the ridiculous upon audacity, the pastor within our ranks says that if you don’t believe these tremendous archeological discoveries then you are siding with the Jews. He says the Jews are the source of the anti-Wyatt smear campaigns and the majority of Wyatt’s critics are frauds.

Well, the issue of credibility is not in those who criticize, but in those who are putting forth something as true. When people doubt something, they say, “Prove it.” Ron Wyatt hasn’t proven anything scientifically or biblically and even if he did, what’s the big deal. Our CI pastor has said that, “Judaism cannot afford to have physical evidence of the Virgin Birth.” Well, who cares? Since when does empirical evidence preempt a Christian’s faith in the Word of God? And this is where the whole Ron Wyatt affair falls apart. It is Marxist Dialectics from the get-go. Ron Wyatt’s far-fetched finds are the thesis and his critics are the antitheses and they all put on a great soap opera for the gullible

masses. The synthesis is what false brethren bring to the table: bondage.

While promoting his claims, Ron Wyatt’s theology became paramount as his conclusions were rooted in the Seventh Day Adventist beliefs and that of the alleged visions and teachings of Ellen Gould White, another Jewish prophetess. Her teachings are viewed as inspired as much as the writers of the Bible. The Bible must be interpreted by SDA to harmonize with her writings. Therefore, Ron Wyatt’s discoveries cannot be understood by any other means than a Judaized churchianity. To excuse the lack of proof in Wyatt’s archeology and polluted exegesis of the Bible is tantamount to sanctioning an antichrist agenda and allowing a leaven within our camp. It is imperative that we identify false brethren. For God’s sake, let’s know the difference between speculation and the revealed Word of God. This is a clear case where we do throw out the mamzer baby with the dirty bathwater.

But let’s take a little bit closer look at the major perpetrators of the late Ron Wyatt, whose discoveries are now marketed at his very own museum. Bellying up to the bar is the Prophecy Club and messianic speaker (Jew loudmouth)

Michael Rood. The Prophecy Club is run by Stan Johnson, a false prophet (because he predicted the future wrongly); with only a cursory review, the PC confirms they are in the business of selling you things for the end of the world. As for preaching the gospel to the lost, well, not so much. One of the stars of his show is a Jewish prophetess, Nancy Cohen, who calls Stan “anointed.” Stan is so anointed that he and his wife had these dreams about oil being discovered in Israel and took every opportunity to promote a company that was on the verge of drilling in the Holy Land, claiming God had spoken to him. And of course his listeners wanted a piece of the action and so he sold them shares, which got jacked up

like a pyramid scheme ... until it went broke. Is this the kind of credibility that cements Ron Wyatt in the hall of fame or the hall of shame?

If you haven’t seen a picture of Michael Rood, a Jewish huckster dressed up in a 1st century Pharisee costume, you’re missing one heck of a Jewish comedian, who says in a slick video, where he’s holding two little lambs in his arms, that you can’t understand the Passover without experiencing his Passover extravaganza show and without observing the recreated ordinances, Christ will “Remain a flat one dimensional cartoon character.” He even has his own TV show called ‘Rood Awakenings’ and yes, it should be spelled R-U-D-E. On his website he has a 20-hour seminar, which exhorts, “The spiritually wilting Christian world to graft back into the Hebrew [sic] roots of their faith.” Another lie: that we owe our Old Testament heritage to the Jews. In other words, he’s doing the same dang thing the “false brethren” were doing in Paul’s day. Nobody in Christian Identity should be fooled by this kind of shtick that goes hand in glove with the fantasy world of Ron Wyatt.

Listen to this from Matthew 24:23, *“If any man shall say unto you, Look here is the Messiah, or there He is, don’t you believe it.”* It was a common avarice for imposters

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assuming to be the Messiah, one being Simon Magus, a Jew well-versed in magic, divination and sorcery. Here's a tip: if someone claims to be Messiah and he's swarthy, it's not Him. *"For false messiahs and false prophets will rise up and perform great signs and wonders so as to deceive, if possible, even God's chosen ones"* vs 24. They will pretend to perform the miraculous, but White Christians, even though they may be led far astray, or have a great doubt over doctrine, or perplexed by those who do not love Jesus as we do, cannot be totally deceived or seduced away from our Savior. Our Lord said that if this were possible, it would be done, but it was not possible. The false brethren can try every evil means to dissuade us from Jesus, but they will never be able to separate us from the love of Him who has chosen us.

So don't you think this is an interesting development of known Judaizers, who fit the racial profile of false brethren, doing what they do, and someone in our community trying to give them credence, to occupy our time and minds, to bring in another Christ and another gospel; and don't we need more controversy? We need it as much as pride and ego. I could care less where Noah's Ark is, because my faith cannot be flooded with lies.

On the other hand, *"Holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling"* understand the partnership we have with Jesus, separating ourselves from evil. *"Harden not your hearts"* as our ancestors in the wilderness tested God (Hebrews 3:8). That generation erred, not knowing the ways of God. *"Take heed brethren, lest there be any of you with an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God"* (Hebrews 3:12). Their tempting fate should be our example, even today; when instruction and righteousness and correction are taken in unbelief. It was hard for them to believe Paul's teaching about circumcision, as it is today about race and pagan influence upon Christian doctrines. God loves everybody, Merry Christmas (said sarcastically!)

