

DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT DO ANY BAPTIZING?

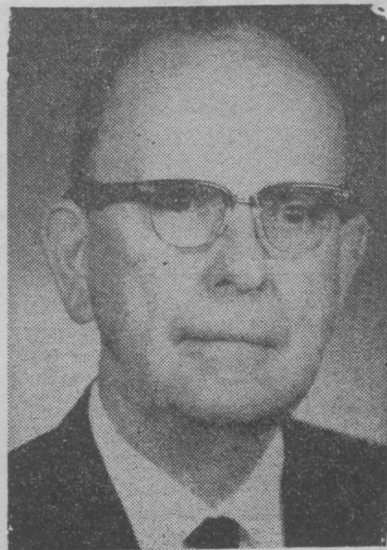
By E. G. COOK
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In a time when just about everybody from so-called Baptists to Catholics are getting something they call Holy Spirit baptism, and speaking in so-called tongues, it seems that we need a serious study of the subject. If there is such a thing, all of the Lord's saints should desire it. I, for one, desire to have all the blessings my Lord has for me. I do not want to miss a single one of them. I believe they call this Holy Spirit baptism the second blessing. I have received at least a million blessings during my some fifty-six years as one of my Lord's unworthy saints, but I have never received that one. Could it be that my being unworthy of the first blessing is the reason why I have never received the second one? If that be the case, then I must give up all hopes of ever receiving it. The closer I walk with my Lord the more brightly my filthy, slimy unworthiness shines. So if a person must be worthy in order to receive the Holy Spirit baptism I have no hope of ever receiving it.

It seems that those who hold to the teaching of a Holy Spirit baptism use I Cor. 12:13 to support their teaching. And I must admit that if I believed the translators of the King James version were inspired in the same way Paul and all the other original writers were, I would be forced to teach a baptism by the Holy Spirit even if I could not experience it myself. Our version, along with most of the others that I know anything about, say plainly that "By one Spirit are we all baptized into one body whether we be Jews or Gentiles." So, if I believed the Holy Spirit was responsible for that word "by" being in this verse I would be forced to teach a baptism by the Holy Spirit. I can see no way round it and at the same time be consistent.

It is true that the little Greek word EN can be translated by our word "by." In fact, it is so translated in our version 142 times. But this same little word is translated "with" 139 times. But, believe it or not, it is translated "in" 1,863 times. Translators are responsible to God. So they should be concerned

about making a particular verse of Scripture harmonize with every other Scripture on that subject. And so far as I am able to know there is absolutely no other



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reference in the Bible that sets forth the Holy Spirit as the administrator of any kind of baptism. In Mt. 3:11, John the Baptist told the

disciples that the One who would come after him (that is, Christ), would baptize them with, or in, the Holy Spirit, and with fire. This took place on the day of Pentecost. But remember, it was Christ who administered the Baptism. He literally immersed His church in the Holy Spirit. So I conclude that since the translators translated the little Greek word "EN" by our little word "in" 1,863 times in other places, they could have done the same here and that would have made this verse harmonize with other references.

In Rom. 8:9 we read, "But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be the Spirit of God dwell in you." This verse teaches plainly that if we are saved we are in the Spirit. So in order for the translators to make I Corinthians 12:13 harmonize with Romans 8:9, they would have been forced to use the word "in" here in this verse. Some may think that the word "by" is found in the Greek here in I Corinthians 12:13, but it is not. Rather it is EN which can be translated among, with, by, or in. It was up to the translators to

decide which one of the four words should be used in this particular place. They must have believed in this Holy Spirit baptism, because I can see absolutely no other reason for using "by" instead of "in." Sometimes translators are not too consistent when it comes to one of their pet doctrines.

Everyone who has any regard for God's Word knows that baptism in water is a part of the church's commission. In Matthew 28:19-20 she is told to make disciples, baptize them, and then teach them. The Scriptures are so clear on this point that no one can deny that when a person is saved, he, or she, should follow the Lord in water baptism. So those who teach a baptism by the Holy Spirit simply have to teach that there are two different kinds of baptism. There is just no way round it. But Ephesians 4:5 says, "One Lord, one faith, one baptism." Quite a few years ago, I heard a Baptist preacher preach that Holy Spirit baptism stuff. After the service I told him that what he preached that night posed a (Continued on page 6, column 3)

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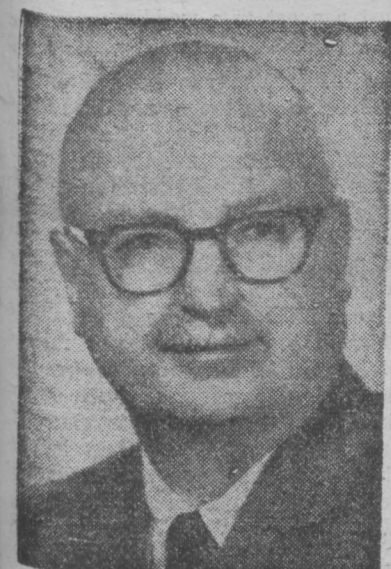
By ROSCOE BRONG

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"Yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead."

"If Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness" (Rom. 6:13; 8:10).

Looking again at the glorious eighth chapter of Romans which



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describes the continuing conflict but assured victory of the Christian life, let us dip into verses 10 to 39 and come up with a fresh handful of truth that will strengthen us in our spiritual warfare. So, with the life of Christ inhabiting our spiritually dead bodies, let me point five dead fingers to five living truths in these few verses: our Hope, our Obligation, our Test, our Comfort, and our Assurance.

OUR HOPE

"If the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken (make alive) your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you" (v. 11). Foolish attempts have been

made to claim this "quickenings" of "mortal bodies" as an attainable experience in this present life. But false pretensions cannot change the fact that our present bodies are still mortal; that is, subject to death. In the spiritual language of our text, they are dead now; and in what we commonly call death, they will be dead yet.

Only in the resurrection of "them which are asleep" and the translation of saints "which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord" (I Thess. 4:15) will these mortal bodies be made alive and "put on immortality" (I Cor. 15:54). This is our "blessed hope" (Tit. 2:13) in connection with our Lord's appearing, and the sureness of our hope is based upon the solid historical fact of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The same Spirit that raised His body will raise ours.

OUR OBLIGATION

"Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die" (vs. 12, 13). (Continued on page 7, column 4)

MY FATHER

In a storm at sea, when the danger pressed, and the deep seemed ready to devour the voyagers, one man stood composed and cheerful amidst the agitated throng. They asked him eagerly why he feared not — was he an experienced seaman, and did he see reason to expect that the ship would ride the tempest through?

No; he was not an expert sailor, but he was a trustful Christian. He was not sure that the ship would swim; but he knew that its sinking could do no harm to him. His answer was, "Though I sink today, I shall only drop gently into the hallow of my Father's hand, for He holds all these waters there!"

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PART I

It has been estimated by some that the expenditure which Americans make toward fortune-telling, astrology, and related psychico-occult activities exceeds that of all religious expenditures. This would seem to indicate that "the god of this world," even Satan, is both big in the fortune-telling business and in the big fortune-telling

defiance of the specific proclamations of God's true servants.

Let us never forget that in the Jewish Bible — the Old Testament, and in the Christian's Bible — the Old and the New Testaments, God speaks quite frequently and clearly about fortune-telling, false prophets, false ministers, astrologers, wizards, psychics, and other characters who relate themselves to the occult and predicting, sometimes for fees and sometimes for fame.

FALSE PROPHETS CONDEMNED

In the book of Deuteronomy, chapter 18 and verses 10-12, God (Continued on page 6, column 1)

HE KEPT PREACHING

W. M. DAVIS

Once it is said there was a pious man, who for many years preached the gospel with very little success. He was zealous, devoted, and earnest; but his ability as a preacher was limited. One of the good man's friends advised him to give up preaching as he was doing so little good.

"Fifteen years," said the friend, "have you been preaching, and yet but one man has ever been heard of, who refers his first religious impressions to your efforts."

In the enthusiasm of wild delight the preacher exclaimed, "Is it possible I have been made instrument in calling one sinner to repentance? Oh, has Heaven gained a single soul through my fifteen years of service? Then am I amply repaid for all my toils. And now, as for from ceasing to preach Christ, I will gladly preach on for another fifteen years, hoping that another, or other souls may be won from the paths of death."

That good man has some idea of the soul's infinite value. He who, as an instrument, saves one soul, is far greater in Heaven's estimate than the famed conqueror of the world. To save a soul is a greater achievement than to make a sun. When godless sages, infidel philosophers, and blood-stained conquerors, shall all be lost forever to blessed memory, or mercy, or hope, that humble man who wins one soul to Christ, shall glitter in the paradise of God, more bright than the stars of Heaven. (LANDMARK BANNER AND CHEROKEE BAPTIST, December 8, 1859).



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business. In order for such to be true, it is perhaps essential that much of this money for fortune-telling be spent by America's deluded and misguided Christians and Jews. Further, such expenditures must, of necessity, be without regard to the Word of God, the Old and New Testaments, and in

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A Sermon By Milburn Cockrell

THE MARRIAGE OF THE LAMB

"Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of the saints. And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb" (Rev. 19:7-9).

In the New Testament the relation between Christ and the church

is presented under the figure of a bride and bridegroom. At the Rapture Christ will come as the Bridegroom to take His heavenly bride to Himself. Then that relationship that was pledged over 1900 years ago will be consummated, and Christ and His church will be eternally united.

The church is not yet the Lamb's wife. She at present is the bride-elect. The Bible tells us that the church is "espoused . . . to one husband" (II Cor. 11:2). She is en-

gaged to be married to Christ after the Rapture and the Judgment Seat of Christ.

WHERE AND WHEN

Where will the Marriage of the Lamb take place? It must be in Heaven as no other location is fit for a heavenly people. The speakers in Revelation 19 are said to be "much people in heaven" (Rev. 19:1). This marriage, more than any other marriage, will be made in Heaven. While the earth (Continued on page 2, column 1)

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Marriage Of Lamb

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is in the worst part of the Great
Tribulation, Heaven will be rejoic-
ing as the marriage bells ring!

