

HALLIMAN PROCEEDING WITH WORK IN NOGOLI AREA

Dear Friends,

Greetings to each of you once again from Papua New Guinea.

We rejoice to be able once again to bring you some news of the work here in PNG. Since we last wrote things have continued about the same in the Nogoli area. The trouble in the area continues and while the fighting is sporadic the situation remains very tense. Most every male above the age of 15 is seen carrying a bow and handful of arrows. Today for the first time I saw a woman with a bow and several arrows as she was going down the road with her children.

The people in this (Nogoli) area are completely different

from those over in the other area where we have the first Mission Station. In the 20 years that I lived in that area I know of only one man that was killed intentionally by another man, and that was not too long after I went there. A man's wife suddenly died and the husband felt that another man had worked sorcery on her, causing her death, so he killed the individual with his axe. In this area however several people have already been killed in the fairly short time that I have been living here.

The fighting not only affects the every day life of the people here, but it has also greatly affected our church services.

Many people are simply afraid to leave their homes for any pur-



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pose. Of those that do come, most of the men come with their bows and arrows and one or two stay outside to watch that no one slips up on them. Many of the men refuse to close their eyes during prayer. It is difficult trying to minister in an area that is as tense as is this area. Today we made an attempt to get the people to come and bring their children to register them for the purpose of starting a school near the Mission Station next year; however, only a handful of people came and those that did were mostly children without their parents.

Things are slowly beginning to take shape around here, as we are getting a few buildings up

that are necessary to the work. There is an Aid Post, Government operated, next door to the Mission Station. The only medical work that I do here is when the Aid Post Orderly has to be away and there are some emergency cases. Then I take care of them and, of course, I do whatever dental work that is done in the area, which at this stage is quite a bit. We now have a car-workshop combination built, a house for our sawmill and one of the fellows that came with me over here from Tanggi has built him a house; we also have a church building. As compared to the cost of labor when I first went into the Tanggi area,

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CAN ONE SIN AWAY HIS DAY OF GRACE

by Roy Mason
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Many Baptist preachers, as well as others, preach the doctrine of "Sinning Away One's Day of Grace." By that, they mean that a person can resist the striving of the Holy Spirit so persistently that finally the Holy

Spirit withdraws from that person, such that he can never be saved even though he may want



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to be very badly. The trouble with the doctrine is that it is a lie cut out of whole cloth. This lie does several things as follows:

1. It renders the work of the

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THE DEATH OF CHRIST

by J. M. Pendleton

"Who appeared in glory, and spake of his decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem" (Luke 9:31).

Without hesitation I may say that the death of Christ is the most important event that has ever taken place on earth. His cross is invested with a grandeur all its own. It attracts the attention of all the redeemed, the angels study its mysteries of grace. Doubtless, the death of Jesus is the theme of many of the colloquies of Heaven. On this theme dwelt Moses and Elijah on the Mount of Transfiguration. They were clothed with glory. They shone with a splendor like that of Heaven. Rays of divinity darted through the veil of the

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SATAN ASSAILS THE EYEGATE AND EARGATE

by Roy Snell

Charleston, W. Va.

It isn't necessary that you remain in the dark as to the why of such a present day proliferation of perversion and filth in ALL aspects of the news media, all three major television networks, the New York Times, the Washington Post, the Wall Street Journal, the major wire services, Time, Newsweek, and U.S. News and World Report.

Professors from George Washington University and Smith College did a survey of

the news hawks and journalists associated with the above named media sources and found that only 8 percent are in regular attendance at a church or synagogue. Another 86 percent seldom or never attend any form of worship service. Of all the journalists interviewed, 84 percent opposed any government or civil regulations of sexual conduct and practices. 90 percent said that a woman's body is her own and she has the right to

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THE RELIGION OF ANTI-CHRIST

by Herb Evans

Allison, Park, PA.