Are we supposed to love false brethren? *"Should you help the ungodly and love them who hate the Lord? Therefore is wrath upon thee from before the Lord"* (2 Chron. 19:2). Obviously false brethren are not godly. What communion hath light with darkness? 1 John 2:9 says, *"He that saith he is in the light, yet hates (or in opposition to) his brother, is in darkness."* Verse 11 continues the thought by saying he doesn't know where he's going, because the dark has blinded his eyes. *"If any man says I love God and hates his brother, he is a liar"* (1 John 4:20). For he not loving his brother whom he can see, is not able to love God whom he cannot see. 1 Peter 2:17 says, *"Honor all men, love the brotherhood, fear God and honor the king."* To clarify this verse, it means all righteous men, as we don't honor the unrighteous. We don't love false brethren. We don't fear false gods. We don't obey, but one kind of ruler, and that is the one that is not a terror to good works, but to evil (Romans 13:3). Common sense tells us that one who brings

anything Jewish or antichristian into the fold does not love us. They bring themselves into the Christian brotherhood to which they do not rightfully belong (**people should prove themselves before they are admitted as members of the fellowship**).

Christian Identity, being a movement and not an autonomous congregation or denomination, is vulnerable to many talking heads, which forces all of us to be keenly vigilant towards misrepresentations. But it means there is no central hierarchy to be infiltrated and taken over. If the sheep found that the 'shepherds' were entertaining the idea of letting wolves into the flocks, we would have a serious trust issue if not a real security threat. While we trust in God for safety and success, we should use every proper precaution to remove subversives. We learn to be humble by knowing the Gospel is not ours, but God's and that we are but His custodians of the Word. Which begs the question: are we sure that any of us are qualified to identify who is and who is not, a Christian? If we are not, how can any of us be qualified to identify the Head of the body, Jesus the Christ? Does it not follow then that if, by the grace of God, we do know who He is, that we would also know those who are His and those who are not? *"We are of God: he that knows God hears us; the one who is not of God does not hear us. Hereby we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error"* (1 John 4:6).

False brethren are seldom despised or ostracized by society, but they're a thorn in our side. They flow with the world. I often wondered many years ago why some Identity preachers said they weren't 'White supremacists.' Perhaps it's because they are accepted, recognized, respected, tolerated and sometimes praised (for fear of the Jews?). They want to be a part of that world that Jesus said He was not of. I've even heard that they've indulged in the persecution of some righteous folks. They hate true believers, if ever so politely, because true believers are a testimony against

them, their worldliness and hypocrisy. Who gets to set the standard for truth? Who is telling it like it is and who is doing the manipulating? How are we to decide between the myriad of interpretations of the Bible by so many religious groups in the world? The only way we can know for sure is from God Himself. He is the Spirit of Truth. He is the Light of the world. You'll recognize those who speak His words and those who do not, although both true brethren and false brethren claim inspiration. Jesus told His followers that they would be sent out into the world as He was sent, and that they would teach the Scriptures by the same Spirit that He taught. Paul said this about teaching from the Word, *"If any man teach otherwise and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus the Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmising, perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from*

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such withdraw thyself" 1 Tim. 6:3-5.

One of the best compliments I ever got was from a member of our old church that told me, "Mark, you're a meat and potatoes kind of preacher." And I guess that's true, because I don't like to dish out sensational tabloid-type topics or spicy foreign fare. You'll never hear me teaching about flying saucers, unearthly creatures, urban legends or anything that can't be confirmed clearly by the Word of God or it's just plain silly. I might poke fun at them for being nonsense, but I'll leave it to the false brethren to abuse their bully pulpits trying to get your attention. I alluded to this technique in 'The Algebra of Distractions' in which they try to alter our body, mind and spirit in order to make God's Word of none effect. *"These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own evil desires; and their mouths are full of big, boastful words, while they treat individual men with admiring reverence for the sake of the advantage they can gain. But you, dear friends, must remember the statements and predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus, the Messiah. How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. These people are the ones who are creating divisions among you. They follow their natural instincts because they do not have God's Spirit in them"* Jude 1:16-19.

Paul's discussion of the chosen remnant of grace in Romans 11 is an important key to deciphering who's who. While the entire nation of Israel had a divine calling, only a remnant actually attains the promises. King Ahab or his notorious wife Jezebel was not part of a remnant, so they weren't the chosen elect. But they were chosen to persecute the remnant. Paul is making the point that whether chosen as a vessel of honor or dishonor, it's all in alignment with the sovereignty of God. In other words, true brethren and false brethren were chosen prior to their birth, just as God called Jacob and rejected Esau before they were born. There are several examples of when Israelites violated certain laws; they risked being cut off from among their people. The Law had the right to expel a member regardless of their tribal heritage. The Law only cared about works. The prophets made this clear and in Jeremiah 24 we read of two baskets of figs, representing two different types of Judahites. The evil figs of Judah refused to submit to the divine judgment and so they found themselves in contempt of court. Deut17:12 says, *"The man that will be proud, who deliberately disobeys the priest [judge]... that man shall die, and you shall put away the evil from Israel."* The evil figs were presumptuous in thinking they could get away with sin indefinitely. They presumed what their chosen status was.