The book of Revelation gives the
chronological order of events lead-
ing up to the Marriage of the
Lamb. Revelation 19 indicates it
will be after the destruction of the
Great Whore (Rev. 19:1-6) and be-
fore the Battle of Armageddon
(Rev. 19:11-21).

The marriage will follow the Be-
ma of Christ, inasmuch as when
the woman appears, she appears
in "the righteousness of the saints"
(Rev. 19:8). The bride has "made
herself ready" by the Judgment
Seat of Christ. The fine linen in
which the wife is clothed is not
the imputed righteousness of
Christ. Instead, it is the righteous
acts and works of the saints them-
selves. The righteous acts of the
saints which stand the fiery test
of the Bema of Christ shall make
up the beautiful wedding garment
in which the bride shall be array-
ed.

THE BRIDEGROOM

The inspired Apostle John speaks
of the Bridegroom as "the Lamb."
This title in the writings of John
always refers to Jesus Christ. The
Saviour is called "the Lamb" 27
times in the book of Revelation.

We must beware of making too
much of the bride. The Scripture
speaks, not of the marriage of the
bride, but "the marriage of the
Lamb." The center of attraction is
the Lamb, the Bridegroom. He is
given the greatest honor. The mul-
titude in Heaven cried: "Let us
be glad and rejoice, and give hon-
or to him: for the marriage of the
Lamb is come" (Rev. 19:7).

John the Baptist called Christ
the Bridegroom: "He that hath
the bride is the bridegroom" (John
3:29). Christ called Himself by this
title: "Can the children of the
bridechamber mourn, as long as
the bridegroom is with them? but
the days will come, when the bride-
groom shall be taken from them,
and then shall they fast" (Matt.
9:15). The Lord Jesus pictured

Himself as the Bridegroom in the
parable of Matthew 25:1-13. He did
so again in Matthew 22 in the mar-
riage of the king's son.

THE BRIDE

Israel cannot be the bride of
Christ. She is the mother of Jesus
Christ: "Whose are the fathers,
and of whom as concerning the
flesh Christ came" (Rom. 9:5). In
Revelation 12 Israel is the Sun-
Clothed Woman. She is said to give
birth to a man child who shall
rule all nations (Rev. 12:1-5). Here
again we see Israel giving birth
to Jesus Christ.

The nation of Israel is already
the wife of God the Father. To
Israel Isaiah declared: "For thy
Maker is thine husband" (Isa. 54:
5). Because of her spiritual whore-
doms, Israel is a cast-off wife:
"Plead with your mother, plead;
for she is not my wife, neither am
I her husband: let her therefore
put away her whoredoms out of
her sight, and her adulteries from
between her breasts" (Hos. 2:2).
When she ceases from her adul-
teries, the Father will take her

BRIEF NOTES

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back as a cast-off wife. Hosea
2:7 pictures Israel saying: "I will
go and return to my first husband;
for then was it better with me
than now." Christ is to marry a
virgin, not a cast-off wife (II Cor.
11:2).

NOT ALL THE SAVED

The bride cannot be all the saved
as some teach. There are four
very good reasons for rejecting
this teaching.

First, the bride is distinguished
from the great multitude in Heav-
en. In Revelation 19:7 the "us"
is not the same company called
"his wife." Hebrews 12:28 reads:
"To the general assembly and
church of the firstborn." The gen-
eral assembly of saints is a dif-
ferent company of people from the
church. "The firstborn" is a title
of Christ (Rom. 8:29; Col. 1:15;
Rev. 1:5). We are not to under-
stand the expression to mean the
church consists of all the born-
again as false teachers contend.

Second, the bride is distinguished
from the guests. In Revelation 19

"And there shall be signs in the
sun, and in the moon, and in the
stars: and upon the earth dis-
tress of nations, with perplexity;
the sea and the waves roaring;
Men's hearts failing them for fear,
and for looking after those things
which are coming on the earth:
for the powers of heaven shall be
shaken"—Luke 21:25,26.

I want to call your attention to
just one word out of this text,
and that is the word "perplexity."
"Perplexity" literally means "no
way out," and that is my subject.

The basis of this message goes
back to a book that was published
several years ago, written by a
French free-thinker and philos-
opher, John Paul Sartre, on the
subject, "No Exit." This French
philosopher, who was actually a
French free-thinker, and particu-
larly an atheist, took the position
that man is at the end of his rope.
He looked through all the troubles

of the world and all the problems
that confront mankind — he looked
at the difficulties and all the
perplexities that confront us as
the nations of the world, and then
wrote his book "No Exit." He
said so far as mankind was con-
cerned that mankind had just
worked himself into a corner, and
if there was no exit, there was
no way out. From the point of
view that this French philosopher
was writing, I wouldn't be one
bit surprised but that which he
wrote is exactly true — that there
is no exit — there is no way out.

That book, I say, was published
a number of years ago. It didn't
make too much of an impression
when it was first published, but
it is published now as a paper-
back, and is on the newsstands
all over the world as one of the
world's best sellers.

As I say, that gave rise to this
message, and as I have called to

your attention, the word "per-
plexity" means "no way out," and
actually, from man's standpoint,
the human family has no way
out.

IT IS A TIME OF PERPLEX- ITY.

I don't believe there is anyone
that would deny that there are
many things today that are head-
ing up to make this an hour of
perplexity.

First of all, people are living
for material things. Everybody is
living today with one thought in
mind primarily, and that is ma-
terial things. I turn to God's
Word and I read:

"And he spake a parable unto
them, saying, The ground of a
certain rich man brought forth
plentifully: And he thought with-
in himself, saying, What shall I
do, because I have no room where
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the bride "hath made herself
ready," while others are "called
to the marriage supper" (Rev. 19:
7,9). If all the saved are in the
bride, then who are these guests?
Who would be so foolish as to sup-
pose the bride will be invited to
her own wedding? This is unthinkable!

The Bible seems to always men-
tion guests in addition to the bride.
In Psalm 45 there is presented
"the king's daughter" and "her
virgin companions" (Psa. 45:13-14).
In the marriage of the king's son
it is written: "The wedding was
furnished with guests" (Matt. 22:
10). The ten virgins in Matthew
25 are the bridesmaids. Those who
disagree with me have the problem
of explaining how the bridegroom
will marry ten virgins at one time!

Third, the Bible makes a differ-
ence between the bride and other
saved people. It is written in Re-
velation 22:17: "And the Spirit and
the bride say, Come. And let him
that heareth say, Come. And let
him that is athirst come. And who-
soever will, let him take the water
of life freely." There is a dual in-
vitation given here. First, there
is an invitation for Christ to re-
turn, given by the Holy Spirit, the
church and a saved soul outside
the church. Second, there is an
invitation to thirsty and willing
sinners to come to the water of life.

Especially note the expression:
"And let him that heareth say,
Come." The person that hears is
a sheep (John 10:3,16,27). He is not
in the bride, but he does look for
the appearing of Jesus Christ. Does
a lost sinner look for the coming
of Christ? No! the person here is
saved, but not in the bride.

In I Corinthians 5 there is a man
about to be excluded from the
bride for immoral conduct, yet af-
ter exclusion from the bride he is
still saved (I Cor. 5:5). It would
appear to the careful reader that
some saved people in this dispen-
sation are not in the church or
bride.

Fourth, the New Jerusalem is the
future home of the bride or church
(Rev. 21:2, 9-10), yet there are
some saved people outside of the
city (Rev. 21:24). Therefore, not
all the saved are in the bride.

Salvation alone does not make
one a part of the bride any more
than being a woman makes her a
bride. Salvation is basic, like be-
ing a woman is essential to being
a bride, but one may be a woman
without being a bride.

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"NO WAY OUT"

NOT ALL DENOMINATIONS

The bride of Christ is not the
total sum of all denominations.
She is not Christendom with its
variety of denominations and con-
fusing doctrines. If this were the
case, Christ would be a polyga-
mist! Song of Solomon presents
the bridegroom saying to his bride:
"My dove, my undefiled is but one;
she is the only one of her mother"
(S. of S. 6:10). Paul speaks of the
church in the generic sense as
"one body" (Eph. 4:3).

The true Baptist churches con-
stitute the bride of Christ (John
3:29; II Cor. 11:2; Eph. 5:25-32).
But I would not make the bride
all the members of all Baptist
churches found in the different as-
sociations, conventions, and Bible
fellowships of our time and former
times. In our generation I believe
the Lord's bride is found among
those churches which wear the
name Baptist. I say, among the
Baptists, because not all churches
who wear the name Baptist are
New Testament churches.

True churches are identified by
their doctrine and practice, not a
name which any heretic can as-
sume. The true churches have not
always been called Baptists. They
were called Galileans, Christians,
Anabaptists, Mennonites, Albigen-
ses, Arnoldists, Henricans, Pauli-
cans, Waldenses, Montanists, Pa-
terians, Donatists, Hussites, Lol-
lards, Wickliffites, Numidians, No-
vations, Tertullianists, Lyonists,
Puritans, Bogomiles, Petrobrusi-
ans, Cathari, and countless others.
I would not say that all these peo-
ple were in true churches, but I

would say that the true churches
were found among them.

The bride will be composed of
that group of Spirit-regenerate men
and women who have been bap-
tized into a New Testament church,
and who have lived consistent liv-
es for the Lord (II Thess. 3:6).
They are the faithful few in the
true churches. Revelation 19:7-8
discloses that those in the bride
have some works of righteousness.
One of these works of righteous-
ness is water baptism (Matt. 3:15).
No one will be in the bride who
has not by faithfulness to the Lord
in one of His churches made him-
self ready.

Those in the bride have such
moral purity that they are called
"a chaste virgin" (II Cor. 11:2).

To be in the bride is a distinct
privilege of only a few. It is a
great reward as there is a vast
difference in being a bride and
just a guest at a wedding.

You can be saved and not be in
the bride. You can be a Baptist
and not be in the bride. John the
Baptist was saved, yet he was only
the friend of the Bridegroom (John
3:29). To be in the bride you must
be a member of a New Testament
church which has a perpetuity back
to the Jerusalem Church which
was organized by Jesus Christ.
You must not only be a member
of such a church, but you must
be a faithful member. To be in
the bride you must be saved, bap-
tized in water into a Baptist church
and in fellowship with that local
church of which you are a mem-
ber.

