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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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## Asking The Right Questions by Ben Williams

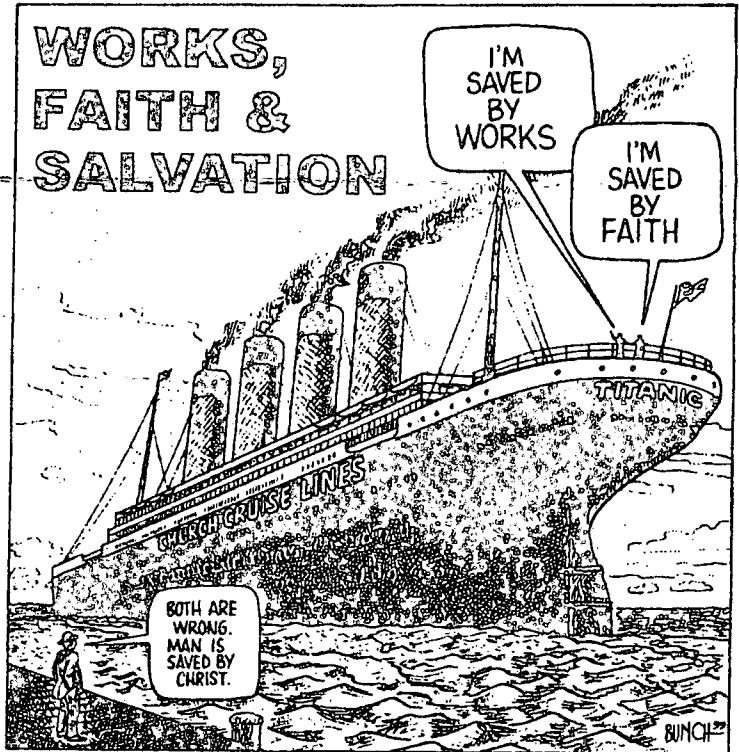
*But god being rich in mercy through his great love with which He loved us, And we being dead men in apostasy, He made alive together in Christ (Anointing). Having been saved, you are alive by Grace. And He raised us up together and seated us together in the heavens in Christ (Anointed) Jesus, That He might graciously show, within the ages coming upon us, the surpassing riches of His grace upon us in Christ (Anointed) Jesus. For by gace you are alive, having been saved through faith; and this not of yourselves: it is the gift of God; Not of works, lest any man should boast.* Eph 2:4-9

What benefit is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? The faith is not able to save him. ... faith, if it has no works, is dead in itself. So someone may say: You have faith and I have works. Show me your faith apart from works, and I will show you my faith by my works was not Abraham our father justified by works, having offered Isaac his son upon the altar? You see that faith worked together with his works and by works the faith was made complete. ... You see that by works man is proven, and not by faith only. ... For as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead. Jms 2:14, 17, 18, 22, 24, 26.

What is salvation, and how do we get it? Theologies built around this question are numerous ...and nearly all are wrong. The writings of both Paul and James (above) are often quoted in discussions and debates about the doctrine of salvation. There is a long history of these debates in the churches, and they usually pit Paul and James against each other. To answer this question one must consider the mind of God, the state of man, the purpose of Christ, the nature of sin, and the meaning of "salvation." The answer is not in the churches. The kind of "salvation" taught in the churches (i.e. Churchcraft) is quite a different thing from the salvation taught in the Bible. Thus, we must separate truth from error.

### A Different Paradigm

What follows is an attempt to address a very basic and important issue. Some of you will read this and say, "Yes! That's what I've been trying to clarify in my mind for a long time." Others will read this and get nothing from it. If you are of the second group, I suggest that you not throw this treatise away, but keep it on a shelf somewhere for future reference ... when some of these questions arise in your life. If you are an honest seeker, the questions WILL arise. Read the whole article before taking offense. I am not trying to offend, but to address a difficult and much-abused subject. Some will, no



doub are dealing with sensitive issues, and this is a "back-to-basics" effort. Unless our foundations are sound we stand little chance of building a sound doctrinal structure.

### Churchcraft

Churchcraft theology teaches that the purpose of "salvation" is to repair a factory defect in man: Churches claim that man enters this world inherently defective as a result of something they call "original sin." Man's "fallen state," they say, is passed down from Adam, our progenitor. Churchcraft teaches that when Adam fell he took with him all mankind, and that all men are automatically headed to "Hell" unless they "get saved" before they die. Man has an option, say the churches. He can choose to "get saved" - which will cure his inherited defect. Or he can choose to not get saved, remain in his "fallen" state, and forfeit his hope of reward after death. In most church circles these two options are equated with "going to Heaven." or "going to Hell."

The main point is that Churchcraft theology teaches that man comes into the world condemned of "original sin" which damns him to not only die a biological death, but also endure eternal punishment and damnation after death. Churchgoers are taught that all men are pre-sentenced (before birth) to this fate. The sentence will be carried out without fail ... unless they acquire a pardon before they die. That pardon is what the churches call "salvation" or "getting saved."

Churchcraft teaches that mortal man is not a creation of God, but rather a downgraded version of the original immortal man (Adam). They teach that Adam (man's progenitor) was originally created immortal and sinless. He (Adam) could have

lived forever. Unfortunately, he chose to sin, and that caused him to "fall" from that perfect state of immortality, to a defective state of mortality and imperfection. Thus, according to Churchcraft doctrine, Adam's punishment for sin was loss of immortality, as well as the threat of eternal punishment following death.

Churches call Adam's Edenic episode the "original sin." Adam was sentenced to mortality and threatened with eternal damnation, and his "fallen nature" was supposedly passed down to all his descendants - i.e., all men. Thus, all men are supposedly born into this defective state of "original sin" and damnation.

Churchcraft teaches that man's only escape from damnation is to "get saved" before he dies, because "getting saved" exempts him from "going to Hell" after he dies. There are a few exceptions to this rule, because a few churches don't adhere to the "Hell" doctrine. These churches claim that those who don't get saved will just die unsaved with no hope of resurrection.

The "getting saved" experience varies from church to church. It ranges from 'a feeling' that one gets, to taking membership in a church. Or, it can be a fit of ecstatic emotion, or a walk up to an altar. In any case, "getting saved" in a church requires some kind of inducement where man initiates the action. It requires man to do something to get it - which, of course, means it requires "works."

The details may vary a bit from church to church, but the theme is basically the same: man comes into this world pre-sentenced to automatic damnation according to Churchcraft. That leaves man with no way out ... except the church. To counter the problem of "original sin" the churches invented their own "doctrine of salvation." Thus, cunning church leaders came up with a systematic plan of redemption to "save" man from the predicament into which they had placed him. The restoration process required "getting saved" in the church. This would supposedly save man from "original sin" and "Hell," and grant him immortality after death, and entrance into "Heaven."

If a man gets "saved," according to church doctrine, and continues in that state of "salvation" until the time of his death, his "salvation" is secured. He is assured that he will regain his lost immortality after he dies.

These are the basic theories upon which Churchcraft is based. These compelling doctrines empower the churches and put the common folks in slavery. Churchcraft is an abomination. It corrupts men by playing upon their weaknesses. Church-goers are motivated by church-implemented fear of "damnation," and fear of a sadistic god. They are told that God will condemn them and punish them eternally if they don't "get saved" by church-prescribed formula. Thus, the church becomes man's only hope of escape from the sure and certain curse of "Hell." This is classic churchcraft.

### Death Bed Salvation

In Churchcraft's version of salvation, the critical juncture is when man is at the point of death. It seems that the point of death is the last moment granted man to acquire his exemption from eternal damnation. Thus, priests are called to attend the deathbed and give "last rites" to the dying. "Salvation" must be accomplished before he dies, otherwise he loses his window of opportunity and God will punish him for ever and ever ... in excruciating pain, being burned alive for eternity. (compare this to last month's article on culture, relating to what happened to Indians who tortured whites!, and the churches tell you that God is like those Indians? Ed.)

There are some exceptions to this rule. The Mormon Church and the Catholic Church, for instance, both allow the living to do certain works on behalf of dead souls who have passed on but have not made it to "Heaven." These churches have provided for certain prescribed works to be done, and certain "gifts" to be given to the church, all of which can actually "save" the souls of the dead, rescue them back out of

"Hell" or "Purgatory," and send them on their way to "Heaven." In effect this does for the dead what the dead failed to do for themselves while they were yet alive. Nonetheless, these churches admonish people that it is much better for them to attend to their own "salvation" before they die. Either way, "salvation" is induced by works.

"Purgatory," or "Limbo," is another thing that most churches have in common regardless of their other differences. Most churches teach some variation of this doctrine. "Purgatory" is a sort of halfway house for souls whose sins were not bad enough to send them straight to "Hell." Souls in "Purgatory" are given a chance to be "purged" of the sins that are keeping them out of "Heaven." This is obviously another example of doing works to receive salvation.

There are several variations on this doctrine. For instance, the church in which I grew up taught us that people who died before Jesus saved mankind (i.e., before the cross) are all asleep, awaiting the day Jesus will return to Earth and set up his Kingdom - the so-called thousand-year "Millennial Reign." During this future time (i.e., during "the Millennium") the "unsaved," who died before Christ came to save them, are to be resurrected as mortals and given a final opportunity to either accept Jesus or reject him. It seems that man's "salvation" hinges upon his own acceptance or rejection of Jesus. Thus the churches had to deal with the problem, because many generations lived and died B.C. (Before Christ), and these all still needed their chance to pass the salvation test. In the "Millennium" they will be given the opportunity to accept or reject Christ. If they reject Him, they will condemn themselves to the second and final death. This theory clearly implies that man must induce his own "salvation" by works.

Churchcraft teaches that every church-goer must climb the ladder to "salvation." Otherwise, he is left in his state of "original sin," and must die without hope of "Heaven." Most churches also teach that men have immortal souls, and that they (i.e. their souls) are destined to 'live' forever ... somewhere - either in "Heaven" or in "Hell." Man's conduct during his mortal existence on Earth determines where he (i.e. his soul) will spend "eternity" - either in heavenly bliss, or in hellish torment.

All the above is an attempt to describe, in simplified terms, mainline church concepts of "salvation." Some church-goer will no doubt argue that I have not portrayed his beliefs perfectly. However, I maintain that I have captured the essence, and have set the background for the discussion that follows.

