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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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### FALL OF THE ANGELIC ESTATE

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(lessons from the book of Jude)

Thesis topic: Correctly identifying the "angels which kept not their first estate" (Jude 1:6).

What saith the Scriptures about past recorded events concerning the nation of our Saxon Israel ancestors? 1 Corinthians 10:11 "Now all these things happened to them for examples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come." (Revised Webster Translation, 1995). Yes, the Bible stands by the tried and true maxim - "Learn from your mistakes - and repent." In hindsight, as a people we could have done a better job. However, it is not too late for a remnant of a faithful few to learn what the various churches have failed to teach. One such lesson of admonition for our benefit that needs a more accurate review is contained in the Book of Jude. How does Jude apply to our national situation today? One thing is for sure - it certainly is not about "devils and angels" as viewed from the entrenched doctrinal beliefs of traditional denominationalism. Since the vast majority of clergy have utterly failed to realize that Christ's Kingdom is about government and not about "religion" (as we see it today), church doctrines have completely missed the boat with respect to the Book of Jude. Accordingly, the incorrect and quite emotional belief that "fallen angels" are invisible demonic beings has done our family of Saxon people, who have a covenant (agreement) with God Almighty for righteous government, exceedingly great harm concerning our national situation in failing to grasp the mistakes of our past ancestors as recorded in the Scriptures.

In becoming subservient to the modern corrupt unlawful and adulterated Constitutional *State* of government and how we perceive that *State* today, we have lost what both the Scriptures have taught about our "Estate," as well as the fact that the law in America under the 1787 original Constitution viewed a true "State" as an "Estate" in terms of its proper meaning. The War of Northern Aggression in 1861 (the 'Civil War') forever changed the meaning of a "State" in America, but we will leave those details for another essay. Suffice it to say that up until that War, the USA States fell under the category of divinely recognized "Estates" ultimately given to us as Christian heirs of our Father in Heaven.

The importance of knowing about our *lawful* Commonwealth 1787 Constitutional *States*, their long lost connection to the Saxon Scriptural word "Estate," and the famous "Angel Estate lost" mentioned in the Book of Jude, is an understanding that has sadly been deleted from white racial Christian history. This Scriptural/governmental topic is worthy of truthful investigation and study, considering that we have all but lost our nation today. Sometimes the distant past reveals timely solutions for today.

Rebellion and insubordination by high-minded men

and women against God's chosen leaders of the Scriptures is an evil within the land that has plagued Saxon Israel since before the days of Moses. King David had also referred to this problem of contention in 2 Samuel 22:44 as "the strivings of the people." There will always be malcontents that will complain excessively about everything, and cause division within the faithful "body of Christ," just as was the case within the "body of Moses," that is "those who followed Moses." Moses and Aaron dealt with egocentric trouble-makers, David dealt with them; Solomon dealt with the same problem. Pastors in modern assemblies deal with it, and the first century Ecclesia (Greek for 'church' but means 'assembly') during the time of the writing of the New Testament most certainly had its share of having to contend with those teaching a false gospel.

What does this have to do with 'devils' and 'demons' and 'fallen angels'? There is a section in the New Testament concerning rebels, false teachers, and malcontents within Israel which was written as a reminder to help us avoid national problems which earlier cropped up in the days of our Saxon ancestors when they were first set up by God as a nation under the leadership of Moses. Learning from past experiences of national problems within society can be a great benefit so that we don't repeat old mistakes.

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but there is one particular Scripture message which has been derailed by a “spiritist occult slant” that totally negates its true message concerning agitators within the body of believers. I am referring to the book of Jude and its oft misquoted source of false teachings that have been force-fed to Christians to convince church-goers that “The Devil” argued with “Michael” the archangel over the dead body of Moses. Thereby this interpretation of Jude is used to claim a “proof” of the literal Fallen Angel Devil doctrine presented as Christian teaching by a great number of clergy. From thence it is further taught that our utmost social problems are caused by a supposed “Fallen Wicked Angel Being” named ‘Satan,’ and not by the failure of our duty to uphold God’s righteous laws for our families and nation.

Jude has but one chapter, and we’ll start with verse 9, in order to point out the controversy we shall unravel in this essay.

**“Yet Michael the Archangel when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, the Lord rebuke thee.”** (Jude 1:9).

Now, from this, we find many ‘spiritists’ who isolate that verse and quickly conclude that a heavenly angel named Michael had a vehement argument with Satan the devil about what was going to happen to the dead body of Moses. However, this is not what the Book of Jude is telling us at all.

If, as the literal Satan/Devil doctrine assumes, this is talking about Moses having died and it is thus about his corpse, what use would his rotting carcass be to Satan anyhow? Did Satan want to get inside of it and possess it for some strange reason, or take it somewhere, or abuse it in some manner of necrophilism?—all wild speculations aside, we are simply *never told in Jude* what ‘Satan’ wanted to do with Moses’ dead body. But nobody seems to ever ask this question. On the contrary, this is just more irrational confusion being spun into a Bible chapter that makes a mockery of God’s real and very important national message to His people of Saxon Israel.

Regretfully, in nearly every denominational church, Jude 9 has been interpreted with an automatic mental bias toward ‘spiritism’ and its promotion of invisible ghosts roaming the Earth to do wickedness. (For the record — ‘spiritism’ is not the same as being spiritual which primarily denotes divine obedience). This New Testament book says nothing so off-the-wall as the constant blathering from the pulpits which has been driven into the psyche of numerous congregations concerning this matter. This section of God’s Word is about regular mortal people who have a horribly rebellious attitude, and are always complaining about our God’s chosen leaders. We are warned that these rebellious people bring in false doctrines and attempt to undermine the leadership of the congregation and nation, and ultimately cause much harm to the Faith (showing division and not unity to outsiders, which does not glorify God).

Verse 8 tells us that the scope of this message is to those who defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities. So-called ‘spirit beings’ if they existed, would not have flesh to defile to begin with. We will have to dig into a chapter in the book of Numbers for some

applicable spiritual gems in order to comprehend what verse 9 of Jude is about. First, let’s back up and start from the beginning of Jude.

*“Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified (means “set apart”) by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called: Mercy unto you, and peace and love, be multiplied. Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. For there are **certain men** who crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, **ungodly men**, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and the Lord Jesus (the) Christ.” vs 1-4.*

What is the focal point of Jude’s statement? He is commenting on those certain men who entered the body of Christian believers and were teaching false and erroneous things about the grace of God Almighty. They turned the “grace of God into lasciviousness;” that is, immorality.

That particular teaching declares and upholds the doctrine of men who teach that once we are under the grace of Jesus Christ, we can do what we want without regard to the Old Testament Laws, Statutes, Judgments, and Commandments. In other words, they are claiming grace over Law as an excuse to ignore the Laws of Yahweh God Almighty! Transgression of God’s Law is sin (1 John 3:4) and these sort justify sinning in the name of “grace.”

That same doctrine of men is alive and well in the swelling ranks of “lawless” Christendom even today, though Jude, as well as Paul, and the other faithful teachers, gave us stern warnings of this kind of doctrinal misleading and lawlessness. Christians are taught from nearly every pulpit in America that they merely have to “*accept Christ, then don’t worry about God’s Laws any more, because they no longer apply.*” They are told that they can do whatever they feel is right in their hearts without searching the Scriptures as we are commanded to

do in order to be learning and obeying the laws of the Almighty. Jude tells us plainly that this misinformed viewpoint about grace is tantamount to the denial of Christ, and that those who teach this doctrine are ungodly men, being already condemned.

*“I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not. And the angels (“messengers, envoy, pastor” - Greek=’aggelos’ Strongs #32) which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, He hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.” - vs 5-6.*

So Jude is reminding Christians that God saved the entire house of Israel from bondage to the Egyptians, but, afterward they turned against him, and not a single one of that generation noted in Exodus was allowed to enter the Promised Land, except Joshua and Caleb, who diligently followed after Yahweh, the Everliving. Our unfaithful Israelite ancestors all died in the wilderness. (only the generation, born in the wilderness which had never known Egypt,

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In effect, Jude is saying to us (paraphrased) *“just because you have discovered that God has presented you with salvation and you have accepted that fact, doesn't mean that you can't indulge yourself in false doctrines and the lasciviousness of “grace over law,” and expect to escape the judgment of the Living God.”*

**The entire theme of Jude is comparing old Israel to the new church properly called the “ecclesia” in first century Greek. Both these “bodies” being governmental and jurisdictional, and not esoteric spiritist.**

Verses 5 & 6 are about Israel (at that time God's “angels”) coming out of Egypt, dying in the wilderness because of their disobedience to God's Laws, and are now dead, bound fast by the *chains of death*, under the darkness of the eternal judgment, which is death as per Romans 6:23 *“for the wages of sin is death.”* (only remedied in Jesus Christ by the hope of resurrection). Their souls (also misunderstood) are not in some underground spirit holding pen, or in a nether world under the ground somewhere being roasted over a Roman Catholic never-ending fire.