Keep in mind that the chosen seed are the ones called to dispense the blessings of God to all the branches of the family tree that began with Adam. But, throughout history, some of the branches required pruning. What good is a dead branch? The chosen seed of Abraham, then, are the true children of Abraham on account of their faith in Jesus the Christ. Paul makes the case in Galatians 3:9, *"So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham."*

It is only when men of our race (the other races are irrelevant) know their place and have faith in Jesus, can they then join the seed of Abraham. That faith is proven to all by showing one's works. *"Faith without works is dead."* James 2:20. And this should never be confused with the works of the old temple ordinances. Each one of us differs in faith, but we have one thing in common: we do the works of Abraham. And what was that covenant God made with Abraham? *"In you shall all the families of the earth be blessed"* Genesis 12:3. The Jews are a curse to all the families of the earth. God says of these bad figs of Judah, *"I will make them abhorrent and an offense to all the kingdoms of the earth, they will be disgraced and mocked, taunted and a curse, wherever I banish them"* Jeremiah 24:9. God makes false brethren repugnant and obnoxious to make it easy for us to identify them. I think it goes without saying that false brethren can never be a blessing to anyone by any stretch of the imagination, even if they pretend to be one of us.

Jesus had this discussion with the Pharisees, who were all puffed up on their genealogy and their keeping of the law, even though they were hypocrites and proudly mongrelized their society. Jesus was not impressed with them one iota; nor did they show any faith in Him being the Messiah. I guess Jesus didn't read the book *'How to Win Friends and Influence People.'* Paul makes it clear in Galatians 4 that those who remained in Judaism were not of Sarah but of Hagar. Hence they were Ishmaelites, and not the heirs of the promise through Isaac. Paul understood this by revelation and personal experience; he had persecuted the early Church, even as Ishmael had persecuted Isaac. As long as man (Adamkind) remains an Ishmaelite in the sight of God, he is not an heir of the promises of God. Paul is the perfect example of an Israelite who was able to make the change from Ishmael to Isaac. He changed mothers from Hagar to Sarah (allegorically) based on the spiritual laws of God's Word. Any White man can do the same, if God heals his blindness and opens his eyes to his Kinsman Redeemer. It is the work of

this ministry to bless all the White families of the earth with the truth of Jesus the Christ. There are so-called Christian anarchists who don't believe in leadership, and choose to do 'their own thing;' but this undermines the whole concept of propagating the Christian faith. We are to lead with the mind of the Messiah. We are to follow men only as they follow the Christ. To follow anything less is to chase after false brethren who smite our fellowship with a curse. How can there be any movement of God if there is no leading and following going on in the direction of His kingdom?

The false brethren of Paul's day were much like today's Zionists who can be either mongrel Jews or White men having a mongrel mentality and acting like a Jew, pretending to be one of us. I pray the former be destroyed as tares thrown in a furnace and the latter repent and find their way to the Christ as did Paul.

Finally, we should be aware of false brethren by judging those who put a stumbling block to cause a brother to fall as stated in Romans 14:13, *"Let us therefore not judge one another anymore; but judge this rather, that no man put a*

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stumbling block or an occasion to fall in his brother's way." How does man fall to sin when he is tempted by his own lust (James 1:14)? We are drawn away from godliness by following after someone who is not our brother, our kinfolk. The Bible warns us about keeping company with liars, deceivers, false prophets, Pharisees, wizards, murmurers, profaners, idolaters, human demons, Baal worshippers, universalists AND false brethren that **do** keep company with the aforementioned.

"Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" Psalm 133:1. A brother, here, implies inclusion of both genders, men and women [no in-betweens], believing and being blessed as a body of Jesus. I pray this message has been a blessing to you and that you are now better equipped to identify the false brethren who are destroying what God created. Let us keep the truth close to our hearts as we are in God's presence and refer all that we learn to His glory. Amen.

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THE HAND OF GOD

late pastor Sheldon Emry

A simple truth in the Bible that is little understood today, is one of the major truths you must know to understand the Bible:

Whenever the Israel people [that's us, folks!] find themselves in captivity or being oppressed, they lost their liberty and freedom because they have sinned against God and God has put them into the hands of their enemies.

If you don't understand that, present current history makes no sense to you.

The Book of Judges and the story of Gideon and the Rock of Oreb tells that it happens over and over and over, each time the children of Israel turn against God. This is required by God's own Law found in Leviticus 26:15, and Deuteronomy 28:

"They that hate you shall reign over you..." The captivity is by the hand of God.

If you think that the captivity is because of the strength of the enemy or that the enemy was right when he said by his own hands he had done this, then you are going to fight the enemy and the enemy's hand and his weapons instead of **doing that which we must do to get out of captivity ...** You will be as useless as many of the so-called conservatives are today in their opposition to the communists and the left-wing-extremists who are pushing to promote their agenda.

If ever there was a time in human history when God's Israel people need to understand the history of Israel and what God did with our forefathers, this is it.

This is the end of the age.

In the book of Judges, the prophet didn't say a thing about how wicked the Midianites were, or how lazy they were, or how much they used up on welfare, or how many more boatloads of them were coming ashore eating Israel's food; he didn't say a thing about that.

