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CHAPTER VIII

Since there is just one way of salvation, and that is by grace (Eph. 2:8), where did all the other ways we hear on every side come from? We hear one preacher say, You must be baptized in order to be saved. Another says just make a decision for Christ, or sign a card stating that you have made the decision. Still others say all kinds of things that they set forth, such as calling on the name of the Lord, or praying the publican's prayer. I heard a big name Baptist preacher say, while giving his invitation, that he and God had an agreement. He said that God agreed that if we would stand for Him down here He would stand for us up there. He then told the audience that all who wanted to be saved to stand up. A number of people stood up. These were imaginary stars in his imaginary crown. It is true that Romans 10:13 says, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." But it is also true that verse 14 says, "How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed?" Verse 13 means that those who can call upon the name of the Lord and know what they are talking about have already been saved. But when a preacher wants to use verse 13 as a way of salvation he forgets all about verse 14. So where did all these ways of salvation come from? They are all either directly or indirectly the result of old Jezebel's hiding the leaven in the meal. She started the ball rolling. Now, overzealous preachers who are too lazy to learn what the Bible says on the subject, just figure out ways to get people in the church. Even born-again Christians sometimes lend the old devil a helping hand in getting his tares in the church. But still Paul said in

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"To the law and to the Testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them."—Isaiah 8:20

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"GOD IS . . ."

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When we think of what God is, we usually think of John 4:24 and state with the Apostle John, "God is a spirit." This is without doubt true. But God is more than what we know Him as when we read the Bible, searching for verses like the one in John. In this part we must say that the spirit is the energy. God holds many professions, for He is the Author and Finisher of all known professions, occupations, and studies. So let us look at the hidden professions and occupations of God that are indicated in the Bible. As young people, we are starting into the world of work. We begin to consider worthwhile occupations, professions, and studies as we sift through things that interest us. To spice up our interests in the world of work, let us go into the many professions of God.

First off, there is the grandest of all professions that was never claimed by any but God, THE CREATOR. He can make something out of nothing with words. The start of creation was in Genesis 1:1, when He "created the heaven and the earth." The profession of Creator covers myriads of other professions in its scope. A profession is a work one is called to do or employ. To assign "profession" to God is to do so in the highest sense of the word. A chemist, mechanical engineer, metallurgist, architect, and physician are professions and occupations. God is this and more when we begin to read the first two chapters of Genesis. Let us study the verses in these two chapters with these professions and more in mind, also study the results of His professions — His WORK.

God not only created something, He also incorporated a method of perpetuating it, namely the reproducing and the regenerating cycles of life, life prolonging means, and continuation of non-living creation by His decrees. God is THE PROVIDER, "Thou openest thy hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing" (Psa. 145:16). The PLANNER, "being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will" (Eph. 1:11); and source and supporter, "For in Him we live, and move, and have our being" (Acts 17:28), of all life.

All God had to do was just speak into existence the sun, stars, and the planets, "By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth" (Psa. 33:6). Then through His decrees He sets the bounds, fixes into place, recycles,

and reproduces life to perpetuate His creation as was stated before.

We refer to God's professions the way we do to enable us to relate to His greatness. His greatness is complex, and to understand its scope being different than we think, Isaiah tells us that His ways are higher than our ways: "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts" (Isa. 55:9). To better understand and see God's greatness to the best of our ability, let us study the many titles that can be affixed to Him. It was given that God is the origin of all knowledge and wisdom, "For the Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding" (Prov. 2:6). With so many different professions and occupations of God to cover, we must start somewhere in the Bible. Genesis 1 and 2 brings in enough to touch on many professions we know of today. Here is shown hundreds of professions revealed in a matter of a few words God spoke.

In Genesis 1:1, it says, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." In this verse we see that God had a special purpose in creating the earth separate from the Heaven. (Heaven including the other planets, the sun, and stars). When we say stars, we cover other stellar and solar systems similar to ours. Physicists have discovered stars wobble,

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DRIVING THE MULE

A pastor went to call on one of his members, a man who had only recently been saved. When he arrived at the man's farm, he saw him across a field plowing some newly cleared ground with a mule. As he approached the man he was shocked to hear him swearing violently at his mule. In a kind but firm manner the minister pointed out to the farmer that swearing was sinful and that as a Christian he ought not to do it.

"Preacher," was his reply, "there is one thing you ought to understand. I broke this mule before I was a Christian, and I broke him with cussin'. He won't go without it. So I don't call it cussin'; I just call it drivin' the mule."

The farmer described in a homey way what many converts to Christianity practice. Many fail to realize that putting on the new man means putting off many of the old ways and habits. A business man becomes a Christian, but his questionable practices are just "meeting the competition." An athlete becomes a Christian, but when he takes unfair advantage of an opponent, it is just "playing the game to win." A young person becomes a Christian, but when he compromises his character to be popular, he is just "keeping up with the times." There are, it seems, many ways of "drivin' the mule." How do you drive yours?

—FRIENDSHIP NEWSLETTER

WE SHOULD NOT FORGET THE CANAL GIVEAWAY

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The Eighth Commandment, "Thou shalt not steal," thunders down in judgment against those who have allowed the theft of one of America's greatest assets and finest accomplishments, the Panama Canal, that precious jewel in the crown of America. We should never forget this deed, nor forget how it was done! Not only was U.S. property and territory turned over to pro-communists, against the strong protests of the great majority of our citizens, but also U.S. taxpayers must now shell out for the next twenty years to help Panama consolidate its steal.

The U.S. House of Representatives approved implementing legislation for the Canal Treaties on September 26th (232-188), thereby assuring "immortality" for 232

of its members along with 68 Senators who previously had okayed the deal. Thirteen of these 68 Senators, however, no longer belong to The Club, having been defeated for re-election or else choosing not to face the voters. We expect voters will also scrutinize the 232 "immortal" Congressmen next election day 1980.

Why classify these Representatives with the 68 Senators? Because they had fully co-equal responsibility. The Canal Treaties were not self-implementing and required a second step: implementing legislation, just as important as the Senate ratification which was step one!

Let me explain. The treaty which President Carter signed to pay communist dictator Omar Torrijos to take over our Canal was not self-implementing and therefore (Continued on page 5, column 3)

THE ANOINTING WHICH TEACHETH ALL THINGS

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"But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him" (1 John 1:27).

When Moses was with the Lord



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face to face for forty days upon the holy Mount, he received from His lips particular and minute instructions as to the construction of the tabernacle, with its various vessels of service, such as the ark of the covenant, the table of shewbread, the altar of incense, the brazen laver, and the golden candlestick. But these vessels of service could not be employed in the

ministry of the sanctuary, according to the various purposes for which they were intended, until they had been specially consecrated to a divine and holy use.

The mode of this consecration was as much a part of heavenly instruction and divine revelation as the tabernacle itself and all its vessels of service. Moses was, therefore, directed to make "an oil of holy ointment, an ointment compound after the art of the apothecary;" and with this "holy anointing oil" to consecrate "the tabernacle, the ark of the testimony, the table and all its vessels, the candlestick, the altar of burnt offering, and the laver, and thus to sanctify them, that they might be most holy." The various ingredients of this "holy anointing oil," with their exact weight and measure, were carefully prescribed for in this, as in every other instance, the minutest directions were given by the Lord, from which there was allowed no departure and no variation.

But let me read the directions which the Lord gave him, which you will find in Exodus 30:23-25: "Take thou also unto thee principal spices, of pure myrror five hundred shekels, and of sweet cinnamon half so much, even two hundred and fifty shekels, and of sweet calamus two hundred and fifty shekels, and of cassia five hundred shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary;" in all fifteen hundred shekels, which, computing the shekel at 219 grains, somewhat less than half an ounce troy will amount to about 57 lbs. troy weight. But in order to make this into an anointing oil, he was to add "of oil olive a hin," about five quarts. Now it does not seem likely that Moses was bidden to put all these spices and oil to

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COMMANDMENTS FOR TEENS

How's this for 10 Teen Commandments? 1. Do not let your parents down; they brought you up. 2. Choose your companions with care; you become what they are. 3. Be master of your habits, or they will master you. 4. Treasure your time; do not spend it; invest it. 5. Stand for something, or you will fall for anything. 6. Select only a date who would make a good mate. 7. See what you can do for others, not what they can do for you. 8. Guard your thoughts; what you think, you are. 9. Do not fill up on this world's crumbs; feed your soul on the Living Bread. 10. Give your all to Christ; He gave His all for you.

—American Way Features

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A Sermon by Milburn Cockrell

ON TOP OF THE WORLD

(Preached on the Independent Baptist Hour October 14, 1979)

"For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?" (1 John 5:4-5).

Most people desire more than anything else to be "on top of the world" in our day. There is a country song called "On Top of the World" which expresses this longing in man. This is indeed a glorious goal but few seem to attain to it. All too many people are underneath the world. They believe

themselves burdened, bruised and bamboozled by worldly circumstances. They suppose themselves harnessed and bridled instead of sitting in the saddle themselves. Many are driven by their work instead of driving it. Most rich men are not on top of the world; they are underneath their money bags.

But what an amazing truth is in my text. It tells us how to rule instead of being ruled—conquer instead of being conquered. It says in the language of a worldly man of today, "This is the way you can get on top of the world." In these

discouraging days we need to learn the secret of John's words. We need to learn how God says we can get ahead, how to conquer the world, how to be a man at the top.

The Apostle John wrote after the fall of Jerusalem. Christians were scattered over the earth. The days of persecution had long since commenced. It was a dangerous thing in that day to be a Christian. Some were thrown to the lions and others driven to the catacombs for their worship services. Christians were battling privation,

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On Top Of The World

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disease, hunger and doubt. In the midst of such a world the Apostle John lifts up his voice to his fellow believers: "We are not beaten; we are not slaves of fate; we are conquerors. We are masters of life; we shall overcome our circumstances; we are on top of the world, not beneath it! The secret of our triumph is our faith."

THE CONFLICT— OVERCOMING THE WORLD

Three times in my text John spoke of the one that "overcometh the world." What does John mean by the word "world"? I believe he means the Satanic world system in its precepts and customs which are opposed to God. He means the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life (I John 2:16). He means the power of sin all around us and the evil of sin within our own nature.