If this verse refers to some heavenly rebellious angels who revolted with a so-called “chief bad angel,” and they are now loose on the earth as demon spirits who possess people, how do we rectify the fact that the Scriptures say here that these “fallen angels” are somewhere securely bound by God's great power in *‘everlasting chains under darkness’*? If they are “chained” by the Almighty, which is a fairly descriptive term, and held there in darkness, how can these demonic fallen angels bother you anyway? The only thing anyone could (mis) interpret from this verse is, that he might have to worry about the big one, the Satan of church doctrine; but at least all his demon devil angels are held captive chained up somewhere in a dark place, so they could not possibly pose a threat to anyone today. Yet at the same time, the spiritists in the pulpits tell their followers repeatedly that the demons *do* bother us all extensively by “demon possession” of our bodies or by causing other troubles. Which is it? Are supposed demons held captive by the chains of God Almighty, or are they loose to roam the earth, having somehow overpowered God's will and the statements of His Scriptures?

The whole idea of demons and what has been fantastically hypothesized in Jude 6 has no place in the light of the Gospel. True to God's Word, vs 6 is *still in the context of the same subject matter* being discussed by Jude, and it refers to national Israel so that we may learn today. It is not talking about demon beings.

*“And the angels (“messengers, envoy, pastors” - Greek ‘ang-e-los,’) which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, He hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.”* (vs 6)

The term “angels” has been a stumbling block to many Christians as well. “Angel” is the Hebrew word “Malak,” and in the Greek it is “angelos,” both words meaning “messenger,” or “ambassador.” [There apparently may be a certain race of beings that are from beyond this Earth/time, which beings however still have a “created” physical-bodied life form, and whom God sends as servants to do His will and purpose on rare occasions. These “angel people” have been used by God at times as His “personal messengers” to men. They appeared to the shepherds in the hills when Jesus was born. They appeared to Gideon and Lot. Two of them brought a shocking and stern “message” to the

perverted men of Sodom and Gomorrah, and the fire of that message still burns brightly today!]

These “angels” can be touched and felt, they can be seen and heard, and they even eat food and drink liquids. They are not disembodied spirit beings that travel as invisible wind or a radio wave, since that is not how the Creator has made viable life forms in this universe. The Scriptures are clear on these points. The topic of who the “angel men” are makes for a separate very interesting study. They are “messengers” and they are solid bodied. Their appearance is quite infrequent, with God's “angels” in the Scriptures usually referring to “men messengers” within our own family of people.

Strong's Hebrew Dictionary lists “angel” or messenger in the Hebrew Concordance at reference # 4397 as ‘Malak.’ It gives the definition *as “an unused root,” to dispatch as a deputy, a messenger, especially of God, that is an angel; also a prophet, priest, or teacher, ambassador, angel, king, messenger.*

The same meaning is given to “angelos” in the Greek New Testament. The terms “angels” and “messengers” are given the same meanings in the New Testament, and they are used interchangeably in the Scriptures. They can mean anything from preachers and teachers to prophets, to the angel race with bodies, of men ambassadors, to pastors, or the various assemblies of believers themselves.

Genesis 32:3 tells us that Jacob sent his “Malaks,” *his men ambassadors, his ‘angels’* to meet his brother Esau; and these ‘angels’ were mortal men. *Joshua sent messengers, ‘angels,’ Malaks,* into the tent of Achan in Joshua 7:22. The king of Tyre *sent his Malaks, men angels* to David to deliver lumber in 1 Chronicles 14:1. The disciples of John the Baptist were called his angelos, his messengers or angels, in Luke 7:19, 24. The men of Israel that visited Rahab the harlot were called messengers, angels, in James 2:25, and they were spies who were men, and not spirit beings.

Continuing on in Jude, we can now demystify the superstitious occult English mistranslation of vs 6, which is nothing more than an inaccurate opinion inserted by “spiritists” in the middle ages. Those translators then believed in ghosts, spirits, demons, devils, and fallen angels. **These angels, or messengers in vs 6 are in reality men of Israel, eventually becoming the servant nation of God Almighty as set up by Moses.**

Vs 5: *“I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not. (vs 6) And the angels (“messengers, envoy” Strong's #32) which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, He hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.”*

Verses 5 and 6 refer to the same people—the nation of Israel, and it is a continual warning. Jude continues on with his discourse, testifying that Israel was to be the keeper and holder of the Words of God, which they received at Mount Sinai. In the KJV, it says that these angels, more precisely *messenger ambassadors* of the Lord God, eventually lost their first estate. The Ferrar Fenton translation says that they *“did not guard their own dominion.”* The Concordant Literal New Testament reads they were *“messengers who keep not their own sovereignty.”*

The message to the nations of our people here in vs 6 is an everlasting memory; namely that God Almighty declares to Israel. “If you violate My Laws after I set you

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on high, you will lose your kingdom.” This theme is well known and repeatedly expressed throughout the entire Bible. Scripturally, the Saxon divine jurisdictional kingdom government is an “Estate.”

This understanding in definitions held firm until relatively modern times. When the original Constitution of the United States of America as written in 1787 the Saxon law at that time did not view an American “State” as we view the present corporate US States of today. The original USA States were, by law, Christian Commonwealth Estates which the Founders realized were bequeathed land areas given by gift of God, and the people (the body of Christians) were the heirs of their Heavenly Father, which “family trust” (The original Constitution) was only for “the posterity” of racial descendants to administer the Estate bequeathed to them in the Preamble.

This true American law is grounded firmly upon the Lord’s Scriptural laws of descent and distribution. Constitutional “States” then actually meant Estates with the root meaning based in Scripture. Note the lawful American meaning of the word “Estate” in 1828. Unfortunately “Estate” became abbreviated to “State” and we lost the lawful intent of a real Constitutional State.

Webster’s 1828 Dictionary definition of “Estate.” - 6. “The general business or interest of government; hence, a political body, a commonwealth; a republic. But in this sense, we now use State.”

Verse 6 of Jude tells us that these ambassadors of God, national Israel, left their own habitation, which happens to be the Greek word “oiketerion,” and it literally means “houses.” Why did God’s men angel messengers of national Israel at that time leave their first habitation, *their houses*? Why did they lose their sovereignty, their first estate (body politic) of national Israel first set up by Moses?

The Scriptures explain that they sinned and turned away from the Everliving God. They entered into idolatry, resulting in their captivity by Babylon and Assyria. The Scriptures emphatically teach that the term used here, “*restraint of darkness*,” is the judgment of the Lord God Almighty upon “*men*,” (and not upon non-existent spirit floating beings) for their disobedience of His good Laws for the nation and family, His Kingdom Government- - the Estate He has given us.

Notice Psalm 107 which tells us that it is rebellious people among Saxon Israel who are held in bands of darkness, and not some evil demonic spirits that are trapped by God in some nether world under the earth (but have somehow gotten out).

“*O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: His mercy endureth forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy.*” (Ps 107:1-2).

So we see the obvious, that these inspired words are the testimony of men concerning themselves, and how their God has redeemed them from the hands of their enemies. It is not talking about some disembodied spirit beings, or fallen angels.

“*And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south. And they wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way; they found no city to dwell in. Hungry and thirsty, their souls fainted in them. Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and He delivered them out of their distresses. And He led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city*

*of habitation. Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men! For He satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness. Such as sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, being bound in affliction and iron;* [There are the ‘darkness and chains.’ Here we see the shadow of death and the bondage of affliction due to the loss of a sovereign nation. Why did this happen? Verse 4 11 tells us why). *Because they rebelled against the words of God, and contemned the counsel of the Most High.*” (Psalm 107:3-11).

Heavenly angels? Fallen angels here? Not so. This is about men of the first kingdom of Israel, THEIR FIRST ESTATE, who continually violated his Laws and turned away from the Lord God Almighty. We know the story of what happened. God raised up Assyria and Babylon who took the Israelites out of their habitation and placed them into a captive sentence of endless gloom and labour and loss of their sovereignty and freedom.