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"No Way Out"

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to bestow my fruits? And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease; eat, drink, and be merry. But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God"—Luke 12:16-21.

I believe that the man of whom Jesus is speaking is the man that in all probability you meet on the street every day. He is the man you deal with at the store. He is the man that you deal with in all phases of life. I wouldn't be a bit surprised but that you see this same fellow when you stand before the mirror each morning. I tell you, people are living for material things today.

I believe that four words characterize the people, generally speaking, that most of us deal with each day: fun, food, frolic, and folding money. Material things characterize America almost 100 per cent. We have 89,000,000 telephones in America. We have 69,000,000 automobiles. We have 60,000,000 TV sets. We have almost 8,000,000 pleasure motor boats. Don't these four things pretty well tell you that the mind of America is in a trend toward material things?

Furthermore, in reading NEWS WEEK, I found that since 1950, America has opened 10,000 new pizza parlors, 15,000 frozen custard stands, 10,000 new bowling alleys, 35,000 new drive-in theaters, and 8,000 trampoline centers. I say, beloved, in the light of these facts, we are living with our eyes on the world instead of the Word of God. America is given over to material things, which is why it is a time of perplexity. You can't expect it to be anything else except a time of perplexity if you live for this world, because this world is not the desired end so far as we are concerned. There is another world beyond this, and we need to lift up our eyes to another world rather than to this world.

It is a time of perplexity because our moral codes of the past are now forgotten.

Do you tell me that the moral codes of yesterday mean anything to the population today? I was literally shocked some time ago when I read in the newspaper how that one of our President's daughters in Washington, entertained 250 of the sons and daughters of the Washington diplomatic

IS "THAT" IN THE BIBLE?



Question:

"WHAT CONGENITAL MALFORMATIONS ARE MENTIONED IN THE BIBLE?"

Answer:

II Samuel 21:20: "And there was yet a battle in Gath, where was a man of great stature, that had on every hand six fingers, and on every foot six toes, four and twenty in number: . . ." (See also I Chronicles 20:6). Leviticus 21:18-21: "For whatsoever man he be that hath a blemish, he shall not approach: a blind man, or a lame, or he that hath a flat nose, or anything superfluous, Or a man that is brokenfooted, or brokenhanded, Or crookbackt, or a dwarf, or that hath a blemish in his eye, or be scurvy, or scabbed, or hath his stones broken; No man that hath a blemish of the seed of Aaron the priest shall come nigh to offer the offerings of the Lord made by fire: . . ." Moffatt's translation has: ". . . no blind man, no lame man, no one with a mutilated face, no one with a limb too long, no one with a broken foot or a broken hand, no hunchback, no dwarf, no one with defective eyesight, no one suffering from itch or skin-disease, no one with broken testicles . . ."

crowd in the East Room of the White House. Those that were present were from 16 to 21 years of age — just teenagers you might say, just barely coming into young manhood and womanhood. The thing that impressed me was that the sole refreshment that was served was beer. Can you tell me with a situation like that, that our moral codes are anything but forgotten?

Sometime ago, it was called to my attention that the Associated Press was making much of the fact that the government was setting up brothels, or houses of ill fame, or houses of prostitution, for the benefit of the soldier boys in Vietnam. Then I thought how George Washington in the early days of this country, when the Revolutionary War was being fought, would slip off in the cold hours of the night and get down on his knees before God to pray for the success of the war. I thought, what a contrast between the present day situation as to morals and the situation of this country two hundred years ago.

A short time after I heard of this, I was again shocked when a radio announcer told how that our Government was sending a whole shipload of whiskey to the soldiers in Vietnam, and he gave the size of the ship as being 450 ton capacity. I began to estimate a little, and at that time we had 100,000 soldiers in Vietnam, which meant that we were sending each of those soldiers the equivalent of one gallon of liquor.

Beloved, that is a new way to win a war. There has been many a war lost because the men got drunk. I think of the time when Darius the Median and Cyrus the Persian came against the country of Babylon, and how those big gates of Babylon were left open just because of that drunken feast that they had therein, when Belshazzar gave a feast, toasting a thousand of his lords and nobles and their ladies. I say, beloved, that is a new way to win a war.

It is no wonder that this world is in a perplexed condition. It is no wonder that a French skeptic (Continued on page 4, column 3)

The Baptist Hymn Writers Of The World



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The singing of hymns in the churches is a practice which dates back to the infancy of the church. There were many hymns written in the first and second centuries. The oldest hymn now known among Christians is, "Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, World Without End, Amen." It was doubtless written by one who was in principle and practice a Baptist. It was first given to the churches in the second century, or earlier. The additional words, "As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be," were placed in this sacred song at an early period.

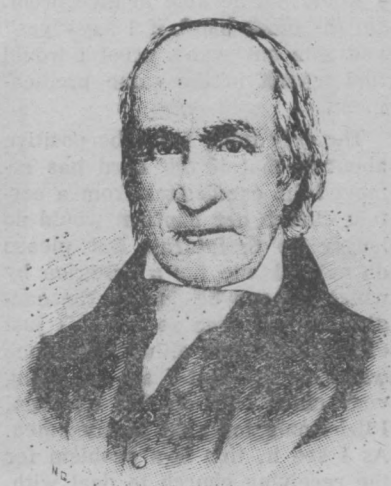
Baptists no longer write great hymns like they used to do. It seems we have turned the job over to other denominations, especially the Pentecostals. Most hymnbooks in our Baptist churches are filled with unscriptural songs. We need a revival of the singing of the old Baptist hymns in our churches. May it please the Lord to raise up one to gather these old Baptist hymns and put them in a new hymnbook to be used by our people.



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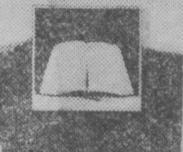
Some of the most popular hymns in our language were written by Baptists as will be demonstrated in the following table. I have tried to give the names, with their nationality, the date of birth and death, and the first line of one of their hymns or its title. The list includes Baptist Sacred Harp writers like Benjamin Franklin White and others. I regret that it is somewhat incomplete.

NAME	BORN	COUNTRY	HYMNS
Adams, John	1751-	England	"Sons We Are Through God's Election"
Alline, Henry	1748-84	U.S.A.	"Amazing Sight, the Saviour Stands"
Anderson, G. W.	1816-	U.S.A.	"Onward, Herald of the Gospel"
Anderson, Mrs. G. W.	1819-	France	"Our Country's Voice is Pleading"
Balfour, W. P.	-----	England	Author of a volume containing 139 hymns
Baldwin, Thomas	1753-1826	U.S.A.	"Come, Happy Souls, Adore the Lamb"
Bartlett, Eugene M.	1885-1941	U.S.A.	"Victory in Jesus"
Baxter, Mrs. Lydia	1809-74	U.S.A.	"Take the Name of Jesus With You"
Beddome, Benjamin	1717-95	England	"Come, Holy Spirit, Come"
Bilhorn, Peter P.	1861-1936	U.S.A.	"Sweet Peace, the Gift of God's Love"
Bliss, Philip Paul	1838-76	U.S.A.	"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"
Bradbury, Wm. Batchelder	1816-68	U.S.A.	"He Leadeth Me"
Broadus, Andrew	1770-1848	U.S.A.	"Help Thy Servant, Gracious Lord"
Brown, J. A.	-----	U.S.A.	"I'm Depending on Him"
Brown, J. Newton	1803-	U.S.A.	"God, Spirit of the Sainted Dead"
Buck, William Calmes	1790-1872	U.S.A.	"Behold, O Lord, at Thy Command"
Bunyan, John	1628-88	England	"He Who Would Valiant Be"
Burnham, Richard	1749-1810	England	"Jesus, Thou Art the Sinner's Friend"
Burton, John Sr.	1773-1822	England	"Holy Bible, Book Divine"
Butler, Charlie	1879-1929	U.S.A.	"No Other Name"
Cassell, Flora Hamilton	1852-1911	U.S.A.	"Lambdin"
Cassell, E. Taylor	1849-1930	U.S.A.	"From Over Hill and Plain"
Cates, J. M. D.	1815-87	U.S.A.	"The Sacred Day of Rest"
Cleaveland, Benjamin	1733-1811	U.S.A.	"O, Could I Find From Day to Day"
Cocks, Mrs. Sarah	-----	England	Author of a volume of 216 original hymns
Cole, Charles	1733-	England	"Hark How the Gospel Trumpet Sounds"
Colver, Nathaniel	1794-	U.S.A.	"Weep for the Lost; Thy Saviour Wept"
Conte, Paolo	1891-	U.S.A.	"Renditore"
Cook, Joseph B.	1775-1833	U.S.A.	"Bought with the Saviour's Precious Blood"
Cutting, Sewall S.	1813-82	U.S.A.	"God of the World, Near and Afar"
Daniel, Robert T.	1773-1840	U.S.A.	"Lord, In Humble, Sweet Submission"
Davis, Eliel	1803-	England	"From Every Earthly Pleasure"
Deacon, Samuel	1746-	England	"To Jordan's Stream the Saviour Goes"
Denham, David	1791-	England	"Mid Scenes of Confusion and Creature Complaints"
Doane, William Howard	1832-1915	U.S.A.	"Near the Cross"
Dossey, William	1780-1853	U.S.A.	"O Sinners, to the Saviour Go"
Draper, Bourne Hall	1775-1843	England	"Ye Christian Heralds! Go Proclaim"
Dracup, John	17--	England	"Thanks to Thy Name, O Lord, That We"
Dyer, Sidney	1814-98	U.S.A.	"Go Preach the Blest Salvation"
Elvin, Cornelius	1797-	England	"With Broken Heart and Contrite Sigh"
Evans, James H.	1785-	England	"Faint Not, Christian, Though the Road"
Evans, John M.	1825-	U.S.A.	"Amid the Joyous Scenes of Earth"
Fanch, James	1704-	England	"Beyond the Glittering, Starry Sky"
Fawcett, John	1739-1817	England	"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"
Flowers, John	-----	England	"Jesus, Mighty King in Zion"
Flowerdew, Alice	1759-	England	"Fountain of Mercy, God of Love"
Fosdick, Harry Emerson	1878-1969	U.S.A.	"God of Grace and God of Glory"
Fountain, John	1767-	England	"Sinners, You Are Now Addressed"
Francis, Benjamin	1734-	Wales	"My Gracious Redeemer I Love"
Franklin, Jonathan	1760-	England	"Thy Church, O Lord, That's Planted Here"
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SUBMIT QUESTIONS ON ANY BIBLE SUBJECT TO:

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"Can a Missionary Baptist Church which denies unconditional election administer Scriptural baptism? Does the doctrine of grace baptize a man?"