Secondly, I contend that the reason so many people have trouble seeing and believing in Christ's Present Kingdom is because they have been pre-programmed to think of "the Kingdom" in a wrong way. The reason they misunderstand the Kingdom is that they misunderstand the true state of man, the meaning of sin, and the purpose of salvation

Churchgoers are pre-programmed to think that Jesus cannot be reigning, and the Kingdom cannot be here, until the problem with "original sin" has been eliminated. But, once we understand that Churchcraft's teaching about "original sin" is a pagan doctrine, and has no place in a Christian's heart, then the Kingdom of God takes on different parameters and purposes. Hopefully, by clearing up some mistakes in man's perception of himself, of sin, and of salvation, we can get a clearer view of our Reigning King and his Present Kingdom.

### The Churches' Carrot on a Stick

The doctrine of "salvation" is the engine that turns the wheels of Churchcraft. This doctrine is Churchcraft's greatest asset. Without it the churches would lose their hold on society. It is essential that we carefully examine and understand this teaching. The nature and dynamics of "salvation" have been debated at length in the churches. But they never get it right. Some churches claim it is achieved by faith. Some claim it is achieved by works. I contend that true Biblical salvation is



passed over by the churches in order to espouse a pagan for of salvation. All religions of the world proclaim a salvation of some sort. One religion's "salvation" can be quite different from another's.

The salvation described by the true Christian faith and God's Holy Bible is DIFFERENT from the many pagan "salvations" espoused by other religions. You've probably heard the well-worn saying, *"There are many ways of getting to Heaven, and we are all finding our own way."* That is a purely pagan statement ... from its intent to justify self-worship, to its corroboration of the mythological 'Heaven' for the saved. Thus, it is absolutely essential for Christians to learn the true meaning of salvation, and not be confused with pagan versions of "salvation."

The Word of God is replete with references to salvation. But the churches have been dishonest with the concept as well as with the word itself ("salvation"). They have neither defined it properly, nor used it properly, as I will show. In church debates over the meaning of salvation, Paul and James are both frequently quoted (as above) as advocates of 'faith' or 'works.' Both sides often infer that Paul and James contradicted one another. But did they? Did they disagree about the nature of salvation? Is one right and the other wrong? If so, which one should be ignored? Go back to the beginning and reread the passages (quoted) carefully.

If one of these men (Paul or James) is wrong, what does that say of the Bible's credibility in terms of its claim to be the inspired Word of God? Is there a mistake somewhere? Admittedly, "versions" of the Bible produced by the churches (King James Version; New American Standard Version; New International Version; etc) contain errors in translation, and errors of bias inserted by the translators. But the two passages quoted at the beginning of this article are translated literally and correctly. If contradiction can be found in them, then the problem is not the translation. If these scriptures contradict one another, then the source of the confusion is the Bible itself, for that would mean that it teaches contradiction and confusion instead of truth. We must know the truth!

### Job's Error

The Book of Job shows us a typical case of a man programmed to view sin and salvation wrongly. Job was basically a good man. He feared God and eschewed evil. But he had a problem - one that required major intervention from God to correct it. Job believed that his salvation was due to his own works rather than God's grace. He even thought he could do works on his own that would earn justification for his children (Job 1:5).

God then put Job through a reality check. He allowed Job to suffer hardship in order to teach him about the true state of man, and the true nature of salvation. Job learned, the hard way, that: "... it is not of him that wills, or of him that runs, but of him who receives God's mercy." (Rom 9:16). After a long ordeal of pain and adversity, Job finally gained his spiritual "eyes." He repented of his former blindness, and came to an accurate understanding of man's true state, and of God's salvation. In chapter 42, Job makes this humble repentance:

*Then Job answered Yahweh, and said, I know that you can do every thing, and that your purpose cannot be withstood. who am I that hides counsel without knowledge? Therefore I spoke but I did not understand things too wonderful for me, when I said: "You listen, and I will speak; I will question and you reply." I had heard of You by the hearing of the ear: but now my eye sees You. Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes.*

Job 42:1-6

Job had thought he knew his Creator, but he didn't. He had only heard about him - much like today's churchgoers.

God forced Job to change paradigms in order to see the Kingdom. The correction included changing Job's views of the state of man, the meaning of sin, and the true nature of salvation.

The question, then, is: WHAT MUST MAN DO TO BE SAVED? Must he perform works? Must he have faith? Translators and theologians typically lean toward "faith," and quietly ignore "works." Few, however, have had the audacity to dismiss the apostle James and his polemic for "works." Luther was one who actually did reject James. Luther called the Book of James "the Epistle of Straw" because of its defense of "works." Granted, Luther may have been over-sensitive about the issue since "works-vs-faith" was one of his main arguments with Catholicism. Nonetheless, Luther's argument against "works" continues to plague church theologians even to our day. The debate continues, but at a lower decibel and with less fanfare ... lest some theologian get backed into a theological corner. Theologians, like lawyers, have developed an unwritten code between them. They "respect" one another and avoid confrontations.

The Catholic Church is somewhat brazen with its open claim that "salvation" requires works. Most Protestant Churches, on the other hand, reject the notion that works are mandatory, and claim that only "faith" is mandatory. The truth is, churches simply have no good answer for "salvation." They offer their own versions of "salvation" backed up by their own versions of the Bible and their false models for "God" and "Jesus" (derived from pagan sources). It follows that their versions of "salvation" are pagan as well. Their patented answers are not satisfactory. Protestants, for instance, patronize James while they teach that works are useless.

Thus, the question is really a theological trap for churchgoers. Truth scares them, and they avoid it. For fear of the truth, or of finding there is no truth, they invent wrong questions and avoid asking the right ones. Their lack of faith in God, and his Word, traps them in a continued state of confusion which they then defend and justify.

*You ask and don't receive, in that you ask wrongly for yourselves, to consume it upon your lusts. James 4:3*

Churchcraft has led followers to think of "salvation" as a result of either faith or works ... or both. This question, as posed, shifts us into a Churchcraft paradigm in which truth is obscured. If one accepts this paradigm initially, then

he is handicapped and cannot find truth. The Churchcraft paradigm has led millions of seekers off point, and continues to confuse people and obscure truth.

The question, as posed (*What saves man: faith or works?*), is a misnomer; a subtle and deceptive paradigm designed to lead you away from truth. It is like asking, *"What makes the Sun shine, prayer or sacrifice?"* As posed, the question has no good answer. Both the premise and the answers are unsatisfactory. There are MANY misnomers created by church theology. Churches carefully construct their theologies to be contradictory and unanswerable. This keeps followers confused, ungrounded, and tractable. Churchgoers are programmed with basic theological error that distorts their perception and stifles their curiosity. They cannot find meaningful answers because they cannot ask meaningful questions.

Church people approach the Bible with little or no faith. They don't expect scripture to make sense. They don't ask the necessary questions because they lack faith that the right answers exist. In this they judge themselves faithless like Esau (Heb 12:16). Man needs answers he can understand, not meaningless subterfuge ... especially when it comes to the Bible. God invites us to prove him (Mal. 3:10). There ARE good answers. But the good answers have been cunningly obscured by devils running the churches and by translators and

### New Tapes:

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#X-737 The Dales of The Kalash  
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David Irving

X-546 How History Can Be

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David Irving

(2nd witness to Joe Vials saying  
that the Libyans did not shoot  
police woman Fletcher)

A-8139 The Declaration of

Independence, &

They Signed For Us



theologians on the payrolls of churches. They've spread confusion by lies, interpretations, and indoctrination. This is Churchcraft, and it is very cunning. This is the same "craft" employed by the cunning serpent in Genesis 3.

### Paul - vs - James?

The alleged contradiction between Paul and James is an invention of Churchcraft. The churches with their hired translators and theologians interpret the text to appear contradictory. Let us dispose of the silly argument about whether man is saved by works or by faith.

The simple, self-evident truth is that man is saved by NEITHER his faith nor his works. Man is saved by the grace of God. It has nothing to do with man's efforts or wishes. It is a gift: an act of love from God. This has always been the case, and always will be. The salvation that came through Christ was an act of Yahweh's love for Israel. God initiated it, and fulfilled it through his Son.

Man has neither the capability nor the inclination to precipitate or induce it to happen. He can only react to it after the fact ... by rejoicing in it, or by rejecting it in defiance. Jesus DID save Israel, whether men liked it or not. It is obvious that Israel could not save herself through her own works. If man were capable of saving himself he would not need to be saved by God. But the thing that is not quite as obvious is the churches' misuse of the word "faith." When "faith" is held out as a tool to be used to acquire salvation, then "faith" also becomes a "work." It would mean that faith could be used to secure (earn) salvation. This violates clear Bible teaching that salvation is a free gift through grace. A gift cannot be earned. If it could it wouldn't be a gift.

To a reader who is programmed with church theology, and is reading one of the church versions of the Bible, it is indeed confusing. The confusion is not due to a lack of intelligence. Even little children were able to see the Kingdom and come to Jesus. Yet, complex, intelligent adults find it difficult to make the trek. Why?

*Then little children were brought to him, that He might lay hands upon them and pray; but the disciples rebuked them. But Jesus said, send forth the little children, and do not hinder them from coming to me, for of such as these is the Kingdom of Heaven.*  
Matthew 19:14

As witnessed by Jesus, children have an advantage over adults. Children, by virtue of shorter exposure to mainstream religious programming, are less encumbered by Churchcraft confusion. The programming has not had as many years to work its confusion upon their young minds. Mental incapacitation is the objective of the churches. It does take some time to destroy a mind. Incapacitation, like a lobotomy, makes people passive, tractable, and blank.

Churchgoers are continually being spiritually lobotomized. This was not an easy thing to accomplish. The churches work diligently at it. If it were a matter of simply withholding answers it would be easy. But churches have accomplished much more than that. They've actually dissuaded people from looking for answers at all. In this they have accomplished a work of genius. They have, in effect, changed the data-processing "software" in the brains of their people ... so that incoming data gets processed wrongly, thus producing wrong results.

