## How Christians Can Know They Are Led Of God

There is all sorts of room for error in the matter of Christians is to simply lie on the Lord. being led. We are persuaded that very often the devil gets people to do the wrong thing, by giving them the impression that they are being led "by the Spirit." Let us note some examples:

Cases where people have killed because "God told them to" as they expressed it.

We had the story of a person who killed a child—his own child, mentioned in the newspapers a few months ago. He said the "Lord told him to do it." Did he? Of course not. He got his wires crossed some-

Cases in which people "after much prayer" are led to do something that the Bible tells them not to do. We think of a girl who prayed and then bobbed her hair. Evidently she thought the Lord suspended the meaning in I Corinthians 11:14-15, temporarily in her case. We have known women to "do some praying about the mat-'ter" and then go to preaching. Evidently, they thought that God suspended I Corinthians 14:34 in their case for the time being. But MISSIONARY beyond question they were mistaken, for God does not tell us in His Word to do one thing, then slip around on the side and whisper to us that we can do something quite different.

Cases in which people are "told of the Lord" to do this or that. We think just here of a man of our acquaintance, whom the Lord is forever telling to do this and that and the other. "The Lord told me to come over here and tell you to do such and such a thing." That Vol. 50, No. 20 is his attitude. A young woman said to us, "I wonder why the Lord didn't tell ME to do that, instead of sending Bro. so and so to tell me." Beware of these whom the Lord is forever telling to do and say certain things. Chances are, they want to do certain things themselves, but lay it upon the Lord. To say that the Lord

# SOME OF GOD'S

believe only what I can under- the Marxist line being followed by stand; none of that 'mystery stuff' many mainline Christian churches; for me."

problem: How is it possible for a communists wherever needed. black cow to eat green grass which makes white milk and churns yellow butter?

His creation.

encases itself in its homemade casket and is changed into a beautiful butterfly. Its hair is changed to scales—a million to the square inch; the main legs of the caterbutterfly; the yellow becomes a beautiful red; the crawling insect becomes a flying insect.

Thus will God take the life of a sinner and transform it until it glows with the beauty of the graces of heaven.

A handful of sand is deposited by the Lord in the heart of the earth. Great heat is applied from beneath and ponderous weight from above until, when it is found by man, it has been miraculously changed into a beautiful, fiery opal.

God takes a handful of clay, de-Posits it deep in the earth, applies which failed. It seems that most of great heat beneath it, and when it the news we hear on the radio and most that come unto God by Him, whom He called them He also justiis found by man it has become a TV and that which we read in the

mountains above, and transforms teacher, that tells us news of a faultless before the presence of His is because of predestination. it into a glorious diamond fit for a happy nature. This book tells us glory with exceeding joy." This

king's crown.

wants you to do something, or told you to say something, when you were acting on your own impulse,

Impressions are tricky things,



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and we need to be careful about around the world. following them.

A WARNING

MARY AND/OR MOON

By RAY WAUGH Midland, Texas

Without any great difficulty, we can visualize that many centuries ago some Roman Catholic sage discovered that the name of Jesus Christ was not sufficiently personal, inspiring or "homey" to satisfy all of the mundane interests of his parishioners. No doubt, while somewhat troubled by the "lack of success" which the name of Christ Jesus inspired, this one and perhaps others of his fellows discovered that those who could not be convinced to follow Jesus Christ would rally to a religious cause when it was presented in the name of Mary. There was an earthly influence in the name of Mary which they did not find in that of Jesus. The result, of course, is that idolizing of Mary which we see on every hand in this nation and

## The Greatest Famine That God Will Ever Send

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"Behold the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but



Interestingly, we may surmize, of the hearing of the words of the some centuries later a Southern LORD; And they shall wander Read it: I John 4:1. For in- Baptist of some influence made a from sea to sea, and from the north (Continued on page 5, column 1) (Continued on page 6, column 4) even to the east; they shall run to

and fro to seek the word of the Lord, and shall not find it" (Amos 8:11,12).

Intro.: God has visited famines upon man many times. Some of these came because of disregard of the law's of nature. Others were sent for various other reasons. We look at the Biblical records to see what they teach.

One of the greatest of these was the famine that forced Jacob to send his sons into Egypt. This was a great famine. "Now when Jacob saw that there was grain in Egypt, Jacob said to his sons: Get you down there, and buy for us from there; that we may live, and not die" (Gen. 42:1,2). "And the famine was severe in the land" (Gen. 43:1).

Another was the famine found in Ruth 1:1. "Now it came to pass in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Bethlehem-Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he, and his wife, and two sons."

We also find a grievous famine in the land in Genesis 12:10. I would call attention to Abraham's faith weakening. "And it came to pass, when he was come near to enter into Egypt, that he said unto Sarah, his wife, Behold now thou art a fair woman to look upon; Therefore it shall come to pass, when the Egyptians shall see thee, that they shall say, This is his wife: and they will kill me, but they will save thee alive" (Gen. 12:11,12).

I would call attention to I Corinthians 10:11,12: "Now all these things happened unto them for example, and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages are come. Wherefore, let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."

We are also warned by the Lord that famines will be one of the plagues that will fall upon men at the close of this age. "For nation shall arise against nation . . . and there shall be famines . . . " (Matt.

In Revelation 6:5,6 we are told of (Continued on page 4, column 5)



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## SELLING

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"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).

We know that we are being sold out. We should know why. Perhaps we have gone too far into the Age of Affluence and Enlightenment without really knowing what was happening. We know of two major An unbeliever once said, "I will happenings in the sell-out; one is another is the hell-bent determin-He was asked to explain this ation for America to prop up the

In this article we identify two major causes for the sell-out of America, Christianity's greatest Can you explain this mystery of material asset. One cause relates God? Note some other mysteries of directly to the church; and the other, in the political realm, to the Consider the remarkable trans- church's survival. If we don't name formation that takes place when a names, places, and things, in whatcaterpiller (an upholstered worm) ever realm, how can we make our

It is certainly true that the vast majority of Americans and Christians want neither the Marxist line pillar become the six legs of the in their churches nor a prop-up of Communist failures anywherebut that's what they are getting!

Just as, for example, the great ma-Canal and wanted voluntary prayer in public schools-and got neith-Why is this? Because the "authorities" are running the show, and not the people. The "authorities," concerns: one for public consumption and the real one.

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Thomas Jefferson has said: "The jority wanted to keep the Panama only defense against tyranny is an informed electorate." We should, therefore, examine the so-called Christian-Marxist dialogue; and then, the prop-up of the communists, motivated by the greed syngenerally speaking, have two poli-drome of the powerful Trilateral cies in both church and government Commission which now very nearly controls America.

"Global" is the word to remember in both cases. The mainline Protestant church councils want global peace, global equality, and global security; and to get it, they would "liberate every obstacle in the way, including nationalism and the U.S. Constitution." The Trilaterals agree, but for different reasons: They want global managers for global corporations in a global "socialist revolution by by stealth," one of whose main objectives is the "corporate socialist takeover of America." ("Trilaterals Over Washington" by Anthony C. Sutton and Patrick M.

To suggest that both the mainline church hierarchy and the powarful Trilateralists courting the communists may appear illogical, even a non sequitur. You be the judge. Karl Marx has said: "My object in life is to dethrone God and destroy capitalism." Lenin: "We must combat religion-(Continued on page 3, column 2)

B. H. HILLARD

The published papers of this heretical sect go out under the name of Millennial Dawnism. It had its beginning with Charles T. Russell, in 1881, in Pennsylvania. Its chief factor during the early years in the propagation of its theories was The International Bible Students' Association.

Russell was succeeded by J. F. Rutherford in 1916. Now the followers of this cult call themselves Jehovah's Witnesses. They pose as God-sent apostles: in this they are arch-deceivers. Perhaps no sect on earth could more rightly be classed as the agents of Satan. Their literature goes out under the name of 'Watch Tower Tract and Bible Society" and "The Golden Age Publishing Company." Let all beware of these publications. They will sell them if they can; if not, they will give them away.

Mr. Russell, during the early years of his "ministry" was involved in many lawsuits, losing most of them. His wife was granted a limited decree divorce. "Judge" Rutherford, it is claimed, was never a judge at all; the name is pure sham. His writings are spiritual poison, anti-scriptural, and designed to deceive the unsophisticated. Perhaps it has rightly been termed 'distilled blasphemy.'

Russellism, through "Jehovah's Witnesses," denies the following plain teachings of God's Word.

#### 1. THE GOD-HEAD TRINITY. OF THIS THEY SAY:

"The doctrine of the trinity of the Godhead well suited the Dark Ages which it helped to produce.