In fact, Jude vs 6 says they were in chains of darkness, and that word for darkness is specifically the word “*gloom*” in the Greek language in which Jude wrote. It is the word “*zophos*” in Strong’s Greek Dictionary #2217. It is not a word primarily used to mean “absence of light.” There is no more gloom and darkness in one’s life, than the loss of their freedom and liberty.

“*Therefore He brought down their heart with labour; they fell down, and there was none to help.* [But, eventually comes a “conditional” reprieve; if only when we “repent” God

will bring us out of the darkness of any current captivity] *Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and He saved them out of their distresses He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and brake their bands in sunder.*” (Psalm 107:12-14).

The story that when God’s written Word tells is that the first inhabitants of national Israel did not repent, and they fell under judgment. Therefore, their story is **an everlasting example** to us as Jude tells us in verse 6. Their acts of rebellion and the judgment that followed became immortalized in their everlasting darkness according to Scripture poetic terminology. They never repented to come back into the light; they died in their sins of rebellion, and were forbidden entry into the promised land. Later, those of this first nation estate fell to the darkness of the Assyrian and Babylonian captivity. Much later at another time, under Ezra and Nehemiah, certain of Judah did repent, and they were allowed to return to Jerusalem.

“*O that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! For He hath broken the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron in sunder.*” (Ps 107:15-16).

The Psalmist tells us here that our own people were the rebellious “angels” against the Lord, these the men and women of Israel, who were put in bondage of darkness, and it was on the Earth that this happened, because of their disobedience.

In fact, those who keep the Laws of the Lord are called his “angels” in Malachi 2:7. It reads: “*For the priests lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the Law at his mouth, for he is the “Malak,” (the angel, or messenger) of the Lord of hosts.*” This is the very same illustration that Jude is giving to “believing” Christians. He is “warning” the flock that they better remember what happened to the “congregation” of Israel, the “**body**” of Moses, the ambassadors of God who lost their houses, or their “habitation,” through their own disobedience. They were cast down to

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suffer the darkness and the gloom of captivity and cruel and endless servile labour to an unmerciful captor. Jude is very specific that this was due to certain MEN turning the grace of God into lasciviousness, and we are to be wary of them, and guard against their poisons of man-made doctrines, and false superstitious religion, so that we don't suffer the same fate.

Therefore having refreshed our memories of what happened to the first several generations of Israel, let's read verses 5 and 6 of Jude again, in the correct context of a discussion about Israel, and in the "literal" Greek, in which Jude wrote in the first century.

*"I will therefore put you in remembrance, though you once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not. And the "messengers" which kept not their first sovereignty, but left their own houses, He has reserved in everlasting chains under the darkness of gloom unto the judgment of the great day."* [This is Israel's captivity for national disobedience, Jude never broke the context of the paragraph as did the superstitious translators. In fact, Jude continues right on with more Earthly national and governmental history]. *"Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire."* (God's permanent judgments).

This does not say that the sins of ancient Israel and Sodom were exactly the same sins, but the example is what is the same - destruction.

We know that these cities are not still "literally" burning, but in the context of an everlasting example, they are "forever" burning in the written account of Genesis 19. Jude points out that their "example" is eternal. The message of God's destruction of the sodomite cities lives on forever in the Bible as a warning to all generations of Israelite Christians. . It also does not specifically say that ancient Israel's (God's messengers) sins were only sodomite fornication, but the lesson herein states that Israel's national various rebellions met the same "eternally remembered fate" as did Sodom and Gomorrah. Other notable sins are mentioned here too, not just illicit sexual sin, as we continue:

*"Likewise also these filthy dreamers (1) defile the flesh, (2) despise dominion, and (3) speak evil of dignities."* (Jude vs 8).

Now if Jude was speaking of "fallen angels," devils, demons and the like, how is it he says they defile the "flesh"? Disembodied spirits, devils and demons don't have flesh according to the commonly-held superstitions of modern "Judeo-Christian" doctrine. No - Jude is still talking here about wicked men who despise righteous dominion.

Those who teach that Jude decided, for some unknown impulsive reason, to switch the subject matter from national Israel to occult spiritism devil talk, have completely destroyed the important message of the chapter.

*"Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses; durst not bring a railing accusation, but said, the Lord rebuke thee."* (vs 9)

What do we have here?

..... to be continued .....

## CHURCH: FUN TIME OR WORSHIP TIME?

by Robert McCurry

I received an advertisement in the mail recently inviting me to a new church in town. It announced:

- We're not your grandma's church! (no offense gran)
- Messages you can really use
- Music so loud you'll think you're at a concert
- Three theaters just for kids
- Church that is actually fun

Is this for real? A "Church that is actually fun"? Sadly and unfortunately, yes. And to compound this travesty of "how to do church," This is becoming the vogue of post-modern thinking regarding "church" and "worship."

The pressure is on and many churches are going all out to make worship entertaining. Take for example this page on a famous church website entitled "Just for Fun," which says that in one particular worship service God was honoured and *"it was so much fun."* One pastor said that his goal as a leader is *"To impact my community with the message that God loves them. I want people to know that God rocks and church can and should be fun. It literally is that simple to me."*

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Having a real and growing relationship with God and others shouldn't be boring, monotonous, or ritualistic.

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• We believe that church should be fun.

"The idea that this world is a playground instead of a battleground has now been accepted in practice by the vast majority of [professing] Christians. They are facing Christ and the world.... The 'worship' growing out of such a view of life is as far off center as the view itself - a sort of sanctified nightclub without the champagne and the dressed-up drunks." (A.W. Tozer, *This World: Playground or Battleground?*)

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pp 5-6).

“To great sections of the Church the art of worship has been lost entirely, and in its place has come that strange and foreign thing called the ‘program.’ This word has been borrowed from the stage and applied with sad wisdom to the type of public service which now passes for worship among us.” (A.W. Tozer, *The Pursuit of God*, p.9)

### FEEDING SHEEP OR AMUSING GOATS?

An evil is in the professed camp of the Lord, so gross in its impudence, that the most shortsighted can hardly fail to notice it during the past few years. It has developed at an abnormal rate, evil for evil. It has worked like leaven until the whole lump ferments. The ‘devil’ has seldom done a cleverer thing than hinting to the church that part of their mission is to provide entertainment for the people, with a view to winning them.

From speaking out as the Puritans did, the church has gradually toned down her testimony, then winked at and excused the frivolities of the day. Then she tolerated them in her borders. Now she has adopted them under the plea of reaching the masses.

My first contention is that providing amusement for the people is nowhere spoken of in the scriptures as a function of the church. If it is a Christian work, why did not Jesus speak of it? “Go ye into all the world [of Israel] and preach the gospel to every creature” (Mark 16:15). That is clear enough. So it would have been if He had added, “and provide amusement for those who do not relish the gospel.” No such words, however, are to be found. It did not seem to occur to him.

Then again, “He gave some apostles, and some prophets, and some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers ... for the work of ministry” (Eph. 4:11-12). Where do entertainers come in? The Holy Spirit is silent concerning them. Were the prophets persecuted because they amused the people or because they refused? The concert has no martyr roll.

Again, providing amusements is in direct antagonism to the teaching and life of Christ and all his apostles. What was the attitude of the church to the world? “Ye are the salt” (Matt. 5:13), not the sugar candy---something the world will spit out, and not swallow. Short and sharp was the utterance, “Let the dead bury their dead” (Matt. 8:22). He was in awful earnestness.

Had Jesus the Christ introduced more of the bright and pleasant elements into His mission, He would have been more popular when they went back, because of the searching nature of His teaching. I do not hear Him say, “Run after these people Peter and tell them we will have a different style of service tomorrow, something short and attractive with little preaching. We will have a pleasant evening for the people. Tell them they will be sure to enjoy it. Be quick, Peter, we must get the people somehow.” Jesus pitied sinners, sighed and wept over them, but never sought to amuse them.

In vain will the Epistles be searched to find any trace of this gospel of amusement! Their message is, “**Come out, keep out, keep clean out!**” Anything approaching fooling is conspicuous by its absence. They had boundless confidence in the gospel and employed no other weapon.

