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

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THE BIBLE, RACE AND CULTURE-PT 2 by Arnold Kennedy

.....continuing from..."*Few there be that find it.*"

Races, [described as "families" in Zech. 14:16-18] and nations remain separate up to the time when "*The Lord shall be King over all the earth.*" The very boundaries the Bible says that God placed between the races are ordained of God. The Bible contains at least twenty cases of sexism, racism, classism and prejudice within the first twenty four chapters. It is safe to say that the Roman Catholic religion does not support the Biblical view on race unless she is shown as being that "chosen race" as she claims. But, the one-world New Age-Communist-Catholic welfare world-state thinks that they are a god. They also think that they are a god, both in dispensing "rights" and taking away rights according to the principles and purposes of the United Nations.-[see the Universal Declaration]. They do not seem to think that God should have His principles and purposes likewise. The real issue in religion and politics is about "a god" or gods' verses "The God."

Many anthropological books have been written about racial differences, including books on racially specific diseases. These diseases are not necessarily the product of behaviour or environment, even if we know that environment may change physical things like stature. The idea that we should merge and fuse all races by intermarriage will certainly widen the scope and extent of racially selective diseases. This would not benefit mankind.

Looking at these things we can see that the Biblical and non-Biblical views on 'race' are quite different. Without releasing it, many Christians hold to the non-Biblical viewpoint. This is because they have been taught it and accept the dogma without thinking. We might say that many Churches 'brainwash' (or 'program') their congregations into believing the "*Brotherhood of man*" doctrine. They do not realize that the Bible emphasizes race differences. There would be no point in specifying a person's race, or of differing destinies, if all races were treated the same.

The Bible shows that God discriminates between 'men' in many ways:

Rom.9:13	Before birth.	Gen. 17:17-21	After birth
John 9:1-5	Physically	2 Pet. 2:12	Spiritually
Prov. 22:2	Financially	1 Cor. 1:24-26	In Calling
Deut. 14:25-26	Civil rights	Rom 9:1-5	Religious rights
Deut 28:1	National privileges	Amos 9:13-15	Material blessing
Job 1:6-9	Choosing special people	Jer. 30:11	One nation above another

Let us travel along the 'race' road a little more and demonstrate some racial differences within the Bible. We have need to determine for certain the answer to the ques-

tion posed in the heading of the next section.

ARE ALL RACES THE SAME IN GOD'S SIGHT?

"Time" Magazine of September 30th, 1996, contained an anti-nationalism essay which suggests that nationalism is a beast that has caused war on earth ever since God said to Abraham, "*And I will make a great nation of thee.*" But, the Bible says that God would make a nation out of a race formed from among the descendants of Abraham and that God's attitude to these would be different from His attitude to all other races. Differences between "seeds" begins early in the Bible, and it persists through the Bible until after the New Jerusalem is established on earth. Christians have been indoctrinated into believing that this is no longer true.

Early in Genesis we find the "*seed of the woman*" and the "*seed of the serpent,*" so no one could claim these two co-existing seeds are the same. According to the Law of God, any seed reproduces "*after its kind.*" They are of that 'kind' before they have done good or evil-[Rom 9:11] and before they have been subject to any environment. Prophetically these two seeds go through to the New Covenant era-[Gen. 3:15]. Even if many will not like the thought that these two types of mankind exist, Jesus confirms it by saying there are those who originate "*from above*" and those who originate "*from below,*" from conception. We will see how this applies to mankind in the Bible. Eugenics is a Bible subject involving the separation of one people from all others, but in pointing this out, there is no provision for promoting racial hatred. The issue is not white verses black and yellow, or saying that all white races are better than dark races, either. It is a matter of the 'spirit' in the race, in

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the Bible.

The Different Words for 'Man,' etc. in the Bible

Through the Old Testament, we find ten different words for "man," "men," and "mankind," but the four major words in Hebrew are: 'adam' -[579 times], 'enowsh' -[567 times], 'iysh' -[1,713 times], 'am' -[1789 times].

There are places where two or three of these words for man are referred to in the one verse, thus showing comparisons, e.g.:

"What is man ['enowsh] that thou art mindful of him, and the son of man ['adam] that thou visitest him." Ps. 8:4.

"Thou turnest man ['enowsh] to destruction; and sayest, return ye children of men ['adam]. Ps. 90:3.

God is mindful or marks the 'enowsh man, but He visits [*paqad*] the 'adam man. We do not find 'enowsh as being God's flock. Ezekiel 34:31 says, "And ye my flock, the flock of my pasture are men ['adam], and I am your God, saith the Lord." But, in Proverbs 28:5 we read "Evil men ['enowsh] understand not judgment." With so many references to contrast these four words we should have enough to indicate a conclusion and to admit that there are differences.

It is not popular to divide the Word of God in the New Testament when it comes to "man," "men" and "mankind," but the distinctions remain. The majority words in Greek are:

tis -[969 times]; *anthropos* -[560 times]; *aner* -[212 times]; *laos* -[143 times].

In John 10 we can read about Jesus saying that some there were His sheep (Israel) and also that others were "not of My sheep." Jesus says, "I give My life for the sheep." He went looking for the lost sheep, and gave His life for these sheep, but it is not recorded that He went looking for goats or other than "sheep," or that He redeemed or "so loved" other than the "all the world" [kosmos] of Israel. Denominations do not accept this limitation by Jesus claiming that things have changed somehow since Jesus said them.

Jesus says, "Every plant which My Heavenly Father hath not planted shall be rooted up" -[Matt 15:14], and so we have to admit that there are those planted by God and those not planted by God. In the New Testament we still find there are good seed and bad seed. The good seed are the children of the Kingdom -[Matt 13:38]. All of Abraham's seed are not children of the Kingdom -[John 8:33-37], but only those who descend through Isaac. As has been pointed out, seeds are either good or bad as seeds before they have grown or done anything. The popular evangelical teaching is that it is not the nature of God to treat one racial seed differently than another, and so they claim that God plants any one of any race in the garden, making planting a matter solely one of belief and not origin as well. When did God's eternal nature change? So, who plants the Tares and what is their end? Who then is right, Jesus or the churches? Who is right, Jesus or the World Government?

Looking in another direction, the word *aner* for "men" is never used of women, because women can never be husbands, but it is not the scope of this paper to go into all the details. People who believe that "mankind" always includes women must have difficulty with, "Thou shalt not lie with mankind as with womankind." There are nearly 2,000 references to 'husband' that are not inclusive of women. There are areas in both Testaments where God discriminates between male and female in people. The period

of 'uncleanness' (and abstention) after childbirth is forty days for having a male child but eighty days for a female child. Modern Christians do not think that a sovereign God should discriminate between "men" and "men" or men and women, but the Bible is a very discriminating book!

Without taking note of the different words for 'men,' 'mankind,' etc., it becomes virtually impossible to sort out some verses. For instance:

"And hath made of one blood, all nations of men for to dwell on the face of the earth, and hath determined the times appointed, and the bounds of their habitation" [Acts 17:26]

It is popular to use the first part of this verse to 'prove' that all races are the same and are of 'one blood.' But, the second part of the verse which is seldom quoted, talks about boundaries applying to 'all nations.' The 'one blood' applies to one kind of men in particular. The reason for this separation is given in the next verse, "that they should seek the Lord ... and find Him..." If all races were the same there would be no boundaries.

Similar isolation is found in many places in regard to words like 'persons' in such as, "there is no respect of persons with God" in which the persons referred to are limited by the context. The universalists try to say that 'persons' means 'races,' and of course there is no vague connection in the Greek for this. The context has to be destroyed to use such verses as a pretext for race-mixing

There are many scriptures like, "Love one another" which are stretched beyond the context to try to make them apply to all men of every race in general. When we separate 'men' from 'men' we can see "all men" in a scripture like, "We trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men" is limited to the particular "men" concerned and the "we" of the context.

The Bible remains an accurate source-book on anthropology and ethnology for God's people. The three great classification of mankind into the Mongoloid, Caucasian and Negroid of Genesis 10 remains today.

"Race" in the Creation Story of Genesis

In both Genesis chapters one and two we have 'Adam' mentioned. Scholars may not agree but early translators, including the KJV, indicate plural in Genesis chapter one and chapter 5:2, but singular in chapter two. Even ignoring this, we have a man and a woman ["them"] being created [*bara*] in Genesis 1, before the 'Adam' [singular] who was formed [*yatsar*] in Gen.2. "Created" and "formed" have different meanings. We cannot remain honest if we try to say that "created"=*bara* is the same as "formed"=*yatsar*. [The same goes for *plasso* and *kitzo* in the New Testament].