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I prefer questions that can be answered with a thus saith the Word. God was talking to us who write for the Forum just the same as He was to others when He said, "My thoughts are not your thoughts" (Isa. 55:8). So if we start thinking without our having the Word to back us up we will be wrong just the same as anyone else. So here in this case if I say "no" and someone wants proof, I would not be able to give proof. On the other hand, if I say "yes" and someone wants proof I would find myself in the same predicament.

The only thing I can be positive about is that if the Lord has removed the candlestick from a certain church her baptism would no longer be Scriptural. But please do not ask me for a criterion by which we can be sure if the candlestick has been removed. I just do not know that either. If anyone wants to say that I am not being very much help on this question, I'll be only too glad to say amen. As I see it, this is a problem for the receiving church to deal with. If a church is receiving a member from a questionable church, she should after much prayer decide whether to ask this person to be rebaptized. This is not easy in a day when most Baptist churches are taking anything that looks like baptism.

If a member in a questionable church becomes dissatisfied with his baptism, he certainly has the right to come out of that church and ask one that he thinks is a sound church to rebaptize him. As to the last part of our question, no doctrine does any baptizing. Only a church has that authority.

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This is a question that has caused many problems. We must be very careful about setting certain rules regarding doctrinal beliefs and church authority. Oftentimes we think people differ with our beliefs but actually the only difference is terminology. To deny a church's baptism is the same as denying its status as a church. This is a very serious thing to do. I have heard of churches that demand re-baptism for anyone coming into their body. If any church did that to a member of our church, we would consider that as a denial of our church authority, and would thereby discontinue fellowship with that church.

I am sure that we all realize that proper baptism must be by way of immersion, since the Greek word can only be translated dip or immerse. It is also perfectly

clear that proper baptism requires the proper candidate. "And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water; and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, IF THOU BELIEVEST WITH ALL THINE HEART, THOU MAYEST" (Acts 8:36,37).

Anybody who is saved by the grace of God, through faith in Jesus Christ can be baptized, and anybody who is not saved cannot be baptized.

The question that revolves around your question is the next requirement to proper baptism — church authority. In order to be baptized we must go to the one who has proper authority as Christ Himself did. Who has this authority? Matthew 28:18,20 tells us the church has. The question is concerning church status. Does the doctrine of grace identify the church? If so, to what extent must a church believe them? Who has the perfect understanding to say that they can determine how far a church belief can go before they deny these doctrines? I don't, and I don't know anybody who does. I know what I believe to be right, and I stand firm on it, but I hesitate to say that if a church does not believe exactly as I do, it is not a church. The churches of Revelation 2 and 3 were off in some very serious things, but they were still churches.

If we know a church has been organized Scripturally, and is not preaching works for salvation, we must accept that church's baptism.

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Of course, such a church can administer Scriptural baptism. Of the 3,000 who were baptized on Pentecost, how many do you suppose knew anything about election? Millions of people have been born into the world physically without knowing anything. They have been given life, and they developed a body which was born into the world, but they didn't know anything. Education, however, started the day they were born, and their knowledge was added to day by day. Many new churches have sprung up as a result of a good revival meeting. The mother church which held a revival, baptized these new converts, and organized them into a new

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church. Perhaps the mother church had been poorly taught concerning unconditional election, and the new converts were in utter ignorance of it, yet they were Scripturally baptized, and they constituted a Scriptural church. Spiritual life had started, and now it was their duty to study and learn the Scriptures.

In reply to the second question, "Does the doctrine of grace baptize a man?" the answer is, "No." A person is not baptized by a doctrine, but by a Scriptural church through the instrumentality of a man authorized by the church to baptize.

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The real issue here is not baptism, but whether such doctrinal pronouncement(s) can be made by a Scriptural church.

True Arminianism denies that redemption is solely the work of God. Arminianism insists that the creature must play a role in his own redemption and that while it is true that man cannot be saved apart from Christ, it is also true that Christ cannot save the creature without the creature's consent.

I can hear the howls of denials now, from the humanistic Arminian camp, but the above statement is a true synopsis of their beliefs and practices.

Our Lord never preached that sort of "strange fire," the Apostles didn't, the early churches didn't, nor do we. In short, we Baptists didn't start out that way — certainly the offspring ought to resemble the parents.

Our church avoids contacts with Arminian groups no matter which name banner they fly.

Is an Arminian "church" a Scriptural church? Certainly not! "THEY ARE OF THE WORLD: THEREFORE SPEAK THEY OF THE WORLD, AND THE WORLD HEARETH THEM" (1 John 4:5).

"No Way Out"

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said that there is no way out. Of course, there couldn't be an exit when people are living for the things of this world, and when moral codes are completely forgotten.

It is a time of perplexity today because of the modernism that is within our pulpits. I don't think the majority of us realize how serious the menace of modernism is. You who worship with us all the time don't know what modernism is, because you never hear it. You are taught the Word of God. But few churches there are today where the Word of God is preached in its purity! In the majority of churches, they have taken the fire out of Hell, God out of Christ, the water out of the baptism, and the Spirit out of the Word of God. The majority of churches are modernistically inclined in many particulars.

I often say that the greatest heretic of this present day is Nels Ferre. I reviewed his book entitled "Pillars of Faith" in THE BAPTIST EXAMINER several years ago, and I said then that I didn't see how a man could be as rank as that, and be in his right mind. However, of recent date, he comes out with the most

shocking of all statements that I have ever read on the part of any preacher. I quote from the Journal of Religious Thought, Volume 22, No. 1, in which he says:

"The Christian faith can no longer take for granted either its primitive rhetoric basis or its obviously crude and sometimes even immoral doctrine of development. Its Great Myth (that Christ is God) and its demonic eschatologies must go. Christianity must else plunge into a thorough housecleaning, bodily discarding the outmoded furniture of Jewish and Oriental myths and of Greek and other philosophies that vitiate and distort the truth. Traditionalistic Christianity ought to be a forbidden export, for its sins against both truth and human dignity."

So far as I am concerned, this is the most pronounced article demanding the destruction of Christianity that I have read. As a boy, I read the lectures of both Tom Payne and Bob Ingersoll, and I say that neither Tom Payne nor Bob Ingersoll, nor any other infidel ever said a worse thing than Nels Ferre when he referred to the "Great Myth" (that Christ is God).

What is true of Nels Ferre is true all over America. I say to you it is a time of perplexity. People think in terms of material things, moral codes are forgotten, and there is modernism in the pulpits.

There are young preachers in the pulpits that are without Bible knowledge.

In II Samuel 10, I read the story of David trying to sympathize with the young man who became king of the Ammonites at the death of his father. The brain trust of the Ammonites misunderstood what David did in sending ambassadors and messengers with a message of condolence on the death of the king of the Ammonites. They said, "David hasn't sent them here to console you because your father has died. Instead, David has sent these men here to spy out the country." They convinced the young king of the Ammonites that this was true and to show his retaliation he took those Jews and shaved off half of their beard, so that they had beard on one side of their face and not on the other. He cut their garments off. Of course, you understand in the days of the Old Testament that men wore garments more like a long, heavy coat, and he cut those garments off at their hips and sent them home half clothed.

David said to them, "Sit down here at the Jordan River in the wilderness for a little while until your beard grows again and then you come on back home."

I guess you are wondering what is the connection between this and what I just said about the young preachers in the pulpit that don't know anything. I will say this, what the majority of young preachers need to do today is to wait until their beards grow just a little bit. They need to learn a few things they don't know at the present time, for the majority of them are following after Nels Ferre, and every other skeptic today who is parading as a religious leader. What the majority of these young preachers need to do is to wait a little while until their spiritual beards grow and they come to understand a few things pertaining to the Word of God.

Yes, beloved, we are living in a time of perplexity, people are living for material things, moral codes are forgotten, there is modernism in the pulpits, and young preachers don't know anything about the Word of God, and all this is heading up in this fact that Baptists, as a denomination, are faltering. I quote from an article in the Houston Post of June, 1965, which says:

"Southern Baptists were told that their denomination was in a state of decay . . . The giant 10.6-million member denomination, along with the United States, were compared to ancient Greece, the Roman Empire and Sodom and Gomorrah by a seminary scholar, Dr. William Walter Adams of New Orleans . . . He said that secularism, worldliness and the loss of Christian conviction have caused decay among Baptists."

Notice what has caused the decay — worldliness and a loss of Christian conviction. Beloved, they go hand in hand. When an individual is worldly, you can expect that individual to have no Christian conviction. Jesus said concerning His children:

"They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world" — John 17:16.

Notice again:

"Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a FRIEND OF THE WORLD is the ENEMY OF GOD" — James 4:4.

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Many great and varied, are the presumptuous sins of the Lord's people. And there are few "Davids" among us. How often do you and I pray for the Lord to keep us back from presumptuous sins? More often than not, we would deny having them. The dictionary says presumptuous means "rash" — "bold" — "confident without reasonable ground for success." I like that last one. Truly, sin in a Christian, has no reasonable ground for success. Our Lord's attitude toward this is very severe. "But the soul that doeth ought PRESUMPTUOUSLY, whether he be born in the land, or a stranger, the same reproacheth the Lord; and that soul shall be cut off from his people" (Num. 15:30).

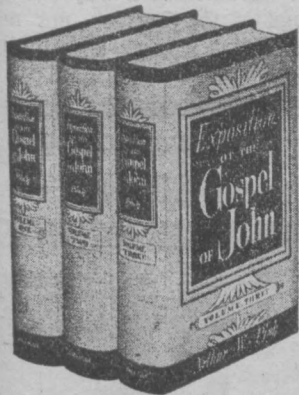
Peter says this is a characteristic of the ungodly. "But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. PRESUMPTUOUS are they, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities" (II Pet. 2:10).