For instance, church theologians teach people that "the law" has been done away in Christ. Then, in the same breath, they tell people they must repent and turn to Christ so their sins can be forgiven. Now, think about it. If there is no law, there can be no sin. If there is no sin, there is no need for forgiveness, grace, or salvation. Jesus said:

*Think not that I have come to destroy the law or the prophets; I came not to destroy but to perfect (consummate). For truly I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one*

*letter, or one dot, will in no way pass from the law till all things come to pass. Matt 5:17-19*

Paul said:

*... for through law comes the knowledge of sin. Rom 3:20  
for where there is no law, there is no transgression. Rom 4:15*

John said:

*And hereby we know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He who says, I know him, and does not keep his commandments, is a liar and the truth is not in him. 1Jn 2:3-4  
Whosoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, for sin is lawlessness 1 Jn 3:4*

*By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments; and his commandments are not burdensome. 1 Jn 5:2-3*

When churches teach people that the law is done away, they are liars and the truth is not in them. When they insinuate that people can "sin" in the absence of "law" they are deceivers and cunning serpents. It is also common to see anti-law (i.e. "Jesus abolished the law") preachers warning people against breaking the Ten Commandments. Is that logical? What are the Ten Commandments if not law? A list of enigmas and contradictions in Churchcraft would be long. Churches surreptitiously promote contradictory and enigmatic "gods." Church leaders are fond of saying, "You don't have to understand. Just have faith!"


Governments and churches keep people confused and mentally incapacitated. Keeping people from finding answers requires that they be kept from asking the right questions. To keep the people from asking the right questions churches and governments program the people with bad theology (i.e. software). The theology is adopted by the people, who then waste their time pondering the wrong questions. What the churches do is brilliant. Think about it. First they warp God's Word via their own twisted translations and interpretations. Next, they indoctrinate the people into the church paradigm. Then they recommend "the Bible" (i.e. the church versions) the preachers assure the people that only the church can interpret the Bible correctly, and the common people should not expect to understand the Bible by themselves. The church re-adjusts God's Word to fit their own agenda, and the confused people - not wanting to appear stupid - accept the adjustments and the agenda. New generations accept the churches' agenda even more readily because they assume earlier generations have inquired into it and sorted it all out. It is a vortex of confusion drawing people down, down, down.

Churchgoers, and therefore most people who think of themselves as "Christians," have been mentally incapacitated by Churchcraft. They are victims of induced confusion. Church people are programmed to ask the wrong questions and get the wrong answers. Furthermore, a multitude of related errors continue to spin off from this endless problem. Ultimately, this must be resolved. Our people need the key that will open their eyes so they can find reality and learn what "salvation" truly is and what it does for them.

### Get It Right!

What is "salvation," and what is required from man to acquire it? God-fearing people have pondered this question over the ages. It is an important and compelling question basic to understanding God's plan for mankind. "Salvation" is God reaching a hand to a hopeless, lost law-breaker. "Salvation" is like rescuing a drowning man who is unconscious, helpless, and going down for the third time.

What is required of that sinner to qualify for the hand of God? NOTHING! The sinner is hopelessly lost! What could he do to help? The point is that he cannot do anything, and that is why he needs to be saved. There are things that he can do AFTER getting rescued, but not before. "Faith" and "works" are irrelevant. The one being saved is unconscious and cannot



**Supplementary reading:**  
The Doctrine of Salvation  
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help himself. One might argue, "Oh, there are things we can do to help. We can have faith and pray"

The obvious fault in this reasoning is two-fold: 1. Those who have correct faith are not lost in the first place. 2. Those who have the wrong faith pray to the wrong god. "Lost," in the sense of how Israel was lost, means having lost all hope or means of communication or reaching out to the true God. "Lost" is as a drowning man who cannot yell for help or even reach for a lifeline. His salvation depends entirely upon another's efforts on his behalf.

We have discussed the problem in some detail. the problem is large and we have only touched upon it. It is a convoluted mess after centuries of manipulation by the churches. But, by going back to basics it can be sorted out with less time and pain than one might think. Reason and common sense can yet prevail.

First, let us correct some of the words and concepts that the churches have distorted. The word "salvation" appears in English versions of the Bible over 150 times, with approximately 110 of those appearances in the Old Testament, and approximately 40 in the New Testament. In the Old Testament the word translated "salvation" comes from the Hebrew verb 'yasha': *to save or rescue*. It is used in the broadest sense of the term. In the New Testament the word 'salvation' comes from the Greek verb 'sodzo': *to save or rescue*. It, too, is used in the broadest sense of the term.

"Salvation," then, means being saved or rescued ... from anything. Most of the "salvations" mentioned in the Bible are in the Old Testament. In other words, the majority of the "savings" and "rescues" in the Bible predated Jesus. This means that salvation, as a concept, is not limited to Jesus, but must be attributed to Yahweh ultimately. In fact, by the time Jesus was born Yahweh had already saved Israel on many occasions. Yahweh is, and has always been, a God of Salvation. He has many times "saved" his people - as a whole, and individually - and continues to do so ... now through his Son, Jesus.

Yahweh's greatest (but not his only) act of salvation was accomplished through his Son, Jesus. Jesus was commissioned to save the Israel People who, after centuries of disobedience, had gone astray from God. Israel, at one time, had been the Bride of Yahweh. However, she repeatedly broke her marriage vows and sinned (transgressed HIS Law) against Yahweh more and more, until He had no choice but to "put her away" (i.e. divorce her) and send her into captivity (Jer 3:8).

By the time Jesus came upon the scene, Israel was hopelessly lost in a state of rebellion and depravity. Jesus was commissioned to find her, save her, and give her a new start. This Jesus did by sacrificing himself for her (listen to James Bruggeman's tapes on *BRIDEGROOM OF BLOOD*, #K-341 and -342 - but not for children!) His sacrifice worked upon Israel's heart, causing her to be reborn. Israel, in effect, died and was born a new woman (Rom 7:4). Jesus was raised from the tomb, ascended his throne, took New Israel as his Bride, and now reigns as Husband and King. (CIM Note: I think that many men are having major problems with their wives not being in submission to them, because they themselves refuse to be in submission to Christ. To refuse His commandments, is to reject His authority. Do YOU want to submit to Christ? Then put your money where your mouth is!)

God showed mercy to Israel. He saved her many times and in many ways, and finally by giving his Son as her Savior. There was no way Israel could have found her way back (Eph 2:4-10). Her redemption was an act of mercy ... and of love. We enjoy the salvation of Christ because it was given to us. It occurred, Jesus did it, and it became a fact. It was the Father's

will, not the will, works, faith, or schemes of man.

The result of Israel's salvation through Christ has affected the whole planet. People cannot induce, or in any way influence whether or not salvation came. The action happened TO them, not BY them. Salvation fell upon them because God willed them to receive it. God saves and blesses man. Man cannot induce it or cause it, he can only accept it. Faith and good works come afterward, as a reaction. Faith and good works are reactions, not causes. GOD'S WILL IS THE CAUSE. God creates and destroys; He punishes and blesses (Isa 45:5-7).

Sure, God wants us to have faith in him. He also asks us to do works for him. But faith and works do not save man, any more than a child's obedience can be the cause of his parents giving him birth. That's putting the cart before the horse. God saves us, and then He expects love, obedience and faith from us. Faith is not a cause of salvation, but rather a reaction to salvation. The saved react by believing in God who saved them. The punished react by believing in, and sometimes hating, a God who judged them. Those who seek truth believe in a God who revealed himself to mankind. Faith is ALWAYS a secondary thing: a response to an initial event. First, God saves man ... then man develops faith in God. Faith cannot appear until after God initiates salvation. Only then can man respond by having faith. So, the suggestion that man's faith can somehow precipitate, induce, or precede salvation is preposterous.

### What About "Man's Fallen Nature"?

I have attempted to outline and simplify the typical church's teaching of "original sin." To recap, churches teach that Adam was created immortal, but due to his "original sin" in the Garden of Eden he lost his immortality. God's sentence upon Adam (i.e. mortality) was then passed down, through Adam, to all mankind - for churches teach that Adam was the progenitor of all men of all races.

Thus, churches teach that all men after Adam, including all men today, are born with the Adamic sentence upon them. That is, they are deprived of immortality and thus subject to death. Further, they are sentenced to automatic damnation (i.e. "Hell") after death ... unless the sentence is annulled before death. The way to get the sentence annulled is to "get saved" before you die. Churches teach man to view himself as a cursed creature, living a cursed life. They teach that this mortal life is an inherited punishment for Adam's "original sin," and that the worst of the punishment comes after death when "unsaved souls" are "sent to

Hell." (to "live" forever?) They say that the only escape, or redemption, from the Adamic curse is to "get saved." It will not save you from the curse of mortal death, but it will save you from the Adamic sentence of "eternal punishment" which you must otherwise suffer after you die. This hogwash passes for gospel in the churches. Multiplied millions of hapless people have been victimized by this hateful pagan Churchcraft.

### Mortal Man Is Not A Downgrade

The real truth is that Adam was NEVER immortal. He was created mortal and therefore capable of sin. If Adam hadn't been mortal from the beginning he could never have been tempted, he could not have sinned, and he could not have died. Think about it! Sin and death go together. An immortal cannot sin nor can he die. It is a simple equation. Being exempt from death equals being exempt from temptation and sin.

"... for the wages of sin is death" Rom 6:23 "Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sins, it shall die." Eze 18:4.

From this we see two things. 1. Souls are NOT immortal (as the churches teach). 2. Sin is possible only where death is possible.

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Confusion about this simple equation has been exacerbated by another Churchcraft myth: namely, the "fall of Lucifer." According to Churchcraft legend, Lucifer was a beautiful archangel who predated Adam. Lucifer was supposedly immortal and glorious, and was the highest-ranking angel in heaven. But sometime before the Garden of Eden, Lucifer rebelled against God and "fell from Heaven," whereupon he became known as "Satan, the archenemy of God." This "Satan" is reputed to be the source of all sin. He is credited with tempting Adam and Eve to sin. Likewise, he is blamed for every temptation and sin man has ever committed. (see *Give The Devil His Due*, by Emry #127 @ \$14.50, CIM) None of this legend comes from the Bible. Various sources of extra-Biblical lore have contributed to it. Nonetheless, this doctrine has confused churchgoers' minds and encouraged them to accept nonsense.

If "Lucifer" were real, and if he had been originally immortal and sinless, as taught by Churchcraft, then it would have been impossible for him to sin, thus he could not have "fallen." Of course, the great "Lucifer" and "Satan" feared by the churches is merely an imaginative composite mixture of several ancient pagan deities. A further interesting twist on this doctrine is that they have "Lucifer" sinning and "falling from Heaven" but not losing his immortality or power ... in juxtaposition to Adam who, according to them, DID lose his immortality. This breach of logic confuses churchgoers, and is not consistent with other church teachings about sin and mortality.