"Trinitarian non - sense, taught (Continued on page 3, column 1) old world is for our ultimate good through all the toils, dangers, (Continued on page 2, column 1) (Continued on page 6, column 1)

We have heard much during the (Rom. 8:28). This book tells us of temptations of this life and one past few days about the attempted the saving power of our God. He-day usher us into heaven itself: rescue of our hostages in Iran, brews 7:25 says: "Wherefore He is "Moreover whom He did predesable also to save them to the utter- tinate, them He also called; and seeing He ever liveth to make in- fied: and whom He justified them beautiful amethyst, prized highly. newspapers is sad. But we, the tercession for them." This book He also glorified" (Rom. 8:30). God takes a handful of black saints of God, have a book written tells us of the keeping power of Many want to claim glorification carbon, plants it deep in the bowels by God our Father about The Lord God, for in Jude 24 we read: "Now who despise predestination, but, of the earth, treats it with heat be- Jesus Christ our Saviour, inspired unto Him that is able to keep you dear friend, the only way you will low, presses it with rocks of the by the Holy Spirit, who is our from falling, and to present you ever be a partaker of glorification

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## Rescue Mission

(Continued from page one) it failed (Luke 24:21). Yes, even the disciples thought this mission had failed. As they walked on the Emmaus Road, they said, "But we trusted that it had been He which should have redeemed Israel." They were doubtful and unbelieving because it had now been three days since the crucifixion.

Not only the disciples, but the people of the area thought that they had seen the last of Jesus. They thought the crucifixion would be the last of Him. Matthew 27:39-43: "And they that passed by reviled Him, wagging their heads, and saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God come down from the cross. Likewise also the chief priests macking Him, with the scribes and elders said, He saved others; himself He cannot save. If He be the King of Israel, lef Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him. He trusted in God; lef Him deliver Him now, if He will have Him: for He sald, I am the Son of God."

Not only the disciples and folk of that day, but even today we still have those who preach a negative gospel, which declares that

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The Baptist Examiner this mission failed. Even though but in LIFE. we read in the Bible of those who didn't believe and even though we clared: "He is not here: for He is was a coward, delivered Jesus to who preach a failing mission for our Saviour, every true saint of God properly taught from the know God's mission to rescue His people didn't fail. "He shall not fail nor be discouraged" (Isa. 42:4).

Why did this mission not fail? First, let us consider the question NEGATIVELY:

NOT BECAUSE IT WAS A SIMPLE MISSION. No, this was a complex mission. This mission did not originate in the minds of frail men. This mission from beginning to end had its origin in the mind of the God of Heaven and earth.

A virgin was used in this mission. The one sent on this mission was God incarnate in human flesh. Had He come through the natural channels of birth He would not have been able to perform this RESCUE MISSION. He had to maintain His perfection and His sinlessness. Matthew 1:18-20 says: "Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as His mother Mary was ESPOUSED to Joseph, BEFORE THEY CAME TOGETH-ER, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily. But when he thought on these things, behold the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for THAT WHICH IS CONCEIVED IN HER IS OF THE HOLY GHOST." Did you notice that Joseph was Mary's husband, but NOT our Saviour's father? Vs. 18: "Before they came to-gether;" Vs. 20: "That which is conceived in her is of the Holy

A sinless life was used in this mission. When the devil tempted our Saviour He rebuked him with the Word of God and overcame him (Luke 4:5-13). Temptation is not sin; yielding is. Hebrews 4:15 says: "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points TEMPTED like as we are, yet without (apart from) sin." Yes, our Lord's life was sinless. He never had one wrong thought, nor one wrong motive. His only desire was to do the will of His Father. In John 8:29 we read: "For I do always those things that please Him." John 5: 30 says: "I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me."

A sacrificial death was used in blasphemy. this mission. How would victory come out of death? "For my thoughts are not you'r thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, since He had ordained it, it could says: ". not be otherwise. Yes, the sinless giving His life and shedding His that which was lost." made the righteousness of God in to them, yet they prophesied." Him" (II Cor. 5:21).

was nothing we could do because shall not fail nor be discouraged" we were totally depraved, going (Isa. 42:4). Men today would have away from God, in direct rebellion toward God, but there was viour will spend eternity in disapdo for us. He would send a RES- not saved. This language is foreign CUE MISSION that wouldn't or couldn't fail. "But HE was wound- travail of His soul, and shall be ed for OUR transgressions, HE was satisfied; By His knowledge shall bruised for OUR iniquities . . with HIS stripes WE are healed" (Isa. 53:5); Galatians 3:13: "Christ (Isa. 53:11). hath redeemed us from the curse FOR us."

the JUST for the UNJUST, that He receive them. They tried to kill might bring US to God." Peter did Him on many occasions. (John 8: not say that He might TRY to bring 59; Luke 6:11; John 15:18,25; 19: us to God BUT that He would. 6). Peter didn't say that He would

hear the preaching of those today risen, as He said." Dear saint, take be crucified. Many preachers of courage in this death, because our day have followed Pilate's since you died when Christ died footsteps. They have gone against and arose when Christ arose, you their better judgment in order to Scriptures knows better. They will also ever live with Him. As have a large following, but how you can see, this was not a SIM-red-faced they will be at the judg-PLE rescue mission. It was conment. Oh, how they'll wish they human ability.

2. NOT BECAUSE THERE WAS SION. There was much opposition thwart God's RESCUE MISSION. to this mission then, and there is still opposition from this world and through which our Saviour was to

ter the wise men had made known ernment to keep Christ from this their desire to see Jesus. Herod called the chief priests and scribes last try in the garden of Gethsetogether and demanded where mane when he tried to kill our Lord Christ should be born (Matt. 2:1-6). Of course, they told him that the Saviour was to be born in Bethle- Saying, Father, if thou be willing, hem. He then called the wise men and sent them to Bethlehem to theless not my will, but thine, be find Jesus, under the pretense that he desired to worship the Christ child. But after their visit they ing Him. And being in an agony He were warned in a dream not to return to Herod (Matt. 2:11-12). Also, God's angel appeared to Jos- of blood falling down to the ground" eph warning him to flee to Egypt (Luke 22:41-44). because God knew Herod's depraved heart (Matt. 2:13-15).

Here is just one instance where man tried to overturn the decrees

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this almost ever since God created

him. The average preacher, even the one who calls himself a Baptist, is preaching that God's rescue mission of His sheep is failing because His people won't let Him res-

In Isaiah 43:13, God says: "1 will work and who shall let (hind- have a plan whereby He could reer) it?" In John 6:37, Jesus says: "All that the Father giveth me saith the Lord" (Isa. 55:8). Victory SHALL come to me; and him that would come out of this death be- cometh to me I will in no wise cause God had ordained it, and cast out." In John 17:2, Jesus again . that He should give eternal life to as many as thou one must take upon Himself the hast given Him." Again, in Luke terrible, vile sins of the sheep. He 19:10, Jesus says: "For the Son of sent Himself, if you please incarmust pay for each one by willingly man is come to seek AND to save nate in human flesh. "In the begin-

from the grave the third day, there- preachers who fail to declare God's God" (John 1:1). Yes, God sent by proclaiming and proving vic- sovereignty in salvation have not Himself to rescue His perishing tory. "For He (God) hath made been sent by Him. Jeremiah 23:21 Him (Christ) to be sin for us, who says: "I have not sent these prophknew no sin; that we might be ets, yet they ran; I have not spoken

Dear friend, God's RESCUE Oh, what a transaction! There MISSION is on time because, "He us believe that our Lord and Sasomething He could and would pointment because some folk were to the Bible: "He shall see of the my righteous servant justify many; for He shall bear their iniquities"

The Pharisees opposed this misof the law, being made a curse sion. They declared their opposition publicly. They were like many to-In I Peter 3:18 we read: "For day, because they couldn't reason Christ also hath suffered for sins, out the works of God they wouldn't receive them. They tried to kill

The rulers opposed this mission. bring us to God if we would let Annas sent Him to Calaphas and Him, BUT that He WOULD. Caiaphas sent Him to Pilate (John Christ's death was a victorious 18:13,24,28). A mock trial was set death that ended not in corruption in motion. There were no real ac-

ment. Oh, how they'll wish they trary to all human thinking and had served God according to the human ability. had served Hight He gave them from His Word!

Satan opposed this mission. The NO OPPOSITION TO THIS MIS- devil tried on many occasions to He tried his best to cut off the line come. He tried to work through Herod opposed this mission. Af- Herod, the Pharisees and the gov-RESCUE MISSION. He made one before He got to the cross: "And He . . . kneeled down and prayed, remove this cup from me: neverdone. And there appeared an angel unto Him from heaven strengthenprayed more earnestly: and His sweat was as it were great drops

Dear friend, all these attempts were to no avail. Hear the words of our sovereign God: "But our God is in the heavens: He hath done whatsoever He hath pleased" (Psa. 115:3). "The Lord bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought; He maketh the devices of the people of none effect. The counsel of the Lord standeth forever, the thoughts of His heart to all generations" (Psa. 33:10-11). "There are many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the Lord, that shall stand" (Prov. 19:

Secondly, let us consider this

1. BECAUSE OF THE ONE WHO PLANNED THIS RESCUE MIS-SION. "He shall not fail nor be discouraged" (Isa. 42:4). The same God who in the beginning created the heavens and the earth (Gen. 1:1). The same God who has set the bounds of the sea. (Job 38:11): . . Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further; and here shall thy of God. Man has been attempting proud waves be stayed." The same God who brings forth day and

night, seedtime and harvest. He's

the One who planned this RESCUE MISSION.

God's people were sinners, lost, undone and helpless and God, becue them. I wonder if this is not ing holy and just, couldn't simply wink at sin and forgive it without it being properly paid for. He must main JUST and yet be the JUSTI FIER of His people (Rom. 3:26). "But when the fulness of time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons" (Gal. 4:4-5). God ning was the Word, and the Word precious blood and raising Himself God's Word tells us that those was with God, and the Word was

This plan was in the mind of God before He ever laid the foundation of this world - "according the Immanuel Baptist Church of as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world . . ." (Eph. 1:4). "But we are bound to as Forum writer.

cusations to bring against Him give thanks alway to God, for you, In Matthew 28:6, the angel de- (John 18:29-30). Pilate, because he brethren, beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation . . . " (II Thess. 2:13).