In the genealogy of Jesus the Christ, we find from Luke 3:38, "Which was the son of Enos, which was the son of Seth, which was the son of Adam, which was the son of God." We are told in Genesis 5:3 that it was not until 130 years later that Adam begat a son called Seth "in his own likeness and after his image." Neither Cain or Abel or any until Seth, are said to be begotten by Adam "in his own likeness, 'after' his image" and these do not feature in the genealogy of Jesus. Thus we have to question whether or not Cain and Abel's descendants, and any in between Cain and Seth, are in that image and after his likeness either. If not then we have another division within the races.

Professor Michael Bennett in his paper "Doubleness in Scripture" has the following note:

The key to understanding verse 26 is to compare the combination of prepositions and nouns with Gen. 5:3:

Gen. 1:26 - Let us make man.... in our image... after our like-

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Gen. 5:3 - Adam... begat a son... in his own likeness... after his image... and called his name Seth.

Briefly, research shows that in Gen. 1:26, the Elohim (the *Creators* - not God Himself) are about to create an order of life, human beings:

(a) They were *in our image* (in our 'shadow') - with mortal life verses the eternal life of the Elohim.

(b) They were after *our likeness* (with similar mental attributes) - it is the broad similarity between the mental capacity given to man and that possessed by the Elohim that is revealed in Gen. 1:26.

Mankind was given the ability to develop technical and organizational skills after the manner of the Elohim. In Gen. 5:3 the preposition/noun sequence is reversed

(a) Seth was begotten *in* Adam's likeness because Seth would begin his life as a baby and without similar mental attributes to Adam (until he reached adulthood).

(b) Seth was born *after* Adam's because he would have a similar life span as Adam rather than a shorter span.

The sentiment is correct, but as we have seen in an earlier footnote, this is not the meaning of *in his image*. The most important difference between the mankind of Gen. 1:26 and Adam in Gen. 2:7 is that Adam received the Breath of God in his nostrils. Later, when the procreative power of Abram and Sara was regenerated, the Spirit of God was embedded in their genes - memorialized by the addition of the fifth letter of the Hebrew alphabet to their names. God became incarnate to save these spirit-carrying people; His own people. Salvation requires that the individual believes God and belief is a function of the indwelling spirit, not of the natural flesh - as Jesus said to Nicodemus *what is spirit is spirit*. Hence there was no point in God becoming incarnate to people who do not have the indwelling spirit and hence no ability to comprehend and believe the things of the spirit.

From the sequence alone there is no way Genesis 2 could be a re-run of Genesis 1. Some take the view that, on a weight of evidence basis, there is more to say that Adam [as we use the word] was the first spiritual man, but not the first biological man. In other words, God took one man from Genesis 1 and breathed into him the breath of life. "*And man became a living soul*" - [Genesis 2:7] The word "*became*" is consistently used in a manner showing that the subject became something that it had not been before. Eve was the "mother of all living" with God's breath, not of the others. This indicates that there are those with the Spirit, and those "*having not the spirit*" - [Jude v19]. The latter is the "natural man" who "cannot receive the things of God" - [1 Cor. 2:14], but he may become very religious. What we believe about these issues in Genesis conditions what we believe right through the Bible. From this we can see that there is no problem about where Cain found a wife; it was from amongst those who were not 'living souls.'

Adam comes from a root word meaning "showing red in the face" or "of a ruddy complexion," a description of part of the white race. Even today, enemies are attempting to reduce this seed by racial intermarriage, and to eliminate it by the other means mentioned earlier. The Churches have been seduced into believing that all races are the same in God's sight.

This paper will not expand racial issues such as mixed bloods, incest blood or bastards as shown for instance in Deut 23:2-8, "*A bastard shall not enter into the congregation of the Lord until THE TENTH GENERATION.*" With Ammonites and Moabites this ten-generation prohibition is to be maintained "for ever." Israel was told, "*Thou*

shalt not seek their peace, nor their prosperity all thy days FOR EVER." With Shemites such as Edomites and Egyptians a regeneration period by mating back into Israelite stock takes only **THREE GENERATIONS**-[Deut 23:7-8]. Up to the end of this period there is no access for them to the tabernacle. With the Canaanite we read in Zech. 14:21 about the end of the age, "*In that day there shall NO MORE be any Canaanite in the house of the Lord of Hosts.*" The Canaanite blood of any proportion is banned for ALL GENERATIONS. This then may include that section of mixed-race Jewry which descended from Judah's Canaanite wife -[Gen. 38:3], i.e. Shelah-Judah which are called Jews in 2 Kings 16:6, and who can be traced in the New Testament. These comparisons show striking differences in treatment between some races in the Bible. What this shows is that God treats even mixed offspring from differing races differently in the Bible.

God says He has war with Amelek [one of Esau's descendants] for all generations and that Israel was to "*blot out the remembrance of Amelek from under heaven*" -[Ex. 17:15 and Deut 25:19]. This is about the extermination of a particular race! Edom [also known as Idumea] is stated to be "*The people against whom the Lord hath indignation for ever*" -[Mal 1:4] This race whom God says He hates are

the enemy of Israel "*for all generations*" until they are destroyed at the brightness of Jesus' appearing. Beyond a few races, the Bible does not mention the balance of races by name, and so no one has any right to presume anything about their destiny. We know:

1. That they cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven, since they are not begotten on the past "from above."

2. It is not given them to understand these mysteries [unto them it is not given - Matt 13:11].

3. They do not rise in the resurrection, not because they are condemned, but because there is no need for them to rise.

The Bible does not state that they are all condemned, but there are indications that most have benefited from, and should obey, the Laws of God. At the end, in the Book of Revelation, the New Jerusalem has the names of the Twelve Tribes of Israel upon its gates. Zechariah 14 presents the picture about the place of the other races. Certain

other races will bring their worship to the New Jerusalem year by year, but they are not in the city. God discriminates racially up to the end of the age, and these things demonstrate the racial differences that are in the Bible. We have to either agree or disagree with Jesus when He says that the scriptures "*cannot be broken*" -[John 10:35]. The Old Testament discrimination *cannot be broken*; we have to believe this if we are to agree with Jesus.

Reference is often made to "*God's chosen people or race*" suggesting wrongly that "*The Jews*" equates to all of Israel. If these are "chosen," then all the others must be "unchosen." Scripture does not indicate that "The Jews" or Judeans are Israel, despite the popular suggestion. Judaism has been a multi-racial religion since Bible days! "The Jews" are not a singular race and they easily admit this themselves! The Encyclopedia Judaica declares "*Edom is in modern Jewry*" suggesting that the descendants of Esau are the driving force behind modern Jewry.

Four quotes from Jewish sources may personally help

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those who have been led to believe that the word “Jews” always relates to Israelites, and who might be wondering where they fit in.

1. From Alfred M. Lilienthal’s book, “What Price Israel” - “*Here’s a paradox: an anthropological fact, many Christians have more Hebrew-Israelite blood in their veins than their Jewish neighbours.*”

2. The Jewish author Yair Davidy in his book “The Tribes - Israelite Origins of Western Peoples” [Foreword by Rabbi A Field] tells in much detail that *the Saxon folks are Israel.*

3. Jewish author Harry Golden wrote in 1967, “*Isaiah the prophet wrote that the remnant of Yahweh’s people would be found in the islands (coastlands) of the sea.*”

4. Jewish Encyclopedia Vol. 2, p250 - The Sacae or Scythians (Saxons), are the lost ten tribes of Israel.

These islands and coastlands can be shown as being to the North and West of Palestine, i.e. Europe and the U.K. The reader will probably be Anglo-Saxon-Celtic or Nordic, who can be shown to be Israelites, apart from the white Japhetic and Edomite content -[Genesis 9:27 and 16:12], and the obvious foreigners, who have moved in amongst them. In the Divine foreknowledge, true Israelite posterity possess the inherent ‘spirit’ characteristics with which God purposed should be used to bring peace to the world and the casting down of demonic strongholds over the other races, under the righteous rule of Jesus the Christ.

The Biblical message of God’s severance of Israel from the other races is anathema to the New Age, World Government and also to those churches and Christians who have been seduced by the New Age or by the doctrines that originate from Roman Catholic sources. Quoting from Malachi Martin in “*The Keys of Blood,*” Pope John Paul II - “*By the end of this decade, we live under the first One World Government that has ever existed in the society of nations ... a government with absolute authority to decide the basic issues of human survival. One world government is inevitable.*”

So we can see here confirmation of where the Roman Catholic Church stands in association with world government. Likewise this church supports the fusion of all races and hence the dilution of the blood of the people with the inborn ‘spirit’ content. It must be noted that there are Protestant seminaries and denominations, together with big name evangelists, who support this non-Biblical line. Evangelist Billy Graham is reported in the Charlotte Observer as saying:

“I don’t see anything wrong with inter-racial marriage - there is nothing in the Bible to forbid it. It all comes down to a practical matter in today’s culture” and, “integration is the only solution. We’ve got to be totally integrated - in our homes, in our worship services, even in marriage.”