His entire rebuke was to the children of Israel. The major point of our message must be the same thing: to the children of Israel - the White Anglo-Saxon-Celtic-Germanic-Scandinavian and kindred people:

"I delivered you out of the hand of your captors, I brought you out into this good land, and I told you not to pay attention to the gods of the heathen. But you have not obeyed my voice."

Our people are believing false doctrines. Even in their Christian churches they are being taught a false Christ; they

are being taught they are 'gentiles' and not an Israel people, and that their god is going to come and snatch them off the earth and leave the earth to antichrist.

If this is not the doctrine of the Bible, what are they doing?! They are worshipping another Jesus, another god; just as God accused the children of Israel of doing back in the Old Testament days. Read Isaiah 1, Jeremiah 1, Ezekiel 2:3-5, etc.

This idea that we are going to have the mercy of God when we are still disobedient is NOT Scriptural.

When Israel turns to God and His Law, He will turn to them. Repentance of our sins and a return to obeying God Almighty is required! Heed the call.

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REMEMBER NOW THY CREATOR

With the coming of winter, many of the activities entered into during the other three seasons of the year must cease. While the snow-covered landscape displays a beauty all its own, yet one shivers in contemplation of how desolate life would be if a perpetual deep freeze were to remain with no assurance of relief. The repudiation of such a thought is suggested by

the poet Shelley's question, "If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?"

Winter's icy storms and swirling snow test man's endurance, for in order to survive the fourth season's cold, he must equip himself with some means to provide heat or else he would perish. Civilized man is faced with a continuing challenge during the frigid weather in order to keep lines of communication open and clear the highways of blocking snowdrifts. Otherwise, travel would cease and all activity would be stilled.

From the inception of winter's first storm to the end of the season, man must battle the elements in order to endure his environment. It becomes essential to prepare and store fuel and food, and erect an adequate shelter, for failure to do these things will bring about hardship, suffering and even death. It is only when men have made adequate provision for the season of storm and cold that they can live in comfort.

The necessity to prepare during the seasons of planting and growth, and to gather in the time of harvest in order to survive and enjoy life when the cold descends, has its parallel in the realm of the spirit. Solomon stated it well when he said: **"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them."** (accl. 12:1).

Indeed, youth is the time during which each one may prepare for the certainty of the coming Winter of Life. It is the season of plenty, but if one sows to the wind, he will reap a whirlwind of trouble. However, the Psalmist proclaims: **"The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age"** (Psalm 92:12-14).

When the Winter of Life arrives, those who, in their youth, were "planted in the house of the Lord" will not lament like the old man who complained to David: **"I am today eighty years old. Can I distinguish between good**

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and bad? Can your servant relish what he eats or what he drinks? Can I hear any more the voice of singing men and singing women?" (2 Samuel 19:35, Smith & Goodspeed).

All those who have made adequate spiritual provision for the future will rejoice with full confidence, knowing the words of the Psalmist to be true concerning the blessings of the Lord: *"Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's"* (Psalm 103:5). They can also testify to the truth of Isaiah's pronouncement: *"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew [change] their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint"* (Isa. 40:31). Ferrar Fenton renders this: *"Who trust the Lord will flourish, fly on strong eagle's wings. They march and they faint not."*

Thus, the promise of God, to those who are privileged to be its recipients, is length of days, renewed youth and retention of vigour. Not only this, but they will behold the whole magnificent vista of the plan of God: *"With long life [length of days] will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation"* (Psalm 91:16).

When the trees of the forest are splashed with the vivid colourings of autumn, the little creatures of the woods begin to labour in great haste to store up food for their future use. Even simple men are aware of the necessity to make proper arrangements for the coming of winter. How much more important it is, therefore, if we who are fully aware of the nature of the times and seasons are to enjoy life in the end of days, to heed the admonition of the Psalmist: *"So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom"* (Psalm 90:12). Then we will be able to join with the prophet (Isaiah 26:3) in his affirmation of faith:

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee."

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WHO TEACHES YOUR CHILDREN?

Max Elliot Anderson

As a parent or grandparent, you are already aware of the many forces at work, intent on attempting to shape the thoughts and opinions of the little ones in your family. For decades, psychologists have reported the critical stages of development in children. As the research progressed, it became clear that formation of personality and the foundations for learning occurred much earlier than originally thought.

Consider the following: 80 percent of children six and under, read or are read to in an average day. However, children spend an average of only 49 minutes with books in that same average day. This compares with two hours and 22 minutes or more in front of a television or computer screen. Children two years and under watch an average of one to two hours a day.

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) made a "screen-free" recommendation for all children under two years. The researchers wanted to study the benefits or harm in educational TV viewing for the same age group. They found that because educational television programs usually use content and context that doesn't make sense yet to chil-

dren under two, there is little, if any, educational value.

UNSTRUCTURED PLAY IS BEST!

Unstructured play proved to be far better than electronic media for encouraging brain development. Through unstructured play children learn creativity, problem solving, reasoning, and motor skills. Unstructured play also encourages independence by teaching children to entertain themselves.

Little children learned best when they interacted with people and not a TV screen. Even when parents watch TV and videos with their children, to help them understand and learn, the children do much better from live interaction and instruction

A television or radio in the background, can also do damage to a child's development by distracting the parent and decreasing interaction with their children. Hearing these distracting sounds in the background can also have a negative effect on a child during his unstructured play time.