The one who couldn't fail planned the RESCUE MISSION of His people, therefore, everyone of them will be rescued. ". . . those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost . . . " (John 17:12). They'll all be rescued because God's blessed Holy Spirit will draw them at the appointed time, make them willing to turn from the allurements of this world and turn unto their great Redeem-

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er, and they'll gladly serve Him until He comes for them or calls them to Himself in death. "Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power . . ." (Psa. 110:3).

2. BECAUSE OF THE ONE WHO WAS SENT ON THIS RESCUE MISSION. God the Son, that One who was equal with God, "Who being in the form of God thought it not robbery to be equal with God" (Phil. 2:6). That One who had always been with the Father: "And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was" (John 17:5). That One who was held in great reputation by the Father, "But made Himself of NO REPUTATION, that took upon Him the form of a servant, and was found in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross" (Phil. 2:7-8). That One who was rich" . . . though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that we through His poverty might be rich" (H Cor.

This One, our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of Glory, humbled Himself, left the glories of heaven which He had enjoyed with His Father from eternity past, and came to this sinful world on a RES-CUE MISSION to redeem God's (Continued of page 4, column 3)

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### God's Mysteries

(Continued from page one) As God performs these wonderful miracles in nature, He also can transform the souls of men and renew their hearts if they only trust fully in Christ Jesus, the Lord of

Note the marvelous accuracy of God in His operations in the three kingdoms of the earth—the animal, the vegetable and the mineral kingdoms. This is apparent in the hatching of eggs, for example:

The eggs of the potato bug hatch in seven days; those of the canary in fourteen days; those of the barnyard hen in 21 days; those of ducks and geese in 28 days; those of the mallard in 35 days; those of the parrot and the ostrich in 42 days.

God knows how to regulate nature. Only the One who made you can successfully direct you. Only the One who made your brain and your heart can successfully guide them to a profitable end.

God's wisdom is seen in the structure of the elephant. The four legs of this great beast bend forward in the same direction. No other quadruped is so made. God Planned that this animal should have a huge body, too large to live on two legs. For this reason, He gave it four fulcrums so that it could rise from the ground easily. The horse rises from the ground on its two front legs first.

The cow rises from the ground with its two hind legs first. How wise the Lord is in all His works. God's wisdom is revealed in His

arrangement of sections and segments as well as in the number of grains.

Each watermelon has an even number of stripes on the rind.

Each orange has an even number of segments.

Each ear of corn has an even number of rows.

Each stalk of wheat has an even

number of grains. The waves of the sea roll in on

the shore twenty-six to the minute in all kinds of weather. All grains are found in even num-

bers on the stalks, and the Lord specified thirty-fold, sixty-fold and an hundred-fold-all even numbers. God has caused all flowers to

blossom at certain specified times during the day so that Linneus, the great botanist, once said that if he had a conservatory containing the right kind of soil, moisture and temperature he could tell the time of the day or night by the flowers that were open and those that were

Thus the Lord, in His wonderful grace, can arrange the life that is entrusted to His care in such a way that it will carry out His purposes and plans. Only the life given over to the care of the Lord is safe.

Another mystery as yet unsolved by man is this: God causes the limb of a tree to grow straight out from the trunk for a distance of forty, fifty or sixty feet, with no other anchorage than fifteen or eighteen in ches of fibers which of John Wesley, Methodism's foundlose themselves in the trunk of the er. It is anything but that. Among

tree. No human being has discovered how to apply this principle in the construction of buildings or bridges.

God takes oxygen and hydrogen, both of them odorless, tasteless and colorless, and combines them with carbon which is insoluble, black and tasteless. The result of this combination is beautiful, white, sweet sugar. How does God do it? I do not understand.

I know only that God can take your life-drab, useless and fruitless-and transform it into a beautiful garden of the sweetest graces for His glory. He will do this for you, if you will trust your life to

—Ambassador Herald

## Selling Of America

(Continued from page one) this is the ABC of all materialism and consequently Marxism." Lenin, again: "The capitalists of the entire world and their governments, in order to capture the Soviet markets, will close their eyes to realities . . . and will provide us with essentially needed materials and technology which will restore our military industries essential for our future victorious attacks on our suppliers.'

Abraham Lincoln: "Our safety, our liberty depends upon preserving the Constitution of the United States as our fathers made it, inviolate." "I am a firm believer in the people. If given the truth, they can be depended upon to meet any national crisis."

We have a national crisis and a religious crisis; and also a problem: to convince the people of the real facts.

Many believe that the religious crisis is the product of the mainline seminaries (Methodist, Presbyterian, Episcopal, Church of Christ, to name a few), the National Council (NCC) and the World Council of Churches (WCC) in their attacks on the Bible and the fundamentals of the Christian faith.

For example, the United Methodists have included some thirteen unusual books in their Course of Study for the training of preachers. (Other books are used too, of course, but these thirteen are sensational, especially since they are "official").

One book, by Professor Borden P. Bowne, Methodism's top philosopher, calls for the adjustment of religious thought to a cultivated intelligence; and then proceeds to plast the orthodox and fundamentalist Christians, calling them "belligerently conceited, ignorant, dull, narrow-minded, and narrow-hearted in their crass obstinacy." Some have labeled this "cultivated intelligence" as educated arrogance.

This Course of Study had its origin in 1840 and was supposed to be orthodox and fundamental, including only books in "hearty accord" with the doctrines and Discipline of the church, even standard sermons



## The Baptist Examiner BIBLE STUDY LESSON

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Ephesians 4:29-32 Intro .: - In looking at the kind of church which glorifies God, we have been looking at it collectively and as the individual members walk worthy of the vocation wherewith they are called. The attitudes, actions, and activities of the membership should radiate the glory of God just as Christ did while He was here in Person (II Cor. 4:6). In this way they can shine as lights in a dark place (Philip. 2:15,16) and the

world will exclaim, "they have been with Jesus" (Acts 4:13).

"Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth." Since the old man is described as having a throat like an open sepulchre and the poison of asps under his lips, we have to be on guard (Rom 3:13, 14). James further warns us, the tongue is "a world of iniquity" (James 2:6). There is, and has been much trouble and anguish brought about by words spoken in anger and haste. Isaiah also reminds us that we live in the midst of a people of unclean lips (Isa. 6;5). May we ever refrain from using the gutter language of the world.

"But that which is good." May actively hide God's Word in our hearts that we may know how to answer every man (Ps. 119: 11; Col. 3:6) and pray with the Psalm-"Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart, be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord" (Psalm 19:15). The church as a whole body needs to with one mouth glorify God (Rom. 15:6; Phil. 1:27).

"To the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers." On the day of Pentecost when the multitude heard them speak in their own tongue, "The wonderful works of God" and then Peter, us-

other things, it challenges the authority of the Bible and suggests that Jesus merely expressed his views on the ideas of His day. Here are other eye-openers: Jesus was more of a philosopher and should be classed with such men as Socrates and Plato; and Christianity is an historic movement buried in incredible creeds and absurd superstitions. ("News & Views" of The Church League of America, January 1980).

This kind of theology subtly fits the Marxist line of idealogy and atheism, and undermines the cornerstones of Christianity. Doubtless it also brings happiness to the chambers of the WCC and NCC which have promoted pro-communist causes since their inception, generations ago. With this kind of theology smoothly and piously laid on, the church lay leaders and clergy continue to lead the way for U.S. unilateral disarmament, more trade with the communist countries, abolishing Congressional investigating committees, and for opening all barriers to trade, love, and peace forever with the communists and all mankind.

Respected lecturer and Catholic priest Francis E. Fenton has said: 'I do believe that, if the full truth were known, the liberal churches are doing more than any other institutions or organizations in the world today to advance Communism and to destroy Christianity because they are doing so under that of Christianity itself."

Future: "We do not regard the Bible as the answer to our ethical questions," and . . "Christians should examine with discriminating care the value of Marxism."

Now, let's turn to the second major happening in the sell-out of America: the prop-up of com-

ing God's Word, preached Christ ively, we should show all due reand it was used of God. Therefore spect. we should use our tongues wisely to be a blessing to those round about us. O word spoken in due season; how good it is! (Prov. 15: 23). We need especially to do all things in the church to edify (I Cor. 14:26; Eph. 4:12).

VERSE 30

"And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God." Since God is a holy God, He cannot look on or listen to sin favorably. He was grieved in the days of Noah (Gen. 6:5,6); therefore God judges the sin of the world in wrath (Rom. 1:18). He also deals with sin in His children, but in love (Heb. 12:6). This also reveals the Person of the Holy Spirit; He, like the Lord Jesus Christ, is described as having feelings and affections (Heb. 4: 15; John 13:1). The Holy Spirit cannot be defeated, but He can be

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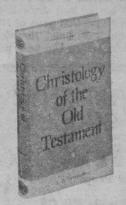
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"Unto the day of redemption." The angels will gather only the wheat unto the garner. This wheat has been identified by God's stamp. Notice also, it is marked not only until the day of redemption, but for the day of redemption. Herein is the security of the believer. He is kept by the power of God (I Pet. 5). The day of redemption is the time of the redemption of the body (Rom. 8:23). The purchased posession not only is bought and marked, but made ready for delivering (I Thess. 4:16,17; Jude 24,25).