THE WORLD

The world John speaks of is the present world systems built by man under the leadership of Satan, the prince of this world (John 12:31). It includes its educational system, its commerce, its industries, its politics, its social institutions and its religions (I John 5:19 R. V.). The world hates Christ (John 7:7) and the Lord's people in general (John 17:14; 15:20). The design of the god of this world is to keep men's eyes blinded to the gospel of Christ (II Cor. 4:3-4).

Our conflict is with the society in which we live. We must be in the world and yet not of it. This is not a comfortable position. Christians must look upon the world as their foe. We must fight against it. We must contend with it until we overcome, or it will overcome us. Let us not be cowardly. Let us not flee from "the good fight of faith" (I Tim. 6:12). When we mingle among the men of the world, it must be as warriors who are aiming at victory. Let us put on the whole armor of God and engage at once in the act of conquering. As fighters for victory, we must fight and never surrender until the hour of our death.

The prince of this world crucified our Saviour (I Cor. 2:8). Do we dare have any fellowship with mur-

derers of our Lord? No, never! We must fight to break loose from the world's customs. We must war to rise above the dread of poverty, the greed of riches, the evil of personal pride, the fear of shame and the force of numbers. We must find our happiness in things above. We must fight to rise above the world's authority, example, religion, influence and spirit. We must obey a higher Master.

THE DEVIL

The Christian faces a malicious foe, a fallen spirit, a powerful enemy. He is none other than the Devil or Satan. We must contend with subtle suggestions, with many an evil impulse, with many a mis-giving about God—all of which have their origin with the Father of Lies. The Christian life is a hand-to-hand combat with muscles strained to their utmost tension to defeat the Devil. Our eyes must be intently watching the foe who goes about "seeking whom he may devour" (I Pet. 5:8).

Paul wrote to the Thessalonians: "Wherefore we would have come unto you, even I Paul, once and again; but Satan hindered us" (I Thess. 2:18). Does Paul mean by this saying that Satan stood across the road to Thessalonica to forbid his passage? No! He merely means some obstinate enemies prevented him from carrying out his intention of visiting his friends and converts in Thessalonica. Nevertheless, his keen insight pierced through this external circumstance and saw the concealed Satan acting as an adversary to the progress of the gospel of the grace of God.

THE FLESH

As soon as a man becomes a true Christian and turns his face heavenward, he discovers an enemy within—himself—his depraved nature which is not removed in regeneration. Fleshly lusts "war against the soul" (I Pet. 2:11; Jas. 4:1). Sometimes the hardest battle is the fight within. Self wishes to be lord and forbids Christ from being Lord. We have to resist self. We must fight with the foes of our own household—with all that is within which wants to open the door to the many foes without.

All too many times we are looking out for number 1. There is nothing in the world so malignant and destructive as selfishness. It causes a man to live as if the world were made altogether for him, and not he for all the world. The real Christian must put God first, others second and himself last. The person who pleases only himself, pleases a fool.

THE CONQUERORS— BORN AGAIN BELIEVERS

The believer is born to conquer; he has a royal and ruling nature which was given by the Holy Spirit in regeneration. The Divine nature of God is implanted in the soul. This nature alone undertakes the contest with the world. It alone can continue to battle the world.

The Christian has a conquering principle in him which sweeps difficulties out of the way. He has a new principle of life and activity within. He cannot be content with things as they are. He wants to make the world better than it is. He is opposed to everything that is unreal, all shams, hypocrites and to everything which is wrong. His new nature revolts against unrighteousness in any form. It makes him a warrior fighting to overthrow the kingdom of darkness and to establish a kingdom where-in dwelleth righteousness.

Why did John say "whatsoever" instead of "whosoever"? The Greek here can be: "Everything which is begotten of God," meaning that in every instance when one is truly born of God he enjoys victory over the world. The neuter affirms the universality of the idea more strongly than the masculine.

In our conflict we often meet with giants—the giant of sin, the giant of error, the giant of custom and the giant of heresy. During such times the battle rages fierce and long; nevertheless, the new nature, empowered by the Holy Spirit (I John 4:4), will always go on to victory. When the battle is over the new nature will have wholly overcome all its foes. The Creator cannot be overcome, nor any of those born of Him and

who possess His nature. In every instance where one is truly regenerated by the Spirit there is victory over the world, according to my text. Those overcome by the world are not born of God.

THE MEANS OF CONQUEST —OUR FAITH

The new nature does not overcome by inactivity. Rather, it overcomes the world, the flesh and the Devil by acting through a definite faith. Faith is the action or means by which the new nature conquers all enemies and lives to stand on top of the world. Faith appropriates Christ as the Conquering One and identifies us with Him. It causes us to enter into His strength and to share His victory. Faith unites us to a conquering Christ Who goes forth conquering and to conquer.

Jesus Christ told His disciples: "... be of good cheer; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). Our Saviour overcame the prince of this world at Calvary and made him a defeated foe. Believing makes us one with Jesus Christ, the greatest of all world conquerors. Hence by faith we partake of His victory. "Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us" (Rom. 8:37). Christ's victory is the Christian's victory. That is what the Apostle Paul meant when he spoke of "the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe" (Eph. 1:19).

The overcomer is in Christ. He conquers the world in the strength of Christ. Out of Christ there is no spiritual victory—there is only disgrace, despair and defeat. It is altogether through the power of His

death and His resurrection that we have strength to overcome. It is through Him that loved us we are conquerors, not by our sheer humanity alone, or our own loyalty and resolution.

But let us not take this position-alism too far. To do so is hyper-Calvinism, not Christianity. We must not say, "I am in Christ and therefore I need not fight the good fight of faith." Christ has saved us and given us a new nature which will fight against the world as long as we are in the world. Those in Christ are those now actively engaged in the Christian warfare. Yet while in the act of fighting, the Person of Christ will be in the act of conquering through us.

Without faith in Christ we have neither part nor lot in being on top of the world. The whole of our victory is connected with faith in Christ. "All things are possible to him that believeth" (Mark 9:23). "According to your faith be it unto you" (Matt. 9:29). "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Heb 11:6). Faith is the means of our victory. It lays hold on the omnipotent arm of God; hence faith itself becomes omnipotent; it does wonders. Nothing is too hard for it to do, least of all overcoming the world.

Encamped along the hills of light,
Ye Christian soldiers, rise,
And press the battle ere the night
Shall veil the glowing skies;
Against the foe in vales below
Let all our strength be hurled;
Faith is the victory, we know,

That overcomes the world.
Faith is the victory!
Faith is the victory!
Oh, glorious victory,
That overcomes the world.
God's formula has not changed.
Only faith can give a man power to get on top of himself and the world. Only faith in Christ can give us the victory over fear, worry, pessimism and defeat. In all hard endeavors faith is three-quarters of the victory. The man without faith is whipped before he starts. But a man full of faith can say, "Fear not, I will overcome through Christ."

Oh, for a faith that will not shrink,
Though pressed by every foe,
That will not tremble on the brink
Of any earthly woe!

A faith that shines bright and clear
When tempests rage without;
That when in danger knows no fear,
In darkness feels no doubt.

Real faith is more than assent; it is active assent. What a man believes in moves him to act accordingly. Faith is a dynamic force that leads a man to do and dare and die. It is the daring of the soul to go further than the human eye can see; it makes us feel the presence of the invisible God. It makes a man work no matter what ever the price may be. It is invincible; nothing can stop the efforts of faith. Neither Satan nor the sinners of the whole world can retard its march up to the hills of the gloryland.

A transcendent faith, a cheerful trust, turns the darkness of night into a pillar of fire and the cloud by day into a perpetual glory. The Christian who is full of faith is refreshed even in the wilderness and hears streams of gladness trickling among the rocks. By faith a believer sees the unseen reward which awaits, beholds a cloud of witnesses in the heavenly grandstand and perceives how Christ conquered the world, not for Himself, but for His followers. By faith the child of grace sees infinitely better delights approaching in the world to come. He sees the Celestial City, views the tree of life, beholds the golden streets, gazes upon the water of life, visualizes the gates of pearl, hears the songs of men and of angels above.

THE CONTEST ENDED— VICTORY

Men do not seem to know a real world conqueror when they see one. They think Alexander and Caesar were great world conquerors. But were men who put thousands of other men to death real world conquerors? I fear such men were really conquered by the god of this world. Jesus Christ is the Conqueror of all conquerors, the Warrior of all warriors! He met the world on its own battle ground and triumph over it.

Through faith in Him we share in this glorious victory. We also are more than conquerors through Him. We can join with the Apostle Paul in saying: "But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (I Cor. 15:57).

In wars or sports there must always be the losers and the winners. People fight or play to be on the winning side. They know victory is sweet. It has no substitute or equal. Let every believer "war a good warfare" (I Tim. 1:18). Soon we will have victory over all our sufferings and troubles. Let us hold high the blood-stained banner of King Emmanuel for victory is ours; we are on the winning side; we are well on the way to being on top of the world!

I know that Satan seems to have gained the upper hand. Even some professed believers have deserted our ranks. Others are already dead and gone on, leaving our rank empty to some degree. Today the air is filled with an uncertain sound and the smoke of battle has our eyes clouded a bit. Even some weary believers wonder how the battle goes as they hear the many shouts of the enemy. But it will not be long until the smoke will clear and the noise will cease so we may see we have whipped the prince of this world. In Christ our beloved Captain we shall stand at last on top of the world. In the end we shall all be greater conquerors than Alexander the Great. We will be on the winning side; we will not

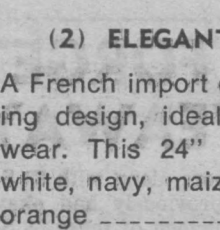
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Ephesians 2:8 that salvation is by grace, and just left it there. So beloved, it is either by grace, or not at all. And since we can play no part in the matter of grace, "Salvation is of the Lord."