Why then, do we continue to sin presumptuously? Why do we carry the image of the ungodly upon us? Perhaps it is because way down deep we doubt that God will do exactly what He says He will do. We have been lulled to sleep with the phrase "once saved, always saved" that we forget the Lord chastens His beloved ones. "The Lord hath chastened me sore; but He hath not given me over to death" (Psa. 118:18).

Our God hates sin (Psa. 5:5). He hates every false way (Psa. 119:104). He hates vain thoughts, hates and abhors lying (Psa. 119:163). These are presumptuous sins. We know them to be sin before we commit them. We presume also the Lord will withhold His chastening. Often we are so dull and numb of feeling we are unaware the Lord

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has already chastened us. We continue in our unfruitful, unproductive, unprayerful, devotionless life as if this was the way it is supposed to be. It may be the Lord is withholding spiritual blessings because of presumptuous sins.

"But He is in one mind, and who can turn Him? and what His soul desireth, even that He doeth" (Job 23:13).

"No Way Out"

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himself **UNSPOTTED FROM THE WORLD**—James 1:27.

I ask, how many people are unspotted as to this world? How many Baptists are unspotted from the world? I don't know who the author of this article was, but I know one thing, he certainly sized up Baptists, in my opinion, when he said that worldliness and the loss of Christian conviction have caused decay among Baptists.

Yes, I say to you, there is perplexity among the nations of the world today, and this has been brought about by the various things which I have mentioned.

Let's look at it from this standpoint: In the United States at the present time we have 700,000 who are patients of mental hospitals. Forty years ago, one person out of every 500 was a mental case, but now (in 1965) one out of every 175 is a mental case. No wonder the French skeptic said there is no exit. No wonder he said that there is no way out. Looking at it from a material viewpoint, I would have to agree with him. I would have to likewise say there is no way out. As my text says, there is perplexity, with men's hearts failing them.

II

THESE DAYS ARE PROPHECIED.

All of this is just the fulfillment of the Word of God. We read:

"Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a **FALLING AWAY FIRST**, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition"—II Thess. 2:3.

Notice that this tells us that there is going to be a falling away, which can be expected.

Notice again:

"This know also, that in the last days **PERILOUS TIMES** shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce despisers of those that are good. Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away"—II Tim. 3:1-5.

These are things that Paul said would happen in the last days.

Listen again:

"And because **INIQUITY SHALL ABOUND**, the love of many shall wax cold"—Matt. 24:12.

I say, beloved, when iniquity abounds, it chills the spiritual fervor of God's own. It ought to have just the opposite effect. It ought to cause you to be warmer. It ought to cause you to be more pronouncedly on the Lord's side, but it doesn't. Rather, when iniquity abounds, the love of God's own waxes cold.

Notice another Scripture whereby these days are prophesied:

"I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they **WILL NOT ENDURE SOUND**" (Continued on page 6, column 4)

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BAPTIST HYMN WRITERS OF THE WORLD

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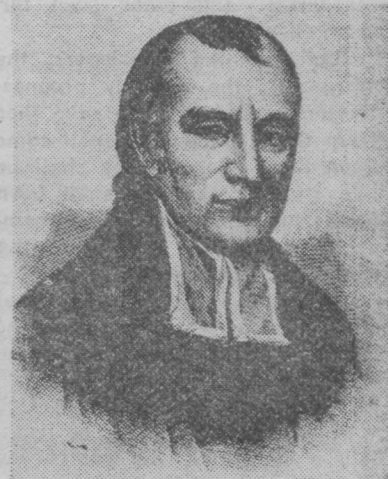
Gadsby, William	1773-	England	"Holy Ghost, We Look to Thee"
Giles, John Eustace	1805-75	England	"Thou Hast Said, Exalted Jesus"
Gilmore, Joseph Henry	1834-1918	U.S.A.	"He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought"
Goadby, Frederick William	1845-79	England	"O Thou Whose Hand Hath Brought Us"
Gordon, Adoniram Judson	1836-95	U.S.A.	"O Spirit's Anointing"
Grace, Robert	-----	England	Author of 240 hymns
Grose, Howard B.	1851-1939	U.S.A.	"Give of Your Best to the Master"
Groser, William	1791-1856	England	"Praise the Redeemer, All Mighty to Save"
Groser, William House	18....	England	"Spirit of Truth, Celestial Fire"
Harbottle, Joseph	1798-	England	"See How the Fruitless Fig-Tree Stands"
Harris, John Roy	1891-	U.S.A.	"Great Redeemer, We Adore Thee"
Hawks, Annie Sherwood	1835-1918	U.S.A.	"I Need Thee Every Hour"
Hearn, Marianne	1834-1909	England	"Just As I Am, Thine Own to Be"
Hill, Stephen P.	1806-84	U.S.A.	"The Lord is My Shepherd and Guide"
Hinton, John H.	1791-1873	England	"Once I Was Estranged from God"
Holden, Oliver	1765-1844	U.S.A.	"Coronation"
Horne, W. W.	1773-	England	"Death is no More the Frightful Foe"
Hughes, John	1873-1932	U.S.A.	"Cwm Rhondda"
Hupton, Job	1762-	England	"Jesus, Omnipotent to Save"
Ide, George B.	1805-1872	U.S.A.	"Son of God, Our Glorious Head"
James, R. S.	1824-	U.S.A.	"Hast'ning on to Death's Dark River"
Jessey, Henry	1606-1663	England	"Unclean, Unclean and Full of Sin"
Jones, Edmond	1722-65	England	"Come, Humble Sinner, in Whose Breast"
Judson, Adoniram	1788-1850	U.S.A.	"Our Father God, Who Art in Heaven"
Judson, Sarah B.	1803-1825	U.S.A.	"Proclaim the Lofly Praise"
Keach, Benjamin	1640-1704	England	"My Soul, Mount Up with Eagle Wings"
Keene, Robert	-----	England	"How Firm a Foundation"
Keith, George H.	1825-	England	"How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord"
Knowles, J. D.	1798-1838	U.S.A.	"O Lord, Where'er Thy Saints Apart"
Lawson, John	-----1665	England	"Father of Mercies, Condescend"
Lewis, W. G.	-----	England	"Awake, My Soul, Thy God to Praise"
Leland, John	1754-1841	U.S.A.	"The Day is Passed and Gone"
Loes, Harry Dixon	1892-	U.S.A.	"Redeemer"
Lowry, Robert	1826-99	U.S.A.	"Shall We Gather at the River"



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Luther, Charles Clinton	1848-1924	U.S.A.	"Must I Go and Empty-Handed"
Manly, Jr., Basil	1825-92	U.S.A.	"Holy, Holy, Holy Lord"
Martin, Civilla Durfee	1869-1948	U.S.A.	"God Will Take Care of You"
Martin, William Stillman	1862-1935	U.S.A.	"God Cares"
Medley, Samuel	1738-99	England	"Awake, My Soul, in Joyful Lays"
Mercer, Jesse	1769-1841	U.S.A.	"In Sin's Howling Waste My Poor Soul Was Forlorn"
Milton, John	1608-1674	England	"Let Us with a Gladsome Mind"
Moore, James C.	1888-	U.S.A.	"Thou, O Christ of Calvary"
Mote, Edward	1797-1874	England	"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"
McConnell, James Edwin	1892-1954	U.S.A.	"Whosoever Meaneth Me"
McCurry, John Gordon	1821-86	U.S.A.	"Teasley"
McKinney, Baylus Benjamin	1886-1952	U.S.A.	"Have Faith in God"
McNeely, Edwin	1891-	U.S.A.	"Jehovah the Lord, Our Saviour and King"
Needham, John	1710-1786	England	"Holy and Reverend is the Name"
Newton, James	1733-	England	"Let Plenteous Grace Descend on Those"
Noel, B. W.	1799-1873	England	"'Tis Not a Bird with Lonely Nest"
Norman, -----	-----	England	"'Tis Not As Led by Custom's Voice"
Pal, Kirshna	1764-	India	"O Thou, My Soul, Forget No More"
Parker, William H.	1845-1929	England	"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"
Pearce, Samuel	1766-1799	England	"In Floods of Tribulation"
Phelps, Sylvanus Dryden	1816-95	U.S.A.	"Saviour, Thy Dying Love"
Pledge, Ebenezer	1813-	England	"I Went Alone: 'Twas Summer-Time"
Poindexter, Abram Maer	1809-72	U.S.A.	"Head of the Church, We Bow to Thee"
Pruden, Edward Hughes	1903-	U.S.A.	"O God of Our Fathers"
Rawson, George	-----	England	"Cast Thy Burden on the Lord"
Reitz, Albert Simpson	1879-	U.S.A.	"Teach Me to Pray"
Reynolds, Isham Emanuel	1879-1949	U.S.A.	"Jesus is the Friend You Need"
Rippon, John	1751-1836	England	"There's Joy in Heaven and Joy on Earth"
Robbins, Gurdon	-----	U.S.A.	"There is a Land Mine Eye Hath Seen"
Robinson, Robert	1735-90	England	"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
Rosser, John L.	1875-	U.S.A.	"To Him Who Hallows all Our Days"
Rowland, A. J.	1840-	U.S.A.	"There is Rest in the Shadow"
Rowley, Francis H.	1854-1952	U.S.A.	"I Will Sing the Wondrous Story"
Ryland, John	1753-1825	England	"In All my Lord's Appointed Ways"
Saffery, Mrs. M. G.	1773-	England	"'Tis the Great Father We Adore"
Scholfield, Jack P.	1882-	U.S.A.	"Saved, Saved"
Scott, Jacob R.	1815-1861	U.S.A.	"To Thee This Temple We Devote"
Sellers, Ernest Orlando	1869-1952	U.S.A.	"Thy Word is a Lamp to my Feet"
Sherwin, William Fiske	1826-88	U.S.A.	"Sound the Battle-Cry"
Sims, Walter Hines	1907-	U.S.A.	"McComb"
Smith, Samuel Francis	1808-95	U.S.A.	"My Country, 'Tis of Thee"
Smyth, Harper G.	1873-1945	U.S.A.	"Make Me a Channel of Blessing"
Spurgeon, Charles Haddon	1834-92	England	"The Holy Ghost is Here"
Staughton, William	1770-1829	U.S.A.	"Ye Sons of God Awake to Glory"
Stebbins, George Coles	1846-1945	U.S.A.	"Jesus, I Come"
Steele, Anne	1716-78	England	"The Saviour! Oh, What Endless Charms"
Stennett, Joseph	1663-1758	England	"Another Six Days' Work is Done"
Stennett, Samuel	1727-95	England	"On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand"
Sutton, Amos	1804-	England	"Hail, Sweetest, Dearest Tie that Binds"
Swain, Joseph	1761-	England	"Who Can Forbear to Sing"
Thurber, Charles	-----	U.S.A.	"From Yonder Rocky Mountains"
Tritton, Joseph	-----	England	"Spirit of Glory and of Grace"
Tucker, William	1731-	England	"Amidst Ten Thousand Anxious Cares"
Tupper, James	1819-68	U.S.A.	"Dark Was the Hour, When Jesus Bore"
Turner, Daniel	1710-	England	"Jesus, Full of all Compassion"
Turney, Edmund	1816-1872	U.S.A.	"Oh, Love Divine! Oh, Matchless Grace"
Ufford, Edward Smith	1851-1929	U.S.A.	"Throw Out the Lifeline"
Upton, James	1760-	England	"Come Ye Who Bow to Sovereign Grace"
Walker, William	1809-75	U.S.A.	"Jerusalem"