"The great whore that sitteth upon many waters... I saw the woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast full of names of blasphemy having seven heads ... arrayed in purple and scarlet colour and decked with gold and precious stones ... having a golden cup in her hand ... and upon her forehead was a name written, Mystery, Babylon the great, the mother of harlots ... drunken with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus ... the woman is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth ... by thy sorceries were all nations

deceived ..." (Rev. 17:1-18).

If a Christian has a mind to get excited over signs, symbols, and fulfilled prophecy; then here, it would seem, is the place to park awhile.

Rome (Mystery Babylon), like Babylon of old, is a chief seat of idolatry. Rome's mother and child worship can be traced back to ancient Babylon. This worship spread from Babylon (Semiramus and Ninus) to Egypt (Isis and Iswara), and India (Isi and Iswara), and finally to Rome (Irene and Plutus - Fortuna and Jupiter - Madonna and Child).

We are not expecting something new to come on the scene, for I John 4:3 and 2 Thessalonians 2:7 inform us that the spirit of antichrist was already here and that the mystery of iniquity was already working. His religion has had 1900 years to develop. It's here!

We are careful to avoid the liberties that others have taken in naming the antichrist and setting dates. (If you should ever know who the antichrist is, you may have missed the rapture.) However, we believe that sufficient evidence can be represented to identify his religion — Catholicism.

There are numerous similarities between ancient Babylon and Rome as

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"REVEREND" NOT FOR YOUR PASTOR

"He sent redemption unto his people; he hath commanded his covenant forever: holy and reverend is his name" (Psalm 111:9).

Holy and reverend is the Lord's name is the way God's Word puts it. A reverend is one who is worthy of reverence and I believe that God is the only one worthy of such an honor.

Look at I Timothy 5:17. "Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in the word and doctrine." The qualifications of a preacher are indeed high but not high enough for him to be called reverend. Many ministers today are not even worthy of the title "preacher" much less "reverend." No matter how great a man may be, his righteousness is as filthy rags in God's sight and comes short of the glory of God. Can we truthfully call a human being a reverend?

When people address me I don't want them calling me reverend. Call your preacher, "Pastor," "Brother," "Elder," or some other title that belongs to a preacher and not a title belonging to God. Would you call your preacher "Holy"? That's God's title just as much as reverend, because "holy and reverend is his name."

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A Sermon by Ray Waugh, Sr.

"SEARCHING FOR SUCCESS"

Most any earthly theme which we may consider or pursue is literally "charged" with the impetus of the word which is known as "success"! In any area of human life, the reality of "success" is the most desired and, perhaps, the most prominent element. There is nothing intrinsically evil or undesirable about "success" per se.

Understandably, whether it be in the realm of human relationships, the realm of human accomplishment, or in the realm of human aspiration, "success" is the one thing that will stand out above all others. Too, its corollary opposite, if I may, even "failure," is the term

which men in all climes and in most cultures seem to fear the most.

In the days when the stock markets of the world reached an unthinkable and an unexpected "low," it was their obsession with "failure" which caused men to plummet from the tops of some of the world's greatest buildings to their deaths on the pavements below. Today, it is the pressures of "failure" and "the fear of failure" which plague most of the professions to which men give themselves. It is said that almost 1,000,000 people in America attempt suicide each year. Many of these are professionals.

In a multitude of ways, these attempt to make their "escape" from this world's problems or pressures. Paradoxically, the plight of these piteous souls provides "a means of success" for some who give themselves to what is called "Suicide Prevention." Those involved in such resort to a never-ending phantasmagoria of theories. These, generally, are without any knowledge of the way of life. In fact, any who would reference, "I am the way, the truth and the life, no man can come to the Father except by me," will not long be permitted to work in "Suicide Prevention Pro-

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grams."

In reality, than, such is simply another "twist," shall we say, on the "Success and/or Failure" syndrome which plagues men in all walks of life. When these in this and in other service and social efforts suppose they have attained a degree of success or even the pinnacle of success, they have much cause, they suppose, for rejoicing and sometimes boasting. In a very real sense, it is their way to a "worldly high," as it were. It becomes "boasting" of course, when their evidences of success are used for the purpose of seeking more funds for the support of the service or social cause which they espouse.