Perhaps he reads a different Bible that does not talk about the Doctrine of Balaam, of Biblical separation and that Ezra and Nehemiah demanded the sending away of foreign wives and their children!

CULTURE

Anthropologists and other social scientists make the claim that ‘culture’ is learned behaviour acquired by individuals, but go further in saying that an individual is “encultured” at birth, the culture being transmitted from one generation to another. There is a degree where a child brought up in an alien culture will adapt to the new environment, but the pull of “roots” never disappears. When a person from a ‘non-Christian’ culture is “converted” to

Christianity under the popular “born again” terminology, it is not hard to observe that all things do not become new. When such a person is removed from the Christian cultural area and placed back among the original culture, that person will again manifest conformity with the original culture. When traversing between cultures, such a person can be observed doing something like singing “*How great thou art*” and immediately afterwards praying to the spirits of the dead! Ba’al remains underneath and there is the worship of God and Ba’al at the same time. The consequences of racial mixture is a hybrid worship, and this God does not accept.

Where we find racial mixture, the culture remains within the heathen portion. It can be readily observed even where the heathen portion is very small, that person usually will more easily identify with the heathen culture or race rather than with the majority portion. This is particularly obvious among the males, and it is also visible that those continuing to profess ‘Christianity’ are almost totally women.

It is popular today to say that all cultures are God given and thus that God can be worshipped within any cultural form. But, in the Bible, God’s people are instructed, “*Learn not the way of the heathen*”-[Jer. 10:2]. The word ‘*derek*’ in Hebrew is given by Strong as, “*course of life or mode of action.*” In Scripture, the ‘ways’ of God are contrasted with the ‘way’ of the heathen. This then is a matter of culture that God’s people are not

learn. There are many examples in Scripture about Israel practising the ways and culture of the heathen following association with them and doing, “*according to the abominations of the heathen which the Lord cast out from before the Children of Israel*”-[2 Kings 16:3 and 17:8]. As it is the Lord who did the ‘casting out,’ there is no excuse for any re-association with either the people or the culture. Further on in 2 Kings 17:15, this association is connected with rejecting the covenant made with “the fathers.” Rejection of the covenant means being cut off from the covenant. Esau did the same thing, and we are warned in the New Testament, “*Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person as Esau*” -[Heb. 12:16]. The profanity is crossing a threshold or doorway according to Strong. It is popular doctrine today to open such a door and to encourage God’s people to go through it. It is not difficult to follow the pattern of God’s judgment following cultural mixture through Scripture, but this is now being encouraged both within and without the “Church.” Any apparent break-through following years of faithful missionary activity amongst other cultures is only an apparent breakthrough, through suppression of demonic activity.

Christians have to face the question whether or not preaching the gospel is relevant to everyday decisions involving culture. There is no support for “*Unity in Diversity*” as presented today. We have seen when God “*who changes not*” made the race of Israel spiritually ‘different.’ He required this race to have a separate and different culture to all the peoples on earth.

Earlier in this paper, the Encyclopedia Judaica was quoted:

“Belief in a common descent from Adam was taken over by Christianity, and became one of the fundamentals of the Christian principle of equality of all men before God.”

This “*fundamentals of the Christian principle of equal-*

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ity of all men” is not a fundamental Biblical teaching at all. What this wrong belief means, is that it denies Biblical teaching about the separate culture of those begotten “*from above*.” The majority of pastors and teachers today have changed the Bible message that there are a people who are “above” all races. The new belief is promoted by big-name evangelists, organizations like the Promise Keepers and others who have teamed up with the Pope and the New Age. Big money is poured into this program. They are trying to, as they say, “break down the barriers and pull down the walls” that God has erected between the cultures. They bring indigenous culture into the schools and churches and “teach the way of the heathen.” The concept of promoting multiculturalism, and the fusion of all races has the support of the anti-Christ! From the churches we now hear that all men of all races are of the same ‘spirit’ origin and that all can “hear.” Their will is to not agree with Jesus! They must be false shepherds.

We will now look at God’s severance of Israel from the other races from a strictly Biblical point of view. God’s purpose in this is clear!

.....to be continued... **God’s Severance of Israel from others..**

WHAT A WASTE!

by **Chuck Baldwin**

There is NO DOUBT in my mind that the biggest failure is the establishment church. It’s a bigger failure than even the federal government. Now that’s saying something. No people in church history had been given the rich heritage of the churches of America. The Church of America was birthed by the courage and sacrifice of men such as Jonas Clark, John Peter Muhlenberg, James Caldwell, Joab Houghton, et al. These men stood in the gap and rallied the Christians in Colonial America to dispose of a tyrannical British Crown and to help create a land of liberty such as the world had never before seen. (remember - the situation in Australia is not much different!)

Alas, the courage of the patriot pastors of Colonial America has been forgotten, their sacrifice wasted. Everything they purchased with their dynamic and powerful preaching has been squandered by generations of gutless, ear-tickling men-pleasers in these entertainment playgrounds known as churches. What a waste!

However, as far gone as we are, if even a significant percentage of the 300,000-plus evangelical churches (not to mention Catholic, Episcopalian, etc) would stand up NOW and begin sounding the clarion call of national repentance and biblical liberty, the ship of state could yet be turned around. But there is NO SIGN of that happening, NONE!

What would it take to get the pastors to take a stand? One would have thought that expunging prayer and Bible reading from our schools back in 1962 and 1963 would have done it. It didn’t. One would have thought that copying the Nazi playbook for gun control back in 1968 would

have done it. It didn’t. One would have thought that legalizing the cold-blooded killing of unborn babies back in 1973 would have done it. It didn’t. One would have thought that beginning the construction of a Police State back in 2001 would have done it. It didn’t. And one would have thought that the legalization of same-sex ‘marriage’ would have done it. It hasn’t.

At this point, it does seem obvious that the vast majority of pastors are content to allow this country to nose-dive into destruction without as much as a whimper. Again, what a waste!

It is one thing to be born in an enslaved country with the weight of the state forbidding public dissent or freedom of assembly, worship, and speech. It is one thing to be born with the shackles of bondage firmly fastened around your neck from the time of your entrance into the world. It is another thing altogether to be born in a land of liberty where one’s ancestors broke the shackles of tyranny at the cost of their very lives—thus allowing us to live in a land where the freedom of dissent, the freedom to elect our civil magistrates, the freedom of speech, worship, (not to mention the freedom to keep and bear arms) are sacrosanct—only to then turn around and squander our liberty and to allow would-be tyrants to take it from us without a fight. What a waste! What a horrible, terrible, awful waste! And that is exactly what the last few generations of so-called “preachers” have done.

Think what these pussyfooting preachers have lost: they failed to preserve the sanctity of life; they failed to preserve the sanctity of marriage; they failed to preserve the sanctity of the Holy Scriptures; they failed to preserve the sanctity of liberty; they failed to preserve the sanctity of honesty and decency; they even failed to preserve the sanctity of the Church itself.

Truly, “*Ichabod*” is written over the establishment church in this nation. And, as a result, “*Anathema*” is being written over the entire nation. I am convinced that any spiritual renewal that might still come will mostly bypass the establishment churches and will be carried by non-traditional, non-aligned, unincorporated, unaffiliated, maybe even underground fellowships.

This is what is currently happening in communist—and other—oppressed countries. And we are fast becoming an oppressed country (are you still supporting, either financially or with your presence, these churches where the “*Glory is departed from Israel*” [1 Sam. 4:21]? Shame on you).

In fact, if the pastors had even a fraction of the man-stuff that the pastors of the past had, they, too, would be sounding the clarion call of independence and secession. Like King George’s England, Washington D.C., (and Canberra) has become a corrupt cesspool of wickedness that is

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using every means possible to wrap its tyrannical tentacles around every State, city, hamlet, and village in the entire country. At some point, the only options freedom-loving people in this country will have are slavery or secession. And that point may come a whole lot sooner than most of us expect.

So, what has happened to the Church? How did our pastors become so timid? How could the direct descendants of the Pilgrims, Puritans, and Patriots become so cowardly? Here are the reasons.

1. The Church, which is the bride of Christ, entered into an adulterous relationship with Caesar when it put on the state's official wedding band: otherwise known as the 501(c)3 non-profit, tax-exempt organization status. At that moment, it became a "creature of the State" and left the sanctity of its spiritual wedding to Christ. That happened in 1954. In just a little over a short half-century later, the Church has lost, not only the virtue of its own spiritual institution, but also the virtue of the most fundamental institution of all: Holy Matrimony.