VERSE 31

"Let all bitterness." Bitterness is looked upon as the mother of all types of sinful activities (Heb. 12: 15). It can be used to describe extreme suffering and agony (Matt. 26:75). This is what Jesus saw in the cup referred to in Matthew 26:

"And wrath." Boiling poison that spues forth death and destruction (Rom. 3:15). The case of those stoning Stephen is a good example (Acts 7:54, 57).

"And anger." Because of a sinful nature, man vents his emotions in an unholy way, especially if he

is aroused.
"And clamour." Much of the exclamations in this world are created by wicked men in opposition to God's truth. The outcries of the homo-sexuals and of disobedient children can be heard on every street corner.

"And evil speaking." Having to do with accusation against God and

His people (Ex. 5:2).

'Be put away from you." God's people should not associate with, nor tolerate this kind of living (II Cor. 6:14-17).

"With all malice." Not as an after thought, but as an additional thought expressing displeasure with anything that is of a bad quality and to summarize what has been

VERSE 32

"And be ye kind one to another." What a difference should be seen and heard in the assemblies of the saints. Here is what is meant when Paul said in verse 3, "Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." These are not characteristics of weakness, but of spiritual strength. Proper feelings should ever be predominate

"Tenderhearted." have compassion and manifest concern for the fellowsaints. We should be moved by their needs (II Cor.

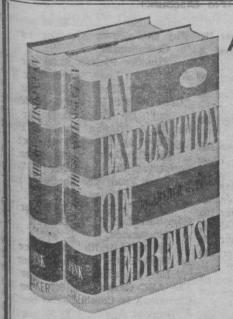
"Forgiving one another." Not to overlook ones sins, but to realize they have been overtaken in a fault and if they manifest sorrow, to freely and fully forgive them (Gal. 6:1). Sometimes discipline has to be exercised, but this should be done in love and if the member realizes his wrong, he is to be restored to fellowship (II Cor. 2:6,7).

"Even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." This, of all things, should ever keep us humble and anxious to forgive others. Look at how much we had sinned against God; surely no man has wronged us this much, and if God could forgive us because of Christ, then we also should forgive each other because of Christ.

Conclusion: This is the only way This is another of the Kregel our churches will ever become er that this would become a liv-

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#### If Cornelius was saved before he heard Peter preach, ed followers of Jesus. Cornelius,

why does the Bible say he heard words whereby he and all his like Paul before he was saved or house were saved (Acts 11:14)? In what sense was he saved un- regenerated by the grace which is der Peter's preaching?-Flatwoods, KY

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We will deal with the first part of this question next week, D. V We must remember that the word "save" has many different meanings. We must not think that it means salvation everywhere we see it in our Bible. In John 12:27 our Lord said, "Father, save me from this hour." Who would say that He was asking for salvation from sin? In Matthew 14:30 Peter said, "Lord, save me." He wanted the Lord to save him from drowning. In II Kings 16:7 King Ahaz wanted the king of Assyria to come and save him out of the hand of the king of Syria. In Psalm 59:2 David wanted to be saved from bloody men. And in Acts 2:40 Peter said, "Save yourselves from this untoward generation."

When our Lord raised Lazarus in John 11:43,44 he came forth "bound hand and foot with graveclothes." Jesus said to His disciples, "Loose him, and let him go." To me those graveclothes are a type of the false doctrines a new convert has been holding onto. Our Lord said in Matthew 28:20, Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." So Cornelius needed to be saved from all the false things he and other Gentiles had been believing. Peter was to teach him the truth that would save him from all that.

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Cornelius was not saved until Peter came and preached to him. Peter told it as he explained why he went in Acts 11:14. "Who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved."

We have other things that show "Neither is there salvation in any

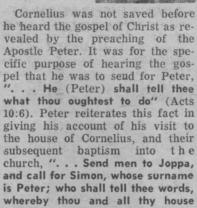
Christian responsibility.

as Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet, and worshipped him." No saved man worships another man.

Thirdly, when Peter preached, the Holy Spirit fell on them (vs. 44). If they were saved they would already have had the Holy Spirit. Fourthly, when Peter explained what had happened, the disciples said with rejoicing, "... then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life" (Acts 11:18). "And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them, Men and brethren, ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe" (Acts 15:7).

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shall be saved" (Acts 11:13, 14).

Cornelius had abandoned heathenism for Judaism, and now by the quickening of the Holy Spirit through the gospel of Christ, he is to abandon Judaism for Christianity. Cornelius was a deeply religious man, observing the Jewish hour of prayer (Acts 10:3), he was sincere, earnest, devout, pious, but none of these are meritorious. He had heard of Jesus, but he had not heard from one of Jesus's most intimate disciples an eyewitness of the miracle and ministry of Jesus, that, "He is Lord of all" (Acts 16:36,37). Cornelius had carus that Cornelius was not saved. nal peace and security, but hither-First and foremost, Peter preached to, he had not the peace and assur-Jesus to him (see verse 34-43). ance which comes through the redemptive grace of Jesus (Acts 10: other: for there is none other name 36). He had a "good report among under heaven given among men, all the nation of the Jews" (Acts whereby we must be saved" (Acts 10:22) but he had not believed the 4:12). If these were saved people "record that God gave of His Son" he would have been more apt to (I John 5:10), and therefore had preach a message on the church or no place among the poor persecut-

in Christ, had an unblameable life before men (Phil. 3:6), but like Paul he was a filthy sinner before Secondly, Acts 10:25 says, "And God (I Tim. 1:15). Restraining grace is often taken by the religiously-minded unregenerate to be saving grace, and if God does not send the message of free grace unto them they will die with an unpricked conscience and unquickened soul. Cornelius believed in the God of contemporary Judaism, but the God of contemporary Judaism was not the God of Moses. Christ said to the Jews of His day, "For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed Me: for he wrote of Later Peter tells of the experience. me" (John 5:46). The Jews boasted of their Abrahamic ancestry and of their Mosaic institution, but vehemently denied Jesus, the God of Abraham and Moses. "To Him (Christ) give all the prophets witness, that through His name whosoever believeth in Him shall receive the remission of sins" (Acts 10:43). Cornelius believed, received the remission of his sins, and was baptized in demonstration of his faith in the One Peter preached unto him



(Continued from Page Two) elect people. ". . . He SHALL save His people from their sins" (Matt. 1:21). He didn't TRY to redeem His people, but He DID redeem them. We had been plunged into sin by Adam - "therefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin: and so death passed upon all men . . ." (Rom. 5:12). Because of the sin of Adam and our own sin, nothing less than the perfect Son of God could atone for us. He VOLUNTEERED for this mission, and by volunteering for the mission He also volunteered for all the mistreatment He would suffer at the hands of sinners, yea, even the spikes which nailed Him to the cross. lay down my life for the SHEEP" (John 10:15). "No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again .." (John 10:18). Oh, what love was manifested, that He would

leave such glories to receive such harsh treatment! 3. BECAUSE THIS WAS THE ONLY WAY TO REDEEM HIS SHEEP. No other way would work. The Old Testament sacrifices could not take away our sins. "For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins" (Heb. 10:4). The law couldn't save us. "Therefore by the deeds of the law shall no flesh be justified in His sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin" (Rom. 3: 20). The law could only show us how far short of what God required we came. The law was, as Galatians 3:24 tells us, our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ. There was not a man upon earth who had not been tainted with sin and God had declared in Ezekiel 18:4, that the soul that sinneth, it shall die.

Man was in a terrible state. Romans 3:10-18 gives us a picture of how sinful and totally depraved man is. None are righteous (v. 10); there are none who understand or seek after God (vs. 11). Verses 13-15 tell us that every part of our bodies are depraved. "There is no fear of God before their eyes" (vs.

Very few today would dare to come right out and say that God's RESCUE MISSION failed, but by their actions and their preaching they are falsely declaring its failure. Many professing Christians are declaring that it failed by their lives. With the mouth they confess salvation, but God's Word is fore- The Devil And The Baptists,

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God of the Tithe AND Offering and shall be, because He's declared hindering the work of His Church we would be. Yes, all of God's here upon this earth - the place sheep will come to Him because where He receives His glory (Eph. He will SEEK AND FIND them. 3:21). They fail to show love to CONCLUSION; Dear one, can their brethren. They fail to maniyou see by faith the pure grace of

ting God's will in subjection to Preachers declare that God's man's will? Can you by faith to-MISSION which didn't fail was performed with you in mind even before you were born, consequentyour many grievous sins? Confess Him, then, before men, be baptiz-Dear friend, the God of the Bi- ed into His church here upon the

The Greatest Famine (Continued from page one) a rider on a black horse that shall bring a famine on the earth. This will be during the tribulation per-

iod: "And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, Come. And I beheld and, lo, a black horse! and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures say, A measure of wheat for denarius, and three measures of barley for a denarius, and see thou

hurt not the oil and the wine." But the famine of which our text speaks is far greater than the physical famines that destroy the food for the body, because this has eternal effects upon the soul of man-Let us look at Matthew 10:28: "And fear not them which kill the body; but are not able to kill the soul; but rather fear him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell."