The points to remember are: 1. Immortals cannot sin. 2. Sin is a trait of mortals. 3. "Mortal" means subject to sin and death. 4. "Immortal" means not subject to sin and death. 5. An immortal cannot sin, because he cannot die. 6. To be able to sin one must be able to die, therefore one who can sin cannot be immortal. 7. If Adam had been immortal he could not have sinned. Adam was created mortal and thus subject to sin and death. Thus, he sinned. Thus, he died.

God created man exactly as He wanted him: not immortal, not sinless. God created man mortal and dependent upon a Creator who gives him life, love, guidance, forgiveness, and salvation. Man is mortal. He sins and he dies. He needs God. God expected no more than this from Adam, or from any man. God expects us to love him and obey him, and to not defy him or sin presumptuously. However, He doesn't expect us to be faultless (i.e. immortal).

Churchcraft would have man think that being mortal and subject to temptation and sin (i.e., not gods in our own right) is a cursed state of fallen man. But that is nonsense! Mortality is not a curse. It is the way God created us. IMMORTALITY WAS NOT TAKEN FROM ADAM/MAN ... BECAUSE IT HAD NOT BEEN GIVEN TO MAN! We have been promised immortality in a future time known only to God. But no creature, with the exception of Jesus, has been given immortality as of yet. But, did God punish Adam for sinning in the Garden of Eden?

Yes! Adam defied God's Law, broke his covenant, and was "cut off" from Eden. It was the just punishment. But that punishment was nothing like the churches claim. Adam didn't lose immortality for he never had it in the first place. Rather, Adam lost his good standing before God, and lost his position as Eden's patriarch. Adam (the mortal) sinned presumptuously, and "fell" from grace before God. He lost his blessings and good standing ... much the same as Israel "fell" from grace due to her presumptuous sinning and covenant-breaking. Adam was banished from the Garden, as Israel was banished into captivity. The theme is consistent.

Adam's sin nature was NOT the result of sin: rather it was the CAUSE of sin. It was not a punishment: it was a God-created feature of man. By the same token, biological death was NOT a punishment upon Adam, but rather an inherent feature of man as God created him. God created Adam exactly the way He wanted him - mortal and capable of error. Furthermore, Adam's sin was a special kind of sin which was not covered by God's grace. Adam was warned that he would die if he rebelled against God's Law ("*You shall not eat of it, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.*" Gen 3:3) Adam rebelled, sinned presumptuously, and died that very day. But notice that Adam did not die biologically that very day. Rather, he died spiritually: he lost his anointing (i.e. spiritual eyes and ears). This disqualified him from the position of patriarch of Eden.

For man, biological death is not optional, nor is it a punishment. It is natural. It is a standard feature of man as God created him. Biological creatures are mortal. They die. It is mandatory. However, spiritual death (loss of God's spirit) IS NOT mandatory. Spiritual death is punishment for presumptuous sin. It does cause separation from Yahweh, and it leads to slavery under other gods. When Adam defied God's Law he defied God himself. He committed a sin unto death and he lost spiritual communion with his Creator. In other words, he died spiritually. However, Adam did not die biologically for another 900 years.

### The Two Sins

Just as there are two kinds of death, there are also two kinds of sins:

1. Sins of ignorance and error, and
2. Sins of Presumptuous, willful defiance.

Sins of ignorance and error (due to mortal fallibility and limitations of natural man) do not separate man away from God. These errors and natural tendencies are covered by God's grace and mercy. God, who created man, knows man's capabilities. It is not reasonable that God would ask man to do things he is created incapable of doing. In other words, since God created man to be fallible and limited, He would never expect man to be infallible and unlimited.

Presumptuous sins of defiance are another thing altogether. These sins are not covered by God's grace. These kinds of sins are indicative of spiritual death (as with Adam) and loss of communion with God (as with Adam). Loss of communion with God is also called "being in darkness" and not having "eyes to see, or ears to hear" - e.g. Dt

29:4; Ez 12:2; Matt 13:15; Jn 12:40; Rom 11:8-11; Eph 1:18. The following additional scriptures help explain the two types of sin and how they apply to Adam, and to us:

*And when you shall err, and shall not observe all these commandments, which Yahweh has spoken to Moses, even all that Yahweh has commanded you by the hand of Moses, from the day that Yahweh commanded and onward through your generations; Then it shall be, if through ignorance it is done by the assembly (i.e. elders) in error, ... the priest shall atone for all the assembly of the sons of Israel, and it shall be forgiven them; for it was ignorance: ... And it shall be forgiven all the assembly of the sons of Israel, and the alien that sojourns among them as to all the people, because it was in ignorance. And if one soul sins through ignorance, ... the priest shall atone for the soul that errs, when he sins by ignorance before Yahweh, to atone for him; and he shall be forgiven. Both he that is born among the sons of Israel, and the alien that sojourns among them, one law shall be to you for him who acts in error. But the soul that sins presumptuously, whether he is born in the land, or an alien, this blasphemes Yahweh; and*

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that soul shall be cut off from among his people. Because he has despised the word of Yahweh, and has broken his commandment, that soul shall be utterly cut off; his iniquity shall be upon him.  
Num 15:22-31

God expects love, obedience and respect from us. God NEVER commanded, or expected, man to be perfect and flawless. Man was not created that way. God commands that we do not wilfully and presumptuously defy him and his law, for to do so would indicate that we do not love him, or his law. Thus we see two distinct types of sins clearly defined in Scripture. These two types are also called:

1. Sins that are not imputed, and
2. Sins that are imputed.

In other words, sins of the first category are not held against us. They are "passed over" when we are under the grace of God. These sins are NOT "imputed sins." They are not "sins unto death."

"Blessed is the man to whom the Lord does not impute sin."  
Psalm 32:2, Rom 4:8

Sins are either imputed, or not imputed. God looks upon the heart more than upon the performance of a man. Another designation for these two types of sin is:

1. Sin not unto death, and
2. Sin unto death.

If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not unto death, and he shall ask, He (God) will give life (i.e. spiritual life) to the one sinning not unto death. There is a sin unto death; I am not saying that he should ask for that. All unrighteousness is sin, but there is a sin not unto death. 1 Jn 5:16-17

Unintentional sins of ignorance and mortal limitation are not "imputed" to man (i.e. they are not held against him), thus they are "not unto death." In other words they do not separate you from God's spirit. They are sins, and they carry natural consequences - like disease and hard times, for instance. But sins of ignorance do not cause spiritual death - i.e. they are not done to defy or blaspheme God. They are covered by God's grace. They always have been.

On the other hand, sins of defiance, committed wilfully and presumptuously, ARE "sins unto death" (i.e. they lead to spiritual death). Presumptuous sins ARE "imputed" to man and held against him. They are NOT covered by God's grace. To get forgiveness for presumptuous sins man must stop his rebellion and seek forgiveness. Then God forgives, grace is restored, and the enmity between man and God is removed. It is all very straightforward and sensible.

Sin did not change Adam (or anyone else) from an immortal to a mortal. Wilful defiance of God's will did, however, put enmity between Adam and his God. Defiance and rebellion has the same effect upon all men. This also answers the much-overplayed teaching of "personal salvation" (a term that does not appear in the Bible) is hyped in the churches. But what can it be other than the personal application of the general principles of salvation?

The churches tout "personal salvation" as the thing we must each achieve in order to be in good standing with God. Again, this is one more facet of the Churchcraft scheme to push minds into the wrong paradigm, and then trick them into accepting the idea that man can DO something (a work) to achieve, precipitate, or induce "salvation."

The following quote from Romans, chapter 5, sums up our theme. As you read them you'll see what I mean. Translating directly from the Greek text took many hours of careful prayerful labor. Translating the Bible is not as easy as one might think. It is not a mechanical-type exchange - word for word - where each Greek word has a perfect counterpart in English. Often there is no English word to express the Greek word. Also, it is not uncommon for one Greek word to have multiple meanings. Translating accurately requires an ability to

understand the context of the sentence. Translators programmed with wrong theology will translate many words wrongly. Thus, we see the church "versions" of the Bible with glaring errors.

In the following translation, the misleading insertions by the KJV translators have been corrected and/or eliminated, and the message is now consistent with the Greek text ... as it should be. Inserts in brackets are added notes - not part of the translation:

But God commends his love toward us, in that, while we are yet sinners, Christ died for us Much more then, being now justified by his blood, through him we shall be saved from wrath. For if we, being at enmity, were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled we shall be saved by his life. Not only that, but we also glory in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the reconciliation. Through this, even as through one man, sin enters into the world, and through sin death [spiritual death]; and thus death [spiritual death] comes upon all who sin. For up until the law [given to Adam in Gen 2:16] sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed in the absence of law. So death [spiritual death] reigned from Adam until Moses [when remedies for sin were given and a covenant established], even upon them also who sinned not in the way of Adam's transgression, which is the pattern of the things now occurring [i.e. old sin patterns had returned]. But the gift by grace is not as the trespass. For if the trespass of one leads to the death [spiritual death] of many, much more the grace of God and the gift by grace from one man, Christ Jesus, abounds to many. For as by one man's [Adam's] neglect the many became sinners, so by the obedience of one [Jesus] shall many become righteous. Moreover law intervenes in order to expose sin. But where sin is manifest, grace is manifest even more: That as sin reigns in death, even so might grace reign through righteousness in eonian life [spiritual life] through Christ Jesus our Lord. Rom 5:8-21

Here in a very few verses is a succinct explanation for law, sin, grace, and salvation. It tells us that God gave law to man for the purpose of defining and exposing sin (vs 20). Law was given to Adam (Gen 2:16). Adam defiantly and wilfully disobeyed and broke the law, and thus sinned presumptuously and his sin was imputed to him (vs 13), and he was overcome by spiritual death (vs 12).

Yahweh God had covenanted with Adam, giving him the "tree of life." Yahweh agreed to bless him and his future descendants. By turning away from God, Adam lost his covenant and thus "life." This loss of covenant and communion with God was called "death" (i.e. spiritual death). Since Adam lost the covenant (i.e. "the life") future generations were denied the opportunity to inherit the covenant through Adam (vs 14). It was gone. This "death" (i.e. no covenant) continued up to the time of Moses (vs 14), at which time another covenant was established with Adam's descendants (Israel). God's grace was again established through Moses through the Mosaic Covenant with Israel. But, alas, Israel soon abandoned that covenant as well, much the same as Adam had abandoned his (vs 14b)

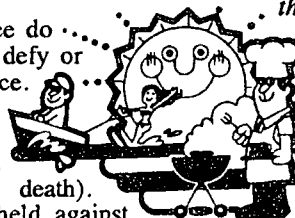
Grace was extended yet again by Yahweh some 1500 years later, through Jesus his Son (vs 19-21). Once again, Adam's descendants (Israel) were saved by God's grace, and a New Covenant (new spiritual life) was established. This New Covenant offered "life" again to "dead" Israel (vs 21). (See also Ez 37, Acts 2:14-36, and Rom 8:1-11).