Yet, instead of sounding forth the message of truth regarding this attack against Western Civilization itself, our pastors stand mute and apathetic, holding on to their precious tax-exempt status with their last waning breath. In practice, our pastors are saying exactly what the Pharisees said in Jesus' time: "*We have no king but Caesar.*"

2. The heretical misinterpretation of Romans 13 that teaches Christians must submit to civil government "no matter what." This fallacious doctrine has damned this nation. Our pastors and churches are following the Nazi playbook verbatim. True resistance to evil must, by nature, come mostly from spiritual sources, because the battle between good and evil is mostly a spiritual battle. Therefore, it is obligatory that our spiritual leaders be the ones leading this battle. Alas, for the most part, this is not happening.

In the name of Romans 13, our spiritual leaders have abandoned the battlefield. They have sounded retreat. They have waved the white flag. They have capitulated. They have surrendered. And the enemy has taken the field.

I submit that at the judgment bar of God, these squeamish milquetoast preachers are going to have to apologize, not only to Clark, Muhlenberg, Caldwell and Houghton, but also to every courageous man and woman throughout history. Think of Gideon and Samson and Samuel and David and Vashti and Esther and Daniel and Micaiah and Jeremiah and Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego. Think of Simon Peter and James and John and even Paul the man who penned Romans 13. Think of the Anabaptists, the Waldensians, the Protestant Reformers, and the martyrs of the Dark Ages. Think of the Scots and Irishmen and Americans. Think of the persecuted people of Tibet and Burma and Sudan and Saudi Arabia and China and Palestine. Think of the millions of people throughout the centuries who stood against oppressors and tyrants of all stripes and types—be they political, religious, military - - and said: "No!" A true holocaust. I say again, "What a waste!"

3. The heretical "feel-good," entertainment-oriented

Prosperity Theology that has infested the churches.

Men such as Joel Osteen are Pied Pipers of a sleep-walking church whose music is only serving to march these unsuspecting souls into the gulags of a modern inquisition. Yet, these sycophants lead the largest churches in the country.

"Like priest, like people." People have heaped to themselves teachers having itching ears. They have sown to the wind, and they are reaping a whirlwind. They are like the Israelites of old who refused to listen to God's prophets and, instead, gave heed to the hireling prophets of Ahab.

Secondly, there are these well-meaning Christians (I think) who actually believe it is their God-given ordained duty to do nothing to resist evil. I received this post on my Facebook page just this week: "*None of these things [the evil, calamitous things happening to our country] could have been prevented, nor should they have been. All these things must come to pass before the Lord returns. In this world, nations rise and nations fall, and this one just happens to be falling right now. Praise God! I praise God for the destruction of this evil nation! I wish the Lord would return right now! But unfortunately, He will not return until everything that must happen, has happened. The sooner these things happen, the sooner the Lord can return.*"

I wonder if this Christian gentleman is going to be praising God when his children or grandchildren are put to the rack (see *Braveheart*, with Mel Gibson, 1995), or his mother and father are tortured or his wife and sisters are molested and ravaged.

Yes, I realize that our sainted forebears often endured the most hideous treatment with spiritual and moral courage, but no one in their right mind would wish such treatment on their loved ones — especially if they had the power to prevent it. This man rejoices over his country's

destruction? This man is NOT in his right mind. The prophets of old wept over the destruction of their beloved nation. Jesus wept over the impending destruction of the city of Jerusalem.

But this is the kind of rationale one gets from these pastors and churches who use the Scripture to brainwash people into attitudes of fatalism. They are the ones who become nothing more than their own self-fulfilling prophecies. They stand back and do nothing and then claim to praise God when their own indifference grows into their own destruction. Such people are NOT in their right minds.

Famed Nineteenth Century revivalist Charles Finney is widely reported as saying, "If there is a decay of conscience, the pulpit is responsible for it. If the public press lacks moral discernment, the pulpit is responsible for it. If the church is degenerate and wordly, the pulpit is responsible for it. If the world loses its interest in Christianity, the pulpit is responsible for it. If enemies rule in our halls of legislation, the pulpit is responsible for it. If our politics become so corrupt that the very foundations of our government are ready to fall away, the pulpit is responsible for it."

Amen!

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Court of the U.S.) decision to legalize same-sex “marriage”; the Church is to blame for the growing Police State in this country; the Church is to blame for the war-mongering abroad; the Church is to blame for the growing influence of false religion in the nation. When the country is lying in the graveyard of history, the epitaph on its tombstone will read: “Here lies the United States of America: killed by the apathy and indifference of its pastors and churches.”

As I again reflect on the giants who thundered forth liberty from the pulpits of Colonial America, and I see the behaviour of so many of our pastors today, I can only repeat: What a waste!

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BANNING THE MENTION OF GOD IN PUBLIC LIFE

More and more, God is being shunted aside and banned in the public arena—particularly from schools. In November 2012, a six-year-old girl was told by her North Carolina school that, during a Veteran’s Day program, she could not say the word God in reading a poem that honored her two grandfathers. “He prayed to God for peace, he prayed to God for strength,” the poem stated (Todd Starnes, *God-Less America*, 2014, pp.128-129).

School officials in southern Florida “banned a fifth grader from reading the Bible during ‘free reading’ time” (Breitbart.com, “FL Teacher Banned Bible from ‘Free Reading’ Time in Classroom,” May 5, 2014).

Meanwhile, officials at other schools are on the alert to make sure that Gideons International does not succeed in—horror of horrors!—passing out free Bibles to students at school.

An e-mail memo from the assistant principal of a New Jersey middle school stated: “It has been brought to the administration’s attention that Gideons may be near our campus to distribute literature to our students . . . Please make sure they DO NOT step foot onto our campus at anytime. There will be added police and security presence at dismissal” (quoted by Starnes, p.116, emphasis added). Apparently some school administrators think distributing Bibles is the big danger in public schools today—to the point that police must be called in to prevent it!

In 2012, national Democratic Party leaders removed references to God from their party’s platform at their national convention. But this wasn’t popular with everyone, and as it was shown on primetime TV nationwide, a move was made to put God back in—at which point many on the convention floor shockingly booed. Yes, booed God—or at least the prospect of God having anything to do with decisions in governing the nation! How far this country has fallen from the days of the Founding Fathers.

Nationally syndicated radio host Steve Deace comments: “This ‘New Left’ is not mere liberals. They are flat-out Leftists . . . They are Social Reconstructionists, whose

goal is to empower government to replace our Judeo-Christian ideals of liberty and morality with what amounts to Cultural Marxism . . . That’s why their ultimate goal is silencing the church . . . for the church says that God alone is God, and government is not.

“Not to mention with God out of the way, so are your God-given rights, which makes you a de-facto ward of the state and not a free person. As [noted author G.K.] Chesterton once said [paraphrased], ‘Whenever the government removes god, the government then becomes the god’” (The Left Officially Declares War on God,” Townhall.com, July 13, 2014).

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TACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR A BIBLICAL REFORMATION

by Paul Michael Raymond

“Ye shall *diligently* keep the commandments of the LORD your God, and his testimonies, and his statutes, which he hath commanded thee.” - Deuteronomy 6:17

In Deuteronomy 6:17-25, Moses again tells Israel, as if to make it a point of repeating himself over and over, that if they were to successfully conquer and inherit the land of Canaan, they had to keep the commandments of the Lord diligently. Apparently, Moses feared that if this new generation was not self-consciously mindful to apply the commandments of the Law to the culture they were about to inhabit, they too would perish in the wilderness like their fathers before them (are we witnessing this again today?).

It should have been obvious to Israel, at this point, that strict obedience to the commandments of God was extremely important, even urgent, if this new generation was to construct a God-honoring civilization. That was the goal. The construction of a God-honoring, scripturally-structured civilization was the goal for Israel then, and

remains the goal for the Christian church today.

It was God’s intention that, through an obedient generation, He would reform and reconstruct the pagan, disobedient, and unbelieving, along with its myriad of social institutions. This was to be a comprehensive reformation in order to subdue all things in obedience to His ethical Law standard.

Moses is commanding this new generation to reform their thinking by diligently adhering to God’s ethical law-precepts in every area and institution of life, first in the life of the individual, then the family, certainly the church, but especially the arena of governance. God’s ultimate goal was, and still is today, to raise up an obedient people in righteousness for the express purpose of civilization-building. To do this they must be in a close-knit community. As Deuteronomy clearly points out, in 4:5-8:

“Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the Lord my God commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it. Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understand-

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ing in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people. For what nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the Lord our God is in all things that we call upon him for? And what nation is there so great, that hath statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day?"