"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD; And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east; they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find it" (Amos 8:11,12).

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It is a famine of not hearing any word from God!

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In fact, it is seen in many pulpits

But let us look at some portions of the New Testament which tell us

"Now the Spirit speaketh ex pressly, that in the latter times, ATTEMPTED. When God ordains some shall depart from the faith (Continued on page 5, column 1)

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#### Led Of God ...

(Continued from page one) stance, people have the impression that Christian Science is just the thing, but a reading of I John 4:1-3 ought to make plain that it is not of God, for they DENY that Christ came in the FLESH.

#### THE BEST PLACE FOR GUIDANCE

Where is the best place to go for guidance and leadership? The answer is to the Word of God. Let us see what we are told about this: Psalm 119:11. The Word in here said to keep one from sinning. How? By imparting the knowledge of God's will. Psalm 119:105. Here the Word is spoken of as a lamp to guide the feet. Psa. 119:9. Here we are told that a young man may cleanse his way, by taking heed to the Word. Certainly that means that he shall receive guidance.

II Timothy 4:2: James 1:22; other passages make clear that God gave His Word to guide and

Now it is true that one may be directly led by the Holy Spirit, but let us remember that the Holy Spirit leads in accordance with the Word and not contrary to it. If supposed-to-be-leading is contrary to the Word, then it is of the devil, and not of the Holy Spirit. own land" (Amos 7:10,11). For instance, suppose one thinks he is led to consult. a Spiritualist medium. He may know that this is of the devil, for the Scriptures in olden time command that those who did such be put to death.

Also, one might be guided in some matters through an impression or impulse from the Lord, but one needs to guard very carefully against deception in such a matter,

God may also guide through a series of circumstances or events. To get guidance we need first of all to reach the place of being surrendered and willing to obey God no matter what He says. Then having prayed for guidance, we need to look for the answer. Maybe He will show us the way through the turn of events. Maybe by directing us to read a certain passage. Maybe through unmistakable impression. But in all, we need to be careful that we do not let the evil one slip something over on us.

## The Greatest Famine

(Continued from page four) giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their consciences seared with a hot iron" (I Tim. 4:1.2).

"This know, also, that in the last days perilous times shall come, For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those who are good . . . lovers of pleasures rather than God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof . . " (II Tim. 3:1-5).

#### A. WHAT HAD BROUGHT THIS FAMINE TO THE THRESHOLD OF ISRAEL?

"Thus saith the LORD: For three transgressions, and for four, . . . because they sold the righteous for silver, and the poor for a pair of shoes; That pant after the dust of the earth on the head of the poor, and turn aside the way of the meek . . . and they lay themselves down upon clothes laid to pledge by every altar" (Amos 2:6-8).

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They disregarded the past blessings of God and refused to accept their responsibilities to be obedient toward God (Amos 2:9-11).

a. "Yet destroyed God the Amorites before them . . .

b. "Also I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and led you forty years through the wilderness, to possess the land of the Amorite" (Amos 2:10).

c. They gave those who were dedicated to God wine to drink. "But ye gave the Nazarites wine to drink, and commanded the prophets, saying; Prophesy not" (Amos 2:12). "They hate him that rebuketh in the gate, and they abhor him that speaketh uprightly" (Amos 5:10). "Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to Jeroboam, king

#### COMPLETION OF METROPOLITAN TABERNACLE PULPIT ANNOUNCED

Pilgrim Publications of Pasade- tored at New Park Street Chapel. na, Texas is pleased to announce geon's sermon series, "The Metropolitan Tabernacle Pulpit," has gone to press and will be released in a few weeks. This volume will is the largest set by one author in Christian history.

This reprint project was begun in 1969 and is an exact reproduction from the original edition by Passmore & Alabaster, Spurgeon's publisher in London. It carries the highest commendation from wellknown evangelical scholars, evangelists, and pastors who wrote the jacket comments. Wilbur M. Smith called the set "the greatest collection of sermons, by one minister, in the English language."

Charles Haddon Spurgeon (1834-"penny pulpit" in 1855 when he pas-

of Israel, saying, Amos hath con- unto fables" (II Tim. 4:2-4). spired against thee in the midst of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos saith. Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel shall surely be led away captive out of their

having itching ears even then, to his servants, the prophets . . buke, exhort with all long suffer- and robbery in their palaces" ing and doctrine . . . For the time (Amos 3:6-10). will come when they will not endure sound doctrine but, after their ed view of The Day Of The Lord. own lusts, shall heap to themselves

When the church moved into a that the final volume of C. H. Spur- large new tabernacle, the sermon not the Day of the Lord be dark- the face of the whole earth . . . publication became known as The Metropolitan Tabernacle Pulpit. At dark, and no brightness in it?" the end of each year, the sermons were released in a clothbound volcomplete the set of sixty-three and ume, and this continued until Spurgeon's death in 1892. At that time, his unpublished sermons, which had been recorded by stenographers, were used to continue the publishing process until the end of April, 1917 - twenty-five years after the great preacher's death!

With this massive set once again in print, the influence of Spurgeon extends itself even further into this days. I will not take delight in your twentieth century, a century in which more publishers have titles by Spurgeon on their lists than of any other author, living or dead.

If you are interested in purchasing a set of Spurgeon's Metropoli-Psalm 119:67. These and many 1892) of London, England began tan Tabernacle Pulpit write to The publishing his sermons as a weekly Baptist Examiner, P.O. Box 71, Ashland, Ky. 41101.

Apostasy travels the same path! d. Israel despised the chastisement of God. "Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? Shall there be evil in a city, and the Lord hath not done it? Surely the Lord will do Note: How they wanted teachers nothing, but he revealeth his secret 'Preach the word; be diligent in For they know not to do right, saith atry often mixed with pagan worseason, out of season; reprove, re- the LORD, who store up violence

"Woe unto you that desire the teachers, having itching ears; And day of the Lord! To what end is it

is darkness, and not light. As if a overcharged with surfeiting, and man did flee from a lion, and a drunkenness, and cares of this life, bear met him; or went into the and so that day come upon you unhouse, and leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him. Shall come on all them that dwell on ness, and not light? even very (Luke 21:34,35). (Amos 5:19-20).

#### B. WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS FAMINE?

1. Negatively:

a. It did not mean that there was dearth of false prophets pretending to speak for God!

b. It did not mean that there was any complete ceasing of religious worship and practice. According to Amos 5:21-26

"I hate, I despise your feast solemn assemblies. Though ye offer me burnt - offerings and your meat - offerings, I will not accept them; neither will I regard the peace-offerings of your fat beasts. Take away from me the noise of thy songs; for I will not hear the melody of these harps. But let justice run down like waters, and righteousness I i ke a mighty stream. Have ye offered unto me sacrifices and sufferings in the wilderness forty years, O house of Israel? But ye have borne the tabernacle of your Moloch and Chuin, your images, the star of your god, which ye made to yourselves." We have seen departures from the true god, turning away from the true prophets, then idolship, and hence all kinds of sin.

Positively: a. It meant that the real message e. They had a false and pervert- of the Lord was not heard or heeded in the land . . . Hence there is no light but only darkness. They were soon to fall as a nation.

they shall turn away their ears for you? (A good question to ask of "And take heed to yourselves, from the truth, and shall be turned many today). The day of the Lord lest at any time, your hearts be "And take heed to yourselves,

awares. For like a snare shall it

"And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they who see not, might see; and that they who see, might be made blind. And some of the Pharisees who were with him heard these words, and said unto him, Are we blind also? Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin; but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth" (Jn. 9: 39-41)

"He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their hearts; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them." He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day" (John 12:40,

#### C. HOW DOES THIS APPLY IN OUR DAY?

God has given MANY WARN-INGS ABOUT APOSTASY. They apply to the church age as they applied to Israel.

'And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree, boast not thyself against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee. Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in. Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear; For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee" (Rom. 11:19-21).

#### Lend al Selling Of America

(Continued from page three) munism by the Trilateral Commis-

Today's front page headline should be-but is not-the forced resignation of Lawrence J. Brady as Deputy Director of Export Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce. Mr. Brady made the mistake of telling the truth to a Congressional subcommittee about the diversion of trucks and other equipment from the Soviet Kama River plant to the Afghanistan invasion. American technology had provided the wherewithal for setting up and operation of this huge plant, the largest of its kind in the world, and any use for military operations is strictly prohibited by the U.S.-Soviet trade agreement. Instead of applying sanctions because of this violation, the Department of Commerce prepared a kind of legal brief to justify continued U.S. technology, told Brady to "toe the Administration line," and later isolated him, thereby forcing his resignation.

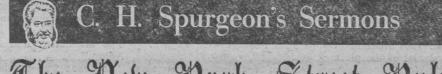
Not only does U.S. technology help provide the Soviet military with trucks but also, through the ZIL truck factory, helps with high grade computers and gear-grinding equipment for missile launchers and with engines for tanks and personnel carriers. ("Human Events" March 1, 1980).