Television viewing around bedtime is especially negative because it causes difficulties in sleeping and sleep schedules. This affects a child's mood, behaviour, and learning. Many children with increased exposure to media have delayed language development after they start school.

One of the primary researchers, Dr. Brown, gave the following recommendation to parents: "In today's 'achievement culture,' the best thing you can do for your young child is to give them a chance to have unstructured play—both with you and independently. Children need this in order to figure out how the world works."

Because you're concerned about what your children are learning, and their literacy success, pay attention to the warnings from AAP and consider reducing, or completely eliminating, heavy media use for children under two years. Instead, begin reading together with your child to better develop literacy and to insure their success in education and life.

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Reading can make you more effective as a leader of others. Evidence points to reading as a method for improving intelligence and leading to innovation and insight. Some studies suggest that reading makes you smarter through "a larger vocabulary and more world knowledge in addition to the abstract reasoning skills." Reading increases verbal intelligence making a leader more able to communicate. Reading is also one of the best ways to relax. One study found that reading for only six minutes a day reduced stress by 68 percent. Other studies suggest reading may even help to fight off Alzheimer's.

The reading habits you instill early in life will benefit your children and grandchildren for a lifetime. Remember,

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And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Anointing. — Philippians 1:9-10.

How Postman Saw It

Neal Postman (1931-2003) was an educator and cultural critic who saw things more clearly than most. In the introduction of his highly acclaimed and criticized book *Amusing Ourselves to Death: Public Discourse in the Age of Show Business*, Postman demonstrated that he had his finger on the pulse of our culture in a way that most others did not. This comparison between the pessimistic visions of George Orwell and Aldous Huxley is worth quoting at length:

We were keeping our eye on 1984. When the year came and the prophecy [in George Orwell’s book, 1984] didn’t, thoughtful people sang softly in praise of themselves Whenever else the terror had happened, we at least, had not been visited by Orwellian nightmares.

But we had forgotten that alongside Orwell’s dark vision, there was another—slightly older, slightly less well known, equally chilling: Aldous Huxley’s *Brave New World*. Contrary to common belief even among the educated, Huxley and Orwell did not prophesy the same thing. Orwell warns that we will be overcome by an externally imposed oppression. But in Huxley’s vision, no Big Brother is required to deprive the people of their autonomy, maturity and history. As he saw it, people will come to love their oppression, to adore the technologies that undue their capacities to think (computers, mobile phones & calculators, anyone?)

What Orwell feared were those who would ban books. What Huxley feared was that there would be no reason to ban a book, for there would be no one who wanted to read one. Orwell feared those who would deprive us of information. Huxley feared those who would give us so much that we would be reduced to passivity and egoism. Orwell feared that the truth would be concealed from us. Huxley feared the truth would be drowned in a sea of irrelevance. Orwell feared we would become a captive culture. Huxley feared we would become a trivial culture, preoccupied with some equivalent of the feelies, the orgy porgy, and the centrifugal bumblepuppy. As Huxley remarked in *Brave New World Revisited*, the civil libertarians and rationalists who are ever on the alert to oppose tyranny “failed to take into account man’s almost infinite appetite for distractions.” In 1984, Huxley added, people are controlled by inflicting pain. In *Brave New World*, they are controlled by inflicting pleasure. In short, Orwell feared that what we hate will ruin us. Huxley feared that what we love will ruin us.

This book is about the possibility that Huxley, not Orwell was right.

THE DISTRACTION FACTOR

While the church has been pre-occupied with either counting sex scenes and cuss words in music and movies or

attempting incessantly to be “relevant,” we have missed a more important influence of entertainment: its capacity to distract us. Ours is a culture whose main expression of sinfulness is silliness. We fail to actually live and engage in the real, and often messy, business of human relationships, institutions, and predicament. As Postman suggested, we are amused to death. Let’s be clear: the problem isn’t movies or music. The problem is the death of art and creativity on the altar of perpetual amusement. Rather than art serving its God-ordained purpose of clarifying life, it is reduced to being a narcotic-like replacement for life whose purpose for existence is only to serve our passions. When this sort of entertainment becomes a defining component of a culture, then depth is replaced with sensation, excellence with popularity, dialogue with embodied axe-grinding, and reflection with distraction. In other words, we become silly.

One need only look at current political dialogue and our fascination with celebrity to see Postman’s analysis in action.

SHALL WE BE DISTRACTED, TOO?

If Postman is correct then certain of the dominant “Christian” strategies will not do. The most common strategy is that of *substitution*, which consists of offering “Christian” versions of popular entertainment as replacements. If pop divas are popular, we’ll discover a ‘Christian’ one. If hip-hop is popular, we’ll offer ‘Christian’ hip-hop. Because our version won’t cuss and will mention Jesus several times, we’ll call it ‘Christian.’ No thought will be given to artistic quality, lyrical accuracy [we have suffered from “hymnbook theology” for a long time already], or potential impact on the culture.

There are several problems with this strategy. First, there is no such thing as “sanctified” distraction. We are to have hearts and minds that are active and engaged about life and the world. Christian entertainment can be as distracting as what we are trying to replace, especially for those addicted to the feeling of being “entertained.”