Many well-meaning Christians play into old Satan's hands and present a salvation by works by telling lost people to "believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." I have been guilty of that myself in years gone by before I came to see that we must study the Scriptures in context. In Acts 16:29 we see if we look for it, the Philippian jailer came trembling, and fell at the feet of Paul and Silas before he asked, "What must I do to be saved?" Something had already happened to that old boy. Had the Holy Spirit not already quickened him and made him see his lost and undone condition he would have probably knocked Paul and Silas down before him, and have made them do the trembling. But now that he had been convicted of his sins he was labouring and heavy laden. And in Matthew 11:28 our Lord said, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." The only way that the Philippian jailer who was now labouring and heavy laden could come to Christ was by believing on Him. And that is what Paul and Silas told him to do. We have received possibly a hundred letters from Ghana in Africa who quote Matthew 11:28 as if it were meant for any and everyone. But Christ was just talking to those who were labouring and heavy laden. And the only lost person who does that is one who has already been convicted of his sins. So let us be careful that we do not try to feed goats on sheep food. They won't eat it.

As we have stated before, there are two very important things that we need to keep ever before us. One is that our Lord's true churches have been in existence at all times since He organized the first one while He was here on the earth. For anyone to say that the Lord's churches were embodied in the Catholic Church for hundreds of years is pure, unmitigated blasphemy. The other thing that we need to remember is that the other fellow's church has come about by gradual development. The Catholic Church claims that she has not changed in all the centuries of her existence, but history proves her to be a liar. For instance, the worship of Mary had its beginning as a church dogma in 451 A.D. This church did not take on her Catholic, or universal status until 606 A.D. when the cut-throat Roman Emperor Phocas declared Boniface III to be the universal bishop of all Christendom. But since this church took on her Catholic, or universal status, she has continually added one dogma after another. In the sixth century it was indulgences. But since indulgences did not sell too well without a purgatory, she invented a purgatory in the seventh century. Then to make this church a still more lucrative business she invented saint and image worship in the eighth century. Now Catholics could buy and worship their idol gods to their hearts' content. With this dogma Jezebel, the old whore, had a field day seducing unsuspecting people to commit spiritual fornication. And her field day is still going strong. In the twelfth century this heinous Jezebel, the Catholic religious system, not being content with her spiritual fornication, invented celibacy and went into physical fornication in a big way. Now the beautiful young women who were being enticed to become nuns were not permitted to marry and live normal lives. The priests were not permitted to marry and live normally. Old Jezebel brought them together, and nature took its course. When once all moral restraint has been cast to

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in their paths. This, they say, is caused by orbiting bodies (or planets) around these stars or suns. Scientists and chemists say they can tell the chemical makeup of the stars by the spectrum (the array of an emission or wave separated and arranged in the order of wavelength, mass or energy) their light emits. In sending men to the moon, with the Voyagers, Pioneers and Skylab, we have seen much of God's handiwork in His stars, planets, and systems and their influence of each other.

Bringing the planets into existence, God planned out their material makeup, size, activity (in the planet itself), purpose, and arrangement. The mighty PLANET MAKER and PHYSICIAN formed Jupiter, the largest of planets in our system, with a Big Red Spot. He made the frigid planet of Pluto and placed it the farthest from the sun. He made Venus with a sulfurous atmosphere and that with violent explosions and lightning. We can see Divine order in the majestic circle of Saturn's rings which reflect the sun's light in several colors. In arrangement, God the PERFECT ORGANIZER placed the planets in symmetrical

order, to balance the system in magnetic and gravitational influence. With the many spectacular and splendorous wonders God created for Himself, He singled out the earth for placing His most intricate, immaculate, and complex form of creation on and in. Genesis doesn't bring out any detail on how He made the earth, but Job 38:4-6 states that the earth has foundations, and that they are fastened down. It was measured out and built to a set of blueprints drawn up by the great DRAFTSMAN, the Almighty ARCHITECT, God.

The planets farthest from the sun are ice covered, frozen to temperatures below 100 degrees Fahrenheit. The planets, Mercury and Venus, are hotter than 800 degrees Fahrenheit. But God placed the earth in between both extremes for the right temperature, the right amount of sun, resulting in the perfect climate for habitation. But before creating the earth, God had His blueprints laid out before Him. On these plans He placed various metals, precious stones, and chemicals in strategic places for another creation's use (1 Cor. 22:3; Num. 31:22 and Gen. 2:11-12). On these plans we can find underground rivers for water as well as the seas, lakes, and on ground rivers. There are veins of coal,



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BIBLE STUDY LESSON

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Amos 5:1-6.

Intro.: In her backslidings Israel has marched to the cemetery, and Amos sings the funeral song as if the funeral is already in progress. Of course, the majority is still talking about peace and prosperity in spite of God's warning of judgment because of sin. This is similar to I Thessalonians 5:1-3.

VERSE 1

"Hear ye this word." The repeated call of the prophet to attend to the pronouncement of judgment already in progress. "Thou art the man."

"Which I take up against you." How beautiful and glorious the expression, "If God be for us, who can be against us," however, how pathetic the thought, "if God be against us," which is true in this connection with Israel. Therefore Amos begins this song in a low key in relation to joy.

"Even a lamentation, O house of Israel." What a sorrowful stanza! Somewhat like the cry of David, "O Absalom, Absalom, my son

oil, and gas for man's needs in transportation, heating, power and energy. Veins of marble, limestone, and plenteous supply of sand and gravel for building. These and more on God's plan He drew up and pronounced it all good.

Verses 3-5, God brought into being light, to light the earth by day, and divided it from the darkness for night. To work on something or to do anything in a dark place, we turn on the light so we can see. So God provides light to perform His work because He is a God of light.

Verses 6-8, God spoke into existence nitrogen, oxygen and the other lesser gases to form our atmosphere. He is the great CHEMIST, mixing the gases together for the needs of man and beast, flower and tree. He formed the right amount of each for a perfect balance in nature. Ever wonder what gives the atmosphere a blue color? It is another amazing creation of God, celestial dust from space. This dust filters in every day from meteors and comets trailing their stardust. If not for this dust in our sky during the daytime the sky would be black and starry, with the sun glaring down on us like a floodlight would at night. It would be strange for the land to be lit up and the sky be coal black, with shadows as dark as the sky because of no indirect lighting. The upper part of the atmosphere has a protective layer of ozone to shield us from the dangerous long waves of the sun that would scorch and fry us. Our atmosphere also protects us from meteors that fall into the pull of the earth. These meteors are mostly disintegrated from their speed and friction. Large objects may get through but most are burned up. The earth's magnetic fields pull the meteors toward the north and south poles, deflecting most of them.

In verse 6, humidity is indicated by the "midst of waters." This humidity was very high because there was no separation of the "waters from the waters." There was an equilibrium of evaporation and condensation. In other words, the rate of water evaporation into the atmosphere equalled the rate of moisture forming into drops, going back to water. This was divided by a "firmament" to establish clouds in the upper atmosphere, and bodies of water not yet separated on the earth. Here God the great METEOROLOGIST, started weather. This separation of waters was done by heat, the way it is today in part. With this done, God then set the boundaries for the waters in the upper atmosphere. (Continued on page 4, column 3)

Absalom." Amos looks upon Israel as wearing her funeral clothes.

VERSE 2

"The virgin of Israel is fallen." Amos recalls the beauty and purity of Israel in former days as she worshipped the One True God, but now he sees them polluted by false religion and defiled by mingling with the heathen. Compare Isaiah 47:1. Read II Corinthians 6:14-18.

"She shall no more rise." This must be taken in its context, for "God hath not cast away His people which He foreknew." However "they are not all Israel which are of Israel" and "blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in and so all Israel shall be saved." In this place Amos is speaking concerning the present and partial judgment, not complete and permanent casting off.

"She is forsaken upon her land." The place she considered sacred, and in which she thought she was beyond rebuke.

"There is none to raise her up." That which she trusted in is found to be insignificant for she had for-

saken the One True God in favor of idols.

VERSE 3

"For thus saith the Lord God." This is why there is none to help successfully, for God has pronounced judgment. His sentence shall be executed, as seen over and over.

"The city that went out by a thousand shall leave an hundred and that which went forth by an hundred shall leave ten, to the house of Israel." The army which went out to the shouts of victory comes back utterly defeated and depleted (Joshua 7:1,5). In this case it is even a greater defeat.

VERSE 4

"For thus saith the Lord unto the house of Israel." Up till now they had been listening to other voices (Gen. 16:2). This is always an evidence of backsliding and unbelief.

"Seek ye Me, and ye shall live." The broken cisterns of this world cannot provide the water of life. The Fountain of Life is the Lord Jesus Christ (John 10:10). Israel, like many others, had been blinded by sin and could not see afar off, so had been enticed by fleshly desires. How we need to be like the song writer, "Come Thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy praise;" and to heed the admonition, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

VERSE 5

"But seek ye not Bethel." There was no spiritual value in making a pilgrimage to Bethel, for it had been turned into a place of a curse because of idolatry. Bethel had turned from being the house of God to Bethaven, the house of vanity.

"Nor enter into Gilgal." For again they would be participating in a heartless and a mere form of religion produced by a love of money and popularity.

"And pass not to Beersheba." It too had deteriorated from the well of the oath (Gen. 21:31,33) to a den of thieves and false religionists.

"For Gilgal shall surely go into captivity." Gilgal, the place of rolling, shall rolling be rolled away. Her ambition to be great shall be thwarted by destruction and reduction by being taken captive.

"And Bethel shall come to nought." Fame and fortune would become rubbish, and prosperity would vanish away. How many professed Christians have pitched their tents to this type of situation?

VERSE 6

"Seek the Lord, and ye shall live." An urgent appeal by God's spokesman to heed the previous admonition, since he knew full well the consequences of disobedience.

"Lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph." "For our God is a consuming fire" (Heb. 12:29); white hot in His wrath against sin (II Pet. 3:10).

"And devour it, and there be none to quench it in Bethel." Unquenchable, when He breaks forth in judgment, and thereby consuming all in His path. Even the fire extinguishers shall be as stubble. Even the idols turned to for protection, shall fall before the consuming fire and be found worthless.

Conclusion: These are written for our admonition and learning; therefore may there be a genuine repentance and a turning back to the ways of God in our churches. Study also Habakkuk 3:1-2.

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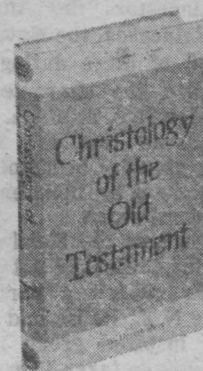
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"With John 1:19-23, 26-27, and Matthew 11:11 and 16:13-19 how therefore can the brethren be so dogmatic about the name Baptist when there is no church mentioned as such in the whole Bible?"