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Fortune Telling Folly

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has some rather definite words of condemnation for diviners, enchanters, witches, mediums, wizards, and necromancers:

"There shall not be found among you anyone . . . that useth divination, or an observer of times (astrologers), or an enchanter, or a witch, or a charmer, or a consulter of mediums, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things are an abomination unto the Lord."

We read in Deuteronomy 18:22 and Jeremiah 28:15-16 that God's Word is final against a false prophet, even though he be called a "prophet," as Hananiah:

"When a prophet speaketh in the name of the Lord, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the Lord hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken presumptuously . . ."

"Hear now, Hananiah; The Lord hath not sent thee, but thou makest this people to trust in a lie. Therefore, thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will cast thee off from the face of the earth; this year thou shalt die, because thou hast taught rebellion against the Lord."

Isaiah provides us a rather dramatic and certainly a definitive look at false prophets, diviners, stargazers, and other such fortune-tellers:

"Let now the astrologers, the stargazers, the monthly prognosticators, stand up, and save thee from these things that shall come upon thee. Behold they shall be like stubble; the fire shall burn them; they shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame . . ." (Isa. 47:13-14).

Let us not think it strange that God chooses Isaiah to draw the line on these enemies of the Father in Heaven, the Son who died and arose, and the Spirit of God who provides the word of truth. Was it not Isaiah who was chosen of God to provide that great prophecy which speaks so fully of Christ Jesus as "the Man of sorrows" who was "acquainted with grief"? It is beautifully harmonious and wonderfully complete, then, that it is Isaiah who gives us the word of the Lord:

"When they shall say unto you, Seek unto those who are mediums, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter; should not a people seek unto their God? Should they seek (on behalf of) the living to the dead? To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." (Isa. 8:19-20).

MAURICE WOODRUFF
"PEEPS"

The word of the Lord was dramatically fulfilled, even in this 20th century, in the life of one Maurice Woodruff. In the March, 1970, McCALL'S MAGAZINE, he was headlined as,

McCALL'S OWN
CLAIRVOYANT!

It was intimated that he "tells what the future holds for medicine, Vietnam, business, fashion, the Kennedys and R. M. Nixon." It was reported that his mother, Vera, preceded him in his psychic business. It was stated, "His recent American television show broke all records in the cities in which it was shown." It was further said, "His newspaper column has been syndicated around the world, and he says its combined circulation has exceeded 50 million." An additional word specified that "Woodruff does horoscopes for several British publications, and receives up to 5000 letters a week from people seeking his advice."

One thing he said in the article in McCALL'S MAGAZINE was, "I can't tell anything about what is going to happen to me. I don't know of any psychic in the world

who can tell about himself."

Such, of course, is not so with God's prophets. Moses saw his end and prophesied it together with detailed words about his people which could not be denied then or now. The prophecies of others such as Isaiah, Jeremiah, Zechariah, Malachi, and others are likewise replete with words which came to pass in detail, both for themselves and for their people.

In their words, there is a remarkable uniformity and harmony in their prophecies concerning the coming, the dying, the resurrection, and the salvation to be wrought through Jesus, the Christ. The details of those prophecies is so complete that we read of "the fall of many in Israel" which came to pass, and of "the plucking of His beard," which likewise came to pass. Even more, the Jesus who fulfilled prophecy to the letter also detailed the stages and the steps of His life among men and of His death.

Although Jesus gave His life that we might live, He was also a true prophet of God. As a prophet, He knew the hearts of the men among whom He lived. He spoke clearly and finally concerning His death, the future of His disciples, the Church, and the world.

Such detail and definition is not found in the prophecies of those who claim to see the future today as they "read" the stars, their crystal balls, or their own minds. As we shall see, without exception, they are proved to be false prophets, diviners of satanic falsehoods, and astrological soothsayers without any real insight.

When faced with their lying prophecies, they will sometimes resort to the defense that they have a "good average." However, if a "prophet" is working on "averages," who is to know which of the prophecies are the true ones. The truth is, even their "average," "generalized guessing," is a game which they play at the expense of their dotting and deceived public; a game which they play without any real prophetic competence.

Maurice Woodruff — one who is called, "McCall's Own Clairvoyant" — is certainly a typical example of these psychic, astrological false prophets. In the article to which reference has been made, he predicted "a cure for cancer," an end to the Vietnam war "late in the year," "the end of the mini-skirt," a son for "Jackie Kennedy Onassis," an end to the marriage of Jackie and Aristotle in "another year and a half or two years," and that, "Ronald Reagan will lose California in next fall's election."

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The following year, in THE NATIONAL ENQUIRER — a weekly paper which Billy Graham has approved as a quality newspaper worthy of support and reading — Maurice Woodruff elaborated further on his competence with the words, "My own powers of extra-sensory perception were inherited from my mother." He then went on to predict, "Jackie Onassis will be married again . . . this year," "Mrs. Indira Gandhi will resign as Prime Minister of India," "King Constantine will return to Greece, restoring parliamentary democracy there," and "Aristotle Onassis will become very ill and come close to death."

Not only was "McCall's Own Clairvoyant" 100 percent wrong in each of these listed predictions and in others, but he was also dead soon thereafter; a detail, he did not attempt to predict.

GOD SPEAKS WITH PURPOSE

It is not without foresight, purpose, and design, then, that God declares through Isaiah, "If they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." We have earlier noted that God is here speaking of "those who have familiar spirits (mediums), and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter." Very simply, God enunciates for all who will listen that wizards, mediums, astrologers, soothsayers, and other fortune-tellers, by whatever name, are His enemies and the servants of Satan "the father of lies!"

It is not improbable that some who are "hooked" — and it is that, because for the lost it is demonic possession, and for the saved it is demonic regression, and perhaps "a sin unto death" — on the satanic spiritism of mediums, (Continued on page 7, column 5)

Does Holy Spirit . . .

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problem for me. I then told him that I would appreciate it very much if he would harmonize the Holy Spirit baptism with Ephesians 4:5 when he came back the next week, because I was having trouble with it. He very kindly consented to do it. But now some twenty years later, he has never done it. I do not want to be dogmatic and say it cannot be done. So I will just say that so far as I am able to see there is just no way to do it.

Our Lord had quite a lot to say about what the Holy Spirit would do when He came. He is to abide in us forever, John 14:16. He reproves the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment, John 16:8. He is to teach us what Christ has said, John 14:26. He guides us into all truth, John 16:13. He glorifies Christ, John 16:14. There are so many other things that He does for us. But if Christ said anything about His baptizing people I failed to catch it. There are those who hold that the Holy Spirit baptizes us into Christ in Galatians 3:27. But I hold that the church does that. There is nothing said in this verse about the Holy Spirit doing the baptizing. But Ephesians 4:5 does say there is just one baptism. By this is meant there is just one kind of baptism.

When people get this so-called baptism by the Holy Spirit and start speaking in the so-called unknown tongues which the original Bible does not so much as mention, they seem to lose all control of themselves. They may start jumping pews, trying to climb the wall, or rolling in the dirt. Sometimes they wallow their eyes like a dying calf. Just how can this kind of thing be justified by the Scriptures? In I Corinthians 14:40 we read, "Let all things be done decently and in order." But these people in their frenzy do not manifest either decency or order. Isaiah 32:17 says, "The work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever." But when people get this so-called baptism and start jabbering you have pandemonium rather than peace and

quietness. And since the effect of righteousness is peace and quietness we are forced to say there is no righteousness connected in any way with the so-called Holy Spirit baptism and jabbering like a dove of blackbirds.

When we read of people who call themselves Baptists taking part in a thing like that we just automatically think of I Corinthians 2:14 where we read, "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them because they are spiritually discerned."

"No Way Out"

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DOCTRINE; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn AWAY their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables" — II Tim. 4:1-4.

Beloved, you can't read Scriptures like this and say that we are not living in these days. You can't read Scriptures like this and say that the time in which we are living was not prophesied. I tell you, the things that are taking place today are just a fulfillment of the prophetic utterances of the Word of God, and if I were an infidel or an atheist, I would agree with John Paul Sartre that there is no exit — there is no way out.

III

THERE IS A WAY OUT.

All I have said thus far is just to say this: Thank God, there is a way out. That way centers around three words, and all three of them begin with a capital B.

There is a way out, and that is the Bible. Listen:

"But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; And that from a child thou hast known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable, for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" — II Tim. 3:14-17.

If what I say tonight doesn't do anything else, I hope you will go home and take your Bible, wipe the dust off of it, and take time to read a chapter before you go to bed, and tomorrow, before you start out the day, take time to read a chapter from God's Word. I say there is a way out — come back to the Bible.

There is a way out, and that is the blood.