Second, if entertainment makes us silly, then Christian entertainment makes us silly Christians. If the pastor doesn’t entertain us, we conclude he has nothing worthy of our attention no matter his content [that’s why the spoken word is more important than a visual message]. The “praise” songs need not be theologically sound or musically excellent, as long as they make us feel like we are worshipping (whatever that means). Speakers with nothing of depth to say and writers with nothing of depth to write are made megastar leaders despite the drivel they offer. Our addiction to entertainment has neutered our minds and trivialized our hearts.

Finally, sanitized entertainment isn’t Christian. One of the greatest strengths of the Christian worldview is its capacity to accurately reflect the real world of human predicament. Crucial to the Christian portrayal of life and the world is the fracture created by the fall. Sometimes, the Christian story suggests, the well-intentioned word is misinterpreted, the well-intentioned action is harmful, and the well-intentioned person is not well-intentioned. We fumble. We fail. We wound. And, we receive the blunt trauma from the fumbles, failings, and wounding of others.



If art is to communicate reality, then naked, chubby angels won't do. In this world of post-fall actors and actresses, artists who wish to communicate redemption cannot avoid evil. They will need to portray darkness as well as light, brokenness as well as wholeness, and death as well as life. We'll need to offer the world more than naïve optimism. We'll need to offer hope. The Christian story is neither "the positive alternative," nor is it "safe for the whole family." Have you ever read Judges or 1 Corinthians?

A WAY FORWARD

What does a distracted world need? In short, it needs "ears to hear" and "eyes to see." This is the unique potential of truly Christian art. In the tradition of Handel's summary of redemption in the *Messiah* or Tolkein's portrayal of the dangers of power in *The Lord of the Rings*, or O'Conner's disrobing of the human heart in *A Good Man is Hard to Find*, the Christian artist when operating from a Biblical worldview has the unique capacity to paraphrase reality for a distracted world.

However, the responsibility lies not only on the shoulders of the *producers* of art, but also on the *consumers*. Far too often, those of us who receive the artistic talents of others are, to borrow a phrase from C.S. Lewis, "far too easily pleased." We will need to become better at watching, listening, reading, and perhaps avoiding what passes as art. Mindless reception has no place in Christian life and worship. Christians talk often of revival. We wish for revived witnessing, praying, devotion, and piety. We ought also wish for revived imagination that we may love God and others better, approving what is excellent.

Footnotes:

Neil Postman, *Amusing Ourselves to Death: Public Discourse in the Age of Show Business* (Viking, 1985)

Comment:

I was born in 1937 in Boston Mass., and my first memory was my mother sending me to live with my grandparents early in 1941 because of the war's disruption in her life.

Knowing nothing about the salvation of Jesus Christ by faith in Him alone until 1957, I grew up with an awareness that most adults whom I met, even as a child, had an awareness and a holy fear of God as an important part of their life.

Now it is 2010, and the adults I meet outside of my Christian environment have no awareness or fear of God Almighty. Why has this come to pass?

I believe that the superfluity of knowledge, as Mr. Postman writes, has washed, diluted, and flooded all of the desires in the individual to study and learn - for themselves - those things which must be gained by personal efforts. One example: In my youth, musicians studied the art and practice of music with a goal in mind to excel. Today anyone can scabble together an instrument or a noisemaker and become a 'band' to play 'music.'

Christian worship leaders either have had some training or are self taught, but lack the skills to present music which will uplift or encourage the hearts of most of us. (Carl Dennett Blyth, Sr.). Courtesy: www.summit.org

WHERE RELIGIOUS FREEDOM COLLIDES WITH POLITICAL CORRECTNESS

Bill Wilson, www.dailyjot.com



News that A&E has put Duck Dynasty star Phil Robertson on hiatus over his remarks in GQ magazine about homosexuality brings to mind how free speech and religious free speech in particular are no longer really free. Robertson discussed openly his opinion about homosexuality and referred to scripture as the basis for his opinion. He also said several times that it was up to God to sort things out; that he does not judge; that he loves all people [sic]; and that his mission is to "tell people about why I follow Christ." The homosexual community went ballistic and in the end, Phil Robertson was axed—another victim of the oppression of free speech and its consequences in the workplace.

Robertson has a right to express his opinion. In this society, however, if you express your opinion and use the Bible to do it, you can expect all hell to break loose. A man like Robertson can say that he doesn't understand homosexuality and just wants to tell people about Jesus, and he gets fired from his private sector job. Senior Advisor to the president, John Podesta, however, can publicly characterize the Republican Party as a "cult worthy of Jonestown" and he keeps his government job after issuing a mere 22 word "apology" that was more of an excuse.

These days, Bible-believing conservatives cannot share the gospel without consequences AND they are depicted as members of a mass murder cult.

However, if you are trying to mandate public acceptance of your non-biblical beliefs, you can bully people with impunity. This is a double standard. The presidential advisor thinks that conservatives are equal to a death cult, though they strongly stand for life; homosexuals demand that all must accept their sexual behaviour, even if the Bible speaks to it as sin. As disciples of Jesus, we must exercise wisdom and love (2 Chron. 19:2) in addressing the issues of society in these politically correct times. Even so, there will be consequences to our words. Jesus said in Matthew 10:22, "And you shall be hated of all men for My name's sake." In vs 28 He says, "And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul."