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It is true that there is no church in all the Bible that is designated Baptist Church. So if we insist on a name for our churches that is found in the Bible we must call them the churches of God. But we have a lot of those kind who have not yet celebrated their one hundredth birthday.

If the other church builder had not gone into the church building business some two hundred years after our Lord started His church while He was still here on the earth it still would not be necessary for us to have any name to designate the Lord's churches. But since his churches today are legion we are forced to use some name to designate His true Churches.

If you can come up with a more appropriate name for the Lord's true churches, I for one would seriously consider it. But until you can do that I will hold on to the name Baptist. And if you want to know why I am so dogmatic about it read chapter one of my book on the subject that appeared in the September 16th issue of TBE.

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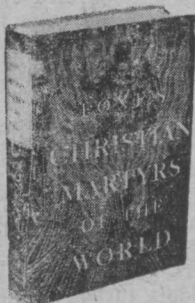
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church authority. Hence, the name Anabaptist arose, or "rebaptizers." It was a name of scorn. As these churches spread around the world, they used other names, such as the Waldenses, Bogomils, Donatists, etc., but they were New Testament churches because their doctrine and practice were based exclusively upon the Bible as the sole authority in faith and morals.

We wear proudly the name "Baptist" because it can be traced back to the banks of Jordan in its doctrinal tenets. However, no one in his right mind would argue that simply because a church wears the name "Baptist" it is a New Testament church. There are too many breeds of Baptists around for that. The important thing is not what we are called but what we believe.

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It is true, the name Baptist per se is not used in the Bible to designate the Lord's church(es). However, it was (is with a number of qualifying pre-fixes and suffixes used today) the one name used for the last three to four centuries to distinguish the true churches of Christ from the false. Furthermore, the name Baptist is as scriptural as any of the other appellations which many of the cults and false churches dogmatically contend for. Baptists are too wise to fall into the error of Campbellism, Russellism, or Mormonism and make the name of the church a point of dogmatic theology. The Bible terms, brethren, saints, elect, believers, disciples, children of God, Christians, etc., have to do with the born again persons relationship to Christ, and can only in a secondary sense be used as a church name.

Historically, Bible churches have had many and sundry names. "Socrates states that, when the church was taken under the fostering care of Constantine, and on his party using severe measures against dissenters, the dominant party called themselves the Catholic Church; but the oppressed and suffering party was known by the name, The Church of Martyrs." (A CONCISE HISTORY OF BAPTISTS — G. H. Orchard, p. 141). Contemporary N.T. Baptists have as their ancestors the Ana-Baptists, the Waldenses, the Novations, etc., yet all of these dating back to Christ had the characteristics of present day N.T. Baptists. Nearly every name that the Lord's church has gone by in history has been given them by their enemies as terms of reproach.

While it is true the Head of the church, Jesus Christ did not see fit to give His church a particular name in the N.T., (if He had every satanically inspired group in the world would have taken it to themselves) there was a man sent from God to baptize penitents out of which Christ built the first church. God called John, "Baptist." Do you think it reasonable to call men baptized by John Baptists? It would not have been right to call them Christians, for Jesus was not yet manifest as the Messiah or Christ. When it came time for Jesus to declare His Messiahship He went to

the "Baptist" for baptism. The apostles were commissioned as was John to baptize, in view of this fact, would it be wrong to call them Baptists? Certainly not. While in our time the name Baptist has been abused, misused, and construed to designate a legion of anti-biblical groups, it is nevertheless the one name above all others which identifies the true churches of Christ. There may come a time in this apostatizing period when the name Baptist will have to be substituted by another, but as for me, and the church which I pastor we will until that time stick with the name Baptist.



"God Is..."

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where, the purpose for the protective layers of gases, and the dust for uniform distribution of light for day and brilliance for sunrise and sunset splendors.

In verses 9 and 10, God made another separation. God is now an ocean and real estate maker. After dividing the two "waters," setting the bounds of the "waters above," He now set the bounds of the waters below. Up to this verse, land was under the water, indicating that water covered the entire earth. Now God called land to appear and called the waters under Heaven together into one place. This gathering together into place is given in detail in Psalms 104:6-9: "Thou coverest it with the deep as with a garment: the waters stood above the mountains. At thy rebuke they fled; at the voice of thy thunder they hasted away. They go up by the mountains; they go down by the valleys unto the place which thou hast founded for them. Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over; that they turn not again to cover the earth." This was done in rapid succession, not a slow process. The appearing of land was to let it literally be seen. God "called"; everything was given a name, day, night, earth, seas. What God calls is kept the same for time and eternity. Day will always be day and night will always be night. There will be no name changes, no supercessions, not even temporary or permanent changes in names.

God is the attractive and pleasing LANDSCAPER. Verses 11-12 tells what provisions are made for a liveable habitation. Before God can create animate life (living moving things), He must make a life supporting habitation. Here He covers the bare soil with seed bearing foliage, plants, and trees for food for His later creations. We see that He has provided a perpetual foliage to continue, on and on by the "seed" in each plant and tree. This seed brought forth after its kind. Take a look at the design of the leaves, stems, petals, limbs, roots, trunk, and fruits and seeds. Look at the shape, size and color arrangement. God intended, in His designs, for these plants and trees to be functional, and beautiful in their purpose. Man today has derived many uses from the foliage, hundreds of uses in medicine, building, foods, preservatives, purifiers and some colorings, to mention areas they contribute to the most.

These plants and trees were also designed to take the carbon dioxide from the air we exhale and change it to oxygen. God made them this way for us to live on what they give off, and they live on what we exhale. This is a contributing cycle to our lives and to plant and tree life.

God is the ILLUMINATOR, a lighting expert as verses 14-18 illustrate. God is a season and sign institutor. God spins the earth on its axis for days and nights. Then tilted the earth for season, and alternates the seasons for years. The "lights in the firmament" are the stars, planets, and suns. Ever

notice the different positions of the stars during each season? "And it was so" is the proof of His decrees. In verse 16, God made "two great lights," the sun (the greater), and the moon (the lesser).

In preparing the sun, God gave it perpetual energy to provide light, heart, and life. Again He was the Great PHYSICIST. He took in account "matter and energy and their interactions in the field of mechanics, acoustics, optics, heat, electricity, magnetism radiation, atomic structure and nuclear phenomena" (Webster's Dictionary on Physics). God is the specialist on the natural sciences because He is the author of it all. He knows the physical properties, processes, and composition of each system there is, and that He made. The sun not only produces radio waves (of similar frequency) but also solar winds that reach velocities of 500 miles per second or 30,000 mph). God gave earth a miraculous magnetic field to repel the intense solar winds, deflecting it enough yet not completely blocking its heat and energy from reaching earth's surface. These magnetic fields originate at the north and south poles, which allow the sun's electrical energy to come in at these points. The results of these energy showers are the spectacular northern and southern lights; the Auroras, with their blues, greens, reds, yellows, and oranges moving in rapid changing waves blocking out the stars in their glow. God presents His violent display of splendor, His barrage of glowing solar

streams in utter silence. Ever see an explosion without noise, a jet take off without sound, or a crash without hearing it? God can take away noise and sound from anything such as these lights and amaze us with visual displays. Rotating the earth at the speed God does causes the earth to be warmed evenly by the sun, and not baked from too much sun, or frozen from not enough sun.

The lesser light, the moon, only reflects the sun's light at night. This light is enough to see a splendor of glittering reflection from the snow-covered ground during the winter. During the winter one can see slight details of trees and houses in a full moonlight and enough to distinguish colors. The moon is made up of aluminum, zinc, iron, magnesium, titanium, copper, and other metallic ores. Analysis of these metal-bearing rocks brought back from the Apollo space missions tell us some of the materials God created in the making of the moon. The sun and the moon work together as God, the great MARINER and METEOROLOGIST, planned. The sun with the moon creates winds and ocean currents. Therefore, the sun, moon and wind circulates the ocean water to bring in cool waters from the north to the warmer temperatures in the equatorial areas to cool and refresh them. The warm waters flow to cooler regions to be cooled and returned. Also, ocean life depends on these currents, waves and tides to circulate the water from the top of the ocean to the bottom, and bottom to top, to supply oxygen in the waters and to keep the water from stagnation. This is God's form of air conditioning and water conditioning. He creates the perfect environment and ecology for His creating. Up to this point, God has been setting the stage for His animate creation, providing the habitation and set in motion the self-sustaining order of rejuvenation.

In verses 20-22, God now brings into being living, moving creatures. He fills the seas with life from the smallest plankton to the greatest of whales. For the air He made the birds of all types from the hummingbird to the gracious eagles and hawks we have today. Fossils show extinct birds greater than the ones we know of today. Why these are extinct now is God's plan and purpose. In them also, these sea and air creatures, as God put in the plants and trees, the seeds of perpetuation, to multiply after their own kind.

Next was the creation of life on the land earth. God created the cattle, farm animals, as we know them, wild animals, deer, rabbits, squirrels, fox and raccoons. He made the rodents: rats, moles, mice and weasels. He made the jungle animals, game animals, house pets, and work animals we see today. God made the "creeping things"; insects, snakes and the common little bugs and spiders we know of. These too are perpetual in creation.

You notice that God progresses in His creating life, from simple forms of life to more complex forms. God's final creation of living forms is an image of Himself. In this creation He gives the highest form of life (aside from the angels), the abilities to think, talk, of emotion, motivation to do things, to choose, and of responsibility, to name several. God created this highest form of life upright, to walk higher than the animals, sea life, birds and creeping things to show a superior position; a reflection of the creator that made all things. The great ANTHROPOLOGIST took the dust of the earth with its different chemicals and, combining them together, formed His own image. He followed His Divine plans, and constructed the most complex, sophisticated systems in His entire creation. A physician would understand what is meant by "complex" in this life's system. God called this creation Man. What other form of life is like this? Our internal organs perform many functions such as defense, mending, warming, involuntary work, providing and chemical processing to mention only a few. God said for man to dominate (Gen. 1:28) and subdue the earth, (Psa. 8:6-8). God (Continued on page 8, column 1)

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"I DO NOT CARE"

Oh! do not say so. Never say so. The very phrase indicates a reckless sort of spirit, which can scarcely accord with wisdom or prudence. **I do not care**, is the language of a madman who "scatters arrows, firebrands, and death," regardless where they fall or what mischief they work.