An infidel would say there is no exit. An unbeliever would say there is no way out, but eat, drink, and be merry, and live for the things of this world. There is a way out though, and that is by the blood. Listen:

"When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, IT IS FINISHED; and he bowed his head and gave up the ghost" — John 19:30.

"And almost all things are by the law PURGED WITH BLOOD: and without shedding of blood is no remission" — Heb. 9:22.

"But this man, after he had offered ONE SACRIFICE for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God" — Heb. 10:12.

Thank God, there is a way out, and that way out is the Lord Jesus Christ. After He had offered one sacrifice for sin, He sat down forever. His work was finished. That is why I like to read:

"For by grace are ye saved through faith: and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them" — Eph. 2:8-10.

This is a time of perplexity and there is no way out so far as man is concerned, but from God's standpoint there is a way out.

There is a way out, that is the blessed hope.

That is the one thing that the French skeptic forgot about. A man can paint himself into a corner but someone can reach down and pick him up. Man has done that very thing, and the Lord Jesus Christ is going to pick us up, up, up at the second coming. What a blessed hope it is! Paul said:

"For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him SHALL HE APPEAR THE SECOND TIME without sin unto salvation" — Heb. 9:26-28.

He came, He died once, and He is coming again that He might gather us unto Himself, that we might appear the second time with Him, without sin unto salvation. This is the way out — the Book, the blood, and the blessed hope.

It was called to my attention that sometime ago Paul A. Zahrt, senior naturalist of the U. S. National Geographic Society, said that he had discovered the world's tallest tree — a redwood which is located in Humboldt County, California. When he measured it, he found that it has a circumference of 44 feet about four feet above the ground, and that it is 367 feet 8 inches high. He estimated that it is around 1,000 years old. When I read this, I thought of a Scripture which says:

"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed" — I Pet. 2:24.

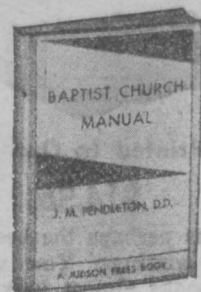
Beloved, I know a tree that doesn't reach only 367 feet 8 inches high in the air, but I know a tree that reaches all the way up to the world of God — the tree of Calvary. The Just One died for us, who are unjust, that He might bring us to God. He was put to death in the flesh and quickened by the spirit. It is because of that, that we have a way out.

I come back to my text and I read that even God said that we will go through perplexity and there will be no way out, and for the average man that is true. But, thank God, there is a way out for the believer — the Book, the blood, and the blessed hope.

May God help you to realize that we do have a way out in the things of the Lord — not materially, but a way out spiritually.

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"WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE RELIGIOUS WORLD TODAY?"



RIDGECREST, N. C. (EP) — Most Southern Baptist church members are being forced to choose between becoming a "good church member" and a responsible Christian citizen, a Virginia pastor declared here.

Church programming must be studied to allow members to answer the call for involvement in the political processes from Southern Baptist pulpits, said Elder S. West, Jr. of Richmond, a speaker at a conference on "Moral Issues in the '76 Election," sponsored by the Southern Baptist Convention's Christian Life Commission. "Let's face it, our typical design of the program of activities for local Baptist church does not encourage political activity on the part of our members," West said at the conference at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Conference Center. "Concerned, articulate preaching may be used to help our members be sensitive to the issues and motivate them to do something about them," said the pastor of Center Park Baptist Church in Richmond, "but we will have to develop a more flexible and less threatened stance on church programming."

KATMANDU, Nepal (EP) — Katmandu's Trighuvan University terminated its 10-year agreement with the Summer Institute of Linguistics, effective in September.

SIL, affiliated with Wycliffe Bible Translators, will be forced to leave Nepal from its two dozen foreign countries because the zeal of Hindus among Nepal's 12 million citizens want to preserve the nation's Hindu religious character and have outlawed conversion from Hinduism to any other religion.

No reasons for the termination were given, however four cases of Christian conversion were recorded recently, and SIL was charged by the government because of Scripture translation ministries being carried out in the country.

WASHINGTON, D.C. (EP)—Two Baptist congregations in the capital are watching the current Presidential campaign with perhaps more interest than most. They are the Baptist Church and Calvary Baptist Church — both of Jimmy Carter's denomination and both at the same distance from the White House, six blocks. Both churches are also affiliated dually with the American Baptist Church well.

Candidate Carter has given no

hint as to his preference should circumstances take him to Washington in January.

BOSTON (EP) — Vice Squad agents raided the Freedom Expression Church and arrested Pastor Shirley Bourgeois who had offered free beer and showed the x-rated film, "Deep Throat."

"To hide a pornographic theater behind a church is a new low in legal and moral violations of the body and soul," said Roger Saunders, president of the Back Bay Association.

Mrs. Bourgeois defended her actions. "We're just a group of people helping other people," she said.

FORT WORTH (EP) — A would-be bandit broke into tears and traded his bullets for a Bible when confronted with a victim who was not afraid to die.

John Heird, 31, who works part-time as night auditor at the Fort Worth Days Inn, effected the startling transformation by quoting Biblical Scriptures to the man who was holding a cocked pistol to his head.

A first year diploma in theology student at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here, Heird said he simply closed his eyes and started praying aloud for the man.

"It shocked him so much, he just lowered the gun and said, 'What am I going to do, what am I going to do?' It's an amazing story. It exemplifies we can practice what we preach at the seminary."

KENT, England (EP) — The Soviet government has continued to deny the most basic human rights to religious believers since signing the Helsinki Declaration in August 1975, according to a major new report by three Western research institutes.

The 100-page report was prepared as a background paper to assist the current World Council of Churches' (WCC) inquiry into religious liberty in the 35 countries — including the USSR — that signed the Declaration on Security and Cooperation at Helsinki, Finland.

The report, "Religious Liberty in the Soviet Union," was prepared by the Study of Religion and Communism, Kent; Denver church. That \$3 million was raised from June 1975 to June 1976, Pastor Blair said, through contributions at the 6,000-member church and through rallies he has held in 25 cities where his television broad-

cast is carried.

JERUSALEM (EP) — A strong force of police prevented a nationalist rightwing group of Israelis from entering the sacred Temple Mount to hold a prayer service there.

Its action defused a potentially explosive confrontation with Arab Muslim youths gathered behind a closed gate to the Mount area. The Temple Mount, at the highest point in the Old City of Jerusalem, is a raised enclosure, whose Western Wall (Wailing Wall) is a remnant of the fortifications that once surrounded the Temple of Herod, which was destroyed by the Romans in 70 A.D.

When Jimmy Carter was nominated to head the Democratic ticket, a blasphemous poster appeared depicting him as Jesus Christ. The poster shows Carter in long hair and a beard, and the caption reads: "J. C. CAN SAVE."

What Bible-believing Baptist would permit such a poster to be displayed of himself to get votes? The Southern Baptist Convention would do well to call Carter on the carpet for this.

Delivering the benediction at the close of the Democratic Convention, Elder Martin Luther King Sr. said: "Surely the Lord sent Jimmy Carter to come on out and bring America back where she belongs."

On July 30th, Columnist Gar Smith wrote in the BERKELEY BARB: "Jimmy Carter claims he was 'Born Again.' Others are not

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so sure. They think he was manufactured. New information suggests that, indeed, Jimmy Carter is a 'test tube baby' — conceived in the twinkling of David Rockefeller's eye, nurtured in the boardrooms of the Council on Foreign Relations, and pulled — kicking and smiling — into the Presidential arena by a shadowy international fraternity called the Trilateral Commission."

According to the National Education Association, there were 100 murders, 9,000 rapes, 12,000 armed robberies, 270,000 burglaries, and vandalism costing the taxpayers in excess of \$500 million in schools throughout the nation this past school year.

Doris Kearns, a Harvard graduate, spent considerable time interviewing the late President Lyndon B. Johnson. The deceased President told Miss Kearns how the intellectuals and the Communists influenced the outcome of the Vietnam War.

He said: "Then the Communists stepped in. They control the three networks, you know, and the forty major outlets of communications. It's all in the F.B.I. reports. They prove everything."

Miss Kearns has just published her new book, LYNDON B. JOHNSON AND THE AMERICAN DREAM.

KANSAS CITY (EP) — A Church of the Nazarene missionary to Mozambique for 24 years, held for nearly a year in prison, is still not charged by the Marxist government and still cannot see visitors, according to Jerald Johnson who had hoped to obtain his release.

Two other missionaries were released recently after spending about eight months in prison in the African country.

Johnnie Carson, a black American envoy attached to the American Embassy, told Mr. Johnson he was not surprised by events, stating that the Mozambique regime has been waging an anti-religion

drive since taking over the Portuguese country.

PHILADELPHIA (EP) — The 23rd biennial clergy-laity congress of the Greek Orthodox Church has stated in a resolution that abortion is "murder," and that birth control was unacceptable except for "selfish reasons."

The delegates described homosexuality as an "immoral and dangerous perversion."

Dead Hand . . . Life

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Deluded souls who think they have escaped from the truth of Romans 7:14-15 — who claim to have eradicated the old nature — must be confused by these statements in Romans 8. But if we stay with Paul's theology, the same in Romans 7 and Romans 8 as throughout the Scripture, the truth is simple and clear enough.

We owe nothing to the flesh but death. It died in the first Adam. It has been dead ever since, and it will never be anything but dead unless and until made alive in the resurrection of the last Adam. Our old fleshly nature is never improved in this life, but remains in deadly conflict with the Spirit of God in His children. See Gal. 5:16-25.

OUR TEST

"If ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify (put to death) the deeds of the body, ye shall live" (v. 13).

Eternal life and death are in view here. There is a relationship between eternal realities and temporal manifestations. This verse is not a recipe for the obtaining of life, but a test of its possession, and an encouragement of its manifestation.

Genuine believers in Christ will never die (Jn. 11:26). Having received eternal life as "the gift of God" (Rom. 6:23), they will by His indwelling Spirit keep on killing the deeds of the body, and so will continue to live. People who "live after the flesh," no matter what they profess, show by their conduct that they are still under the rule of darkness and death. (I Jn. 2:4).