This passage also tells us that we (Israel) were saved even when we were yet at enmity with God (vs 8). This removes, once and for all, any possibility that we (Israel) could have had any positive effect upon our own salvation. But what about Acts 16:31, and Romans 10:9-10? These verses seem to indicate that salvation is conditional and depends upon man doing something - i.e., believing and confessing. However, if we

## CAMP 2000:

Camp will be held, God willing, from Friday 21 April 2000 to Thursday 28 April, with the wedding on Friday 29 April.

We have been in contact with ADAM DE WITT to have him speak at the camp. Topics are still being worked out, but will be interesting and thought-provoking



read these verses with the correct translation and the correct spirit, we see that they really do not indicate works at all.

*And they said, Believe upon the Lord Jesus, and you will be safe, and your house.* Acts 16:31

*That if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be safe. For it is being believed in the heart for (i.e. because of) righteousness, and it is being confessed by the mouth for (i.e. because of) salvation.* Rom 10:9-10

The word, "for," in the above verse, needs careful examination. This Greek preposition is translated in the KJV several different ways, including: "into, for, to, unto, in, on, toward, against, and among." To understand its use in Romans 10:10 (above) compare it to Acts 2:38:

*And Peter said to them, Repent and be baptized, each of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for (i.e. because of) the forgiveness of your sins and you will receive the gift of the holy ghost.*

"For" could have two meanings. If you saw a poster saying "Jesse James wanted for robbery," - "for" could mean Jesse is wanted so he can commit a robbery - or he is wanted because of a robbery he has committed (past tense). The later sense is the correct one. So too in these passages, the word "for" signifies an action in the past. These scriptures indicate a condition of grace was making them safe. This safe ("saved") condition is confirmed and manifested (not precipitated, induced or caused) by one's faith and confession.

We are admonished to repent, be baptized, believe, and confess ... all "for (because of) salvation" which is already an accomplished fact. These things we do ... not to acquire salvation, but to acknowledge salvation and honor our Savior who brought it. Faith and obedience maintains our relationship with the One who has saved us. Honouring Jesus, and the Law of God, keeps saved man from wandering away and getting lost again.

### Bottom Line

It is easy to accept a church teaching about salvation, and just take it for granted. It is NOT so easy to research and reason it all out and come to meaningful and defensible conclusions. Faith, in order to be meaningful must be based upon reality: true fact. If Jesus saved us, then we were saved. It is an accomplished fact. Neither faith nor works on our part caused it to happen. However, now that we have been saved, faith and works are appropriate responses on our part. We are now equipped to join him in his work, and obey his law. In this way saved man can follow God and remain in his grace.

Pagan, and thus false, forms of "salvation" are many and varied, just as false gods and false christs are many. Unfortunately, churches have introduced these into Christendom. Discriminating between the true Christ and the false christs is not only our duty, it is the only sensible thing to do. Following false gods (idolatry) is the great sin of our people. False gods, and false religions, give man false "salvations."

Don't fall for it! A false "salvation" is nothing but an illusion. An illusion cannot save you. ■

For more research into the false doctrines of Churchcraft, see *The Two Babylons*, by Alexander Hislop, #907 @ \$23.50. *The Doctrine Of Salvation*, Ben Williams, #227 @ \$8.65. *Is Christmas Christian?*, by Sheldon Emry #103 @ \$3.80

## A FORGOTTEN TRIBE

by Adam de Witt

About a year ago, one of our readers had the chance to seek out a 'white' tribe he had heard of, which lived in the heart of the Asian sub-continent. Deep down in Edenic dales, surrounded by mountain peaks as high as 16,000ft, he found those he looked for.

Only a few thousand remain today. They call themselves

the 'DALE FOLK,' how ironic it is, that our explorer is called Peter Dale. In the Bible we read of the Dale of Jehoshaphat, the term means the land enclosed by God's judgment. A 'dale' is another way of saying protected or kept land; as it is surrounded by rock walls, of mountains. The 'law' is called, Rock; hence Torah, or Terra as in Territory. Peter means 'rock.' Peter Dale means 'Rock-dale' or Law-dale. Every Israelite land is a 'dale of God's judgment.' A land of God's Law (ideally), a dale of Peter.

The Dale Folk are a remnant of a massive white culture, that like us, descended from Abraham. Indeed, north of Tibet, 3000 years old 'white' mummies have been found whose clothing looks Celtic. In the tongue of the 'forgotten tribe', Dale Folk is 'Kalash.'

Find out how Peter learnt of the Kalash, how he got to their forgotten dales, and how they treated him. These blond, red haired, green or blue eyed folk have a fascinating history. They are all that is left of a once great Abrahamic empire that stretched east from Persia to China, and all over India. Peter's accounts of adventure through Talaban land and treacherous

mountains is available on cassette tape (see box on p 3, tape #X-737 - *The Dales of The Kalash*, by Peter Dale) He tells of his trip but also gives a historical background of the Kalash showing a direct link to the Tokharian (Urumchi) mummies found in Western China.

This is not a tale of some irrelevant race, this is a tale of those who are our kin, our Abrahamic kin who are forgotten to the world, but not by God. We pray that one day funds may come available to send an expedition out there to carry out further research and hopefully to teach them that they are kin to those that God took out of Egypt.

Peter Dale himself tells his story, on this tape which you can order by the number given @ \$4. Also look for the

book (soon to be released exclusively through CIM) called the *"Rise and Fall of Abraham's Kin."* The book deals with many important topics including an in-depth look into the forgotten Dale Folk. We'll let you know when it is ready - just keep reading this newsletter!! ■

## WA SENATOR PUSHES HOMOSEXUAL RIGHT

Senator Brian Greig was elected as a WA Senator last year and took office in July. He is an 'out' homosexual and has worked as a homosexual rights campaigner for many years, particularly with the Australian Council for Gay and Lesbian Rights (ACGLR).

In his maiden speech Senator Greig spoke almost exclusively about homosexual rights and his desire to see more reforms (read preferential treatment!). Now he has raised the issue of the declaration of spouses and de-facto 'partners' financial interests. (a requirement aimed at identifying potential conflicts of interest). He stated that, when completing his register of financial interests, he was not required to declare his 'same-sex' partner's interests. He moved a motion in the Senate that the matter be referred to the Procedure Committee for inquiry and report by 30 November 1999. The motion was agreed to.

He moved that the Senate Procedures Committee review the wording and that ...

1. For the purposes of the declaration of interests, 'spouse' include partner.
2. 'Partner' means a person who is living with another person as the partner of that person on a *bona-fide* domestic basis although not legally married to that other person and includes opposite and same-sex couples. (*Hansard* 13/10/99)

This is a dangerous move that seeks to establish same-sex relationships as being equal to heterosexual relationships. If passed it will form a precedent for many other areas of



The Dale Folk





same-sex recognition. We have been asked by a Senator to encourage you, our readers, to write to the members of the Procedure Committee who are in your state, urging them to reject this proposal to recognise same-sex partners.

As well as the general reasons for rejecting the acceptance of same-sex 'partners,' tell them that in the USA ONLY 11 states have sexual orientation included in their anti-discrimination legislation, and even less recognise same-sex relationships. VICTORIA: Senators Kim Carr (ALP), Robert Ray (ALP). NSW: Senators Bill Heffernan (LIB), Vicki Bourne (Dem). WA: Senator Aalan Eggleston (Lib). SA: Senator Alan Ferguson (Lib).

Everyone should write to two other committee members: Leader of the Government in the Senate - Senator Robert Hill (SA) and The Leader of the Opposition in the Senate - Senator John Faulkner (NSW).

Address: The Senate, Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600  
 Courtesy SALTSHAKERS, PO Box 489 Blackburn VIC 3130  
*"If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them." Lev 20:13 is still there, I just checked. It just needs to be applied!*

## BABY GLOOMERS

by Adam de Witt

Oh, it's so awkward to have children, cross your fingers you're not pregnant; have a drink when you find out you're 'safe,' - Wheeewh!

Woe to that SELFISH lot of prose-lytes for you reap what you sow. If you sow a life of childlessness you reap an emptiness later. If you bring the fruit of your womb to the murderer (Hosea 9:11), then expect to join the ranks of the 'living-dead.'

Funny isn't it how the non-Israelites tend to have so many children, maybe they know something we, the "Oh-so-clever-Saxons," don't know ... it's called DOMINION! If you won't take it, they will. Still when you're old and in an old folks home, when euthanasia is carried out on the sly (as in Holland?), selfish, aged, Baby-boomers can always seek comfort in the 'electronic-Canaanite' (that's TV to most folks). The following article makes for a pitiful read.

The Examiner, Friday Oct 29, 1999 - p11

### Future To Be Lonely For Many, Study Says

Canberra:- Australians are set for a lonelier future in the next century with childless families set to become society's norm. A new Australian Bureau of Statistics study projecting family and household make-up beyond 2000 found that by 2021 as many as 3.4 million people, or one in seven Australians, are likely to live alone.

That compares with one in 12 people who lived by themselves in 1996. Childless couple families will overtake families with children as the most common type of Australian household unit as early as 2016. Up to 669,000 of a likely population of 22.6 million would live alone, with one quarter of those being elderly people aged over 75.

Tasmania was likely to have the largest number of single person households with as many as one in five living alone in the next two decades, reflecting the State's declining population. Thank God for the home-educators, which seem to still be in the forefront of large families. As long as it is the Godless who are childless or have the small families, the DOMINION situation will start to look better for those God-fearing people who are blest by God with a large number of children! Remember it is a curse from God to be "left few in number." See the new LOAN ONLY VIDEO *"The Baby Terminators"* #CI-284 sug Loan donation \$5. •Whose Choice? •Tissue or Human? • Medical or Murder? • Where do I get help?

## Week One of Victoria's New Labor Government -

• Discussions on opening 5 shooting galleries (drug 'safe' houses) started.

• Attorney General announces that 'gay rights' are a first term agenda item.