The Hebrew republic was to be the universal model of righteousness, justice, and peace. Israel was commanded to have a working knowledge of the Law of God and its express application to all things. It was by this policy that they would establish a righteous social order. Through the application of righteousness, equity, and justice, they would establish a God-honoring nation. They would build a civilization which would not only honor God and conform to the Biblical standards of the Almighty, but it would warrant the blessings of God, and by those blessings their culture would prosper and be at peace. The opposite is also true. Every civilization that is built upon the precepts and law-standard of man will not prosper. That model will be cursed. Ultimately God will bring about its demise and final destruction if it continues in rebellion.

Since all of life can be boiled down to religious assumptions, based upon certain theological presuppositions, every reformation is actually a religious reformation. Every civilization model is based upon some religious idea or assumption. It will be either a humanistic, man-centered reformation or a theo-centric, Christ-honoring reformation. A common ground is impossible. All spheres of life, therefore, are conformed and structured according to a religious ideology.

Mankind will think, act, and live according to his own particular religious presuppositions. Men will either be covenantally mindful of the supreme God, or covenantally rebellious before Him. God has not created a dualistic universe where there are things secular and things sacred. Nor has He created the universe and then left it to some naturalistic mechanism of law, as the Deists would suppose. There isn't any situation whatsoever, where theological neutrality is an optional way of life. Every soul holds to some form of theology. Mankind's philosophies, laws, politics, and traditions are all theologically grounded. The operating principle for man is either man is god or God is God.

If our nation (or any nation) is to experience a Biblical reformation, it must be comprehensive, as all reforms must be; otherwise, over time it will unravel. A Biblical reformation requires a strict adherence to the Law-Word of God in its ethical and juridical principles. Since all reformation is based upon a theological/religious presupposition, Biblical reform must first begin at the church.

Since the pulpit is the place where God meets with His people, teaching them and calling them to action, the church must be faithful in all of its teaching, equipping, and empowering its members in that task of civilization building. The church must lead in the revitalization and reformation of the culture.

Once the church fails in its prophetic and judicial obligations, the entire culture falls apart. Without the applica-

tion of Christianity to all of life, the church withers and dies under the pressure of a pagan culture. The culture is the report card of the church. This is an essential lesson.

All reforms are fundamentally religious in nature, and therefore if we are to experience a Biblical reformation, it must begin at the house of God. The problem is that most churches are not even aware that a reformation is needed. Even when it comes to a reformation of the legal system, and of the so-called "God-given rights," the church is central.

R.J. Rushdoony explains: *"The source of all law in any system is not only the locale of sovereignty, but also the god of that system. God only is the true sovereign and the true source of law."*⁴

But an understanding of a thing without the application of it is useless. Israel was admonished to "keep" the Commandments, indicating the application thereof, with the statutes and the ordinances. The entire nation was to function within the parameters of a theo-centric matrix. Only in this way could they be assured God's blessings. Moses explains that people of God are to be culturally relevant by applying the Word of God to every area of life.

"Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow." (Isa. 1:17).

These commands require action: cultural action to be performed within the real world in order to conform the real world to the image of God by His law. Rushdoony concurs:

*"God's purpose for us is not abstract knowledge of all things, but the knowledge of His revelations and for a specific purpose, that we may do all the words of this law."*²

There was to be an applied ideological, theological, and philosophical standard based upon God and His Word. Israel was to live under that presupposition. They could not be neutral. Since neutrality is a myth, that was impossible. Men will either adhere to the God of Scripture (the God of Sinai), or they will not. There is no middle ground. Van Till declares:

*"Either presuppose God and live, or presuppose yourself as ultimate and die. That is the alternative with which the Christian must challenge his fellow man."*³

The pressing question of the day is "What is the major problem facing the human race?" What has derailed the progress of Christendom? The answer: Man desires to be as God, and that problem is rampant even within the walls of the church.

Every aspect and sphere of life has its root and reason in God. There is nothing outside of His dominion. Scripture declares Him the undisputed Creator, Lord, and owner of all that exists, and therefore He defines all things. Man does not and is, in fact, unable to rightly define anything. All of man's efforts are tainted by sin, fallible, unreliable, and exist in a whirlwind of flux. As a result, whenever man seeks to redefine reality according to his own fallen and fallible, rebellious reason, God brings negative sanctions in the form of judgment. The world then turns to anarchy, then chaos, and as a response to chaos the culture falls to tyranny. This is the path of our own nation and every nation that forgets God.

Obedience to God's Law-Word was then for Israel, and remains even now for us, the core and kernel of a Bibli-

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cal witness and the only security for liberty under God. Moses insists that obedience to God's Law is something that must be done diligently.

"Ye shall diligently keep the commandments of the LORD your God, and his testimonies, and his statutes, which he hath commanded thee." (Deut. 6:17).

This diligence is a self-conscious act requiring spiritual fortitude and stamina which can only be accomplished by the infusion of God's grace. In this verse, God introduces a very specific and descriptive word into the admonition. He uses the word "testimony" to indicate that it, too, is part of the law. It is the word which literally means "witness." God is comparing His Law to the witness of Himself, which is also another name for the witness of His covenant. Whenever the word "testimony" is used, it is simply another name for the law of God, in the very same way, the terms "statutes," "judgments," "ordinances" and "commandments" are used. All these are synonymous, varying only slightly, but all generally referring to the law and the covenant of God.

David uses these words interchangeably to point back to the law of God:

"ALEPH. Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the Law of the LORD. Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart. They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways. Thou hast commanded us to keep thy precepts diligently. O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes! Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments. I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned thy righteous judgments." (Psa. 119:1-7).

And so Moses, in repeating the commandments of God in Deut 6:17, includes the term "testimonies" to add further lustre to the scope of the law. In this way Moses explains that the law is the explicit testimony of God in all His holy character and attributes. It is the mind of God expressed in written propositions called the Holy Scriptures. The law of God bears an accurate witness of Him, in all His righteousness, goodness, mercy, and judgment. To repudiate God's law is to repudiate His witness. To repudiate God's law is to blaspheme God. Therefore, whenever the law of God is forgotten, neglected, repudiated or rebelled against, God brings negative sanctions of judgment. (cf. Deut. 28; Lev. 26).

CONSIDER WHAT IT MEANS TO BEAR WITNESS

To bear witness, or to have a Biblical testimony, is to be obedient to the ethical standards of God's law, the statutes, testimonies, ordinances, and commandments, whether applying to an individual, family, church, or nation. An entity will either bear a faithful witness to God or it will not. God testifies that His elect are commissioned as His witnesses, to bear testimony of His divine being and His holy Commandments, as the God of all Creation.

"Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord." (Isa. 43:10). As part of the Great Commission, Jesus confirms the role of the elect as witnesses of God:

"But ye shall receive power, after that holy ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." (Acts 1:8).

Notice the extent of the witness: unto the uttermost part of the earth. The intent of the Great Commission is righ-

teous civilization-building under the Law of God. This is what the word "Christendom" means. It is the establishment and maintenance of a righteous system of government, laws, and comprehensive social order under God's sovereign decree. It is the establishment of the Kingdom of Jesus the Christ—ChristenDOM. In other words, Christ's Kingdom, Christ's dominion.

And yet that word is no longer used as it should be even within the church, or within the evangelical and Reformed community. Why? Because the message of the church is no longer geared to Kingdom-building. It has become myopic. Self-centered. Salvation-only oriented. It is now all about "Me:" "My salvation," "My family," "My pietism," "My Intellectualism," "My this or My that," but rarely, if ever, about the Kingdom of Christ which is far bigger and grander than the self. In this way not only has the church fallen to idolatry, but so has the gospel message.

We might even say that the message has made God an idolater in that His focus is only upon man's happiness and glorification and not upon God's eternal Kingdom and His own glory. And so a Christian witness is one which bears the testimony of God in all His precepts and commandments and which seeks to advance the Kingdom of Jesus. It is not about what God has done or will do for "Me"!

For a nation, the true witness of God is made evident in its law code and societal structure. If the law code departs from God's law, then it has embraced another god. As R.J. Rushdoony observes, *"The source of law in any society is the god of that order."*⁴

Henry Van Till adds, *"Culture them may be either godless or Godly depending upon the spirit which animates it."*⁵

Moses then tells Israel: *"And thou shalt do that which is right and good in the sight of the Lord: that it may be well with thee, and that thou mayest go in and possess the good land which the Lord sware unto thy fathers."* (Deut. 6:18).