OUR COMFORT

Three big "ships" full of comfort sail through Romans 8:14-27: Sonship, Heirship, and Friendship.

"As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God . . . We cry, Abba, Father . . . We are the children of God" (vs. 14-16).

Specious ideas of a so-called "Fatherhood of God" must not be allowed to rob us of the precious and glorious truth that genuine believers in Jesus Christ are born-again and adopted children of a heavenly Father Who loves and cares for His own. This is no mere theological doctrine, but a living experience made real in our hearts by "The Spirit of adoption."

"And if children, then heirs." Heirs to Christ's sufferings, and heirs to His glory; heirs to "the glorious liberty of the children of God;" heirs to "the redemption of our body" which we "yet hope for." Compared to our eternal inheritance, the grandest estates of this world are so much rubbish.

"Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities." The Comforter has come to stay with us and abide within; He is our Teacher, Guide, and Friend; in Him, and therefore in us, are infinite resources of divine knowledge, wisdom, and power; "we know not what we should pray for as we ought," but "He maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God." With Him as our Friend, we need fear no enemy.

OUR ASSURANCE

Finally, let me lift one more dead finger and through the medium of dead ink, dead type, dead paper, point to one more living truth: the assurance that genuine

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believers in Christ will have final, lasting, abundant victory. As set forth in verses 28-39, this assurance is firmly founded upon God's Presence, Purpose, Provision, and Power.

"We know that all things work together for good to them that love God." All things work together, because, in some sense, God is present in all things and makes them work together. He makes things work together for good to them that love God, because He loves those that love Him: He loved us before we loved Him, and He keeps on loving us, even when we do not love Him as we ought. (Continued on page 8, column 4)



Fortune Telling Folly

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wizards, fortune-tellers, astrologers, psychics, and other such, may respond quite violently to the truth of God's Word. They may concede the folly of Maurice Woodruff as his false prophecies and detailed, but they will come forth with the supported prophecies of others.

The editors of THE NATIONAL ENQUIRER, McCALL'S MAGAZINE, and other such papers and magazines apparently find a certain sadistic delight — perhaps monetarily designed — in repeatedly playing upon the culpability, the spiritual depravity, and even the ignorance of the masses, as they periodically present certain of the psychics and their false prophecies. They apparently want "a piece" of that five billion dollar astrological, fortunetelling, occult market. They seem to indulge their desires without any regard whatever for the lives, the souls, or the eternal destinies of men, women, and children.

Surely, God has spoken with wisdom and with cause that Satan, the prince and the power of the air, is "the god of this world." Further, He rightly and eternally declares that, "The friendship of the world is enmity with God," and that, "Whosoever, therefore, will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God."

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Marriage Of Lamb

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THE GUESTS

That there will be guests at the Marriage cannot be doubted. John says: "Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb" (Rev. 19:9).

In Matthew 25:1-13 the ten virgins are distinct from the bride and bridegroom. The virgins do not represent the church, but "the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 25:1). These ten bridesmaids are guests at the Marriage Supper. They picture the guests, not the bride.

The guests of the marriage will be some of the saved of all ages and dispensations. They are the saved who are not church members in this present age. They will be the Old Testament saints. The martyred tribulation saints will probably be included in this company — maybe even babies and idiots.

I am of the opinion that some saved persons will not even be guests. Five of the ten virgins did not go in with the bridegroom (Matt. 25:10). Revelation 19:9 speaks of being called to the Marriage Supper as a distinct privilege. The faithful Christians only will be guests, just as the faithful church members will be in the bride. This excludes backslidden saints from being guests and backslidden Baptists from being in the bride.

WHO WILL GIVE AWAY THE BRIDE?

In the theological world there prevails two schools of thought as to who will give away the bride. One school is that Christ Himself will give away His own bride. They point to Ephesians 5:25-27: "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing;

but that it should be holy and without blemish."

Another school holds that Paul will give away the church to Christ. These people rely upon II Corinthians 11:2 which declares: "For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ."

Concerning these views I can only say that they are both worthy of consideration and serious study. It is not difficult to believe Christ will personally present the bride to Himself. Nor is it in the least hard for me to suppose He will do it through a human instrument.

Some believe John the Baptist will be the best man at the wedding. This may well be in the light of John 3:29. John the Baptist was the greatest man born among women, except Jesus Christ.

THE MARRIAGE SUPPER

Revelation speaks not only of "the marriage of the Lamb" (Rev. 19:7), but it also speaks of the "marriage supper" (Rev. 19:9). These are not synonymous terms nor do these events occur simultaneously. The Scripture makes a distinction and so must we. The Marriage Supper is the feast which follows after the marriage has been solemnized.

Christ must have been referring to the Marriage Supper when He said: "But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom" (Matt. 26:29). In Luke 22:18 He declared: "For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come." In verse 30, of the same chapter, Christ said: "That ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

The revelation of the Scriptures seems to indicate to me that the marriage will be in Heaven, while the Marriage Supper will be on

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"Hail, Mighty Jesus! How Divine"
"Oh, Charge the Waves to Bear Our Friends"
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FREE GRACE IN ELECTION

Sons we are through God's election,
Who in Jesus Christ believe;
By eternal destination,
Sovereign grace we here receive;
Lord, Thy mercy
Does both grace and glory give.

Every fallen soul, by sinning,
Merits everlasting pain;
But Thy love, without beginning,
Has restored Thy sons again:
Countless millions
Shall in life, through Jesus, reign.

Pause, my soul! adore, and wonder!
Ask, "Oh why such love to me?"
Grace hath put me in the number
Of the Saviour's family:
Hallelujah!
Thanks, eternal thanks, to Thee!

Since that love had no beginning,
And shall never, never cease;
Keep, oh keep me, Lord, from sinning!
Guide me in the way of peace!

Make me walk in
All the paths of holiness.

When I quit this feeble mansion,
And my soul returns to Thee,
Let the power of Thy ascension
Manifest itself in me:
Through Thy Spirit,
Give the final victory!

When the angel sounds the trumpet,
When my soul and body join,
When my Saviour comes to judgment,
Bright in majesty divine;
Let me triumph
In Thy righteousness as mine.

When in that blest habitation,
Which my God has fore-ordain'd
When in glory's full possession,
I with saints and angels stand;
Free grace only
Shall resound through Canaan's land.

(Written by the Baptist hymnwriter, John Adams, in England in 1751).

earth in the Kingdom Age. The church is called "his wife" before Heaven is opened and the saints descend to earth. It may be that the entire account in Revelation 19 is after the wedding as the Greek word is the same which is one time translated "marriage" in verse 7 and "marriage supper" in verse 9.

Israel will have a place in the Marriage Feast. Psalm 22:26-27 reads: "The meek shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise the Lord that seek him: your heart shall live for ever. All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the Lord: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee." Isaiah 25:6 seems to point to this Marriage Supper and to Israel's part in it: "And in this mountain shall the Lord of hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined." The wines of Isaiah compare with the fruit of the vine mentioned by Jesus Christ.

Never in all the history of the world will there be a feast of such splendor and attended by such throngs of people. The feasts of Belshazzar and Ahasuerus will be a poor thing in comparison with the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. Maybe it was to this time that Christ referred when He said: "And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 8:11).

THEN WHAT?

After the marriage is solemnized in Heaven, Christ and His lovely, newly wedded wife will go to the bride's old home, the earth, for the Marriage Supper and a thousand year honeymoon. During this time the church will reign with Christ over the nations on earth. The honeymoon will end by the return of the Husband and wife to the Father's house. After the earth is renovated by fire, they will return with the descent of the Holy City to abide on earth forever (Rev. 21:2,9). Christ and the church and the Father and Israel will inhabit the New Jerusalem (Rev. 21:9-14). The guests will dwell outside the Holy City (Rev. 21:22-24).

Before long Christ will say:

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BAPTIST HYMN WRITERS OF THE WORLD

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"Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away" (S. of S. 2:10). At any moment we may hear the cry: "Behold the bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet Him" (Matt. 25:6). Then Heaven will resound the cry: "Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come." The Marriage of the Lamb is the consummation of the joy of Christ as a man. This marriage will be made in Heaven by God the Father. It will unite Heaven and earth in a bond that shall never be broken.

Jesus Christ may come at any moment to take the church and the saints to the bridal halls of Heaven! The next face you see may be the Son of God! The next meal you eat may be the Marriage Supper! The next standing you do may be at the Judgment Seat of Christ! Are you ready?

I conclude by the following poem I have written:

It could be on this day
That Christ will call us away;
It may be this golden daybreak,
When Christ the church shall take.

Within the next hour,
You may feel the Saviour's power;
He may pierce the eastern sky,
And take us to the Bema on high.

Then the heavenly wedding bells will ring,
And all Heaven will shout and sing,
"Christ and His bride are no longer twain,
And soon on the earth they shall reign."

How wonderful to stand in the bridal hall,
With Matthew, John and Paul,
But the greatest joy of all
Will be to see Christ, not Paul.

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in the fact declared in Holy Scripture that God has destined them to eternal glory, and will surely fulfill His purpose.

As to divine provision. "He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?" No human comment can add anything to the assurance of this rhetorical question.

Remembering that Jesus is God, note some more questions: Who has enough power to make a charge stick against those that God has chosen and justified? If Christ died for our sins and rose again for our justification, if He now intercedes for us, if the very One Who shed His blood to save us is our coming Judge, who can dare to condemn us in opposition to His judgment? And if He has all power and authority in Heaven and on earth, if He must reign until His enemies be made His footstool, who can separate us from the love of Christ?

In all reason, such questions answer themselves; but for the sake of readers who might not be able to reason out the answer, the Scripture spells it out:

"For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

My Father

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The story of the disciples faith triumphing in a stormy sea presents a pleasant picture of those who read it on the solid land; but if they in safety are strangers to faith, they will not in trouble partake of his consolation. The idea is beautiful, but a human soul in its extremity, cannot play with a beautiful idea. If the heart does not feel the truth firm to lean upon, the eye will not long be satisfied with the symmetry to look at. Strangers may speak of Providence; but only the children love it. If they would tell the truth, those who are alienated from God in their hearts, do not like to be so completely in His power. It is when I am satisfied with His mercy, that I rejoice to lie in His hand.

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