The next time you see, on the evening news, those heavy trucks and armored personnel carriers on the main street of Kabul, Afghanistan, just remember that American technology and knowhow put them there. Why? Is it because of the greed syndrone of the U.S. multinational · corporations, supported and sponsored by the Trilateral Commission; an organization which has supplied us with President Jimmy Carter and some nineteen of his cabinet secretaries, under secretaries, and other top advis-

Then, why does Mr. Carter order a Soviet trade embargo since the Afghanistan invasion? Well, that's the policy for public consumption, the policy that gets the headlines. The real one is that only 6-7 per-(Continued on page 7, column 3)

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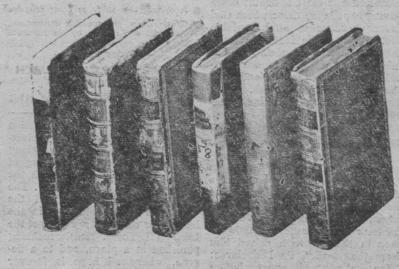
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#### Jehovah Witnesses

(Continued from page one) by gray-haired professors in theological seminaries.'

Of this doctrine, the Bible declares that the Trinity consists of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Every convert is to be baptized in "the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." (Matt. 28:19). Jesus said: "I and my Father are one." (John 10:30). There is not a single passage in all scripture that contradicts this fact.

#### 2. JESUS CHRIST, MAN'S REDEEMER. OF HIM RUSSELLITES SAY:

"The man Jesus is dead - forever dead.

"The man Christ Jesus never

rose from the dead.'

The Bible in the most emphatic words declares Jesus to have been resurrected.

(1) The fact proclaimed by an angel-"He is not here; he is risen." (Matt. 28:6).

(2) The fact demonstrated by His personal presence- "He was seen of Cephas, and of the twelve; after that, he was seen of above five hundred . . . at once," (I Cor. 15: 5-6). He was seen by women in the garden where he was buried; the apostles witnessed an empty grave. His ascension to the Father was witnessed by the apostles-"Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven" (Acts 1:11). These passages Russellites deny flatly. It as strange indeed that any intelligent person would be so gullible as to swallow the heresy of Russellism in this connection.

(3) The fact taught as a doctrine-"For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; ed is called "everlasting punishand that he was buried and that he arese again the third day according eous go into "life eternal" (Matt. to the scriptures" (I Cor. 15:3-4). Paul further declares that belief in this doctrine is man's only hope

of redemption.

Of Jesus Russellites further say: "Jesus Christ was not a combination of the human and the diperfect human being, nothing

deny the deity of Jesus.

Jesus said that He was God: "He that hath seen me hath seen

the Father" (John 6:46).

40:30). Therefore, if Jesus was not God

He was the greatest fraud ever perpetrated upon a world . . . and It would be inconsistent to say that He was the "perfect man." To deny the deity of Jesus is:

(1) Illogical and nonsensical, prowided one is to accept even a fraction of the vast Biblical proofs of

His relationship with the Father.

(2) Unscriptural and anti-Biblical. Jesus claimed to have "come forth from the Father" (John 15: 28). In His memorable prayer in John 17. Jesus praved: "Father, every one may receive the th glorify me with the glory that I had done in the body whether it be with thee before the worlds were." good or bad" (II Cor. 5:10). Many times did Jesus testify of the That there is to be a resurrection

union of the Father and the Son ere He came to earth, having "stood as a Lamb slain from before the foundation of the world" (Rev. 13:

(3) Untruthful and deceptive. There is not one solitary word in the Bible to sustain this theory. It is designed purely to deceive the ignorant

3. THE VIRGIN BIRTH

In denying the deity of Jesus, Russellites of necessity logically deny the fact of the Virgin Birth. Of this doctrine the Bible says:

First-it was predicted by the prophet-"Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." (Isaiah

Second-it was a stated fact-"And behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shall call his name Jesus" (Luke 1:32). Of the process God says: "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee; therefore that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God" (Luke 1:35).

Third—It was a doctrine taught— "But when the fulness of time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons" (Gal. 4:4-5).

4. ETERNAL PUNISHMENT

In this connection Russellites make their basic theory to teach that in death there is a cessation of life and that the "second death" taught in the Bible means eternal cessation of man's existence.

Nothing is further from the truth as taught in God's Word which teaches in the most unmistakable terms that man can never die, and that he spends eternity in either Heaven or Hell, the latter a place where the worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched" (Mark 9:44). The punishment of the wickment" (Matt. 25:46), but the right-25:46). Whatever the meaning of "eternal," this is the measure of human existence. This Russellism flatly denies—a denial of the plain teaching of God's Word.

Russellism is a mixture of Universalism and Unitarianism, givwine. When in the flesh He was a ing hope to so me, and making some cease to exist at death: those having hope being those whom God In this statement Russellites favors because of an acceptable life. It denies the fact of a judgment, a doctrine so plainly taught in God's Word-"It is once appointed unto man to die, and after "I and the Father are one" (John that the judgment" (Heb. 9:27). This verse teaches two unmistakable facts:

> (1) That death does not end all, even for the wicked.

> (2) That there is a judgment appointed for all men. In Acts 17:31 God says: "He hath appointed a day in which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men in that he hath raised him from the dead." Paul declares: "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that



Question:-

#### WHO SAW A CITY COMING DOWN OUT OF HEAVEN?

Answer:-John, Revelation 21:2. "And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband."

of all men, the Bible plainly asserts: "Marvel not at this, for the hour cometh in which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation" (John 5:28-29).

Russellites are adept in mistranslations. They make "everlast-

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ing destruction" mean "cessation of life," when it means "everlasting fire." It never means anything else. The everlasting suffering of the wicked runs current with the eternal bliss of the righteous. The "everlasting destruction" of the wicked is understood best in the arated from God, Heaven, and the chasm" (Luke 16:26).

Russellites are prone to refer to Gospel preachers as "hell fire screechers." It is interesting to consider why these "no-hell" propagandists spend their time, money, and effort to traverse sea and land to tell people that there is no Hell, no life for the wicked after death, if there are none. Why awake a man at midnight to tell him that his house is not on fire, if it is not on fire?

The devil knows that there is a Hell, that there is a life after death, and because of this, he is, by sheer deception, and the use of Jehovah's Witnesses, and other satanic agencies, seeking to damn the souls of men in Hell, a place from which there is no escape.

The whole consideration of this entire matter hinges on whether or not one is to accept the Bible or the heretical theories of Jehovah's Witnesses. They are wholly and completely, so far as I am able to

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#### THE BIBLE RECORD SHOWING THAT JESUS WAS NOT CRUCIFIED ON FRIDAY

FRIDAY, 9th: Supper at Beth- passover lamb killed. any, John 12:1; which was "six days before the Passover." Passover Feast, 15th to 21st, Leviticus 23:6,7; Numbers 28:16,17.

SATURDAY, 10th: Passover lamb taken, Exodus 12:3; Triumphal Entry, "On the morrow" after the him." supper at Bethany, John 12:12; Jesus quietly inspects the Temple, Mark 11:11. No temple cleansing until the next day.

SUNDAY, 11th: "On the morrow" after the triumphal Entry Jesus cursed the fig tree, Mark 11:12, 13, and cleansed the temple, Mark 11: 15, 16.

MONDAY, 12th: "In the morning" after the fig tree was cursed, fig tree withered, Mark 11:20, Jesus teaching in the Temple, Mark 11:27; Matthew 21:23.

TUESDAY, 13th: "Two days before the feast" which begins 15th, Judas bargained to betray Jesus, Mark 14:1, 10-11; Luke 22:3:6. Also temple teaching, Luke 20:1.

WEDNESDAY, 14th: Our Lord's busiest day: Passover lamb killed at sundown, the beginning of the day, Exodus 12:6; Leviticus 23:5; Passover supper before midnight, Exodus 11:4; 12:29; Communion instituted "after supper," Luke 22: 20; I Corinthians 11:23; Upper day, and fulfilled the type of the room discourse, foot washing, betrayer exposed, etc., John, chap- and John 20:7. ters 13 to 16 inclusive; Highpriest- The above e ly prayer, John 17; Gethsemane experiences, Matthew 16:36-46; Jesus betrayed and taken, Matthew 26:57 to 27:31 inclusive; Crucified about 9:00 a.m., Mark 15:26; Died about 3:00 p.m., Mark 15:33-37; Buried at sundown, close of the day, John 19:14, 31, 42, just 24 hours after the

THURSDAY, 15th: First day of "The Feast of The Passover," the "High Sabbath," John 18:28; 19-21. This sabbath "was past," Mark 16: 1, when the "women brought spices that they might come and anoint

FRIDAY, 16th: This is the day the women "bought spices," Mark 16:1, for they "returned (from the burial), and prepared spices and ointments, and on the sabbath they rested according to the commandment," Luke 23:56. This day is "after" the High Sabbath and before the weekly or Saturday sab-

SATURDAY, 17th: Weekly or Saturday sabbath: on this day the women rested. Luke 23:56; It was at the end of this sabbath, (sundown), when "Behold, there was a great earthquake: for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled away the stone and sat upon it."

SUNDAY, 18th: Discovery of the empty tomb: women visit the tomb "early on the first day of the week" (Sunday), and find it empty. Matthew 28:1; Mark 16:2; Luke 24:1; John 20:1. Jesus also made several of His appearances on this wave offering. Leviticus 23:9-14,

The above events all occurred in the month Nisan or Abib: Exodus 12:2; 34:18, and Esther 3:7. (All references are to American Standard Version).