To "do that which is good and right in the sight of the Lord" requires a number of things. *First*, it requires a working knowledge of God's Law standard as to what is good and acceptable and what is evil and unacceptable. This means that the Christian must be able to accurately think God's thoughts after Him, in order to apply Biblical ethics to every situation that arises. He cannot act autonomously, defining good and evil for himself apart from God, but rather he must act "reflectively" to God's Word. This is basic to every Reformation strategy. The first principle of any Reformation requires a careful study and an accurate understanding of God's Word. It is only then that the law can be rightly applied to the culture. If, however, the comprehensive application of God's Law to every institution and area of life is neglected, all the learning and understanding in the world will not advance the Kingdom of God. Christendom cannot then be built. True wisdom is the application of the Word of God to the world at large without compromise and without apology. John Gill comments:

*"And what is right and acceptable is that which appears from the declaration of His Mind and Will in the commandments He has given, and obeying, which is therefore doing what is right and good; for His commandment is holy, just and good, being agreeable both to His nature and His will."*⁶

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structured by a Biblical paradigm. They alone must provide the foundation of action and every attempt at cultural reformation. In other words, all strategies and tactics must have a moral foundation based in Scripture if they are to have any legitimacy and lasting impact. It also must be understood that the visible church is a governing entity with certain prophetic and judicial rights and powers which heretofore have not been exercised, but must be exercised by the faithful church and her members. Furthermore, it must be understood that according to the covenant's stipulations, for every action there is a reaction. For every decision there is a consequence either good or evil.

This is the cause and effect of life under the providential decree of God. This is the world in which we live. Everything that happens is a result of either man's obedience or man's rebellion. All of life revolves around ethics. Matthew Henry says it in a clear and direct way: "In short; do well and it shall be well with thee."

This aspect of God's covenantal relationship with the nations of His people is called covenant predictability. Moses is telling Israel that if they obey they can be assured, i.e. they can predict with certainty that God will bless them. The positive covenant sanction of blessing could be predicted. The inverse is also true. If Israel (or we) rebelled they could also predict the outcome: judgment and destruction.

In Leviticus 25:18-19, God tells Israel: "Wherefore ye shall do my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them; and ye shall dwell in the land in safety. And the land shall yield her fruit, and ye shall eat your fill, and dwell therein in safety."

Commenting on Leviticus 25, Gary North observes:

*"The theo-centric meaning of this passage is that God sustains His people, and more than sustains them; He offers them plenty. They are required to acknowledge this fact by trusting in His promises. They display this trust through their obedience to His Law. This passage begins with a re-statement of the familiar cause and effect relationship between corporate external obedience to God's covenant law and corporate external blessings."*⁷

It was the duty of the priesthood to keep the nation in check. Acting prophetically as teaching prophets, they were to expound the law to the people with all of its intended application. As judges, they acted judicially in certain disciplinary actions. Working alongside of the civil rulers, they were the voice of God to the magistrates. It must be pointed out that there is a very important dynamic in relation to the priesthood and the civil ruler. According to Leviticus 4, whenever the priest sinned, he had to go through a very detailed and rigorous cleansing ceremony. In contrast to this rigorous ceremonial cleansing of the priest, the sin of the civil magistrate was dealt with as if he was simply one of the common people.

While the sins of the priest, people, and civil ruler had similar consequences, there is a very distinct link between the priest and the covenant society. In fact, there is a more intense and intimate link between the priest and the social order than there is between the civil ruler and the social order. Dr. North explains:

"There was a much closer judicial link between the priesthood and the covenanted society than there was between the civil ruler and the covenanted society. This is why we must conclude that the church was Covenantally more important in Israel than the State. The un-

*tentional sin of the priest was treated by God as comparable to the unintentional sin of the whole congregation, while the unintentional sin of the ruler was treated on par with the unintentional sin of the average citizen ... Conclusion: the laxity of the priesthood regarding their personal sins threatened greater direct negative consequences for the citizens of Old Covenant Israel than the moral or judicial laxity of the civil authorities*⁸ [what does that say for priestly pedophiles?]

James Jordan comments:

*"It was the job of the Levites to keep Israel pure by setting forth the true faith. They were to guard Israel as representatives of her True Husband. When they failed, the result was apostasy, idolatry and corruption ... When the church drifts into error, she is indeed at fault, but the primary blame lies with the pastors. Judgment begins at the house of God, and reformation must begin with the Levites."*⁹

As priests of God, they were given specialized divine authority as God's special witness, delegated to them by virtue of their calling and office. So, too, were the civil rulers given a specialized delegated authority so as to guide and govern the people according to the Law of God. Yet, there were greater social consequences when the priest apostatized.

If the magistrates failed to call the clergy back to fidelity, they too would eventually fall since by silence they affirmed the ecclesiastic apostasy. If both spheres of government were compromised, by falling into corruption and apostasy, no longer being able to discern between good and evil, they no longer acted as faithful witnesses and arbiters of God's justice. As a result they could not rightly guide or govern the people. That is where the people were to interpose themselves. Whenever the ordained

representatives of God fail in their covenantally-defined roles, the people are called to take responsible action. In times of great civil and ecclesiastic apostasy, the representative authority of the people must be activated.

Again Dr. North comments:

*"God delegates authority to the people to serve as His Covenantally sovereign agents, meaning those who bring lawful sanctions in His name. If the people refuse to act as God's representatives, then He acts in His own behalf against both the rulers and the people. This covenant threat is to serve as their motivation for imposing positive and negative sanctions against their rulers. Even Revolution is lawful, when led by faithful lower civil magistrates against lawless higher magistrates. This is the traditional Calvinistic doctrine of interposition."*¹⁰

This doctrine of interposition is the doctrine that moved the Continental Congress of the United States to move against the tyranny of England's king George III and Parliament in the eighteenth century. George was to be America's kingly representation. He was to protect them and nurture them. When he broke that covenant oath, refusing to re-establish his sworn relationship with America, and establishing Parliament's abusive oversight, the colonists had no other choice but to declare their independence from tyranny and set up their own governing societal order. They were simply recognizing Leviticus 25:17 where God commands, "Ye shall not therefore oppress one another; but thou shalt fear thy God: for I am the Lord your God."

The reason why our twenty-first century America is crumbling is because the people are so desperately ignorant of both Biblical doctrine and world history that they cannot identify the root causes which are destroying the

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nation. This is mostly due to the indoctrination methods of the National Education Association and the government schools. With arrogant impunity the NEA declared, "Education ... involves the use of education as a force for conditioning the will of the people." *Education for International Understanding in American Schools* (1948), p.33.

"Schools will become clinics whose purpose is to provide individualized, psycho-social treatment for the student, and teachers must become psycho-social therapists." Education for the '70s" *Today's Education*, January 1969.

If the last line of defense against tyranny lies in the people, and if the people fail to embrace their duty to stand against such ecclesiastical apostasy and government oppression, either through ignorance or rebellion, God brings judgment. That is precisely where we are at this juncture in history. North gives the insight:

*"Again and again in the Old Testament, God's capital sanctions fell on the people rather than the kings and priests. This indicates that it was the people who possessed primary institutional authority, not their representatives. This is why Israel was a theocratic republic ... In this civil covenant, the corporate people possess primary responsibility and therefore primary authority. In this sense the republican ideal is Biblical. Authority extends downward from GOD to the people and upward from them to their representatives. God validates rulers in the name of the people."*¹¹

This is why voting is so important and why voters need to be taught the Biblical principles concerning civil rulers. An ignorant and rebellious people will validate wicked rulers. North continues:

*"Modern democratic theory (i.e. popular sovereignty) is a secularization of this Biblical Holy covenant idea (i.e. delegated sovereignty) in which the people exercise judicial authority under God ... (in conformity to His Law Word)."*¹²

Whenever a political order is viewed as divine and beyond earthly appeal, politics, government, and the law will become increasingly tyrannical no matter which governing structure the state adopts. In Puritan America, the knowledge of God's will was paramount since the Puritans were concerned with the proclamation and application of the whole counsel of God, and for the subjection of the whole of human life to the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. According to C. Gregg Singer:

*"At the heart of [Puritan] political, social and economic philosophy lay a theology—Calvinism. Puritanism was thus a theological interpretation of life, and in Calvinism, the Puritans found the guide for their economic, social and political conduct."*¹³

This is what Moses was striving to accomplish by bringing Israel out of her bondage from Egypt. And this is what he wanted for the new generation which would enter into the land of promise. The Puritans of Colonial America sought for a cooperation between the realms of church and state to advance God's ultimate goal of righteousness in the societal order. They were seeking to establish a Christian culture. They were seeking to establish Christendom. It was their sacred and sworn duty to establish this type of God-fearing culture.

Like Moses and like the Puritans, we, the people of God, also need a sacrificial zeal for the advancement of the Kingdom. We too need to make this our sacred and sworn duty if we are to see any reformation God-ward in our time.