I do not care, is the heraldic motto inscribed upon the arms of the great rebellion against Almighty God. Every impenitent sinner turns a shield, bearing this device, against every attempt made to draw or drive him from the ranks of this ungodly rebellion. Say to him, "My friend, your course of life is wrong in itself, essentially wicked, and manifestly ungrateful." The reply is "**I do not care**." But ruin, irremediable, is the sure result of persistence in impenitence. **I do not care**.

Your kind parents and all your friends are prayerfully solicitous for your salvation, and deeply distressed by your ungodliness. **I do not care**.

You are drawing along with you, by the strong cords of influence, others in the part, whose end is destruction. **I do not care**. Truest interests for this world are hazarded by impenitence. **I do not care**. The cry of a troubled conscience, trembling at guilt and dreading its doom, is stifled by, **I do not care**.

The whispers of the Holy Spirit, sweetly wooing the soul to the obedience of the gospel, and the embrace of Jesus, is drowned by, **I do not care**.

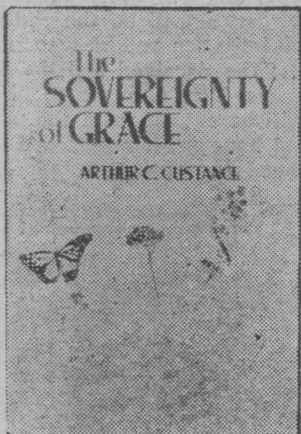
Every argument and appeal, every invitation and warning, every promise and threatening, are rendered inefficient by, **I do not care**.

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(Continued from Page Two) have fought a no-win war. There is "Victory Ahead."

When the hosts of Israel, led by God
Rounds the walls of Jericho softly trod;
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By faith they saw the victory ahead.
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Met the giant of the field all along;
Trusting in the Lord, he knew what God had said,
By faith he saw the victory ahead.
Daniel prayed unto the Lord thrice each day.
Then unto the lion's den led the way;
Trusting in the Lord, he did not fear or dread,
By faith he saw the victory ahead.
When like those who've gone before to that land,
By death's river cold and dark I shall stand;
Trusting in the Lord, I will not fear or dread,
By faith I see the victory ahead.
Victory ahead! Victory ahead!
Through the blood of Jesus, victory ahead;
Trusting in the Lord, I hear the conquerors cry,
By faith I see the victory ahead!

—William Grum

THE COWARDS

Some men have a yellow streak up their backs. They are fearful and afraid. Unbelievably they shirk from the fight and show no courage to do right. They think it easier for them to float with the tide of inclination than against it. They have not the courage to deny themselves anything; they will not do what is right if it cost them a struggle; they shirk every difficulty; refuse to bear the cross. They turn away from Christ because it is pleasanter to live a life of ease and self-gratification. The dishonest man finds it easier to be dishonest than honest,

as he does not have to struggle with poverty. The liar lacks the courage to tell the truth and face the consequence. The sensualist finds it easier to live a life of unrestrained self-indulgence than to keep his body in subjection.

These people are lorded over by the world; the world has them under his thumb. They are the lost, the moral wrecks, the cowards of life, the willing slaves to Satan!

The unbeliever is certain to lose the battle. All the promises of God are yea and amen in Jesus Christ (II Cor. 1:20), but the spiritual coward has sundered himself from Christ by his unbelief. He has despised and rejected Him. There is no promise to him—no eternal life—no salvation from sin—no being kept by the power of God—no promise of victory over the troubles of life—no "triumph in Christ" (II Cor. 2:14). Wherever there is faith there is victory. Without faith the battle is always lost to Satan! "Faith is the victory! Oh, glorious victory! that overcomes the world!"

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(Continued from page one) fore was not the "law of the land," i.e., it required implementing legislation (the second step) before becoming effective. Two U.S. Supreme Court rulings establish this principle: Foster vs. Nielson (2 Pet. 253, 1829) and Taylor vs. Morton (2 Curt. 454-1855 and U.S. 481-1862). Simply stated, these decisions provide that where a treaty is not self-implementing, it lacks force and effect without "affirmative action of the Congress."

Moreover, Article IV, Section 2, Clause (2) of the U.S. Constitution establishes the House as co-equal partner with the Senate in disposing of U.S. property and territory. So, the House had the right and the duty either to pass or to deny implementation of the Canal Treaties.

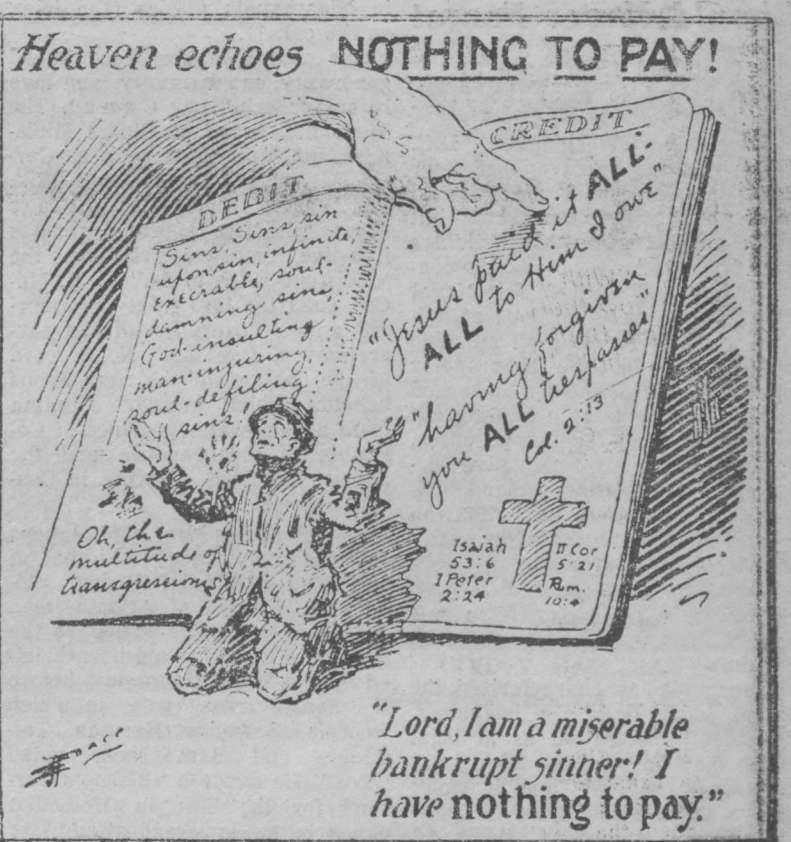
Nevertheless, a Norfolk, Va. editor ("Ledger-Star") sharply criticized the House of Representatives for its "shabby dog-in-the-manger and diehard behavior" in not promptly rubber-stamping the implementing legislation. This gentleman missed the point entirely—in fact, missed several points—as explained above. How many readers throughout the land have been deceived like this, either deliberately or through "shabby" opinions?

Some Congressmen have said that the Senate okayed the deal and so "we have to go along"—or, Panama is going to get real mad if we don't meet the October 1st deadline for establishing the joint Canal operating commission. This is either a cop-out or gross ignorance.

Why do we come down so hard? Because this issue needs exposure in unmistakable terms. Its perpetrators have explained themselves with the conviction and lukewarmness of the Laodiceans whom the Lord chastised in Revelation 3:16, saying: "So then because thou art lukewarm, neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth." Many legislators took the path of least political resistance, a kind of lukewarm acquiescence.

Many in-depth factual and historical analyses have traced important details of the Panama Canal story: the purchase of the Zone; the U.S. guarantees for Panama's independence from the tyrannical Colombian government; the brilliant engineering feat of constructing one of the wonders of the world in a malaria-infested pest hole; the generosity of America in paying four times for the property; the U.S. Supreme Court and Court of Appeals decisions that the Zone is unincorporated U.S. territory; the overwhelming interest of Mr. Sol Linowitz and Mr. Ellsworth Bunker in negotiating away U.S. property whose benefits Panama would use in paying off its bank debts; and the apparent Carter Administration's desire to be either "heroic" or to meet obligations to the powers (Continued on page 6, column 1)

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the wind, the old fleshly lust knows no limitation. So in the next century old Jezebel came up with another monstrous invention. This time it was auricular confession. This means that all good Catholics must confess his, or her sins, not to God, but to the priest. In this way all faithful Catholics must come to the appropriate place, that is, to the priest, and confess all their sins to him. In this way, not only the nuns, but all the desirable women in his church are brought into the unscrupulous grasp of this insatiable monster. Should some young woman try to defend her character she may learn to her sorrow that in confessing her sins to the wrong person she may have unwittingly given him all the information he needs with which to blackmail her from now on. This he is ready to do, not with a clear conscience, but without a conscience. If someone should think that I am telling you all this without any proof to back it up, I challenge you to read "Fifty Years in the Church of Rome" by Charles Chiniquay, or some of the writings of other men who have come out of that monstrous thing called the Catholic Church. If you happen to be a Catholic, why not ask your priest where pregnant nuns are sent to give birth to their illegitimate babies. Then you might ask him what becomes of those babies.

The pope loves to brag about the antiquity of his position. He boasts of his being a successor to Peter. But since Peter was never in the pope's line of descent, there has never been any connection at all whatever between them. For hundreds of years Catholics were told that Peter was buried there in Rome. And what a letdown the hierarchy had a few years ago when Peter's grave was found in Jerusalem. If the pope were not afraid for his people to know the truth about it he could rightfully claim to be a successor to Noah's renegade great grandson, Nimrod. Old Nimrod started a great religious system known as Babylonian Mysticism. His wife, Semiramus became the original queen of heaven. And from a study of Scriptures like Jeremiah 7:18 we get the idea that our Lord is not very much in love with the queen of heaven. The new way to heaven set forth by that old Babylonian Mysticism has, in this age, assumed the name church in order to fool more people.