• Education Department gives school councils, of senior schools, autonomy over decisions about condom machines being put in schools. ■

## INTERNET ADDICTION:

A recent Australian research report, which studied the Internet use of 500 six to seventeen year-olds and their parents, has revealed that children are becoming "online addicts."

The survey revealed that only six percent of parents restricted their children's online 'adventures;' one-third monitored how much time their children spent on the internet and 33% of six-year-olds regularly used the Internet. Most children preferred the Net to pay-TV, radio, or books. The researcher said "When you see that kids prefer surfing the Internet to listening to radio, reading books or watching pay-TV, parents and teachers should be paying close attention."

Do YOUR children use the Internet - who monitors their activity? Does your child have a computer in their bedroom? This could be asking for trouble. All young people are inquisitive and the temptations are made too easy by the system. Do you monitor the amount of time they spend at it? I heard recently of an executive in a top computer company who allows his children only ONE HOUR OF SCREEN TIME PER DAY - either on the computer or TV! ■ Courtesy SALTSHAKERS.

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## DO YOU WANT A LAUGH?

by Adam de Witt

The Global Turkeys are easily spotted. When something affects the whole planet, the real English term is 'World Wide.' The fake English word is 'Global,' That's the sound a turkey makes: "globalglobalglobalglobalglobal." So when someone next goes "Well global this, or Global that," then you know you are dealing with a 'global-Turkey.'

These Turkeys are now trying to teach us (as you know) that the polar ice packs are melting and sea levels are rising. It is the type of lunatic plot straight from a Kosherdale B movie. But, so many are now saying, "we don't believe it anymore." Worried scientist whores who feed off the sheeple need more fleece, so a good scare to get good funds is sorely needed.

And so, scientists have come up with proof positive that the sea levels are rising. Oh yes ... a few weeks ago (this is written in October 1999) they claimed that the 'Global' (global-globalglobal) sea level has risen by 2mm! That's right 2 millimeters! 2mm is the thickness of the tip of the ball point pen I've written this with; it's the thickness of the blade of a butter knife, or an average sheet of cardboard. Basically, it's pretty thin. I don't know about you but when I look at the sea, I see the waves always going up and down. I would like to know how anyone could possibly tell that there is a 2mm difference!

Certainly satellites can't help give this detailed information, afterall, the best Babylon had on offer could not even find a black jet engine the size of a bus in a field of white snow.

Now scientists have found active volcanoes bursting under the polar ice. This is like God putting a pan of ice on a gas burner. Maybe large ice sheets break off for quite natural reasons like this under-ice heat source; and not by some hokey Kosherdale load of dung like, *the sky's falling*. As it happens, I think its really all very funny.

*"Thus saith the LORD ... I am the LORD ... that*



frustrateth the tokens of the liars ... that turneth wise men backward, and maketh their knowledge foolish." Isa 44:24-25.

Sometimes I turn on the news to see what the Global Turkeys come up with next because we all need a bit of comic relief from time to time. It seems the global turkeys are skunk drunk on Babylonian Wine. Which is a handy cue to tell you about an all new pictorial booklet on "*Babylonian Wine*."

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## "KEEPERS AT HOME"

by Rev William Einwechter

In Titus 2:3-5 the apostle Paul charges the older women in the church to teach the younger women "to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, *keepers at home*, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed." The instruction for women to be "keepers at home" generally has been understood by the church as teaching that the *sphere* of a married women's work is her home. This understanding is reflected by the Puritan commentator Matthew Poole, who interpreted the phrase to mean: "housewives, not spending their time gadding abroad, but in looking to the affairs of their own families."<sup>1</sup> The Christian woman as a housewife, looking diligently to the affairs of her family, was the standard in Puritan New England:

In seventeenth century New England no respectable person questioned that a women's place was in the home. By the laws of Massachusetts as by those of England a married woman could hold no property of her own. When she became a wife, she gave up everything to her husband and devoted herself exclusively to managing the household. Henceforth her duty was to "keep at home, educating her children, keeping and improving what is got by the industry of the man."<sup>2</sup>

However, this view went beyond the Puritans and was the perspective of all branches of the church and a central aspect of Western Christian culture. For example, Lenski, the eminent Lutheran commentator, stated that the phrase "keepers at home" indicates domestic responsibility and that the home is the place of a married women's work; she is a "housekeeper" who dispenses "all good things in this domain."<sup>3</sup>

Nonetheless, in accord with the spirit of our age that looks in disdain upon the notion that the sphere of a married woman's work is her home, many in the church have rejected the earlier consensus understanding of "keepers at home." Instead, to be "keepers at home" is interpreted to mean that a wife and mother is "to be busy at home" (NIV), i.e. she "should not be idle or derelict in fulfilling home duties."<sup>4</sup> In other words, "keepers at home" does not define the married woman's calling or the sphere of her work, but is simply an admonition not to neglect her domestic duties. Therefore, a wife and mother may pursue a career outside the home - as a lawyer, teacher, sales clerk, etc. - as long as she fulfills her responsibilities in the home.

The difference between the traditional interpretation of "keepers at home" and the modern version is considerable. While the traditional interpretation established the home as the sphere of a married woman's work and calling, the modern understanding says that the term does nothing of the kind. While the traditional interpretation defined a married woman's "career" as homemaking, the modern view teaches that a married woman may pursue a career outside of the home as long as she does not neglect homemaking. While the traditional interpretation calls the woman to focus her energy, time, and talents in the home in the service of her family, the modern view says

that she is not so "restricted" and may go outside the home for her employment. Which is the correct understanding? It is our belief that the traditional interpretation is the correct one. We base this opinion on the meaning of the Greek word translated "keepers at home," and on wider Biblical teaching on the roles of the wife and mother.

### The Meaning of "Keepers at Home"

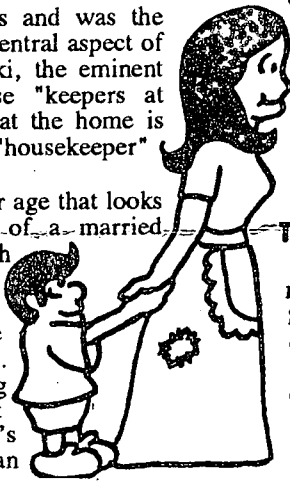
The Greek word translated "keepers at home" is *oikourous*. This word is derived from two Greek words. The first, *oikos*, means a house, a dwelling, or, by metonymy, a household or family. The second, *ouros*, refers to a keeper, watcher or guardian, i.e. one who has the oversight and responsibility for something. Thus, the basic significance of *oikourous* is that of a "housekeeper," that is, one who watches over a household and family, seeing to it that all members are cared for, and all things maintained in good order. *Oikourous* is used only in the New Testament in Titus 2:5; therefore, in seeking to accurately discern its meaning we must look to the Greek literature of the New Testament era. There, the word *oikourous* meant watching or keeping the house. It was employed in reference to a watchdog and to a rooster, but more germane to the context of Titus 2:5, *oikourous* also meant keeping at home, and was employed as a substantive, "housekeeper," to indicate the mistress of the house. Furthermore, it was specifically used in praise of a good wife. Interestingly, *oikourous* is utilised contemptuously of a man who refused to go out to war, designating him a "stay-at-home" man.<sup>5</sup> The verbal form, *oikoureo*, meant to watch or keep the house. It was used of women to indicate those who were at home to watch over the affairs of a household, and of men to designate those who stayed at home to avoid military service.<sup>6</sup> Other closely related words such as 1) *oikourema*, meant keeping the house and staying home, and was used to refer to women as the "stay-at-homes"; 2) *oikouria*, referred to women as those employed in the work of housekeeping; 3) *oikourios*, meant the wages or rewards for the work of keeping the house, but also designated, significantly, keeping children within the doors of the house, i.e. keeping them at home.<sup>7</sup>

On the basis of this word study, it is concluded that *oikourous* was primarily used in the positive sense to indicate both the nature and sphere of a married woman's work; the nature of her work to manage the affairs of her household; and the sphere of her work is the home. It is important to note that *oikourous* and its cognates all included the idea of *staying at home*. Therefore, we believe that the "keepers at home" are those who stay at home for the purpose of managing their households. Paul's admonition is definite: Let the older women teach the younger women to remain within the sphere of their own households so that they might properly attend to their duties of caring for their family and managing its everyday affairs.

### The Biblical Roles of a Wife and Mother

The fact that "keepers at home" refers to the married woman's responsibility to stay at home to care for her family is confirmed when the Biblical teaching on the roles of a wife and mother are considered. Her role is so vital to the well-being of her husband and children, her responsibilities in keeping the home so demanding, that it would not be possible to properly fulfill them unless she devoted herself entirely to them. She cannot do what God has called her to do unless she abides at home.

God assigns three specific roles to the wife and mother. First, she is to be the helper of her husband. "And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him" (Gen 2:18). Here is revealed the primary purpose of the woman in relation to her husband. The Hebrew word "help" (*ezer*) comes from two roots: the first meaning to rescue or save, and the second meaning to be strong. It indicates one who is able (has what it takes) to come to the aid of the man and be his support and help. The word "meet" means corresponding to, suitable, or comparable to. The woman will be man's counterpart equal to him mentally, spiritually, and physically. Note carefully that "meet" is a word of essence or nature, while "help" is a word of function. This



means that in essence the woman is equal to man, but in function she is subordinate to the man - she is to assist and support him in his calling; or, her calling is to help enable him to be successful in his calling. As Calvin states: "Now, since God assigns the woman as a help to the man, he not only prescribes to wives the rule of their vocation, to instruct them in their duty, but he also pronounces that marriage will really prove to men the best support in life. We may therefore conclude, that the order of nature implies that the woman should be the helper of man."<sup>8</sup> Other important Scriptures indicate that the woman was made for the man to be his helper, and that his success in due measure is dependent on her love and support (1 Cor 11:7-9; Tit 2:4; Prov 12:4; 18:22; 31:10-12, 23).

Second, the wife is to bear and nurture the children. The bearing and raising of children is one of the central purposes of marriage (Gen 1:28). By God's creative design, the woman is the primary caregiver for a child; she is called and equipped by him to nurture the life and soul of a child. She was created with the marvellous capacity of conceiving and carrying life within her. After birth, she is prepared by God to nurse the child and provide the tender love and affection the child so greatly needs. In conjunction with her duty to help her husband, the wife has the great privilege and high calling to nurture the children of the marriage. The English word "nurture" is a beautiful word to describe a mother's role. It means to nourish both body and soul. It refers to the tasks of feeding and educating a child.