Peter, Paul, John, Luke, Matthew and Mark all were under great oppression when they set out to turn the world "right side up" with the gospel of Jesus the Christ. They were beaten, imprisoned, and many were martyred for the words they preached. Christianity is not for the weak at heart. As Paul wrote in Ephesians 6:19-20, "And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly as I ought to speak."

There may be a time someday where your life or livelihood will be threatened for your belief in God. Jesus said in Matthew 10:19, "But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what you shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what you shall speak."

Be wise. Be kind. Be bold.

Courtesy The Wake Up Herald.

KINGDOM MEN AND KINGDOM LAW

Mark R. Rushdoony

Much of Scripture is given to us in types and metaphors. These images teach because they are powerful, often violent scenes which our cartoonish Sunday school images often avoid. The Exodus, Noah's flood, and Jonah's deliv-

erance all teach us of God's salvation, but they involve horrific scenes.

The use of lordship, kingdom, and law also once carried very negative connotations, for the experience of the ancient world with these things was almost universally a negative one. Law was arbitrary and served the interests of the few. Political order was to serve the king; individuals mattered little. When God by grace rescued the Hebrews from Egyptian despotism, one of His first provisions for their future blessing was the giving of the Law. It constituted a grace in itself, the gift of a law that represented not the arbitrary and abusive will of a political-religious oligarchy, but the justice system of a merciful God.

Biblical revelation often replaces negative connotations with superlative ones. God restores by making all things new. He offers us a Kingdom, "not of this world," with Himself as King and commands us to pray that this Kingdom come in its fullness.

THEOCRACY

Having this command to recognize His Kingdom, we must address the issue of the law of the king. A king without authority is a figure-head. No kingdom is without law. We have frequently used the term *theocracy* and *theonomy*. These terms describe more theology than political philosophy. *Theocracy* means, literally, "the rule of God." It recognizes that God reigns through Jesus the Christ, to Whom "all power (delegated influence - authority)" was given "in heaven and in earth" (Matthew 28:18). *Theonomy*, on the other hand, means "God's Law," as authoritative in His Kingdom. The alternative to theonomy as God's Law is either a denial of theocracy and the "rule of God" or to propose that Jesus' Kingship is as a figure-head or at best a spiritual one. The first position renders the image of the King misleading, as there were no such monarchs in the ancient world; the latter renders it weak because it means the King and His Kingdom are limited in jurisdiction.

JURISDICTIONAL MATTERS

If we accept that Jesus is now King (theocracy) and that His Law is authoritative (theonomy), then we will view it as man's rules of Kingdom citizenship. When we travel abroad, we assume each nation has laws for its jurisdiction which bind citizen and foreigner alike. They also bind the law-abiding citizen as well as the rebel. They are, in fact, most obviously needed to control "the lawless and disobedient" (1 Tim. 1:9). There can be only one law in a kingdom, and this is particularly true in the Kingdom of God because all God's laws are, by virtue of their source, moral laws.

We must also ask ourselves where God's Kingdom is located. The pietistic tradition of subjective dispensational eschatologies suggests that it is in suspense until the return of Jesus and that the "church age" has no part in the Kingdom. A popular trend in some circles is to limit the Kingdom of God to the church, the secular world actually referred to as a separate kingdom.

CHURCH VERSUS FAMILY?

Amongst those who hold to the present rule of Jesus the Christ (theocracy) and the Law of God (theonomy) as the authoritative codification of the Kingdom Law, there has been a difference of opinion as to the relative relationship of administrative duties. The question has centered on whether the family or the local church is the primary human sphere of and authority over Kingdom activities. Neither position denies the legitimacy of the other sphere,

but how one answers this question dictates the emphasis and means whereby Kingdom work is pursued.

Though Chalcedon has historically come down on the side of the family on this question, it has never intended to weaken the church, but to strengthen the emasculated family.

The weakness of the church in our day is, aside from the general decline in faith in the West, largely due to its own retreat from the world into that of mere spiritual solace. Those modern churches that encourage dominion actively find their impact is pronounced.

The faithful church, moreover, has demonstrated that it can survive persecution. Often, in such troubled times, its message has been heard as most earnest and needed. The strength of the church is the Word of God itself.

The family is different. Its strength, even when faithful, necessitates both authority and capital. The Hebrew commonwealth was tribal, that is, family-based. This is to say the basic government of the Hebrew society was the family. The great imbalance today lies not between church and family, but between family and state.

The modern family is now equated with the nuclear family rather than the patriarchal, tribal family that represented generations of wealth and wisdom. In the economic sphere we can see the modern family as emasculated. Each generation is decapitalized by inflation, debt, taxation, and inheritance laws alone. This is a revolutionary blow that is repeated with each generation. In a Biblical social order, family wealth would be accumulated and passed on, while today we expect each generation to capitalize itself. Recent Asian immigrants have followed older family-friendly strategies by living in crowded conditions while accumulating capital with which to purchase land, businesses

and homes debt-free. Their emphasis on the family has caused them to go to great sacrificial lengths to create their own power-center. The increase in the power of the family we wish to see, likewise, would be in its authority and self-government, which is encouraged by economic power. If this replaces any other sphere of authority, such power would rob the state, not the church.