Understandably, most of these would like for us to believe that their involvement in what they would have us suppose is a "thankless job" is for altruistic purposes, and that their efforts are altruistic, as well. Yet, when they succumb to the "Success and/or Failure" syndrome to the extent that they become depressed in failure or boastful in success, we can know that their involvement and their efforts are wholly self-centered.

Tragically, most of those so involved literally despise the command of God, "Thou shalt love the Lord, thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve." Too, "Christ" and "New Testament Christianity" are terms that they cannot abide or endure. These may wish to impress upon us, however, that their involvement and their efforts are in accord with, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

We can know, however, that one cannot really love his or her neighbor if there is no love for God. By the Word of God, we can know that such is mutually exclusive, "We love him because he first loved us. If a man says, I love God, and

hateth his brother, he is a liar; for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen." This is what makes those "tearful fundraising appeals" by Christ-hating "pitchmen" and "Hollywood celebrities" who are looking for a little more notoriety such unconscionable mockeries.

The self-aggrandizement of their involvement and their ef-



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forts, however, enable us to know that there really is no love for their neighbors. When such pseudo-altruistic ones find that their involvement in supposedly "doing good" for their neighbors does not bring them the fame or the fanfare which they desire, they will seek out other schemes for their energies. Some, of course, arrange for the "installation of some bells" or the building of an imposing structure of some sort that will bear their name in perpetuity. If they find it difficult to obtain the praise of their peers of their generation, they see to it that someone will raise "A Memorial" to their "Altruism" after their death.

Way Of The Cross

How very different is the way of the Lord Jesus Christ. He left no "Memorial" but His Love! In the midst of men who were searching for and seeking worldly success and worldly fame, He chose — and that literally — the way of failure. In the midst of men who were seeking to impress others with the evidences of their importance and their altruism, Jesus chose "The way of the Cross." While men in long robes were going about concerned to leave a memorial to their names, the Lord Jesus Christ was willing to become "A curse"!

The way of those who have served the Lord Jesus Christ has been the same as the way which He chose, though, perhaps, in some lesser degree, since He, alone, was the Christ of God. Visualize, if you can, Isaiah walking naked in the streets of his city to demonstrate the displeasure of God with His people. Cast your eyes toward Bethel, if you yet have any Scriptural insight, and take note of the fact that Amos is condemning himself to peonage for the rest of his days as he, caring not at all for himself or his future in the earth, declares the Word of the Lord:

"Woe to them that are at ease in Zion, and trust in the mountain of Samaria, which are named chief of the nations, to whom the house of Israel came! . . . Ye that put far away this evil day and cause the seat of violence to come near; that lie upon beds of ivory, and stretch themselves upon their couches, and eat the lambs out of the midst of the stall; that chant to the sound of the viol, and invent to themselves instruments of music, like David; that drink wine in bowls, and anoint

themselves with chief ointments; but they are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph. . . . Ye have turned judgment into gall, and the fruit of righteousness into hemlock; ye which rejoice in a thing of nought, which say, have we not taken to us horns by our own strength?"

There are many more of whom we might appeal as we demonstrate the point which we make by means of these words. Who can ever forget — once he has learned the story from the Word of God — one who was called **John the Immerser.** (Though I, as you, have employed the phraseology, "John the Baptist," many times, it really is a tragic "MISNOMER" of the worst sort. For, in these, we play into the hands of King James, and some of his Anglican heresies, who insisted that "Baptist" and some other "ecclesiastical terms" be retained so that the people might continue in their ignorance of the truth of the Word of God concerning "Immersion" and other teachings such as "Assembly" and "Called-out ones.")

In any event, "John the Immerser" defied the call of worldly fame and success. He did this as he lived in the desert and "ate locusts and wild honey" at the command of God. He did this as he, in accord with God's command, made his way to the muddy waters of the Jordan and began immersing all who would repent, anticipating that hour, of course, when the Son of God would stand before him to be immersed, declaring thereby His coming **DEATH, BURIAL, and RESURRECTION!** John the Immerser did this, too, as he defied all resort to compromise and to equivocation, and called Herod's sin by its rightful name!