The Scripture is definite in regard to the motherly responsibilities of the woman. When Paul discusses the qualifications for those widows who will receive support from the church, he gives a list of "good works" that should be present in the report concerning her. The first good work on the list is "if she has brought up children" (1 Tim 5:10). The Greek word translated "brought up" (*tropheo*) is extremely important. It means not only to raise, but also carries with it the idea of personal attendance, that of being with the child to care for and to train. Furthermore, the word "brought up" indicates that the rearing takes place in the home.

The noun form of "brought up", *trophia*, means "brought up in the house, reared at home." In other words, the good work of the widow in view is that she *stayed at home to raise her children!* In Paul's instructions to younger women, he admonishes them to marry and "bear children" (1 Tim 5:14). To "bear children" means to bring them into the world, but also to nurture and train them. In another text, where Paul discusses the public ministry of the church, he says that women are not to teach but be in silence - they can be very disruptive when arguing about matters, which they are not supposed to do. They are to ask their husbands at home. However, he quickly points them to the place of ministry God has called them to - "childbearing" (1 Tim 2:15). This word is a comprehensive term that comprehends all the duties of a mother - physical care, training, etc - and could be translated as "motherhood." Hiebert states:

"Childbearing" denotes the proper sphere in which woman finds the true fulfillment of her destiny. It speaks of the highest ideal of Christian womanhood. It brings out that which is noblest and best within her being. Paul's thought naturally includes the training of children in a Christian home. It stands in opposition to the sphere of public teaching closed to her.<sup>9</sup>

The motherly nurture of children in their physical and spiritual development is of utmost importance to the kingdom of God. The next generation of God's servants is largely in her hands. If she is faithful in fulfilling her calling, God will highly honour her, and she shall be counted as one of the true heroines of the Faith.

Third, the wife is to manage the home. In Paul's charge to the younger women, he exhorts them to "marry, bear children, guide the house ... " (1 Tim 5:14). The verb "guide"

(*oikodespotein*) is an expressive term meaning to *rule* the household, to *manage* family affairs. It indicates that the sphere of a woman's authority is the home (as opposed to the spheres of church and state) (a sorry state to see even in "Identity" circles in America - women pastors!). Furthermore, "guide" is a present infinitive indicating that managing the home is the wife's constant occupation, her full-time job. In the Biblical description of the virtuous woman, we are told that "she looketh well to the ways of her household" (Prov 31:27), meaning that she is a wise and diligent manager, supervising all aspects of family life. Additionally, the Scripture says that through her skill as a manager a wise woman secures the well-being of her household, while a foolish woman neglects her managerial responsibilities and her house comes to ruin. (Prov 14:1).

Thus the roles assigned to the married woman by God confirms that "keepers at home" refers to those who remain at home so that they might properly attend to their duties of caring for their family and managing its everyday affairs. When her duties are understood in all their scope and significance, it becomes clear that only by being "keepers at home" can a wife and mother fulfill her high calling from God to be a helper to her husband, a mother to his children, and a manager of his household.

## What About the Virtuous Woman?

A common objection to the interpretation to confine her work, her "career," to that of the home, is that the virtuous woman of Proverbs 31 did not so confine herself. We are told that she was a "business woman" engaged in pursuits beyond the sphere of her own household, thus justifying the claim that a wife and mother is free to pursue employment and a career outside of the home. But the picture of Proverbs 31 is that of a woman managing her own household, not of a woman leaving the home for employment elsewhere. Actually, the portrayal of the virtuous woman provides strong support for the traditional interpretation of "keepers at home." She is a wise manager of

the resources her husband commits to her care (vv 14, 16, 24). She is a true helper to her husband enabling him to rise to prominence (v 11, 12, 23). She cares for the needs of her children and husband, assuring that they are well fed and well clothed (v 15, 21).<sup>10</sup> She even engages in "cottage industry" by using any available time and strength to make fine linnen and sashes to be sold to the merchants.<sup>11</sup>

## Conclusion

May God be pleased to restore to the church the proper understanding of "keepers at home" so that the Christian family and the Christian church might once again benefit from having the wife and mother in the home filling it with her presence, love, care, and wisdom. We often speak of the home as being the foundational unit of both church and state. We often say, "As goes the family, so goes all else." So let us give it the priority it deserves, and return the wife to her indispensable role of helping her husband, nurturing her children, and managing her household. We know that a well-ordered home is one of life's greatest treasures. So let us act accordingly, and return the jewel that truly makes the home a treasure. Let us obey God's Law when he commands the wife and mother to stay at home so that she can properly care for her family and manage her household. Let us give honor to "keepers at home" for to such much honour is due. Our hope for the future of the church and society rests, in large measure, with the virtuous women who are "keepers at home."

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11. But she herself is *not* a merchant moving in the marketplace. She is a woman working out of her home under the authority of her husband (not some other man!) to provide extra income for the family as she is able. ■

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## The Last Days, the Age to Come, & Prophecy

by Peter J. Peters

As this millenium draws to a close, two distinct groups of people are looking ahead. One group sees in the future a new age. The other group sees in the future the last days of the present age. Those of the first group call themselves "new agers;" they exhibit hope and anticipation regarding the future. Those of the other group call themselves Christians; they exhibit despair and fear concerning the future, thinking that the end of the world is near. Which group is right? Does the future hold a new age? or the last days?

The situation is like a glass partially filled with water. Is the glass half full? or is it half empty? The answer is, that is *both*. So it is with the near future: we are rapidly approaching the last days of the present age, as well as the beginning of a new age. Four years ago, this preacher delivered a nine-part series of messages entitled "*The Last Days*." In the series I show the Bible meaning of the phrase, "the last days." Contrary to common notion, the phrase refers to the end of an *age* - not to the end of the *world*. In that series I pointed out two important facts:

**Fact No 1 - The last days were in progress nearly 2000 years ago.** In Hebrews 1:1-2 (KJV), we read, "God who at sundry times and in diverse manners spoke in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son ..." We see that the writer of the epistle to the Hebrews considered his own day to be the "last days." Likewise, from Acts 2:14-17, it is clear that the apostle Peter considered his own day to be the "last days." "But Peter, taking his stand with the eleven, raised his voice and declared to them: 'Men of Judea, and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give heed to my words. For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day; but this is what was spoken of through the prophet Joel; And it shall be in the last days, God says, that I will pour forth of My Spirit upon all mankind; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.'" (NASB)

The "last days" in which the apostles and the early church lived were the last days of Jerusalem. The destruction of the city ended the age which to which belongs the Levitical priesthood and temple sacrifices - an age called in Scripture the "consummation of the ages," (Heb 9:26-NASB). Moses likewise lived in a period which could be termed "last days." They were the last days of Pharaoh's Egyptian Empire, and the last days for innumerable first-born Egyptian male children (however, today's churchianity crowd, and the do-gooders would do everything to save the Egyptians and their children).

**Fact No 2 - In the last days of the apostles, the last days were still in the future.** The apostle Paul writes to Timothy, "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall

come," (2 Tim 3:1 -KJV). Peter likewise writes, "knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers walking after their own lusts," (2 Pet 3:3 - KJV).

### Prophecy for the Last Days and for the Age to Come

To properly understand prophecy, one must understand the time, the place, and the people to which the prophecy applies. Take, for example, the prophecy found in Jonah 3:4, "Yet forty days and Nineveh will be overthrown." Here, the time is forty days from the day the prophecy was uttered; the place is Nineveh; and the people are the Ninevites.

Today, the study of prophecy is a big fad in Christian circles. But it is also a big farce, because most prophecy teachers are in error concerning the place and the people. These teachers take the people who today call themselves "Jews," speak of them as "God's chosen people," and try to apply to them the prophecies concerning Israel. But these are the people described in Revelation 2:9 and 3:9, and the prophecies regarding Israel do NOT apply to them! Next, the teachers take the God-forsaken place called old Jerusalem and try to apply to it the prophecies concerning Israel.

These teachers do not understand who the true Covenant People of Scripture are, nor do they understand that the old Jerusalem is not the new JerUSAlem. The new JerUSAlem is described in the second chapter of Zechariah as an immense land - so large that it took an angelic being to measure it. The new JerUSAlem is described as a land full of unwallled villages, with a multitude of men and cattle in it.

Let's consider the time factor of prophecy. Hebrews 6:5 speaks of one age and the beginning of another age, it stands to reason that there are prophecies for each age. 2 Timothy 3:1-7 is a prophecy describing the nature of people in the "last days." (Read the passage and you'll see that it describes the nature of people today). James 5:1-4 is a "last days" prophecy describing an economic collapse in which the super-wealthy are destroyed economically. 2 Peter 3:3-7 is a "last days" prophecy which warns that God will judge and destroy ungodly men.

The parable of the tares and wheat is a new-age prophecy which shows plainly that the present age is not the last days for true Christian people, but, rather, for the wicked (their time is short). "Therefore, just as the tares are gathered up and burned with fire, so shall it be at the end of the age. The son of man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks and those who commit lawlessness, and will cast them into a furnace of fire; in that place there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the Kingdom of their Father,"  
Matthew 13:24-30 & 37-43.

One reason that the truth concerning the last days and the new age has been missed is a regrettable translation in the King James Version. For some reason, the King James translators translated the Greek word *aion* as "world" instead of "age." Consider for example, 1 Cor 10:11. In the New American Standard translation, the passage reads, "Now these things happened unto them by way of example and they were written for our admonition upon whom the end of the ages are come." In the KJ translation, the last phrase reads, "upon whom the ends of the world are come." According to Holman's Exhaustive Concordance, the Greek word *aion* means "continued duration, a space of time, an age." The near future is going to be SOMEBODY'S last days, but it doesn't have to be YOUR last days.

What Babylonian babble and confusion exists in the present day! While singing "Victory in Jesus," Christians are expecting the wicked to triumph and bring about a godless one-world government. In the new-age movement, everyone gets to be god - everyone *except* Jesus Christ.

If you are a pendulum-swinging, crystal-staring, UFO-expecting, "new ager," looking forward to the next millenium, you are in for a big disappointment. In reality, you are a "last-dayer" who will never see the coming age. You are a godless lot because you are Christless; you are deceived and damned sinners. No one comes to God *except* through Jesus Christ, John 14:16. Unless you repent (Acts 2) you will perish in the last days of this age.