After Peter and John were locked up for preaching, the church had a prayer meeting but they did not pray, “Lord grant unto thy servants that by a wise and discriminating use of innocent recreation we may show these people how happy we are.” If they ceased not from preaching Christ, they had not time for arranging entertainments. Scattered by persecution, they went everywhere preaching the gospel. They turned the world upside down (Acts 17:6). That is the only difference! Lord, clear the church of all the rot and rubbish the clergy has imposed on her, and bring us back to apostolic methods.

Lastly, the mission of amusement fails to effect the end desired. It works havoc among young converts. Let the careless and scoffers, who thank God because the church met them halfway, speak and testify. Let the heavy laden who found peace through the concert not keep silent! Let the drunkard to whom the dramatic entertainment has been God’s link in the chain of the conversion, stand up! There are none to answer. The mission of amusement produces no converts. The need of the hour for today’s ministry is believing scholarship joined with earnest spirituality, the one springing from the other as fruit from the root. The

need is biblical doctrine, so understood and felt, that it sets men on fire. - Charles Spurgeon.

“An unholy church! it is useless to the world and of no esteem among men. It is an abomination. The worst evils which have ever come upon the world have been brought upon her by an unholy church.” (Charles Spurgeon, *Morning and Evening*).

“In my opinion, the great single need of the moment is that light-hearted superficial religionists be struck down with a vision of God high and lifted up, with His train filling the temple. The holy art of worship seems to have passed away like the Shekinah glory from the tabernacle. As a result, we are left to our own

devices and forced to make up the lack of spontaneous worship by bringing in countless cheap and tawdry activities to hold the attention of the church people.” (A.W. Tozer, *Keys to the Deeper Life*, p87, 88).

“We must have a new reformation. We must violently break with that irresponsible, amusement-mad, paganized pseudo-religion which passes today for a faith in Jesus and is spread all over the world by unspiritual men employing unscriptural methods to achieve their ends.” (A.W. Tozer, *From Spiritual Infancy to Maturity*).

What saith the Scripture?

“**Let all the earth fear the Lord; Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.**” Psalm 33:8.

“**Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise**”, Psalm 110:4. Be humbly respectful when you enter into God’s presence. [**and leave your phones outside!!**]

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## SURVIVAL FOOD REPLICATION

(An application in faith of God’s power)

by Adam de Witt

Is supernatural food replication in store for the Elect Remnant of Jesus during the prophetic coming worldwide judgment? There exists a distinct Scriptural probability that



this will yet be experienced out of necessity before the age comes to an end considering Jesus Christ's words:

***“And except that God had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved: but for the elect's sake, whom He hath chosen, He hath shortened the days.”*** (Mark 13:20). Needless to say, some trying times are ahead.

Will those who have presently been made aware of the “leaven” (evil doctrine) of the “Pharisees and of the Sadducees” (political Talmudic control of society) be physically sustained with a survival food supply by a supernatural replication and multiplication of their relatively scant amount of food which they have secured? Even a three year supply can run out or be raided by others in a massive economic breakdown. Let's see where the Scriptures point for the sake of God's elect.

First of all, may I respectfully suggest that the reader persevere with at least some basic physical survival skills and readiness for the days ahead? I can not stress this enough even though few seem to grasp the importance of it. Our actions prove our faith. Noah did not survive the flood without first physically doing some serious nail pounding into the planks of the ark for 120 years even though he and his family were miraculously saved. Neither were Joseph's people able to eat during a famine without an entire nation manually working to store up food for seven years in Egypt. Those who hope to be sustained wondrously during a famine by divine intervention and/or guidance, need to realize the worth of making the good faith effort to be accounted worthy in the first place by showing God that they are heeding His warnings. This means making a concerted “Noahic” directive to be spiritually, mentally, and physically prepared to meet the coming challenge of a worldwide economic breakdown.

*“Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.”* (Luke 21:36). Remember that our “faith” is a work of faith.

*“Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.”* (James 2:17). *“Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power.”* (2 Thess. 1:11)

There is no doubt about this spiritual principle. One cannot just sit on a railroad track, see a train coming, and do nothing but pray that somehow the train passes through him. He has to get up and move in answer to the awareness that God gives him. God working His miracles in the Earthly realm almost always does so in a combination of the physical and the spiritual. The Almighty could have just caused Goliath to shrivel up before David, but instead David picked up several stones and then God guided a stone from David's sling right into Goliath's skull. Even when the Almighty caused manna to fall from on high to feed the Israelites in the Wilderness, the Israelites actually

had to go into the fields and labor to pick it up and then bring it home to bake. God didn't just will that their bellies would not be hungry and leave it at that.

Participation in what God is doing is paramount for the experience of a wonder to show itself. For those who are interested in “end time survival” the answer is to participate now in what God has revealed as coming upon the nation. Even if one can't do much - do something according to what door God has opened for you. It matters not if you have 10 generators to run a huge farm, or if you only have a closet box of a few canned goods and water. But do ***something*** to bring your faith out in the open. God will do the rest because He loves when His children participate in His wonders.

Now some that are reading this may be thinking, “Well that sounds great, but I don't have the kind of faith to ever think that God may multiply food supplies in a time of faminer.” On the contrary - you do have that faith because God has already shared that with you as well. Certainly as a Christian you believe that Jesus was raised from the dead and that the apostles raised people from the dead. A question of survival in times of pending disaster may then proceed as follows,

“What power is more impossible - resurrection from the dead - or a replication of food?” Surely if a Christian believes in resurrection then he already has faith to believe in the other works of God's power as well. As Paul tells us, *“Why should it be thought a thing unbelievable with you, that God should raise the dead?”* (Acts 26:8) - - or replicate food for that matter. Also, we need not second guess in what manner such a deed would be done. It doesn't necessarily mean that a can of beans will turn into 12 cans of beans in a basement survival stash. It may follow that you will be led to trade that can for 20 cans of something else brought your way by a set of ‘circumstances.’ We can't “out plan” God. Just do your part and have something to work with in the first place. That is why survival prep for Christians is a wise move now. Get ready

now, then expect miracles later.

With these things in mind, is it more impossible for those today who have become aware of the corruption of “Pharisaic leaven in America” to believe in resurrection, or believe in food replication at God's appointed times? Quite applicable to our present dilemma, our King reminds those whom He has taught about pharisaic trickery, that He not only can raise the dead, but that He can and will replicate needed food, just as He had done before by multiplying a few baskets of food into many.

*“And when his disciples were come to the other side, they had forgotten to take bread. Then Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees. And they reasoned among themselves, saying, It is because we have taken no bread. Which when Jesus perceived, he said unto them, O ye of little faith, why reason ye among yourselves, because ye have brought*

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*no bread? Do ye not yet understand, neither remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets ye took up? Neither the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many baskets ye took up? How is it that ye do not understand that I spake it not to you concerning bread, that ye should beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees? Then understood they how that He bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.”* (Matthew 16:5-12).

The Scriptures are strangely deliberate here in linking the story of Christ’s food multiplication with a personal condition of becoming aware of the Pharisaic leaven of social corruption. Why should this be? And just who is it today that “knows about the Jews” and their social and economic doctrines that spread like leavening? Answer: Saxon Christians who are aware of the Israel Kingdom message and know that they are the true Israelites.

In dealing with these last days near the closing of this age, the Scriptures tell us that the particular ministry which will return to instruct the faithful believers is the ministry of Elijah. This prophetic end-time “Elijah ministry” is one that re-connects the ancestors of Saxon Israel to that of the present Christian household of God, in other words, it is a heritage ministry which tells us today that “modern white Saxon Christians are the Israelites of the Old Testament Scriptures.”

We are the children of the race and they our fathers. The Father, God, never referred to Elijah the person as “Elijah the prophet” but called him “Elijah the Tishbite - His servant” (1 Kings 17:1, 28; 2 Kings 1:3; 9:36). It was others who referred to that servant as “the prophet,” but God did not. God did not say that He would send Elijah the Tishbite at the end of the age, but rather He would send Elijah the prophet. The word “Prophet” here is naw-bee (Strong’s #5030) and can mean either prophet, prophecy, or they that prophesy, depending on the context of the verse. [translating is a difficult job. Some words can have many meanings. Look up the word ‘Bar’ in an English dictionary - there are about 10 different meanings - depending on context].

*“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.”* (Malachi 4:5-6).