THE TACTICS

What is needed is a comprehensive plan to first educate so as to reintroduce, reaffirm, and reinforce Biblical truths to the masses. Then, at the same time, there needs to be a

systematic plan of implementation of God's Law and the principles of His Word to all spheres of life by training the people of God for action. The body of Anointed needs to be recalibrated for action. Singer again observes:

*"The Puritans of New England went there for the express purpose of setting up a commonwealth which would give full expression to that world and life view inherent in their Calvinistic theology. This was to be reflected not only in their political activity, but in the economic and social life as well."*¹⁴

In light of the great ecclesiastical apostasy, another very important tactic is the establishment of faithful churches, by educating, training, and calling a faithful clergy who are not afraid to both speak God's truth and implement God's Law. This may mean abandoning apostate churches and starting new churches that are ready to reconstruct both the church and the culture along Biblical lines. In addition to a targeted Biblical plan for achieving the advancement of His Kingdom we need God's grace to provide diligence, devotion, consistency, and tenacity in the execution of these plans. The Scriptures must once again take their rightful place in furnishing a framework for Biblical Reform and Re-construction. The dictates of God's Law must be applied to the whole of life.*

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PRESENT YOURSELF APPROVED

by Andrea Schwartz

"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth." (2 Tim. 2:15, ESV)

The response to God's gift of salvation should be an overwhelming desire to please God in obedience to His commandments. If this is not present, it is safe to assume that one has not been visited by the holy spirit, even though a person may be influenced by the Christian culture around them. But for those who have the holy spirit, there exists a drive to establish oneself truly on the path that leads to life.

Educating oneself and one's children in the ways of the Lord must be a primary concern for those who are called by



God into His Kingdom service. Not only must they acquire a godly perspective and worldview by adhering to the Scripture, they must also unearth the lies, myths, and deceptions attendant to their past humanistic education. This can be a daunting task, but one that, if not undertaken, leads to the impotency of a shallow faith and inconsequential cultural transformation efforts.

So, how does one present oneself approved to God when the task at hand takes so much time and seems too difficult to attain? Since our sanctification is progressive, we need to develop a godly patience in the pursuit.

Rushdoony describes it this way:

Very simply stated, what this means is that, where we have a confident expectation of something, that hope or confidence gives us the patience to wait for it. Thus, even as patience is associated with hope, so by implication the loss of hope means impatience. When we have no hope, both waiting and tribulations become meaningless to us, and we cannot then patiently endure them . . .

*Biblical patience is inseparable from hope; it means a waiting with confidence, that the future holds great reward and an assured fulfillment.*¹

Any steps taken to become versed in the Law of God without a prior conviction of victory are likely to have meager results at best, or end up in failure at worst. That is why the foundation of all preparation to learn, live, and teach the commandments of God must include the expectation that the endeavour will be successful. Obedience and victory are two sides of the same coin.

Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. (Rev. 14:12).

Rushdoony continues:

*This patience means that they believe God's Law and rest assured that its judgment will fully overwhelm all evildoers. Patience thus has, first, a confidence that this world, being totally God's creation, will see God's victory and the vindication of His people. Second, patience means also the certainty that God's total judgment will be meted out to all offenders, who "shall drink the wine of the wrath of God"*² (Rev. 14:10).

To divert one's attention away from the task of disciplining the nations, because of fearful concerns over the plans of statist politicians or oppressive school boards, implies doubt in the accuracy and veracity of God's Word. When the people of God are on task in Kingdom service, the gates of hell shudder in their imminent defeat, not the other way around.

ACQUIRING KNOWLEDGE

Once the certainty of victory is presupposed, the task at hand is to learn God's perspective on *everything*. This means evaluating all books and materials studied with the template of God's Word over them all. True knowledge is not a collection of un-interpreted *facts*, as no such thing exists. True knowledge seeks to comprehend the divine purpose all things. When many claim that the Bible is not sufficient to learn about technology or physics, etc. (e.g., "The Bible isn't a textbook!"),³ we must whole-heartedly disagree. For there can be no true understanding of any realm if we deny God His preeminence. Rushdoony again:

"The unbeliever seeks ... 'knowledge in the abstract' ... Abstract knowledge is the attempt to interpret all things without reference to God. God is abstracted from reality, and things are interpreted, not in terms of God, but in terms of themselves ...

Nothing has any residue of being or meaning which can be abstracted from God and His creative purpose. Every atom of every particular thing is a creation of God, and it is only truly knowable in terms of Him. To attempt the interpretation of anything without God is

*to attempt the impossible.*⁴

Does this mean that only books and materials from Christian publishers are reliable tools to learn about the past and present world around us? Ideally the answer would be "yes," but a close look throughout the landscape tells us we aren't there yet when it comes to excellent offerings in all areas.⁵ (Many previously Christian publishers have been bought out and taken over by antichrists, and some authors purporting to be Christian are not, either!) The foundational understanding needs to be in conformity to God's Word, not at odds with it. Thus, knowing and being able to apply the Biblical worldview to one's study of biology or chemistry or physics or nutrition or medicine or law, is the only sure-fire way to come to correct conclusions. We can learn from secular sources providing we use the standard of God's law-word to separate fact from fiction.

RESEARCH—A KEY TOOL

Once a person has a good foundational understanding of the law of God and knows how to reference it when the need arises to gain knowledge in a particular area, developing the ability to research additional sources is a vital skill.

Research involves more than just learning, it is the application of wisdom, understanding, discretion, and discernment to the subject being pursued. Webster defines the word "research" as both a noun and a verb:

RESEARCH, n. Diligent inquiry or examination in seeking facts or principles; laborious or

continued search after truth.

RESEARCH, v.t.

1. To search or examine with continued care; to seek diligently for truth.

2. To search again; to examine anew.

When one assumes the role of researcher, the earlier concept of patience needs to be in the forefront, for brick-and-mortar libraries or internet searches can result in many contradictory points of view. An honest pursuit of knowledge that is consistent with Scripture will deliver reliable answers (victory) and allow you to plot a course of action (dominion). It should be noted, this is an activity that might take weeks, months, years, or even a lifetime to fully achieve.

Seeking the counsel of Biblically sound Christian experts in the field being investigated is a must, since you will need someone to help you understand underlying concepts you are unfamiliar with.⁶ It is vital that in the pursuit of your research, there should be no expectation of good outcomes if you are not constantly evaluating the information you receive up against the Biblical standards. In other words, this is thoroughly tied in to one's spiritual condition and right-standing as one whose primary concern in life is to "fear God and keep His commandments."

"Besides being wise, the Preacher also taught the people knowledge, weighing and studying and arranging many proverbs with great care. The Preacher sought to find words of delight, and uprightly he wrote words of truth. The words of the wise are like goads, and like nails firmly fixed are the collected sayings; they are given by one Shepherd. My son, beware of anything beyond these. Of making many books there is no end, and much study is a weariness of the flesh. The end of the matter: all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil." Eccl. 12:9-14, ESV

Rushdoony sums this up ably when he comments:

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The restoration of knowledge and learning means therefore that we must 'put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him' (Col. 3:10). On no other basis can there be a renaissance of knowledge ... Godly knowledge or wisdom "is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her" (Prov. 3:18).⁷

Some examples:

HEALTH

Suppose you were trying to avert the onset of diabetes, knowing that it is a prevalent malady in your family. Suppose you had been told that you were heading in that direction and therefore needed to follow a particular diet and lifestyle. How would you evaluate the advice given? Would you follow it because the person telling you these things wore a white coat and had a stethoscope around their neck? How would you know if the advice was genuinely researched and not influenced by rewards they would earn if you followed their directives?

Obviously, you would have to have some understanding of how your body works, what causes diabetes, what insulin is, and how your pancreas produces it. Some might say, "Well, that's why I go to the doctor. I didn't go to medical school - he did." But as believers we often disagree with what the medical profession routinely upholds regarding abortion, euthanasia, stem cell research, and vaccinations. Unless someone has a working knowledge of subjects filtered through the lens of Scripture, they are doomed to be blown around (Eph. 4:14) by any humanistic doctrine they may be fed.

EXTRA CURRICULAR INSTRUCTION FOR CHILDREN

When parents desire that their children learn a musical instrument or develop proficiency in a particular sport, they look for an instructor. especially if the parents are venturing into territory unfamiliar to them, there has to be some standard by which they make their selection. Certainly finances and location will factor into it, but most importantly there should be a sense of how any given teacher will present the material to be learned to the children.

Once again, the lens or template of Scripture needs to be applied. The many things to consider and evaluate include: character of the instructor, expertise, and will parents be allowed to sit in on the instruction, etc. None of these things will be apparent in an ad in the yellow pages or on craigslist. Even word-of-mouth is only reliable if you are certain that you share the same world and life view of those making recommendations.