If you will bear with me, I want to trace old Jezebel, the Catholic Church, to her final consummation. I am giving a lot of space to the prophecy concerning the Thyatira type churches, because this church is directly or indirectly the source of practically all the false doctrines found in the world today. In Revelation 17 we see the utter destruction of old Jezebel, who, in this chapter, is called the great whore. In verse 2 we see that "the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her." When that seven years of great tribulation comes there won't be even one church in all the world that believes, and contends for the truth of God's Word, because before that awful time comes, all of the Lord's saints up to that time will be raptured out of the world. So there won't be any true saints left in the world to make up a true church. But false churches who rip and tear, and deny God's Word will be in great abundance for a time. Chapters 17 and 18 of Revelation may seem to indicate that all the false religious system will be destroyed at the end of the tribulation time. But there will be so much going on during that short seven years that it cannot all be told as it occurs. So let us remember that not all the things found in Revelation are in chronological order. The destruction of the false religious system may take place gradually over a good part of the tribulation time.

In Revelation 1:16 John saw in his vision our Lord holding seven stars in His right hand. In verse 20 our Lord tells us that the seven stars are the angels (should be pastors) of the seven (Continued on Page 6, Columns 4 and 5)

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which helped to elect the President.

Since the Washington, D.C. treaty-signing extravaganza, we learn that Panama is not satisfied with just stealing the Canal, but wants a lot more: all buildings and facilities to be in usable condition, such as the Coco Solo Naval Base which needs millions of dollars worth of repairs; all movable equipment to become the property of Panama, a demand that caused the U.S. Navy to stop hauling out equipment; and for tax purposes, Panama demands retroactive jurisdiction over businesses and individuals in the Zone since 1971, an action which would bankrupt many corporations and financially ruin many U.S. citizens. We haven't heard and complaints from our State Department on such "claims."

Deception has characterized the Canal issue from the beginning. President Carter told us at least twice that "We are not taking any taxpayers' money" and it won't cost a single dollar. Now we know it will cost taxpayers about 4.3 billion dollars to "give away" the Canal and Zone, and that the total value is over 20 billion.

The backing and filling has been interesting. Senator Howard Baker, Jr., a presidential hopeful, has criticized our foreign policy, saying we should erase the "patsy image." Mr. Baker said that. But Baker himself made a substantial contribution to the "patsy image." He provided the "difference," as Senate Minority Leader, that enabled Mr. Carter to surrender the Canal to a pro-communist dictator.

Isn't it grand that our Washington group is delivering the Canal, the Zone, and all appurtenances in tip-top condition to the arrogant Panamanian leaders, who have the gall to be arranging for the Soviet entry under our very noses? The Soviets have been asked for "technical assistance."

Let's consider other adventures: the Soviet combat brigade in Cuba; the communist junta takeover in Nicaragua, aided by shipping Cuban and Soviet military supplies through Panama; and Marxist movements into El Salvador. Should we suspect that our weak knees on the Canal steal may inspire even further communist encroachment in the Caribbean?

Another "Panama-style" development is even now unfolding under our very noses. On September 28, 1979 four members of Nicaragua's new ruling junta told the world on a U.S. Public Broadcasting Service TV program that the U.S. had no right to object to a Marxist government in Nicaragua; that the U.S. had a financial and moral obligation to help them with no strings attached and that they expected this help; that many friends in the U.S. Congress understood their needs; that they oppose the U.S. foreign policy in general; and, yes, they favor independence for Porto Rico but that the U.S. has no right to interfere

in Nicaragua's affairs (the icing on the cake!).

Our church leaders recommend generosity, magnanimity, and love in surrendering our Canal. The Methodist Board of Global Ministries and Methodists such as Curtis A. Chambers, Herman Will, and Bishop James K. Matthews says: "heartily approve, redress injustice, improve relations, the 'Christian' thing to do." L. M. McCoy calls the 1903 treaty "immoral" and a "usurpation of the sovereignty of Panama." Not a word of approbation for the tremendous benefits which brought Panama from a back-water province of Colombia to independence and the highest standard of living in Central America.

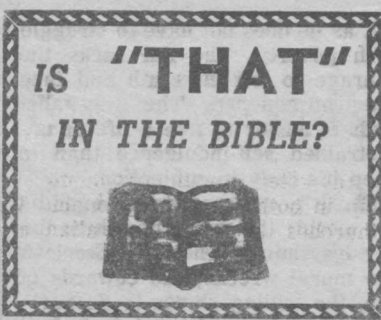
One of the saddest capitulations to the Canal tragedy was that of respected Methodist Bishop William E. Cannon of Atlanta, Ga., the friend of Carter who gave the inaugural prayer. He'd been briefed by the White House just before the Senate treaty vote, in which Georgia Senators Herman Talmadge and Sam Nunn voted "Yea." He wrote a "Bishop's Corner" for the Georgia Methodist paper in an apparent attempt to generate support for the treaties and to stimulate other Methodists to urge Talmadge and Nunn to go along. Unfortunately, the "Corner" was a tragic misstatement of the Canal situation, and contained misinformation about "renting" the Zone, U.S. colonialism, the Golden Rule, and the "no cost" to taxpayers myth.

As to colonialism, renting the Zone, and the "no cost" myth, the Bishop was tragically misled. But let's consider the Golden Rule (Matthew 7:12). Yes, we should live by this Rule; but giving up our property and possessions under threat and duress is not the Golden Rule. For example, if America had been guaranteed her independence from an oppressor nation and had been paid an agreed-to amount of money for a strip of land to be used for building a canal for civilization — an event which brought us prosperity beyond our dreams — would we be observing the Golden Rule if we later demanded the land back and also the property of our benefactor? Shouldn't the Golden Rule apply to others as well as to ourselves?

One of the world's leading experts on the Panama Canal and Latin America is Professor Donald M. Dozer of the University of California, Santa Barbara. Mr. Dozer has said:

"The Panama Canal is one of the geopolitical assets of the free world, a world to which Panama with its illegitimate Marxist revolutionary regime of General Omar Torrijos does not belong. The State Department's surrender of the Canal Zone to Panama, if allowed to be consummated, will be equivalent to a major military defeat for the United States."

Well, it's being consummated all right and, we believe, it amounts to a major military victory for the Trilateral Commission, that sec-



Question:

WHAT SON FELL ON HIS FATHER'S NECK, AND WHAT FATHER ON HIS SON'S NECK?

Answer:—Joseph fell on his father's neck, Genesis 46:29—"And Joseph made ready his chariot, and went up to meet Israel his father, to Goshen, and presented himself unto him; and he fell on his neck, and wept on his neck a good while."

The father fell on the prodigal son's neck, Luke 15:20—"And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him."

retive and elite coterie of international bankers, industrialists, and political leaders who organized in 1973 to promote a New World Order — a "more just and equitable (Continued on page 8, column 3)

Anointing .. Teacheth

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gether in what I may call a rough way, without some manufacture or manipulation of these various ingredients; for we must bear in mind that he was "learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians," who at that period were a highly civilized nation, and celebrated for embalming the dead and other arts which required a great deal of scientific and practical skill.

But there is another reason from which we may gather that these ingredients were not roughly put together. The myrrh and cinnamon, calamus and cassia, in such large quantities, merely added to so small a quantity of oil, would soon have swallowed up and absorbed the whole. Most probably, therefore, as Moses was bidden to make the "holy anointing oil after the art of the apothecary," these spices were put with water into what is called an "alembic," itself an oriental invention, and in it distilled and a spirit formed from them. To this spirit, then, thus distilled from the spices was added the oil; the spirit having the effect, as we know it to this day, of preserving it from rancidity, and also of communicating to it a sweet fragrance.

Of course all this, in common with the whole of the tabernacle service, was entirely typical, and as seen in the light of the Spirit highly and eminently instructive. This holy anointing oil, then, was emblematic of the unction of the blessed Spirit, whereby the people of God are sanctified unto His use and consecrated to His service, that they may be a holy people, and their worship and offerings "spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ."

But after the Lord had given Moses these instructions as to the composition of the holy anointing oil, He added three PROHIBITIONS, all of which, no doubt, have a very special and significant import, and which therefore we shall do well to consider.

1. The first was this: "Upon man's flesh shall it not be poured." It was not to be PROFANED to any common use. In that climate, as I shall presently show, ointment was very much used for bodily purposes; and but for this prohibition, some might have taken this holy oil with profane hands and anointed with it the flesh of their body. Now the Lord specially prohibited this profanation of the holy anointing oil as most displeasing to His eyes. But what spiritual instruction do we gather from this prohibition? Is it not that the unction of the Holy Spirit must

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churches. So that means that our Lord holds His preachers in His right hand, which means that He has control over them. In Revelation 6:13, however, we see the stars of heaven falling. It is only natural for us to think that these stars are some of the stars we see twinkling up in the sky on a clear night. But the Bible is not a natural Book. Rather, it is a supernatural Book. Then the fact that these stars fall from heaven causes some to think they are physical stars. But the word "heaven" comes from the Greek word OURANOS which has probably more to do with position than it does with a place. It means to lift, or to heave. So I contend that since our Lord gave us an example in Revelation 1:16, 20 for us to go by in the matter of interpreting these stars, I must contend that the stars in Revelation 6:13 are the pastors and priests of the false churches who fall from their high and exalted position in the eyes of the world.

In Revelation 8:10 we see a great star falling from heaven. This great star seemed to be a burning light. This verse does not say that this star is a burning light. Rather, it says it was as, or like, a burning light. In John 8:12 our Lord says He is the light of the world, meaning, of course, the elect world. But the only light the Catholics see in the world is an imaginary one. So just as the stars in Revelation 6:13 are the pastors and priests of the false churches, this great star is the head over the Catholic Church. He is called the pope. But since his official title is "pontifex maximus," he can rightfully be called the high priest of that old Babylonian Mysticism. The name of this star is wormwood. And the name wormwood comes from APSINTHOS, a plant that grows in desolate places. It is bitter, and harmful to man. In Lamentations 3:15 wormwood speaks of calamity, and in Amos 5:7 it speaks of injustice. And how all this does characterize the pope. So this great star can be none other than the pope of Rome who falls from his high and exalted position in the eyes of the world.