This means that true Israel, Saxon Christians, who have been told by the lying church clergy that we are only “non Israel Gentiles,” would find out that we are in fact the true racial Israelites, God’s sons, as we see this mentioned in prophecy in Hosea. Hosea expands upon Malachi 4:5-6 revealing that it is indeed a prophecy that was meant to arrive in the last days, and not Elijah the Tishbite, the man. Here is God’s word in cross-reference to Malachi 4:

*“Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which can not be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said to the, ‘Ye are not my people,’ there it shall be said unto them, ‘Ye are the sons of the living God.’”* (Hosea 1:10).

Elijah the Tishbite, the man, has not come to announce this. That promise of prophecy has already been and being

fulfilled now by the latter day “Elijah ministry,” the Saxon Israel Kingdom truth, which some call “Christian Identity.” This heritage truth is presently ringing all across America and the other white Christian nations of the world, just as predicted by Hosea and Malachi. “Elijah” means “God is Ever-living” the teaching heralded by the Identity movement of this present era. Our Father is the God of Saxon Israel in the Scriptures. Our Father has self life, and gives or takes breath at His will. The Scriptures teach that God’s “Elijah” appears in the latter days as the “he” who preaches the Saxon Israel heritage message. Let is also note that the true “body of Christ” is “one” (singular in unity). The apostle James likens the “brethren as a group” to Elijah in prayer. “Elijah was a man - as we are -” (James 5:17) *“And all the people gathered themselves together as one man--”* (Nehemiah 8:1). James tells us that it is not just Elijah that was gifted to do the impossible when needed, but that we of the body of Christ partake of the Elijah ministry as well and that we must pray for results as did Elijah himself. (James 5:12, 16, 17).

*“Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain; and it rained not on the Earth by the space of three years and six months.”* (James 5:17).

So what does all this have to do with food replication as a survival tool for the Remnant in Christ today? Everything! Because it is within the scope of the Elijah ministry that we find that particular power manifested in emergency situations. Not only were healings found within Elijah’s prayers, but food multiplication was as well. As Elijah travelled to Zarephath (1 Kings 17) he asked a widow to make cakes for him when she had only a famine amount remaining. The end resulting in a production of food replication for her needs:

*“And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son.*

*For thus saith the Lord God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that God sendeth rain upon the earth. And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat many days. And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to words of the Lord, which He spake by Elijah.”* (vs 13 to 16).

Later we see the prophet Elisha, who had a double portion of Elijah’s spirit (2 Kings 2:9, 15), also sustain a widow by miraculous food oil replication on a grand scale (2 Kings 4). This also gives a new meaning to the famous Psalm of King David where he gave glory to God for sustenance of provision in times when David was faced with a determined foe:

*“Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.”* (Psalm 23:4-5).

Although we may have never realized it, there is no reason to take this testimony of David in less than a literal understanding. God Himself (directly or indirectly) pre-

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pared David's table for provision as David walked through the shadow of death amidst his enemies. If King David counted upon God for this happening, do we dare claim to have no need of the same, and worry about depending only upon ourselves? In closing, one point should be made clear about food replication being experienced among God's people again. It appears quite evident that God is not going to "put an egg in your beer" with respect to all of this. If you don't do your part - don't expect God to do His part. A Remnant survivalist looking toward divine intervention to save America is scripturally expected to have something left of his own provision TO BRING before God that it may be multiplied. Those who have run to a State food line because of having been so unprepared that they have nothing at all, have cast their lot with the unfaithful and will be outside the parameter of divine protection. Even if one does not do much in the way of anticipated trials, do something and have at least a minimal remaining as a token of your faith. "Faith without works is dead" applies to all manner of Christian witnessing including survival prep for the end days.

*"And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son." (1 Kings 17:13).*

*"And they say unto Him (Jesus), We have here but five loaves, and two fishes. He said, Bring them hither to me. And He commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, He blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to His disciples, and the disciples to the multitude. And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full. And they that had eaten were about five thousand men, beside women and children." (Matthew 14:17-19).*

Be prepared. You bring nothing in faith, you get nothing in return. We are admonished scripturally to be as ready as possible. Just do what you can. If what we do is not enough then Jesus will step in to do the rest. The accounts of food replication in the Scriptures are there for a reason, and a deeper study might yet make for a very interesting application of faith. For now - just store this info and consider it a seed to hold.

[I think it worth noting that no mention was made of the miraculous feeding or our (3 million or so) forefathers during their sojourn in the wilderness, with God's manna].

*Received by email.*

## DNA'S DNA:

### What can we learn from the shocking discoveries in "epigenetics"?

*Tom Woodward, PhD, research professor at Trinity College, Florida, writes about the latest discoveries concerning DNA...*

I'll admit it: it was rather embarrassing for me, a science writer and professor, to realize how much I didn't know about *epigenetics* just five years ago. In early 2007 the renowned cataract surgeon Dr. James Gills casually asked me, "What do you think about the latest research into the epigenome?" I should have said, "The epi-what?"

Instead, I think I mumbled something about my being in the dark, and he proceeded to educate me. I was fascinated and even shocked by his tale of recent discoveries in this strange world perched on top of our DNA. In particular, I was stunned to learn that our stash of DNA, most of it curled up in the nucleus of our trillions of cells like a spherical computer hard drive, is just the tip of the iceberg of information that is embedded in a cell. On top of that layer of information, lies another layer, then another layer, then another. As my head began to spin, I decided to jump in to this strange new world. I began to read anything I could about the epigenome, which we describe as the all-important "director of our DNA orchestra."

### CRASH COURSE

One of the odd facts I uncovered, reported in *Time Magazine's* cover story on the Epigenome. "**DNA is not your destiny,**" is that DNA's tiny library of computer-code information is under orders: it is largely controlled by the epigenetic code, which is interwoven with the DNA. What's more, even though our genetic makeup is pretty fixed, like letters inscribed in a granite plaque on the front of a building, the epigenome can be modified. It is comprised of millions of tiny chemical tags and flags which are attached to our DNA, telling genes when to stay quiet and take a nap, or when to rev up and start working. This landscape of tags and flags is moveable, moldable and malleable.

How does this change take place? To give one example, a recent experiment with 80 adults in Germany found that sending sedentary office workers to the gym for one hour of vigorous exercise had the effect of resetting the "on/off switches" that sit on certain metabolism-related genes in their muscle cells. The trip to the gym literally changed their DNA's expression! Experimental results in this area are flooding in from labs around the world, and one big lesson is clear.

This pattern of epigenetic switches can be changed by our health habits, such as diet, exercise, avoiding chemical pollutants, and handling stress. What's even more amazing is that this "enhanced genome function" that we improve in our early years can even be passed on as a gift to the next generation. Our epigenetic tweaks see to be heritable.

So now, five years after Dr. Gills' fateful question, and my stumbling answer, the two of us have been privileged to offer to the world a crash course on this topic, entitled "**The Mysterious Epigenome: What Lies Beyond DNA.**" Besides our book by that title, we've completed an eleven minute youtube.com video on this topic which you view at the website "apologetics.org" and we've begun a global speaking tour on the topic that has taken us to US campuses (Dartmouth College most recently), as well as to campuses and conferences in Hungary, England, Peru, South Africa, and now (in December 2012) New Zealand and Australia.

### LESSONS TO LEARN

When I speak on this topic I try to emphasise two sets of practical findings in epigenetics. Since epigenetic research is so intense, and the constant torrent of publication of experimental results and new discoveries is so extensive, I prefer to use the term "clues." The first set of discoveries are called "Health clues," and the second set I call "Worldview clues."

On the topic of health clues, we can put first on our list

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the fact that our DNA-director is greatly helped by our refraining from smoking, by maintaining a solid epigenetically-wise diet (see our book for suggestions) and by a program of regular exercise. DNA modifications are the key here, when tiny methyl-tags are either attached to, or removed from, the backbone of the DNA double helix. ("Methyl" is the term for a chemical addition of a carbon atom with three hydrogen atoms attached ... see the illustration where the DNA has three pink methyls attached). The proper functioning of the methyl placement and removal system can be improved over time, and those changes can help prevent cancer and diabetes, and epigenetically-friendly health habits strongly influence and support longevity. Scientists have even perfected drugs that target the epigenetic controls that seem to be scrambled in the case of certain blood-related cancers.