Christians, on the other hand, need to become determined to be new-agers - that is, to live through the end of the present age and into the beginning of the next age. For this to happen, there are certain things which they must do. In the days of Moses, it was necessary for the children of Israel to put the blood of the lamb on the door posts in order to survive the last days of Pharaoh's Egyptian empire and enter into the next age. (I suggest you order and listen to my recent, seven-part tape series on "Computer Reprogramming." Those of you on our tape ministry will soon be learning how that is done today).

Many will not survive the coming last days. The Babylonian system itself will not survive. Many sense that a destruction of some type is near. What they sense is what has been prophesied in the book of Hebrews: "See to it that you do not refuse Him who is speaking. For if those did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less shall we escape who turn away from Him who warns from heaven. And His voice shook the earth then, but now He has promised saying, 'Yet once more I will shake not only the earth, but also the heaven.' And this expression, 'Yet once more,' denotes the removing of those things which can be shaken, as of created things, in order that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe; for our God is a consuming fire."

Heb 12:25-29.

There will be an end to public schools, but there is a future for education. There will be an end to socialized medicine, but there is a future for health. There will be an end to the womens' liberation movement, but there is a future for Christian womanhood. There will be an end to the bashing and emasculation of white males, but there is a future for white, Christian males. There will be an end to Babylon, but there is a future for the kingdom of God.

"But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up. Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, on account of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat! But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells,"

2 Peter 3:10-13.

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We, too, of this generation live in "last days" - the end of an old age and the beginning of a new age. Hebrews 6:5 speaks of an "age to come." □

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### Things NOT Learned From Books by Jacob T. Brubaker

Books have filled an important place in the lives of many in the past, and they continue to fill an important place, especially in our school program. Why then would we look at a subject entitled, "Things Not Learned From Books"?

The fact remains that many things are being learned, the basis for which is not found in books. The dictionary suggests three ways by which learning takes place: through study, from instruction, and by experience. Study includes systematic exploration coupled with meditation. Instruction can be transmitted vocally or without a sound. And experience is the method referred to as trial and error. Therefore we concede that learning is more than an accumulation of facts in the mind. It is making those facts an integral part of the individual. Then too

we recognize the high percentage of concepts that we possess which have subconsciously become a part of us through circumstantial influence or the example of others.

We are not suggesting that there are some subjects or issues that have not yet been written about. Neither are we intimating that the Book of books has some important information missing. Rather, we want to notice some solid principles for success and happiness that are not a part of the basic school curriculum.

### Cooperation

Everyone can fancy a school setting where all involved work well together, where each complements rather than contradicts the other. Yet how many of our natures are so finely polished that a cooperative spirit has become native to our experience?

Parents who reflect against a teacher - or a teacher who disregards board counsel - will likely produce children who are lacking in this quality as well. At the core of this important virtue lies a humble spirit. Humility is the Christian grace that produces fertile soil for a cooperative seedbed. Add the seeds of principled ethics, unselfishness, and communication, and you are well on the way to establishing what everyone desires.

A practical pointer for enhancing a cooperative spirit is to consider each potential issue for disagreement from the opponent's viewpoint. In the classroom, cooperation can be encouraged by blending the strengths and weaknesses of the students together to complement the whole. "Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility; for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble" (1 Pet 5:5)

### Self-control

This virtue is manifest in both speech and action and obviously overshadows many of the other virtues under consideration. The rigours of responsibility and the pressures of duty frequently stir our feelings. Add to that the weakness of humanity, and you have prime conditions for a lack of self-control. Parents may well be acquainted with the discipline needed to rise early enough so that morning activities are finished in time for a timely arrival at school. Teachers may face the challenge of retaining a calm spirit in times of frustration.

Students may reveal their deficiency when winning the game takes precedence over showing moral respect for fellow students. A well-disciplined individual is one who thinks before he speaks or acts and who displays a well-mannered disposition. Expressions such as "Thank you," "Excuse me," "Pardon me," and "I'm sorry" are not merely expressions of refined feminine qualities; rather, this mannerliness should be exemplified by all. "He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city" (Prov 16:32).

### Motivation

Motivation is that propelling force or drive which puts enthusiasm into duty. Most parents and teachers have at one time or another pondered the problem of how to enter into their work with zeal.

One of the greatest deterrents to motivation may be a lack of it in the one who is to be the motivator. It becomes very difficult to inspire if the one in charge lacks inspiration. Following are a few possible stimulants for motivation:

1. Help children to gain a vision of the finished product.
2. Motivate a student who struggles with one subject by giving him the prospect of a more enjoyable subject when the difficult one is finished.
3. Assign responsibility according to ability. A child who gains the impression that you enjoy seeing him struggle under duty will soon lose his motivation.
4. Use incentives at times to a good advantage.

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5. Employ the prospect of consequence at times, to motivate delinquent children to finish in a more timely manner.

Solomon wisely gives this advice: "Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise" (Prov 6:6).

### **Contentment**

In today's world of greed and gripe, contented children truly stand as a testimony to godliness.

Contentment is best taught by example. Complaints about too much rain, illflavoured food, or simply life's circumstances as they come to us will hardly implant genuine contentment in the rising generation.

Contentment, however, is not complacency that never seeks improvement. Rather, it looks for ways to turn the perceived stumbling blocks into stepping stones for the benefit of another. Since contentment thrives on giving thanks and expressing appreciation, home and school meetings provide an excellent opportunity to communicate sincere expressions of gratefulness and encouragement. The Apostle Paul's personal testimony was, "I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." (Philippians 4:11).

### **Dependability**

Dependability is that quality of life that marks one as being trustworthy and successful, and certainly stands in contrast to the irresponsibility of many of society's youth. Consider David, the shepherd boy. His father trusted him fully with the sheep, and it is easy to see that his faithfulness in small and unnoticed duties prepared him for greater service in time to come.

Children who are permitted to carelessly idle away time will hardly develop into dependable adults. While we recognize that abilities vary, the virtue of diligence should be evident in every child. Learning to follow clear directions is another necessary ingredient for developing dependability.

We also need to instill the satisfaction of seeing a project through to a satisfactory conclusion. Too many projects started and never completed will produce a negative effect. Titus was encouraged to "exhort servants to be obedient unto their own masters, and to please them well in all things; not answering them again" (Titus 2:9). Is there not a very real sense in which we are all servants answerable to each other?

### **Concentration**

Concentration is the ability to discipline the mind to form conclusive thoughts when nature wants to pursue a less strenuous activity. Most teachers can identify this character weakness, if not in themselves, in one of their students.

Parents are responsible to see that their child receives a sufficient amount of rest. A tired body militates against productive study. A teacher can initiate study by stating directions clearly and concisely. He should make eye contact with the daydreamer, or ask the listless student to repeat the directions.

As children develop, parents especially should be alert for opportunities to initiate creativity and delegate responsibility. Children many times can surprise you with their ability when they are made responsible for a specific project. Memorization stimulates concentration, as does notetaking in worship services. "Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all" (1 Tim 4:15). This admonition is given in the context of spiritual interest, but the principle also applies to the natural.

### **Perseverance**

One who is seeking for an easy life will be a poor candidate for perseverance because this is that quality of life that enables him to continue on day after day, week after week, year after year.

Perseverance enables a person to labor sacrificially without praise or recognition. A teacher whose enthusiasm wanes himself of the God-given blessing for sacrificial service. Perseverance helps the individual to focus on his duty for the day, rather than upon some threatening obstacle or an unknown future.

The apostle Paul, near the close of his life, said, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." Having faithfully persevered, he was waiting for the

reward of the faithful.

These seven qualities are essential to noble character. Although not learned from books, these lessons should be woven into the fabric of daily life at school and at home. Let us as parents and teachers be worthy examples. Let us be actively involved in helping our children learn these basic lessons. ■

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## **THE FAMILY**

by R.J. Rushdoony

In the twentieth century, we have seen three new observance days added to the Christian calendar: Mothers Day, Fathers Day, and, to a lesser degree, Childrens Day. These days are not without good reason. However, in the earlier years of this century, some opposed all three as non-Biblical. Their position was that these observances were non-Biblical and too individualistic, that a better vein would be the family.

Scripture has much to say about the Biblical family. At least three of the Ten Commandments protect it: Honor thy father and thy mother; thou shalt not commit adultery; thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife. Biblical law requires the dowry, a sizeable amount, as the wife's protection against abandonment. This protected the girls in a family, in that the bridegroom had to accumulate considerable wealth before marrying to provide a dowry. Godly sons were protected by an inheritance; the oldest godly son received a double portion to enable him to care for his parents; lacking sons, daughters could inherit a man's assets.

This system protected Israelite families over the centuries when they were without a state or a church. It is needed now to advance Christian civilization. Since the family is the focus of three of the Ten Commandments, it seems strange that it is so much neglected in preaching and teaching. Strong Christian families make for not only a strong church/community but also a strong civilization. Some scholars have called attention to the fact that at times not only has the church been anti-family, but especially the state has been so as well.

If we want to honor mothers, we need to begin by honoring the family as required by God. The family under God is a very great blessing. It is a testing ground for our faith, as well as the locale of true happiness. The family is not a rival to the church, but a basic aspect of its life and work.

God's Law indeed requires that mothers be honoured, but they are best honoured when we heed and obey all of God's Law, in particular his laws concerning parents and the family. Families are a key aspect of God's creation plan and purpose, and we honor God when we honor his law and his ordained order. Mothers and fathers are clearly a part of his order. ■

And so we come to the last newsletter for this year, which some see as the end of the millenium. We appreciated our visitors which included guests from New Zealand, Arnold Kennedy, the author of many articles and his wife, who came and spent a week here with us. We hope they had an enjoyable time and a safe journey.

Please note the dates for the Camp 2000 - part of the theme for which will be Psalm 99 and Psalm 100 - as this will in part be a combination of the two. God willing, the camp will run from Friday 21 April 2000 to Thursday 28 April with the wedding of Ralph and Anita taking place on Friday 29th April.

Hopefully, the fact that this weekend includes 3 public holidays will help enable more people to come. Although you may have to book transport early, as it gets busy at that time of year. I know a number of people couldn't make it in December - so we hope that this change of time will make it more possible for you to come. Send your registration in early - \$20 for individuals or \$30 per family - bring your Bibles and your swimming togs!

If you have children, of whatever age, we recommend that you get Jonathan Lindvall's tapes and slowly work your way through all of them!! Ask for a catalog of tapes if you don't have one (AD1998 edition). If you are not listening to these tapes, you are depriving yourself of much Scriptural understanding. Your continued prayers and support are most appreciated. May God bless and keep you safe,