PURSuing HIGHER EDUCATION

When the time comes for young people to begin to plot the course for their future, many decisions need to be made. It is important that decisions are formed by Biblical principles, including all the implications of the career path according to what God is calling them to do.⁸ Once they establish a sense of what they wish to focus on, research needs to be done to make wise choices in school selection, day or on-line classes, full or part time, etc.

Parents should partner with their children in this endeavour because the ramifications of the decision made will affect the entire family. Seeking out those who have gone to a particular school, and asking them what things they would do differently, can help in preventing wasted classes or, worse yet, antagonistic professors. Being able to differentiate your own situation from theirs allows you to accept or reject ideas in a positive way. For this reason parents need to be years ahead of when decisions will need to be

made so that the student is not forced into negative situations.

PRESENTING ONESELF APPROVED

Not all things are known in factual detail by the believer, but he has the principle and the sight by which all things are seen or perceived. His ability to see or know is there; for those who attempt to know on the tempter's terms (Gen. 3:5), there is only blindness.⁹

As we rightly handle the word of truth over all aspects of our lives, and teach others to do so, we are merely giving back to God an increase from the talents He gave to us (Matt. 25:14-30). When we search out matters to understand the context of and calling for our Kingdom service, we can present ourselves approved unto the Lord, not ashamed of our efforts or results.*

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4. R.J. Rushdoony, *Revolt Against Maturity*, 23.

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6. I have made use

of our family chiropractor who is an avid student of health, nutrition, exercise, and rehabilitation as my tutor to understand and evaluate various sources of information. I will often schedule a visit for that specific purpose, knowing that it is as important to see him when I am well (so I can stay well), as when I am feeling ill..

7. Rushdoony, *Revolt Against Maturity*, 29.

8. When I taught writing to my own children as well as those who were in co-op classes or privately tutored by me, I always assigned early on an essay entitled "What is God Calling Me to Do," requiring that they explained based on their talents and inclinations an area they thought they might wish to pursue. A

major focus was finding out the necessary prerequisites along with interviewing someone who was already working in that capacity. This is a needed step before one can actually research the best way to pursue higher education.

9. Rushdoony, *Revolt Against Maturity*, 29.

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THE NEW DARK AGES, WHERE THE PERFECTLY NORMAL ARE BRANDED BIGOTS

by Brendan O'Neill, *The Australian*, August 19, 2015

Something terrifying has happened during the past five years: a belief that was held by virtually all human beings for centuries has been rebranded as bigotry, something that may no longer be expressed in polite society.

That belief is that marriage is something that occurs between a man and a woman, or between a man and many women, the idea that marriage is a union of opposite sexes.

This was once seen as a perfectly normal point of view. Now, in the historical blink of an eye, it has been denormalised, and with such ferocity and speed that anyone still brave enough to express it runs the risk of being ejected from public life.

Consider the ABC's Q&A this week (17-08-15), and the furious response to it. The show was unusual from the get-go because it featured not one but two gay-marriage skeptics: Katy Faust, an American Christian, and me, a godless Brit.

I made the argument that gay marriage now seemed to



play the same role God played 200 years ago: anyone who didn't believe in it hadn't a hope in hell of getting ahead in public life.

There was a chokingly conformist climate, I said, with critics of gay marriage facing demonisation, harassment and, in some cases, expulsion from decent society. Consider Brendan Eich being sacked as chief executive of Mozilla for his belief in traditional marriage. Or all those Christian cake shops beleaguered by gay-rights activists demanding that they make gay cakes. Twenty-first century religious persecution.

The response to my comments, on Twitter and in parts of the media, proved my point. It can be summed up as: "How dare you say that the gay-marriage campaign is intolerant, you bigoted a**hole?! Get out of Oz!" "Irony" doesn't even begin to cover this.

Labor senator Sam Dastyari, also on the Q&A panel, accused Faust of being "hateful" and talking "Christian evangelical claptrap." Yet all she said was that marriage should be between a man and a woman and children had a right to know both their father and their mother.

The demonisation of Faust shows how thoroughly the Christian viewpoint has been turned into a kind of hate speech. Something that was a standard outlook a few years ago is now treated as a pathology.

As a liberal—small L—I find it deeply troubling that a moral outlook can be so swiftly put beyond the pale, branded "INAPPROPRIATE."

Then there was Twitter, which went into meltdown over Faust's and my comments. We're bigots, haters, scumbags, "vomiting our bile," we should be sent packing.

You know what? Scrap my comparison of gay marriage to God: 200 years ago, in developed Western countries, even the godless has a better chance of getting ahead than gay-marriage sceptics do today.

Are Faust's views really so controversial? Most people would back the idea that kids should ideally know their biological mum and dad. Indeed, adopted children often seek out their biological parents, believing it will help them make sense of who they are. Maybe they're bigots, too?

The response to Q&A shows that gay marriage is not a liberal issue. Rather, what we have here is the further colonisation of public life by an elite strata of society—the chattering class—and the vigorous expulsion of all those who do not genuflect to their orthodoxies. Whether you're a climate-change denier, a multiculturalism sceptic or, the lowest of the low, someone who believes in traditional marriage, you're clearly mad and must be cast out.

The social impact of this illiberal liberalism will be dire. A whole swath of society—the old, the religious, the traditionalist—will feel like moral lepers in their own country, silencing themselves lest they, too, be branded scum.

(Katy Faust, who was raised by two lesbian women, is in Australia to help defend marriage between a man and a woman. She appeared on Q&A on Monday on a show which is heavily biased against anyone who believes in life, love, marriage and religious freedom).

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REVOLT OF THE PASTOR MANAGERS

by *Matthew Luckey*

Today's evangelical and fundamentalist pastor no longer asks, "What is good and evil?" He asks, rather, "What works?" Good old pragmatism. Morality is irrelevant to him and his conscience irreparably seared by the hot iron of opportunism. What "works" for the efficacy of the organization (the mega-church franchise) is the new good. And what gets in the way of organizational interests is the new

evil. Nothing is more obstructive to man's ambitions than Christ, for He requires that man renounce his ambitions at the foot of the Cross. Thus, increasingly Christ and Christianity are seen as evils by the churches and their manager-pastors. The only sin these churches recognize is the sin of being truly Christian.

The new pastor-manager is on the make. If a member of his franchise-church happens to be a genuine Christian, then he is of no benefit to his enterprise, to his self-interest. He considers a genuine Christian a liability. It's in his interest to sell you out, to steal your church from you. You see, the pastor-manager has separated his own interests from those of Christ, so that now these interests are at war.

The manager-pastor advocates "peace," "tolerance," "flexibility," and a "spirit of cooperation," by which he means that Christ and Christians are not to resist his ambitions. This conflict originates with the pastor-manager, because he erects his worldly interests against those of Christianity; but then he blames those who resist his apostasy as being "inflexible," "uncooperative," "divisive," "stuck in the past," and "troublemakers." The pastor-manager opposes genuine Christians, whose families are often multi-generational members of their churches, while pandering for new members among the worst sort of rootless characters. This situation scandalises the church by making it impossible for genuine Christians to trust, let alone submit to, religious authority.

The pastor-manager no longer needs the veteran and proven Christian, because he interprets the genuine Christian as a liability and not an asset. He's trying to sideline genuine Christianity and replace it with progressive marketing and advertising strategies. The genuine Christian does not benefit his interests, he does not represent power in worldly terms. The pastor-manager respects only worldly power, for only worldly power will advance his program for worldly success. He will align himself with the power he respects while cutting loose genuine Christians that he holds in contempt.

Authentic Christian teaching will be replaced by motivational seminars, and traditional worship of God with pop-music entertainment of the audience-consumer. The Sunday schools will be stolen from the veteran church layworkers, who often have sacrificed decades of faithful service, and given to some unwashed hipster twenty-somethings, sporting tattoos and piercings, who teach self-worship to the youth.

The deliberate obsolescence of genuine Christians from their churches parallels the situation faced by the faithful blue-collar worker, who have been sold out by the same corporations they made prosperous. These companies repay their native workers' industry and loyalty by sending their jobs to a Third World nation or importing Third-World strangers here to take their jobs for a fraction of their salary. There is at present a general war against the native blood to dispossess them of both their material and spiritual inheritance. It is an occult war of genocide hidden beneath free-market and democratic pretensions. Capitalism is the gospel of traitors, and when it is successful it destroys whatever it touches.

They say your brain is a bit like a computer hard-drive, as it fills up over time it is more sluggish at accessing information - this accounts for older people having problems remembering, they don't forget, just take longer finding the information.

Blessings and greetings to you all and tank you for your continued support and requests for material May our God bless and keep you safe