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never be profaned to any common or ungodly use? But is not this too often lamentably the case? How many profess to be called by the Holy Ghost to the work of the ministry, and as such are solemnly ordained or set apart to the service of God who evidently know nothing whatsoever of the gifts and graces of the Holy Spirit, but rather seek for an entrance into one of the priest's offices that they may eat a piece of bread. The unction of the blessed Spirit, like the holy anointing oil, must not be thus profaned by being poured upon man's flesh; and woe to those who profane it. It is to be restricted to spiritual persons and to spiritual purposes.

2. The second prohibition was: "Neither shall ye make any other like it, after the composition of it." It was therefore not to be COUNTERFEITED or imitated. It was to remain distinct and separated from every other ointment, and any imitation of it was prohibited by an awful penalty — the penalty of death; for such a transgressor was "to be cut off from his people." But is there not much significance in this prohibition as well as in the former? Are not the graces and fruits of the blessed Spirit daily counterfeited? Ungodly, hypocritical men, men drunk with the spirit of delusion and error, are daily trying to imitate and counterfeit the unction of the Holy Spirit. How they come forth with

their doctrines and their views, their teachings and their preachings, their sermons and tracts; their visions and revelations; as if they were under the teaching and influence of the Spirit of God. But God abhors the imposture. Nothing is admissible in the service of the sanctuary but His own teaching and testimony and all carnal imitations of that holy anointing oil wherewith He alone consecrates both offerer and offering will be rejected by Him with abhorrence.

This prohibition has a wide, I may indeed say a most tremendous scope, for it cuts off nine-tenths of the preaching of the day. Where gifts are sanctified by the holy anointing oil, and consecrated to the glory of God and the good of His people, in them the blessing of God rests; but all attempts to counterfeit the unction of the Spirit will be rejected. How often, too, are carnal means sought after, in the preaching of the day, to touch the natural feelings and move the passions. And thus sometimes by pathetic, and sometimes by eloquent appeals to the natural feelings, they so work upon the minds as to raise up a false faith, a counterfeit hope, and a hypocritical love. But how awful will be the end of such an imitation and of such imitators! "The deceived and the deceiver are his" (Job 12:16); but both will be cut off from the people, and have neither part nor lot (Continued on page 7, column 5)

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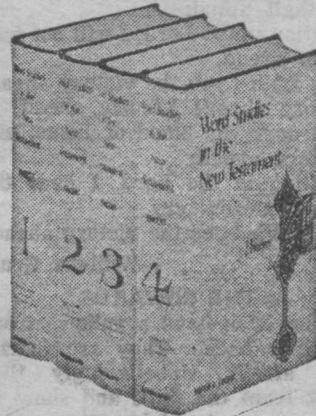
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"WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE RELIGIOUS WORLD TODAY?"

WASHINGTON (EP)—The United States Postal Service has ruled that it cannot order an anti-abortion group to stop the mass mailing of controversial campaign letters calling for the defeat of five U.S. congressmen who are described as "baby killers."

An opinion from the Postal Service law department said that while the letter was "highly charged" and provocative, there was nothing that could be considered "material misrepresentation of facts." Therefore, the material was "available."

Two of the senators targeted for defeat — Birch Bayd (D.-Ind.) and George McGovern (D.-S.D.) — claimed that the letter misrepresented them and asked the Postal Service to determine whether the mailing was legal. Others named in the letter were Senators Frank Church (D.-Idaho) and John C. Culver (D.-Iowa) and Rep. Robert F. Drinan (D.-Mass.), a Roman Catholic priest.

Some 50,000 copies of the letter were initially sent by the Washington-based American for Life in a political project called "Stop the Baby Killers." The letter was signed by Ohio State Sen. Donald E. Lukens, chairman of Americans for Life.

The letter asked for contributions to help raise a \$275,000 anti-abortion "political war chest" to defeat the five targeted congressmen in 1980. As support grows, "we will add even more Baby Killers to our list," Mr. Lukens wrote. The congressmen were labeled "baby killers" because of their pro-abortion voting records.

TUPELO, Miss. (EP) — The proposed debate between the head of a national citizens' TV group and a leading producer of TV sex and violence scheduled for The Tomorrow Show was cancelled because the producer refused to appear on the program, says the head of the citizens' group.

Lee Rich, head of Lorimar Productions, was scheduled to appear on the program September 13 with Donald E. Wildmon, leader of the National Federation for Decency. Wildmon says the show was cancelled by NBC because Mr. Rich would not appear on the program. "I have neither the intelligence, background, skill, influence, power nor wealth which Mr. Rich possesses. Why should he be afraid to debate with a simple, ignorant, redneck country preacher from Mississippi?" Wildmon asked. "I want the viewers to know that it was Mr. Rich that cancelled the program, not me. I will debate Mr. Rich anytime and any place."

Mr. Rich has been extremely critical of the NFD in public statements in the past, according to Wildmon. He has called the group tyrants and blackmailers. "It takes a mighty small person to make accusations using the press as a shield and then to be unwilling to substantiate these accusations in public debate. Until Mr. Rich is

willing to meet us in public debate, his words ring hollow," Mr. Wildmon said.

The Romanian Baptist I. Abrudan was sentenced to six months. His crime: asking to emigrate because he had been persecuted for his faith. When his wife appealed to different persons, she was told, "I can't intervene, this being a religious case." Or, "I would gladly help even if he had committed ten crimes, but since he is a believer, I can't." Or, "Please, tell nobody you spoke to me; I could lose my job," etc. My wife received similar answers when I was in jail. Reality can be terribly ugly. Nobody wanted to help him.

Reality is sad in the Soviets, especially for Christian children. Goroh, director of the school in Poselok Martuk, Aktiubinskaya Oblast, Kazakh Republic, USSR, threatened Agnessa Tissem, 14, that if she continued to win souls to her belief he would authorize children to put a rope around her neck and hang her on the spot. He compelled the Christian child Kolia Quiring, 13, to crawl on all fours in mockery of kneeling in prayer. Believers are called "Fascists." Children are forced to sign denunciations against their pastors.

The Baptist Anatoliy Khailo is serving his sixth year in prison under the false charge of having raped and beaten a girl. Another man has already confessed this crime. The girl's mother also admitted she was instructed by the prosecutor to give false evidence against young Khailo. So he has to suffer, just like Old Testament Joseph, who went to prison accused of attempted rape, though he was holy and had refused to sin.

The Baptist church in Belgorod, after enumerating many facts about persecution, writes: "We thank God that He found us worthy of such an honor. . . We pray He should give us all the strength not to be shaken, because the hour of the Lord's coming is near. May the Lord bless us to understand the shrewd ways of His enemy." (JESUS TO THE COMMUNIST WORLD, 9-79).

Adrian Rogers, new president of the 13.2-million-member Southern Baptist Convention, said he believes there are very few Southern Baptists who would attribute error to the Bible—"I would guess less than five percent." This is 6,500 people most of which teach in their schools and seminaries.

Rogers said he believed anyone paid by Southern Baptist money to teach in Southern Baptist institutions should teach what Baptists believe but: "I would not favor a witch hunt but would not oppose a committee if it were fair and honest" to investigate liberalism. He said he had not decided to appoint such a committee, noting Southern Baptists already have procedures to handle such.

He said he hopes the subject has

become such an issue those who can't conscientiously support biblical inerrancy would want to teach somewhere else besides Southern Baptist ranks.

MELBOURNE, Australia (EP) —The Presbyterian Church of Australia has voted to withdraw membership in both the World Council of Churches and the Australian Council of Churches. The decision was made, by a substantial majority vote, at the Church's national assembly here.

The newly elected Moderator General, James Mullan, minister of Beecroft, NSW, foreshadowing the resolution, said he hoped the Church's aid activities and other humanitarian works would be unaffected. The decision was made because of concern about the Program to Combat Racism of the World Council of Churches.

The clerk to the assembly, Ted Pearson, said members were annoyed at "the left-wing emphasis of WCC literature and its financial and moral support of rebel insurgency movements in South Africa."

Dissatisfaction was precipitated by an \$85,000 grant last year to the Patriotic Front guerrilla movement fighting the government of Zimbabwe Rhodesia. Two other Churches suspended WCC membership in protest, the Presbyterian Church of Ireland and the Salvation Army.

NASHVILLE (EP)—The Christian school movement, which swept many Protestant denominations during the early 1970s, appears to be gathering quiet but growing support in the Southern Baptist Convention, a denomination long known for its strong advocacy of public education.

A 1976 study by the SBC Sunday School Board found 189 schools associated with Southern Baptist churches, operating in 94 associations, with an estimated enrollment of 38,000 to 40,000 students in grades 1-12. A "calculated guess" for 1979, says Bob Couch, church administration consultant in weekday education for the board, is "in the neighborhood of 300" schools, with some 50,000 students. The SBC has 35,400 churches.

One of the most outspoken proponents of Christian schools is W. A. Criswell, the fiery, conservative pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas, which owns and operates First Baptist Academy with 630 students in kindergarten through grade 12. Criswell told the Houston parochial school rally that the Christian school holds the key to survival for Americans and for Southern Baptists: "If we don't train them and guide them in the Christian way, then we have no future as Baptists." Criswell and other Christian school advocates believe that the parochial school can, and should, be an integral part of the church's overall ministry.

BERNE, Ind. (EP)—Four teenagers face reckless homicide charges here in the stoning death of an infant Amish girl that has stirred deep emotions in this rural Indiana area.

"It's just too bad that a fatality had to occur before we could get the harassment against the Amish stopped," said Adams County Sheriff Tom Coolman.

Charged in connection with the death of 7-month-old Adeline Schwartz were Kevin Rehm and Lynn Burkhardt, both 19 of Monroe, Ind., and Thomas Wilkins and Lynn Rich, both 18, of Berne.

The child, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Schwartz, was killed when she was struck by a piece of clay tile hurled from a passing truck as she rode with her parents in their horse-drawn buggy. The child, resting in her mother's arms, was killed instantly.

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. (EP) —J. D. Kenneth Bliss, President of Inspirational Films, today sharply criticized Warner Bros. for the release of the Monty Python film, "The Life of Brian." Bliss, whose company is also involved with Warner Bros. in the distribution of

the feature film "Jesus," said, "I am personally outraged and extremely indignant. I agree with those responsible religious leaders who have labeled the film blasphemous and a vicious attack upon Christianity, the Bible and Judaism."