### WORLDVIEW CLUES

The most controversial aspects of epigenetics, at least when we speak on university campuses, is the discovery that the new world of epigenetic-control information poses several severe challenges to the orthodox theory of "neo-Darwinism" that seeks to explain the origin of biological complexity. Several clues emerge here: Darwin stressed that the entire development of species, including their metabolism and reproduction, are by unguided forces of nature - chiefly natural selection. This "creator substitute" of selection must work on DNA mutations as its source of raw material. (Darwin's modern successors have inserted "DNA mutations" in the place of Darwin's idea of "heritable variations.") The problem posed by epigenetics is clear: the DNA-focus of selection is greatly complicated by the addition of still another layer of computer code sitting on top of DNA. The cell does not just have to have its intricate DNA code improved and rewritten by accident; it has to have its epigenetic code composed in all of its subtle precision (the epigenetic code actually has two levels, one of which is the "historic code" - this intensifies the Darwinian headache).

Secondly, each of those tiny tags or switches sitting on the DNA contains a system of proteins which act like tiny space ships, with precisely shaped indentations which grab onto the tags to either deploy them or gather them up, at just the right spot on the DNA. Just one of these many machines, called the "methyltransferase" protein, is a marvel of engineering design. That tiny machine tool is enough to boost the Darwinian headache to a migraine level, but there's more: each of these epigenetic robotic workers is a member of an entire coordinated team, and the team cannot function until each member is in place. Darwinism, working blindly, step by step but with no guidance, has no ability to "foresee and plan" for future possibilities of a team function. Thus, such systems could never have been built gradually, as the textbook orthodoxy tells us.

The Darwinian worldview, rooted in 19th Century mechanistic science, is no match for the bizarre world of high technology of the world of nano-computers and cellular codes jammed with digital information, revealed in 21st century biology. However any of the theistic worldviews, such as Christianity which was defended by C.S. Lewis, fit wonderfully with the onslaught of the information age. In my view, not only do the heavens declare the glory of the Creator, as King David wrote 3,000 years ago; the micro-world of epigenetics joins the chorus.

So the excitement of epigenetics works at two levels: first, physical health improvement, and second, the re-opening of an old and yet newly energized debate about "ultimate origins." Question: "Is it possible that from our labs today, furiously unravelling the "epigenetic code," comes the strongest scientific evidence ever uncovered for the existence of God?"

I know that very few persons will decide this biggest worldview question of all - the possibility of a theistic universe - on the basis of biology. Yet in the face of Richard Dawkins, who proclaims that science proves to us that "God almost certainly does not exist," we have Oxford mathematics professor John Lennox responding with robust arguments that "science has not buried God" but actually provides the most powerful evidence yet that our universe was not an accident, and we are no blind product of a cosmic lottery: We were planned.

*End Notes:*

Tom Woodward completed his PhD by undertaking a study of the history of the 'Intelligent Design' movement. He is a Christian apologist and is the head of the *CS Lewis Society* - website at [www.apologetics.org](http://www.apologetics.org).

Tom's video of the overview of his of his new book, *The Mysterious Epigenome: What Lies Beyond DNA* can be viewed at [www.apologetics.org](http://www.apologetics.org).

We first met Tom when he did a speaking tour of Australia and we hosted meetings in Melbourne. Tom is visiting Australia in December. He is on holiday with his wife but will give one presentation in Sydney on Dec. 12 about the current research - titled "Evolved or Designed? Where does the Evidence point?"

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### HOW MANY HOMOSEXUALS ARE THERE?

*by Jenny Stokes*

We've asked the question "How many homosexuals are there?" many times over the past 18 years.

On our website (Saltshakers), we have a page listing many of the local and international surveys that ask this question. Most surveys find that between 1% and 2% of the adult population are 'gay or lesbian,' with another 1% to 2% saying they are bisexual.

One of the most common statistics promoted is that '10% of the population is homosexual.' This figure came from the work of Albert Kinsey, who wrote two reports: *Sexual Behaviour in the Human Male* (1948) and *Sexual Behaviour in the Human Female* (1953). His data was based on his view that sexuality was on a 'spectrum' from heterosexuality to homosexuality and included interviews with prison inmates. Kinsey's very flawed statistics included people who had experienced same-sex feelings at some time, not on whether they identified as a homosexual.

### SO WHAT IS THE REAL FIGURE?

A recent *Gallup* poll in the USA interviewed more than 121,000 people. The results were based on answers to this question, "Do you personally identify as a lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender?" The result of the poll was that 3.4% of adults said they were "lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender."

*Family Research Council* reported on the Gallup poll, noting, "Although surveys like this one can be tricky—pollsters are never sure how many people are truly

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candid—the numbers are consistent with *FRC's* research and other experts. Just last year, the *Department of Health and Human Services* released a similar figure of 3.8% - the biggest concentrations of LGBT people were among young adults (5.4%), women (3.6%) and young women (8.3%).” In that *DHHS* study, the results separated the people who identified as homosexual (gay or lesbian - 1.7%) from those who identified as bisexual - 1.8%.

The largest survey done in Australia was conducted by the *Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health & Society* (ARCSHS) at La Trobe University. The study interviewed 20,000 people, with a special weighting to Sydney's homosexual centre. The data was published in 2003 as 'Sex in Australia' in the *Australian & NZ Journal of Public Health*.

The survey found that:

\* 1.6% of adult men identified as 'gay' and 0.8% of women as lesbian (1.2% average).

\* 1.4% of women and 0.9% of men said they were bisexual.

### WHAT DO PEOPLE THINK?

Since homosexuality and same-sex 'marriage' have become so prominent in the media and in school programs, people inevitably think there are 'more of them' than there really are. As we mentioned, people frequently trot out the '10%' statistic.

But if you ask people what they *think* the percentage is, the percentage is, the numbers are surprising. A US *Gallup* poll, done in May 2011, found that "US adults, on average, estimate that **25%** of Americans are gay or lesbian." Less than 4% of adults estimated that "Less than 5% of the population were gay or lesbian."

So many people don't know the truth!

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### FUSION OF THE RACES

by *Byron M. Wilkinson*

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Will you agree that we live in a changing world? Nothing ever stays the same very long. Some changes are improvements, but not always so. Changes and decay often go together. Things can change for the better, or things can change for the worse.

In defense of this message that will consider race (if indeed it needs any defense), let me say that I do not believe that the Church, as a corporate body, has any Divine mandate to become officially involved in the approval of economic programs or political strategies. It is not the business of churches to consider the economic, military or peacetime aspects of getting to the moon. Nor is it the duty of the Church to counsel with the government whether to photograph or not to photograph the planet Mars.

I feel that the United Presbyterians, at their 176th General Assembly last year in Oklahoma City, were out of order as they tried to deal with the United States' conduct of world trade. I doubt that even six of the delegates out of eight hundred present, had enough facts in hand to vote on

this issue, but they all voted without discussion.

But when we come to the subject of "fusion of the races," I believe the Church can take her stand. Our God has little or nothing to say about some topics in His revealed Word, but He does speak about racial integrity. The important thing about any considered subject is not what you and I may think, or even how we feel emotionally. The only thing that should concern us is what does God really say on the subject? How does our Heavenly Father feel?

We are now facing the awful trend of "homogenization" of the human races. I borrow this word from the dairy industry. Homogenized milk is milk in which the butterfat has been so thoroughly diffused and blended that it will never be separated again. Each drop is exactly equal to every other drop. So if all milk were homogenized, there would be no more cream, or butter, or skim milk, or even butter milk. (I read years ago that homogenized milk is very bad for you and a major contributor to heart disease, because of the processing involved. Better to try and get milk that is either raw, straight from the cow, or only pasteurised, and the cream collects at the top in the container).

Some people today have been sold the ideas that our Bible teaches that all men are created equal. This is not true. It teaches anything but. We invite, and even urge, everyone to make a fresh study of the Bible on the subject of equality. Others need to read again the Declaration of Independence, to see what is in it. It does not speak of man's equality beyond rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness - and even then does NOT include the

barbarous savages known as Indians.

Absolute equality and absolute uniformity are inseparable. We all know that differences mean inequalities and that *differences are very important*. We prefer one person or one thing to another because of their differences. Not even the stars are equal. I read in 1 Corinthians 15:41 that "one star differeth from another star in glory."

God did not want a world of dreary monotony, nor did He create one. He put together a world of pleasing variety. Why stand up today and blame man, or society, or the government, for all our differences? Of course, we create some of them, but God has made most of them. The short man is not to blame for not being tall. Nor is the stupid fellow to blame because he is not a genius. Nor does God treat everybody the same. If He did, we'd all live the same length of time. We'd all be equally strong or weak.