For the institutional church to add to the pressure on the already weakened family by attacking the necessity of stronger families involves a blow to an already weakened unit. Let the statist be on guard. Stronger Christian families will make for stronger churches. What pastor does not want to see that homeschooled family of six, eight, or ten visit for the first time?

THE LARGER ISSUE

The larger issue is not the relative roles of the church and family but theocracy, the rule of God itself. Thus, the more fundamental debate is that of theonomy versus antinomianism, that is, whether the law of God applies or not.

If there is no applicable law, there can be no theonomy as there is then no rule of God for men to follow. This creates problems. If obedience to God is subjective, there can be no objective disobedience, a very convenient result for sinful man. Moreover, no subjective obedience can be enjoined on another. The result of antinomianism has always fluctuated between lawlessness and arbitrary rule-making.

In our day there is a great expanse of open ground in need of Kingdom pioneers. If we acknowledge the law of God, then the question ought not to be what the godly church or family takes from the other, but what both can

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take back for the Kingdom. Ideally the church should be encouraging stronger families and families should be building up their local church. The government of the Kingdom is upon Jesus the Christ's shoulders, not any of its administrative departments.

WHO'S IN CHARGE

The supremacy of God is the key to a distinctly Christian view of authority and this is what references to the Kingdom of God, the Law of God (theonomy), self-consciously do. Because of a misunderstanding of the relation of the law and grace, many refer only to the *Word* of God. If Jesus is the Lord in Whom we profess faith (Phil. 2:9-11), then His Great Commission to teach men "*to observe all things whatsoever*" He commanded involves teaching all that Word including the Law.

Antinomianism is also anti-God because it assumes that what Jesus commanded was different to what God declared in Scripture. Godly thought demands that the Word of God is the Word of Jesus, as he became the Word in the flesh. It demands that Jesus would not command, nor holy spirit lead us, contrary to that revealed, authoritative Word.

THE NORM

Theocracy should be the norm in our thinking, not as an ideal future, but as the present context for all of life. Sin and rebellion should be viewed as aberrations that will not last. We need to think in terms of the absurdity of sin and unbelief.

The "rule of God" means the sovereignty of God and this precludes that of the state, church, or family. The sovereignty of God requires the authority of His law-word as the standard for all spheres and all men. If we do not call the world to God and His Law, then we call the world to God and imply that they can defy His Law.

A man who refuses to believe in gravity has a problem. He must not be pandered to; he should be warned of the certain laws of physics and the consequences of ignoring them. Likewise, a society (or church) that refuses to believe in God's moral Law must also be warned of the consequences of its violation. Such a message is not substituting law for salvation; it is giving unbelieving man the whole gospel of the great commission, one which is not only of redemption but restoration and fellowship through obedience. We must preach both faith and faithfulness.

Jesus spoke of the entire Word when He said, "*If you love me, keep my commandments,*" (John 14:15; see also v. 21; 15:10) and "*whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven*" (Matthew 5:19)

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SEIZURE AND PROPERTY

by R.J. Rushdoony

The history of words sometimes tells us much about the history of man. The word "seizure" is a good example. Originally, the word was a legal term for ownership. "Seize" meant legal possession, and "seizing" or "seisin" meant in early English law possession with quiet enjoyment. In common law "seisin in deed" means actual possession, and "seizing in law" means the right of present possession. Now, of course "seize" means to confiscate, to take possession by force. The word has thus come to mean its exact opposite, changing from the ownership of property to the confiscation by force of something or anything.

The history of the change in meaning of this English word is a complex one, but basically it tells us this: the law, which should have confirmed a man in his "seizing," began to rob a man of his property. The lords and kings of England worked too often to dispossess by law a man from his property, and the law of "seizing became a law of seizure in

the modern sense. The change in the meaning of the word thus tells us of a change in the life of the kingdom.

Behind the change was a spiritual change. The Renaissance and its humanism destroyed the old sense of Christian responsibility and law, so that, in terms of Judges 21:25, because Jesus was not King in the hearts of men, "every man did that which was right in his own eyes." The result was a rapid decline of honesty and godliness in every area of life and, lacking moral restraints, men began to exploit one another. Those who had the power to use the courts to do so began to confiscate the property of other men, so that the very legal term for ownership came to mean confiscation.

We are drifting closer to such a condition daily. To be a property owner is to be the target of confiscatory taxes, crime, and hostility. Men who are professed "peace lovers" are increasingly also bombers and rioters. Men who claim to believe in a religion of love are most likely to spout hatred. Good words are used as a cover for evil ends, and peace may come to mean war someday, if this trend continues.

No reform movement can change these things more than superficially. Only Jesus the Christ can change the hearts of men, and He will not rule a man who will not be His absolute possession. Jesus is not merely a resource or a power for men to rely on but an absolute Lord and King who claims and seizes us as His property. If we are His, we must obey His Law and serve His Kingdom. We are then not our own, for we "are bought with a price" by Jesus the Christ (1 Cor. 6:20). He made us so that we and all creation are His property. By His redemption, we are doubly His.

If we are guilty of seizure in the modern sense, that is, if we have taken our lives as our own, to be lived apart from Jesus, can we expect our world to show respect for our property when we ourselves rob God of His due [our lives and tithes]? When we restore ourselves, our homes, churches, schools, tithes, civil government, and all things else to God the King, then God will restore to us what is our due property.

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