The Apostles of the Lord likewise demonstrated how intensely they despised even the thought of "worldly success," as they gave themselves in a manner that necessitated a continuing humility. One declared his philosophy, and, if you will, his theology in this with the words, ". . . my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore, I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then am I strong."

Another Apostle, and, paradoxically, the one to whom a multitude look erroneously as an excuse for their pomp, pomposity, and prominence, has a similar approach. His words are clear, "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you; but rejoice, inasmuch, as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you. . . . Needless to say, we search in vain in the lives or in the words of these for any appeal for worldly success.

These were not seeking for worldly success. Therefore, we do err, and that grievously, as the servants of the Lord Jesus Christ, if we seek for worldly success in any manner or means.

What Of The Crass

Quite obviously, this puts the

lie to all of the pomp and all of the ceremony of modern religion! It does not matter what you or I may call it, it is wholly and completely anti-Christ! This, of course, is one of the truths which puts the lie to all "denominationalism" and all earthly power and control which any parachurch, suprachurch, or denominational organization exerts over any church or any of the churches in the world today.

There is another paradox!

It is something which is repeated and then repeated again and again. The people, however, are so hypnotized by the parachurch, suprachurch, and denominational greatness of their organization and so intent on ensuring its further worldly success that they would not see or hear the word of God even if it were a locomotive or a diesel truck bearing down upon them. Their preachers, ministers, or priests stand before them and read, "This will I do; I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee; then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God," but they recognize not the paradox of their own folly.

E're the sermon or the homily is finished, however, that same preacher, minister, or priest will become involved in calling for funds. These will not be tithes to pay the preacher or offerings to keep the light available and the heating or air conditioning systems working. Rather, these will be funds that can be used to "tear down their barns" and "build bigger ones." I realize that they may couch or color their terminology with sementic references to "Sanctuary," "The Church Building," "Kitchen Facilities," "Recreation Rooms," but the message is the same.

There is not one single word in any of this which is directed to, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." There is not one single word in all of this which is directed to, "Go ye, therefore, and disciple all nations, immersing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Neither is there a word in all of this which is directed to, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Such contemporary and crass characters may couch their parachurch, suprachurch, or denominational requests in missions appeals and insist that they will be sending 10%, 25%, or even 50% to their state or national headquarters. Thereby, they may make it appear that their hearts are right, though every such headquarters is to make their positions in the organization secure and to utilize such facilities that they might "take their ease, eat, drink, and be merry."

These hypnotized hosts will never realize that they have been "had," as it were. Nevertheless, they will have been infected with

their preacher's, minister's, or priest's "success syndrome," and they are in the service of the Satan! This is understandable, for whether their indoctrination with headquarters-literature has been over a period of one year, twenty-five years, or even fifty years, it could not be expected that they would know anything about the Word of God.

Therefore, instead of becoming knowledgeable in the Word of God, and instead of becoming witnesses of the Lord by the Word, they go about to "infect" another multitude with the "success syndrome" with which their denominational literature and their denominationally-analyzed ministers, preachers, or priests have indoctrinated them. Though the words may have been written almost 2000 years ago, they are as applicable today for "scribes and pharisees, hypocrites" as they were in that day, "Ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves."

Way Of The Called

The word is in!

Men are giving themselves today to parachurch, suprachurch, and denominational religious success, but they despise the way of faith, and the way of the called of God. It is men looking to men, rather than men looking to God or to the Word of God. These have never apprehended that any church or any people which gets its orders from any headquarters this side of heaven is completely out of touch with God.