The Bible day always begins and ends at sundown, just as our day begins and ends at 12 o'clock, mid-

see, at variance one with the other. If there is no Hell, there is no Heaven.

#### 5. REDEMPTION THROUGH CHRIST. OF THIS RUSSELLISM SAYS:

"The ransom given by Jesus Christ does not guarantee everlasting life, or blessing to any man. The atonement was for the first

If Jesus was anything, He was man's Redeemer. He himself said: "I come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). This fact Paul declared: "In whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins" (Eph. 1:7). Peter declared the same doctrine:"Who bore our sins in his own body on the tree" (I Peter 2:22). All this was in fulfillment of Isaiah 53. Scores of other Scriptures could be quoted teaching the same thing.

All this, Russellites deny. May God pity them.

# Mary — Moon

(Continued from page one) discovery similar to that which the language "from the presence of the Roman Catholics had made many Lord" (II Thess. 1:8), meaning centuries before. This Southern punished in a place, and to a de- Baptist leader, who will doubtless gree, where all hope is forever remain nameless until God opens not be inspired to loyalty or generredeemed by an impassable osity by the name of Christ Jesus or Jesus Christ.

ly soul by the name of Lottie Moon was coming to the end of her earthly pilgrimage and completing her faithful labors for her Lord Jesus Christ. Seeing the affection which Lottie Moon had inspired in many God's people, our nameless Southern Baptist leader had a happy thought and saw a pragmatic opportunity. Reasoning, as the Roman Catholics had reasoned many centuries earlier, that Southern Baptist leader discovered that many of those who would not give to any cause in the name of Christ Jesus could be counted upon to give abundantly if the appeal for mission support was made in the name of Lottie Moon.

Though the first calls for support in the name of Lottie Moon may have been hesitant, even on the part of convinced leaders, the "success" with which their efforts were met convinced them of the "rightness" of their pragmatic course. These appeals made by Southern Baptists in the name of Lottie Moon soon became as signally and pragmatically fruitful as those first appeals which the Roman Catholics had made in the name of Mary. It was happily discovered that many who were called Southern Baptists, and who literally refused to give abundantly in the name of Christ, could be counted gone-"Where the worm dieth not, His books in the judgment, found upon to give loyally and abundand the fire is never quenched, sep- that many in his community could antly when the appeal was made in the name of Lottie Moon.

> What is the consummate tragedy? Simply this, though Mary was At about that same time, a saint- (Continued on page 8, column 5)

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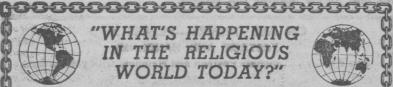
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of church union collapsed nearly five years ago, but hope springs eternal for its revival in the ranks of Canada's two biggest Protestant denominations. They just hope it won't be an eternal wait.

ada and the United Church of Canada had made a number of mutual concessions and there had union—until the terms were rejected by the Anglican general synod in June, 1975.

Since then, although the churchlocal levels - no concerted effort has been made by either side to rescale.

church continues to be the political, tion. economic, social and spiritual hub of the black community and is more powerful today than ever before, a group of black clergymen the recent 150th anniversary world said here.

black activities and life, and is the goal of teaching the gospel to every strongest organization anywhere," person on earth—but warned memsaid Dr. George McKinney, an in- bers that they may face increasing her-city ministries specialist from obstructions and opposition in the San Diego.

"It is stronger than the NAACP, Black Panthers, PUSH . . . all put together. If Bobby Seale and the Black Panthers had realized that earlier, they would have been more successsful."

MANILA, Philippines (EP)— President Ferdinand E. Marcos ordered the release of a Roman Catholic priest from prison in an apparent move to defuse criticism of his human rights record. The release of Edicio de la Torre, S.V.D., who had been imprisoned for over five years without trial, came on April 14, just a week before Mr. Marcos' scheduled visit to Honolulu to address the annual convention of the American Newspaper Publishers' Convention.

Representatives of the U.S. State Department, Congress, and religious groups had also brought pressure against Mr. Marcos for the release of Father de la Torre. The 36-year-old priest, a member of the Society of the Divine Word, was arrested in December 1974 on charges of conspiracy to commit rebellion as a result of his efforts as coordinator of a group called Christians for National Liberations

SILVER SPRING, Md. (EP)were searched and detained for into the U.S.S.R., according to a re- ham.

TORONTO (EP)-Their dream lease from Christian Solidarity International. The clergyman, John Steinbruck, pastor of the Luther Place Memorial Church and Eugene Brake of Holy Name Catholic Church, told reporters in Moscow that this occurred after the cus-The Anglican Church of Can-toms agents found papers and tapes in Hebrew in their luggage.

WASHINGTON (EP)-Members been a great deal of optimism for of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence heard conflicting testimony here on what each other's identity. relationships should be allowed between the intelligence community es have been joining in a variety and clergy and academics. The of ministerial functions—mainly at committee is considering the "National Intelligence Act of 1980," which prohibits intelligence agents sume negotiations on a national from posing as clergy, academics and journalists, but does not ban the use of members of these groups DALLAS (EP) - The black as sources of intelligence informa-

SALT LAKE CITY (EP)-Mormon Church leaders speaking at conference here said the church is "The church is at the center of determined to press on with its years ahead.

Spencer W. Kimball, president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints (Mormon), said the church now has 30,000 full-time missionaries in the field. He urged all members to be "more neighborly" and help spread the religion. Howard W. Hunter of the church's governing Council of 12 Apostles said "150 years of church history provides us with a lesson that when resistance and opposition are greatest; our faith commitment and growth have the greatest opportunity for advancement

WHEATON, Ill. (EP)-Pioneer Girls and Christian Service Brigade, who have enjoyed a cooperative working relationship for 40 years, will soon see this relationship altered. The Pioneer Girls Board of Directors, according to a release from its headquarters here, has made a unanimous decision to develop a boys' club program to parallel their program for girls.

RALEIGH, N.C. (EP) — Church leaders in North Carolina have been challenged to speak out against tobacco growing "as a religious issue." The challenge to the church to "stop burying its head in the sands" came in an article in Two Washington, D.C. clergymen The Communicant, monthly publication of the Episcopal Diocese of four hours at a Moscow airport on North Carolina. It was written by April 18th by Soviet customs agents E. T. Malone, Jr., a member of the who confiscated religious materials Chapel of the Cross at Chapel Hill they were carrying and lectured and teacher of English at North

In the years when tobacco was left open. not the major source of income for farmers in the state, Mr. Malone made available to various Congressaid, "the preachers were telling ional committees, along with retheir flocks that smoking was sinful." But when tobacco replaced cotton as a major cash crop, he (Ind.-Va.) and many others. Why charged, "the sin of smoking floated away on a bright yellow in the American Congress putting a nicotine cloud of expediency."

CHICAGO (EP)—A 37-year-old Illinois housewife and mother of three said she has agreed to bear a baby for a childless couple in high office? Outfitting the USSR Kentucky and will be paid \$10,000 for being the "surrogate mother." Under terms of the contract, the Carter administration are highly surrogate mother will immediately turn over the baby to the Louisville couple after it is born. The mother and the couple will not learn of

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couple by their doctor, infertility specialist Dr. Richard Levin. Mrs. Kane was chosen and has been artificially inseminated with the sperm from the Kentucky man, whose wife is infertile. The baby is expected to be born in November.

INDIANAPOLIS (EP)-The United Methodist Church has reaffirmed an eight-year-old policy declaring that homosexual practice is "incompatible" with Christianity but which accepts the "sacred worth" of homosexuals. In doing so, delegates to the denomination's legislating General Conference them against bringing such items Carolina Central University in Dur-turned aside proposals which could have either liberalized or made more restrictive a phrase in the nurch's Social Principles saving homosexuality and consider this practice incompatible with Chriscision makers are materialists." Interest are several things worse than war and they all come with defeat." tian teaching."

> AZUSA, Calif. (EP)-A minister being tried by church authorities (Continued on page 8, column 3)

#### Selling Of America

(Continued from page five) cent of Soviet trade is embargoed and that about 93 percent goes through. That's the gimmick, according to Mr. Brady: and furthermore, business as usual continues. For example, Ingersoll Rand will soon be ready to ship a whole new assembly line for diesel engines. This, while our Washington administration wrings its hands over the Soviet conquest of Afghanistan. Latest reports indicate "suspension" of some high-grade technology, but not cancellation. The door is being

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All this information has been spected Senators Henry Jackson (D-Wash.) and Harry F. Byrd, Jr. aren't our elected representatives stop to this betrayal of our country? Is it the power-clutch of the profit-motive of the Trilaterals who, in many cases, have certainly helped finance politicians into war machine means glorious profits, and the Trilateralists in the suspect for surreptitiously allowing this trade.

It was just recently that the Trilaterals came out into the open, and presented themselves as just a group of business men, bankers, and industrialists from the U.S., Japan, and Western Europe, organized to promote business and their mutual interests. So, our commentators and news media say what's wrong with that? Other groups organize, they say.

The Trilateralists, however, are considerably more than just anoth- to: er group. They were organized in 1973 by David Rockefeller of the Chase Manhattan Bank and Zbigniew Brezinski, President Carter's national security advisor, and now have some 290 members, the elite of the elite. The Trilaterals, according to Brezinski, their first executive director, "must be dedicated to the fashioning of a more just and equitable world order.' This is the same goal announced many times by the WCC and NCC. and the "new world order" doesn't mean the free enterprise system. It translates into socialism.