Our God is a God of *equity*, but not of *equality*. And equity requires that a "one-talent-man" be given one talent, and that a "five-talent-man" be given five talents. Equity meets every man on his own level. However, and this is important, equality seeks to put a floor under every man, but in so doing it has to put a ceiling above him. In any effort to bring about equality, we must be aware lest we put the floor and the ceiling too close together. If the ceiling is too low, the tall man must stoop - the genius is brought down.

Ah! But it is far easier to cut a five-talent-man down to two talents than it is to raise a one-talent-man up to two. *We must sacrifice the cream in order to homogenize the milk!* If we plan to put everybody on one level, it must be a very low level. If we want everybody able to jump the fence, we must not build a very high fence. This trend is found in



every realm today. Deplorable efforts are being made to homogenize race, religion and society as a whole.

Homogenized *race* is called *integration*.

Homogenized *religion* is called *ecumenism*.

Homogenized *society* is called *Communism*

In reality it is just three aspects of the same thing. If you accept the one, it will be hard to reject the others. Let's face it—integration does mean and requires intermarriage. Many white people will dispute this, but few in the negroid race will debate it!

In the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* (July 19, 1965) many of you perhaps saw the picture on page 2 of the four Hawaiians. This article by Associated Press writer Jack Miller carried the banner: Group Tours South—"Hawaiians Bring Message of Interracial Harmony." This group consisted of a 46-year old Negro male named Charles M. Campbell, an Oriental woman named Fugie Matsunami, and 2 white girls, Becky Grissitt, age 20, and Sue Howard, age 18. The newspaper story went on to tell how these four were currently touring in America and visiting schools explaining interracial marriage to our young people. Campbell said that students in this country show an interested surprise when they are told that interracial marriages are generally no problem in Hawaii. He went on to state, "We have seen some real changes in the ideas of these youngsters in just the short time we have met with them. We are very encouraged."

Believing from the article that this group had spoken to young people in our city, and wanting sincerely to know who was behind such a program, I phoned the writer of the article, Mr. Jack Miller. He did not have the full story and suggested that I get in touch with Richmond's mayor who had met with the group at the airport. In doing so I found that our city officials had accepted these people in good faith. The acting mayor of the city of Honolulu, Robert F. Ellis, had asked that Richmond welcome this group. Our city leadership had no advance information as to the make-up of the party or of the type propaganda they would loose in our city. Like others from other nations, this Hawaiian group was entertained in one of our fine Richmond homes and where, I am told, the Negro, Charles M. Campbell, kept busy calling and meeting with local groups in this home.

Who or what group was behind having this foursome tour our southern states? Were they induced to come over by one of our Civil Rights organizations? I still do not know, but I know this - I do not appreciate such a group trying to sell the idea of interracial marriage to our young people.

To integrate means to reduce to just one. Just as long as two or more races retain their racial identity, there has been no real integration. And, if you would object to marriages between whites and Negroes, you are not an out-and-out integrationist. Negro leaders are now trying to make schools 50% Negro and 50% white even if it means trucking these children miles and miles from home base. They are not interested in normal procedures.

1) Let me say that race is Divine in origin. The white man did not make the Negro black, nor did he make himself white. Man cannot change race by chemistry, nor by climate, nor with cosmetics. Listen again to Jeremiah 13:23, "Can the Ethiopian [Cushite] change his skin, or the leopard his spots?"

Do we want racial amalgamation? Take a good look at Haiti. Make a good study of Cuba or Mexico. Take a trip to Egypt. The great dynasties of the Pharaohs fell when they

went south and brought Sudanese Negroes to Egypt to be servants and later intermarried with them.

Let me tell you something — we can integrate, but it is impossible to de-integrate! No two races have ever lived side by side, in all history, without segregation or integration which finally turned into a mixed breed of people. Mongrelization has always been the end result of integration in any nation. It is not a question of superiority or inferiority, but *Divinely ordained differences which ought to be preserved*. God must have wanted men of different colors, or else He wouldn't have made the different races.

With reference to marriage we say: "What God hath joined together, let no man put asunder." Now it is high time to say, "What God hath separated, let no man amalgamate."

2) Let me say that the human race was fully integrated at the Tower of Babel. The human race was completely homogenized racially, religiously, socially and politically. . This was the darkest day thus far in human history subsequent to Adam's fall. The story is found in Genesis 11 and you need to read it and fully understand it. God Himself had to come and deal directly with the situation. Segregation was born at Babel and our God was the creator of it.

A type of integration caused the Flood of Noah's day. Did you know that? When the "sons of God" (Adam's descendants) married the "daughters of men" there was an integration that was highly offensive to God and He destroyed it in the great Flood. Trace through your Old Testament

and you will find that the hardest God ever whipped His people Israel, other than for the sin of idolatry, was when they intermingled and intermarried with other races. Two things were at stake: 1) their faith in God; 2) their racial identity.

Speak of equalizing things—*sin* is the greatest equalizing force in all the world and to mongrelize the races is sin. The man who says that race is superficial does not know what he is talking about. Racial differences are intellectual, psychological, and moral. Look at the record of each race and see what it has been able to accomplish.

Everything that God does is worthy of Himself. He made the giant tree and also the tender violet, and the world is better for having them both. The whole spirit of the Bible backs racial integrity. The orthodox Jew (tries to) keeps his race pure. He does not intermarry with other races. Why? Because he knows, and always has known that through intermarriage they will be destroyed.

Many will say that I am very wrong and begin quoting Colossians 3:11, "Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all."

But this passage has nothing to do with racial integrity; nor does it mean that after we are Christians we should mix ourselves socially into a polyglot mixture and become integrated mongrels before the Lord who divided us into races and tongues. This verse tells us we (Israelites from whatever country) can all become a spiritual unity in Jesus Christ and be identified as spiritual brothers and sisters who work for the common good, but that is all it is saying.

To me the Bible is the most segregated book in the world. There is nothing homogenized about it. It separated everything and everybody. It segregates the sheep from the goats; the believer from the unbeliever, right from wrong; heaven from hell; language from language; and race from race!

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## LIVING TOGETHER—WHAT AREN'T YOU BEING TOLD?

by Noel Horner

Millions of people choose to live together outside of marriage, thinking that will bring them happiness and a stable relationship. The truth, however, is far different.

It used to be called living in sin. At one time every state had laws against it. Some believe that rising rates of sexually transmitted diseases have applied a brake to the sexual revolution, but cohabitation—unmarried couples living together—is one trend that has not slowed.

According to figures from the US Bureau of the Census, the number of unmarried opposite-sex couples sharing a household more than doubled between 2000 and 2010—jumping from 3.8 million to 7.5 million. And this marks a *sevenfold* increase from 1970, during the heart of the sexual revolution, when the number was less than a million.

The actual number may be higher since such couples may describe themselves as roommates, housemates or “just friends” living together. This growing figure now accounts for 12 percent of households. In some large cities a third or more of couples living together are not married.

Surprising as these figures are, they may vastly *underestimate* the scope of the problem. Data from the National Center for Marriage and Family Research shows that *almost 60 percent* of women ages 19-44 have at one point lived with an unmarried partner of the opposite sex. Although living together without the benefit of matrimony carries virtually no social stigma, some still worry about it. Says psychologist and divorce researcher Judith Wallerstein: “What can we do when . . . the most common living arrangement nowadays is a household of unmarried people with no children? These numbers are terrifying. But like all massive social change, what’s happening is affecting us in ways that we have yet to understand” (*The Unexpected Legacy of Divorce*, 2000, pp.295-296).

Living together while unmarried is trendy in other Western nations too. In Britain, an estimated 80 percent of couples live together before getting married. Australia is just behind at 77 percent. The reason given by many couples who cohabit is that they believe they will increase the chances of success when they eventually marry. However, research has shown that this idea is a fallacy. And it flies against God’s intention that men and women be sexually joined together only in marriage.

### A Cause of Family Instability

Here’s what the research reveals: “Although most theories of marital choice predict that cohabitation would increase the stability of later marriages for those couples who marry, evidence to date suggests the opposite; *couples who cohabit before marriage seem to end their marriages at significantly higher rates than couples who never lived together before the wedding*” (*Demography*, August 1995, p.438, emphasis added).