Most, of course, have little if any interest in the Word of God, so they make as little reference to it as possible. Others may find themselves in the midst of some who have a traditional relationship with the Word of God, the Bible, though their ignorances of the same is utterly appalling. Nevertheless, these insist that those who stand before them make occasional reference to the Word of God. Tragically, however, these need not reference the Word of God as truth or even use it as truth

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Elder Max F. Lowe of 316 Harmon Drive, Rogersville, Tennessee 37857, would like to announce that he is available for the pastorate of any church where God might lead and see fit to send him. For further information, you may phone him at area code 615/272-5161.

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Even back in Grandpa's time there was something to make you sleep. They called it work.

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because those who sit before them have no interest in the Word of God as truth.

This, too, is paradoxical! We need not be surprised!

What we are seeing and hearing is not unexpected. God knew what the future held, and He knows what the future holds! He speaks very plainly, "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times, some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron." Too, He says, "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived."

He spoke of the religious!

One hundred percent of all of the religion about us is catalogued in detail in this word. It is quite probably, also, that most of that which is referred to as "Baptist" or "Christian" is likewise catalogued thereby. Unconscionable and pagan heathenism permeates most every church and pours forth from most every pulpit!

If it should be that you truly are called, and yet you have been traveling this tragic road of unbelief, and your heart is burdened to turn aright, then the Lord has a Word for you. He says, "If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou has attained. But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness." If we can receive it, God has another word, also. He says, But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned this ... All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

There is set before you, then, "worldly success." Too, we have seen something of the nature of "success" to which God has called us. We shall choose, then, today and in all of our tomorrows either to be "a success in the eyes of the world" and, thereby, a failure before God. Or we shall be "a success in the eyes of God," and, thereby, a failure in the eyes of the world. The way is plain if we have any understanding of the Word. In the one, there is eternal loss. In the other, there is eternal gain. We choose this day!

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it costs a lot more to get work done here. Sometimes we just have to shut things down until we get some more money. After having lived here for several years, my wife knows about what it takes to run the work here and I recently had a letter from her saying that she was continually concerned as to how I was paying my bills. I wrote back and told her that it was quite simple and that it works like this—when I don't have any money I just don't buy

anything, and that way I have no bills. It used to be when the family was here that we had to buy everything by mail order, and therefore we were billed at the end of the month, so we always had bills to pay. Now I pay cash for everything I buy but with only a few exceptions, and that only occasionally. To be sure, there are lots of times that I have to shut down some part of the work, or leave off buying things that I need, but this keeps the bill collectors from pestering me. Now I just do the best I can with what I have to do with, and let the rest go undone.

This past Saturday we held another ordination service, this time at the Tangi Mission Station. Two preachers were ordained by the Tangi Baptist Church, the pastor of the church and the missionary. This makes four preachers that we have ordained in the past few weeks. We have one more to ordain this coming Friday, and after that we will ordain no more for a while. There were an estimated 2,000 people there for the ordination service. There was singing by several different church groups before the main service started. As we had two men to ordain and both men were asked 20 questions each, the service was quite long, but there was not one complaint and a great time was had by all. All these preachers that are being ordained now have completed three years of Bible School. They are really good preachers and are doing a great work for the Lord.

There has been no more report from the area where some of our preachers visited with the government patrol some months back. I will now try to fill you in on what has happened in that area. There were quite a few people contacted for the first time, and they seemed to want to have church services started. Later on, a couple more of our preachers went back to the area to build a house for worship services. The Protestant groups had also been in the area and had talked the people into building a sort of community house, with one mission group preaching part of the time and another etc, etc so everyone could have a part in it — they were even willing for the Baptists to preach there when their turn came. Our preachers told the people that they would have nothing to do with such a deal, and if they could not build a house exclusively for Baptist services they would not be back, so we are not holding any services in the area. Pray for us as we continue to preach the truth.

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By WILLARD PYLE

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Psalm: 33:8-14

Intro: David, or whoever wrote this Psalm, continues to magnify the God of wisdom and power, as he sets for the Work of God in creation and in His dealings with His chosen people. Therefore, not only do the heavens declare the glory of God, and the earth show His handiwork, but also the nation of Israel, and today, the church, and finally, the new heaven and the new earth. He never has been without a witness.