Mr. B., in his Trilateral writings tells of the fiction of national sovereignty and the obsolescence of the U.S. Constitution in a new global system. Does Mr. B's oath of office, and Mr. Carter's, and the other Trilaterals who take oaths in government positions include sworn pledges "to defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, both foreign and domestic"? Mr. B. apparently believes we are at the dawn of what he calls the Technetronic Era, or the ideal of rational humanism on a global scale—the results of American-Communist evolutionary transformations. ("Between Two Ages: America's Role in the Technetronic Era" by Z. Brzezinski).

It's a fact that Mr. Carter had powerful support from the Trilaterals in his election to the presidency. Now, Candidate George Bush also has that backing for the honesty with America. 1980 election and the apparent ploy is to be sure that a Trilateralist, or former one, remains in the White House. This is the pattern of the Eastern Establishment and the Trilaterists, that coterie of the "interlocking elites" with the great wealth and global interests. These for the past 35 years.

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Our mainline churches continue to lead their 40 million members along the primrose path in supporting pro-Marxist causes and the New Theology.

There are many obvious things, that should be done, most of them falling into these categories:

-Vote the Trilaterals out of political power because of their conflicts of interest and general dis-

-Pay attention to the church leadership and to the theological schools; and challenge them on every socialist and anti-Scriptural issue which they promote. This calls for alertness, perseverance, and courage.

-Elect loyal Americans to politiare the people who have made cal office, officials who will regain nearly all foreign policy decisions military superiority for the defense of America, the last hope of Christianity. If America surrenders to (Ret.), highly decorated combat the communists, who will be left to

It is time to wake up-in the has said: "Too many decision churches and at the polls. Ernest "We do not condone the practice of more than freedom and more than ago: "There are several things

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You may have a great deal of religion without having a bit of salvation.

It is true that the Bible speaks of a religion which is "pure and un-defiled," but even this religion is not salvation, but only a product of salvation. The Bible frequently warns against religion as a substitute for salvation.

The dictionary will tell you that the word religion is derived from a root meaning "to heed" or "to have a care." It is the exact op-posite of "neglect."

It is a good thing to take heed God, but even this will avail nothing unless it leads to salvation.

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how salvation is obtained in His words to Nicodemus: "Ye must be born again."

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nor by asking forgiveness of sin. By none of these means is salvation obtained.

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"He came unto His own, and His own receiver Him not. But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them which believe on His name."

The verse goes on to tell what happened to those who "received Him," that is, those who "believe on His name." They were at once born . . . of God."

Just so, it is today. As many as receive the Lord Jesus Christ as their own personal Saviour, giving the focal point for "sharp division" up all else and cleaving only to in the congregation. Him for salvation, are instantly and have a care for the things of and forever saved. His own declaration of John 5:24 stands good through all.

> He that heareth my Word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed first ordination. from death unto life."

> > SALVATION IS IN THREE TENSES

There is the past tense. When a man takes the Lord Jesus

am saved from sin!" Putting the matter in the past tense as to the time, he may truly say, "Then and there I was saved!" This work is instantaneous; it is salvation from the penalty of sin.

There is the present tense.

When a man is born again, the Holy Spirit begins to work in him, both to will and do of God's good pleasure, and to conform him to the image of Christ. This work is progressive; it is salvation from the power of sin.

There is the future tense.

When the Lord Jesus Christ returns again, it will be "apart from sin, unto salvation" (Heb. 9:28). It is then that we who are now the sons of God will be instantly changed into the image of Christ: "we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is" (I John 3:2). This work is instantaneous; it is salvation from the presence of sin.

### salvation is an accomplished fact. "What's Happening"

(Continued from page 7) for allegedly having sex with a married woman he was counseling has been removed as pastor of Pomona First Presbyterian Church.

A majority of church members supported the Rev. William C. Thompson in a 156-to-84 vote April 13 in a meeting of the congregation. But the presbytery of San Gabriel voted 106-1 April 15 to remove Mr. Thompson because he had become

1970, the first woman was ordained under No. American Lutheran aus-"Verily, verily, I say unto you, pices. For four days (April 13-16), about 100 of the approximately 185 women ordained since, met here to mark the 10th anniversary of that

> The conference was also a time to share experiences and offer encouragement and consolation as needed. Others attending included female seminarians, spouses, male pastors, unordained women, several Lutheran bishops and presidents, and several (mostly male) denominational staff members.

CINCINNATI (EP)-A federal appeals court has rejected an appeal by the Cherokee Indians to stop the Tennessee Valley Author-GIVE 5 GIFT SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE BAPTIST EXAMINER sites in Tennessee.

The Indians, in a suit filed last October that was supported by a SEND US 5 SUBSCRIPTIONS, WE'LL RENEW YOURS FREE! number of religious groups, claimed that the proposed Jellico Dam project would violate the tribe's First Amendment right to freedom of religion by flooding sites with key religious significances. In a decision, the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit said there was overwhelming evidence the flooding of the area would affect tribal folklore and tradition, but wouldn't threaten re-Zip Code\_\_\_\_\_ ligious observances.

TORONTO (EP) - A growing number of Christian leaders and denominations are recognizing the need for all-out global evangeliza-Zip Code Ford. The 49-year-old evangelist, tion, according to Dr. Leighton who is chairman of the Lausanne ---- Committee for World Evangelization, told a group of Christian busi--- nessmen here that current world conditions underscored the urgency Zip Code of the church's task.

ATLANTA (EP) - A 78-year-old member of the Jehovah's Witness died here at St. Joseph's Hospital after being kept alive for a week Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ with a rare transfusion of all officials said. Doctors said the woman died of an "acute bleeding episode" which couldn't have been prevented by another transfusion of the blood substitute, Fluosol. Jehovah's Witnesses are forbidden by their religion to receive blood transfusions

> ST. PAUL, Minn. (EP)-After more than a half century away from the classroom, a 74-year-old

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mons were among 60 graduates who received their General Educaafter attending classes in reading, writing and mathematics twice a week for three months. Both had dropped out in seventh grade and had dreamed of going back to school for years. "We studied night and day and day and night," said Mr Simmons, an associate pastor at New Hope Baptist Church here.

VALLEY FORGE, Pa. (EP)-An American Baptist leader has said the public record of William Tolbert, the late president of Liberia, 'is full of conflict and contradiction." Dr. Robert C. Campbell, general secretary of American Baptist

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Churches, evaluated the life and career of the assassinated African leader, who was a past president of the Baptist World Alliance.

"His life reflects weaknesses and strengths, worldly compromise and Christian commitment," Dr. Campbell said. "Only history can set the will go far beyond the pages of the President Tolbert's national promotivations and concerns."

WASHINGTON (EP) — There is something less than Christian unity among members of President Carter's Bible class at the First Baptist Church here, over the Apostle Paul's views of women. Some female class members were irked by the president's support of of the status of women.

After a lesson on the subject, Mr

black minister and his 66-year-old Carter defended the embattled wife have earned their high school apostle, saying "there was a tremendous promotion in the status of Henry Simmons and Frieda Sim- women in God's sight as put forward by Paul." Then he noted with a wry smile that "women have tional Development certificates gone about as far as they ought to from the St. Paul public schools. go now." At least one female pres-The couple passed the GED test ent was overheard to remark. "I can't believe he would say that."

> WASHINGTON (EP) - Baptist World Relief of the Baptist World Alliance (BWA) allocated \$807,272 in 1979 to 42 projects covering disaster relief, development, and fellowship assistance in more than 30 countries. Disbursements in 1979 included \$320,486 for disaster relief and \$290,000 in aid to development

# Mary - Moon

(Continued from page six)

a humble and faithful follower of Jesus Christ, godless men in the name of religion have ordained that her name should be placed in competition with that of her Lord and Saviour for the affections and generosities of men; a move which doubtless would be abhorrent to her, if she could but exmons' book is adapted to the needs press her feelings in the matter now. But, because of these efforts on the part of godless men, more people of earth today pray to, depend upon and give in the interest of Mary than dedicatedly serve Christ Jesus her Lord, or give to causes which bear His name.

Similarly, though Lottie Moon's life was dedicated to her Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, even unto the death, Southern Baptists now regularly place her name in competition with that of Jesus Christ. Though Lottie Moon would doubtless be appalled even by the thought that her name should be placed in competition with that of her Lord, Southern Baptists use her name as "a drawing card" for ity from flooding sacred tribal record straight, and only God can mission support. Consequently, to-sites in Tennessee. mission support. Consequently, tovinced concerning the value or international press. It will include purpose of giving to the cause of Jesus Christ or to causes in the grams of health and education, as name of Jesus Christ are readily well as his Christian aspirations, convinced, nevertheless, of the value of giving to missions in the name of Lottie Moon.

> Surely the godlessness of our day has taken some strange twists. But certainly none is stranger than that religious twist which enables Satan to call upon Southern Baptists to use the name of the late Lottie Moon to accomplish a degree of heinous disrespect toward and a what church feminists consider to discountenancing of the name of be a rather narrow Pauline's view Christ Jesus, "which is the name above every name."-Midcontinent Baptist Herald.



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