Some studies put the divorce rate at 50 percent higher for couples who cohabit; others put it as high as 80 percent. One factor that seems to be different among American cohabitants and Europeans is that a larger proportion of the latter eventually marry. In America roughly 40 percent of cohabiting couples break up before marriage. Many couples apparently move in together intending to marry later.

“One study revealed that 70 percent of women moved in with a man with marriage on their minds” (Ben Young and Dr. Samuel Adams, *The 10 Commandments of Dating*, 1999, p.110)

We shouldn’t be surprised, however, that American men are less likely to have marriage on their minds when they set up housekeeping than do women. Many men simply choose this option for the availability of easy sex. In a national sex survey of married couples and unmarrieds living together, “men who were cohabiting scored lower on commitment than anyone else in the survey” (Linda Waite and Maggie Gallagher, *The Case for Marriage*, 2000, p85).

Many people who choose to live together before marriage show that they are reluctant to commit to a relationship and want to keep their options open. Apparently they value their autonomy and individuality. However, these temporary living arrangements subject any children involved to an unstable home life. “Over a quarter of unmarried mothers are cohabiting at the time of their children’s birth, and many other cohabiting families have children from other unions” (p.38).

Some believe—erroneously—that children do well as long as they live in a home in which there is a male and female, whether married or not. But the evidence doesn’t support this. “Children living with cohabiting partners and

in stepfamilies generally do less well than those living with both married biological parents” (*The American Prospect*, April 8, 2002).

Some people are serial cohabitants, living with several partners in succession. Their living patterns magnify the risk inherent with the cohabitation lifestyle. The children involved must adjust to a progression of adult partners whom their parents select. The risk of spreading deadly

sexually transmitted diseases is also higher among this group.

### Trial Runs Not What They’re Cracked Up to Be

In spite of these troubling facts and figures, many singles still seem to believe that a marital “test drive” is the preferred choice before committing to marriage. An NBC poll found that “66 percent of young people ages 18 to 32 believe that you should first live together before you get married” (Young and Adams, pp.104-105) [sounds like the religion of the Canaanites all over again. They required every woman to have sex with someone other than a husband some time in their lives. Preferably before marriage, and then sacrifice the firstborn - or abort it - just as long as it didn’t live].

Young people who entertain romantic notions about cohabiting should think twice. Compared to married couples, there is “more cheating by both partners [as well as] more domestic violence and a higher incidence of depression” among those who simply live together (*U.S. News & World Report*, March 13, 2000). How bad is the sexual unfaithfulness among those in cohabiting relationships? “The National Sex Survey found that cohabiting men were about **four times** as likely as husbands to report infidelity in the past year. Women were more faithful in general, but still cohabiting women were **eight times more likely** than wives to cheat on their partners” (Waite and Gallagher, pp.92-93, emphasis added)

A distinct advantage to marriage over cohabitation is the higher degree of *emotional commitment* in marriage. Popular media often present the view that sex outside of marriage is much more exciting and thrilling than married sex. But the *opposite* is true. Research shows that, because married couples are generally more committed to each,

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they enjoy a *higher* level of sexual satisfaction.

“Emotional commitment improves one’s sex life . . . For example, sex with someone you love literally doubles your sexual pleasure; You get satisfaction not only from your own sexual response but from your spouse’s as well. Emotional commitment to a spouse makes satisfying him or her important in and of itself.

“Demanding a loving relationship before having sex, using sex to express love, and striving to meet the sexual needs of one’s spouse all increase satisfaction with sex. Love and a concern for one’s spouse shifts the focus away from the self in a sexual relationship and towards the other person. This selfless approach to sex, paradoxically, is far more likely to bring sexual satisfaction to both men and women” (p.89).

### Devaluing Marriage

Part of the boom in cohabitation rates is fuelled by a growing bias against marriage. Various authorities speak of marriage as an institution that robs individuals of freedom, describing it as an oppressive state, especially to women. A college textbook even claimed that “marriage has an adverse effect on women’s mental health” (p.1).

As a result, in some quarters simply using the word *marriage* is passé. “A strange embarrassment or reluctance to use the word *marriage* is visible all over the Western world. The Marriage Guidance Council of Australia recently changed its name to Relationships Australia; Britain’s Marriage Guidance Council metamorphosed into *Relate*” (p.8).

That which is presented as a right—the freedom to have sex outside of marriage whenever we want, however we want, with whomever or whatever we want—is a perversion of our Creator’s intention for humanity and a plunge into moral degradation. Regrettably, the concept of sex as something special to be saved for marriage has largely become outdated for many singles.

“Carelessly, thoughtlessly, casually sex—in the short space of a single generation—went from being the culminating act of committed love to being a precondition, a try-out, for future emotional involvement” (Danielle Crittenden, *What Our Mothers Didn’t Tell Us: Why Happiness Eludes the Modern Woman*, 2000, p.30).

Sex outside of marriage is a sin against God. “A man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his *wife*, and they shall become one flesh” (Genesis 2:24). God said a man should be joined to his wife, not simply another person or a live-in lover (Exodus 20:14). But human beings refuse to admit that the very Creator of male and female sexuality knows what’s best for us. It is He who created the institution of marriage to develop a morally and socially sound relationship.

Cohabitation represents a threat to societal stability. History demonstrates that marriage and family are the building blocks of strong societies. Those who ignore the lesson of history place their happiness—and their nation’s future—in peril. - *The Good News*

## HAVE YOU MADE YOUR PERFECT GIRL OR GUY LIST?

“Son what does your perfect girl look like?”

My mother posed this question to me one night when I was a teenager. It caught me completely off guard. It’s not the normal question for a mother to ask her son to kick off a conversation. But my mother wasn’t normal and didn’t take “Uh, I don’t know” for an answer.

This discussion led to a valuable exercise in seeking the special person you desire to share your life with.

“How will you know if she’s the right one for you if you don’t know what you’re looking for?” Mom asked.

“You need to make a list.” So she and I sat down with a notebook and pen, and I started to develop my “Perfect Girl.”

Like most guys I’m not much of a list maker, but this was fun. It could include anything I imagined—from her physical perfection, hair, eye colour and laugh to her intelligence, interests and character. Mom and I sat and went over the whole thing, and she asked me the questions about her. My fertile, teenage-boy mind formed a pretty concrete picture—she was amazing!

Mom raised her eye-brows: “That’s quite a girl. Let me ask you another question. If this girl is out there, then what sort of man do you think she’s looking for? What does *her* list look like?”

That list wasn’t as easy to make. I re-evaluated my “perfect girl” list. It didn’t matter so much if she had movie star good looks as long as she was beautiful to *me*. And maybe her hair colour wasn’t as important as her heart. We talked about each point on both lists. My mother handed back the second list and said, “Okay, son, *now become that man.*”

### Make Your List and Find Focus

Do you want to get married someday? What traits and qualities are important to you? Make a list of what you hope for in your perfect mate and then make that *other* list about what he or she will be seeking—about what *you* need to be. Without the strong male role model of my father in my life, I had little to gauge myself by. But I couldn’t just drift and hope to become this awesome man by chance. I needed a well-thought-out picture in my mind of the man I wanted to become. The list gave me focus. You can make yourself into the person on your second list with effort and God’s help. But it won’t happen overnight. In the meantime, though, it will help get your mind off of finding your perfect mate because you’ll be busy striving to become perfect marriage material yourself.

### Become The List

One item on my list was a trait I saw first in my mother. She was so loving and cared for people—it just flowed out of her. She visited people she didn’t even know in nursing homes and hospitals just to cheer them up, never seeming at all deterred by their physical problems or disfigurements. She just walked in, and the love poured out. It was just a part of who she was. I decided that my “perfect girl” would have to be like that too.

The problem was, *I* wasn’t that way. *I knew* that was on “her list,” so it needed to be on the list of what I needed to be. Your “perfect you” list will contain things you aren’t—right now. Stretch out of your comfort zone and, as an expression goes, “fake it till you make it” (not in the sense of false pretending, but in the sense of trying hard to be what you’re currently not until you are).

I would ask myself, “What would Mom do?” and then try to act like I was just like her. If I felt shy around a new group, I would go up and ask individuals about themselves. Eventually it got easier and then just became natural.

I haven’t made it to perfect yet, but I found my girl—with the same kind of heart as my mother and more. Over time I learned that some traits weren’t as important as others, and my list changed. Yours will too. Take the time to make your list for your perfect girl or guy. Then list what you’ll need to be to win this person’s heart—and become that man or woman. - - *David Jones*.

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