"I realize," said Mr. Bliss, "that Warner Bros. has tried to overcome the criticism by saying it's merely a satirical spoof that shouldn't be taken seriously. But how can we as Christians take our religious heritage lightly? The film is grossly offensive to Christians and Jews alike and I am deeply disturbed that a company like Warner Bros. would release it."

"It seems incredible," Mr. Bliss continued, "that the decision makers at a major corporation could be so insensitive to the religious community, that they would take on the 'Brian' project at any time, let alone at the same time as they were releasing a major serious treatment on the life of Jesus Christ." Mr. Bliss said Inspirational Films, would continue their planned scheduling of "Jesus" which opens in 600 theatres beginning October 19.

NEW YORK (EP)—"Access to the Scriptures and familiarity with their teachings is an important adjunct" to religious freedom in America, President Carter says in a special message for this year's National Bible Week observance, Nov. 18-25. The message was released here by Thomas A. Murphy, chairman of the General Motors Corporation and national chairman of the 39th National Bible Week observance, sponsored by the Laymen's National Bible Committee.

"Much of our strength as a nation comes from our commitment to personal and moral values," the president's message says. "The Bible has been a major source of teaching and re-enforcing the values of many of our people

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Mr. Carter notes that "the Bible has been an important part of my life since childhood. I read it daily and find it a constant source of inspiration and spiritual guidance, providing ever-new insights into human nature and human problems. I welcome this opportunity to share my feelings about the Bible and what it has meant in my own life, and I commend efforts to encourage increased familiarity with the Bible."

SCHROON LAKE, N.Y. (EP)—"I never dreamed I'd ever tape radio broadcasts from Communist China," said JACK WYRTZEN, International Director of WORD OF LIFE here, "but it happened. Our weekly radio broadcasts for the month of October were all taped in China."

"I found Communist China to be

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exactly opposite from my previous visits to Communists Russia, East Germany and Poland," said Wyrzten. "In those Iron Curtain countries, our baggage was searched, Bibles and Christian literature confiscated and our hotel rooms were bugged. Every place I went, I was monitored."

"In the Peoples Republic of China, I was not searched, bugged or monitored and no one tried to sell me on Communism. I freely gave out Bibles, tracts, Gospels and other Christian literature. So many listened and begged for Gospel literature that I sometimes felt like a pied piper with the Gospel."

Anointing..Teacheth

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in the kingdom of God.

3. The third prohibition is equally significant. The holy anointing oil was not to be put "UPON ANY STRANGER," under the penalty that he who so profaned it was to be cut off from the people. But what do we gather from this prohibition? Is it not that the unction and influences of the Holy Spirit, which are shadowed forth by the anointing oil, are restricted to the family of God; that those who are strangers to the covenants of promise, without God and without hope in the world, have no right to, no part in the sanctifying, consecrating influences of the blessed Spirit, and that those who would make them common and universal must expect to meet the resentment of a justly offended God?

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"God Is..."

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created in man a higher social order than any of all of God's creation.

Then the last of God's creation was taken from one of His already existing creations. In Genesis 2: 21-22, God takes part of man and creates woman. Adam was alone and God saw it. So He brought to Adam all that He created from the dust of the earth. After Adam gave names to all the creatures, God saw that there was found no help meet for Adam. God then caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam. You want to know when the first operation was performed? Here it is in verse 21 of chapter 2. God even had an anesthetic to put

Adam to sleep. God opened Adam's side up and took a rib bone out. He didn't take a foot bone, to be stepped on, or a head bone to be over him (Adam), but from the side of him to be side by side, next to, in the order mankind. During Adam's recovery, God made a woman, "because she was taken out of man." God then brought her to Adam which Adam recognized and acknowledged that she was of him and for him.

In Genesis 2:8, God again puts His "green thumb" to work and planted a garden. He provided an irrigation system by a river to water the garden. Then He placed Adam in it to dress the garden. God the TEACHER, taught Adam many things in order to name the animals and to keep the garden he

was placed in. God was the first EMPLOYER when he put Adam to work in the garden.

God is . . . the AUTHOR and FINISHER of all known professions. It is God that is the great INSTRUCTOR and TEACHER of all education. His writings, works and voice is evidenced in all of His creation. Much is found in His textbook, the Bible. Using our imaginations we can find more things God is and the results of His professions when we read from Genesis on through the rest of the Bible, look up in the sky and search the many places in this world. In my study of this topic, all the research for facts and items of interest has exhausted my mind with overwhelming realization of God's handiwork. When you delve into the omniscience and omnipotence of God in His creation, you get mentally and spiritually worn. But to be in shape and fit we need to continue to read and learn and study His work, His reason and purpose. But for our spiritual well being we need to study His life as Christ on this earth and walk as He walked. We looked at some of His physical work in creation, let us look into His Word at His work as SAVIOUR, REDEEMER, and KING, as He is yet preparing a place for us in Heaven.

Should Never Forget

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world order" — one whose interests take precedence over the security, prestige, and sovereignty of the United States.

Is this amazing? The New World Order, according to Trilateral plans, would do away with the "fiction of national sovereignty" and the "obsolete U.S. Constitution" in favor of a global system. President Carter's national security adviser, Zbigniew Brzezinski, helped found the Trilateral Commission and served as its executive director. Thereafter, Brzezinski "trained" Mr. Carter for the presidency in many briefings and instruction periods. After the election, Carter appointed nineteen Trilateralists to high positions in his administration, constituting about one-third of all Trilateralists in the U.S. This disclosure about the Trilateral Commission is not fiction. The record is in the public domain, but is soft-pedaled and hushed-up by the regular news media which is also Trilateral influenced. ("Trilaterals Over Washington" by A. C. Sutton and P. M. Wood).

Most Americans don't know that the Panama Canal Treaties amount to a massive bank bailout, engineered by the Carter "Trilateral" Administration. Panama owes \$2 billion to international banks. The Treaties get the money for the banks, U.S. Taxpayers pick up the tab, and another milestone is passed on the road to the New World Order.

Furthermore, after the Panamanian dictatorship gets control and jurisdiction of the Canal, Panama can legally destroy treaty safeguards by nationalizing the Canal. International and United Nations laws allow this; and when it happens, treaty provisions are null and void! This is exactly what Egypt did in 1956 with the Suez Canal. So, the Treaties are fatally flawed and they reflect a tragic retreat from our nation's greatness.

On October 1, 1979 Vice President Mondale (Trilateralist) celebrated the "Canal Finale," with Torrijos in Panama, apparently amidst much wining, dining, hugging, and kissing. But it was a funeral-type atmosphere for other Americans there. All this while the communists move ahead in Cuba, Panama, Nicaragua, El Salvador, and Guatemala taking their cue from the U.S. capitulation in Panama. How long before Panamanians agitate for total Canal control and jurisdiction right now — and another U.S. capitulation?

Meanwhile the great majority of Americans are still furious about the Canal theft and about paying

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT

7:00 p.m.	Song Service
7:15 p.m.	"The Bible Is True" Dwane Gilliland Bowring, OK
7:45 p.m.	"The Genesis Account Of Creation" Willard Pyle Ft. Myers, FL
8:15 p.m.	"The Two Adams" Jimmie Davis Fulton, MS
8:45 p.m.	Dismissal

THURSDAY MORNING

9:30 a.m.	Song Service
9:45 a.m.	"Repentance" T. L. Griffin Northport, AL
10:15 a.m.	"Faith" Leroy Pack Alderson, W. Va.
10:45 a.m.	"Justification" J. C. Settlemyre Jamestown, IN
11:15 a.m.	"Sanctification" Ronnie Wolfe South Point, OH
11:45 a.m.	Dismissal and Lunch at the King's Table

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

2:00 p.m.	Song Service
2:15 p.m.	"The Worth Of A Baptist Church" Ray Brown Cannelton, W. Va.
2:45 p.m.	"Why I Am A Baptist" J. M. Holiday Summersville, W. Va.
3:15 p.m.	"Observations During My Ministry" Roscoe Brong Lexington, Ky.
3:45 p.m.	Dismissal
5:00 p.m.	Supper at the King's Table

THURSDAY NIGHT

7:00 p.m.	Song Service
7:15 p.m.	"The Curse Of Liberalism" E. D. Strickland Birmingham, AL
7:45 p.m.	"The Curse Of Immorality" Harold Harvey Monticello, KY
8:15 p.m.	"The Curse of Hardshellism" Berlin Hise Harrison, OH
8:45 p.m.	Dismissal

FRIDAY MORNING

9:30 a.m.	Song Service
9:45 a.m.	"The Curse Of The Tongue Movement" Gordon Buchanan Perry, GA
10:15 a.m.	"The Curse Of Arminianism" Sam Wilson Gladwin, MI
10:45 a.m.	"The Curse Of The Universal Church" Gerald Price Griffin, GA
11:15 a.m.	"The Curse Of The Priesthood Of The Church" Oscar Mink, Crestline, OH
11:45 a.m.	Dismissal and Lunch at King's Table

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

2:00 p.m.	Song Service
2:15 p.m.	"Eternal Life" Robert Patton Ashland, KY
2:45 p.m.	"Eternal Punishment" Jacob Bagby New Carlisle, OH
3:15 p.m.	"The Eternal Nation" E. G. Cook Birmingham, AL
3:45 p.m.	Dismissal
5:00 p.m.	Supper at the King's Table

FRIDAY NIGHT

7:00 p.m.	Song Service
7:15 p.m.	"The Call To The Ministry" Garner Smith Gracey, KY
7:45 p.m.	"The Call of Abraham" David O'Neal Tulsa, OK
8:15 p.m.	"The Call Of World Missions" Daniel Parks St. John, Virgin Islands
8:45 p.m.	Dismissal-until 1980 unless the Rapture Occurs

the communists to take it. We should never forget how our "leaders" and representatives voted away our prestige and honor in their groveling before the pernicious Panamanians on a matter that should have been nipped in the bud twenty years ago. The consequences of this tragedy may still awaken America, but only if we remember how it came about. We must remember the "actors" in the Panama Canal drama, and never let them forget that we re-

member! WE SHOULD NEVER FORGET THE PANAMA CANAL: THAT PRECIOUS JEWEL IN THE CROWN OF AMERICA!

The Lord will show us the way, if we will listen:

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land"—(II Chron. 7:14.

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