VERSE 8

"Let all the earth fear the Lord." All of creation should bow in reverential fear and adoration of the Lord. They should keep silence and hear His voice.

"Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him." When we see young and old alike magnify men by worshipping the works of their hands, and by following their precepts, we are made to recognize the blindness brought about by sin. The youth are looking for someone to admire and stand in awe of, and they readily pick out men like Elvis Presley and the Beatles, etc. They turn out in great number to look at them and hear them, and to be influenced by their so-called music. Yes, men are worshipping other men, but the One Who deserves to be worshipped and followed is the Creator of all. One day this will be a reality, for all men will acknowledge Him (Philip. 2:9-11). May we as saints set the example for the youth of our churches and our communities.

VERSE 9

"For He spake, and it was done." What a glorious thought as we hear and then see the results of God's Word. It does accomplish that whereunto it was sent (Isa. 55:11). It is quick and powerful (Heb. 4:12). The winds and the waves do obey

His will (Mark 4:39,40).

"He commanded, and it stood fast." God's word is not a wish, but a command. His Word is executed. All opposition is futile. God never speaks heedlessly or needlessly. The written Word of God accom-

BIBLE VERSE



And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us.

panied by the Holy Spirit always produces results (I Thess. 1:5). When God says, "Let there be light," there is light.

VERSE 10

"The Lord bringeth the counsel of the heathen to naught." The heathen may take counsel together to overthrow God's anointed, but they will never succeed (Psa. 2:1-6; Matt. 16:18). Forty men or 4,000 men may determine to rid themselves of men like Paul, but they will not succeed unless God permits them to do so. Joseph's brothers may make their plans, but in the end, God's will is done. Therefore, "If God be for us, who can be against us?" (Rom. 8:31).

"He maketh the devices of the people of none effect." When Pharaoh entered the Red Sea with his chariots and weapons of war, both they and their equipment were quickly rendered of none effect. God can make the most efficient machinery useless, and can take the most insignificant shepherd lad and sling and win the battle. God is not dependent on

numbers or man's resources, as we will see later in this Psalm.

VERSE 12

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." Let the nations of this world glory in outward prosperity, pleasure, and military power; but let the nation or people who honor God not be envious, for it won't be long until the Stone cut out of the mountain will crush them (Dan. 2:45), and the Lord shall set up a kingdom and rule and reign (Rev. 20:4-6). So we can be happy and content in whatever state we are in until the Lord comes again. This is the blessed hope of the child of God (Titus 2:13).

"And the people whom He hath chosen for His own inheritance." God is calling out a chosen people for His own which will be a multitude no man can number (Rev. 7:9). This is referred to in Acts 15:14 when James relates, "Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for His Name." It is referred to in Acts 13:48 where we read: "And as many as were ordained to eternal life believed." Yes, God hath chosen us unto salvation (II Thess. 3:13) and, "He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love" (Eph. 1:4). This should cause happiness and thanksgiving among the saints.

VERSE 13

"The Lord looketh from heaven." God is ever aware of all of the movements and activities on this earth.

"He beholdeth all the sons of men." His eyes are ever over the righteous and equally He sees the wicked. To the saved, He is the Father Who loveth His own and deals with them as with sons; but to the wicked, He sees them as their Righteous Judge unto Whom they must answer for all their wicked deeds (Rev. 20:12). It is the height of folly for a man to think he can get by with his lawlessness.

VERSE 14

"From the place of His habitation." He that sitteth on the circle of the earth (Isa. 40:22); He, Who is in absolute control of His creation, and He Who sitteth on the throne (Isa. 6:1; Rev. 4:2) as King of kings and Lord of lords, and Who is above all in His thoughts and attributes, has a royal dwelling place in which the saints will one day enter. His habitation will be our habitation; for we will dwell with Him, and He will dwell with us (Rev. 21:1-4).

"He looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth." He is aware of the ruler on the throne, and of the peasant in the street. He continually oversees all.

Conclusion: "How great Thou art," should ever be the cry of the children of God.

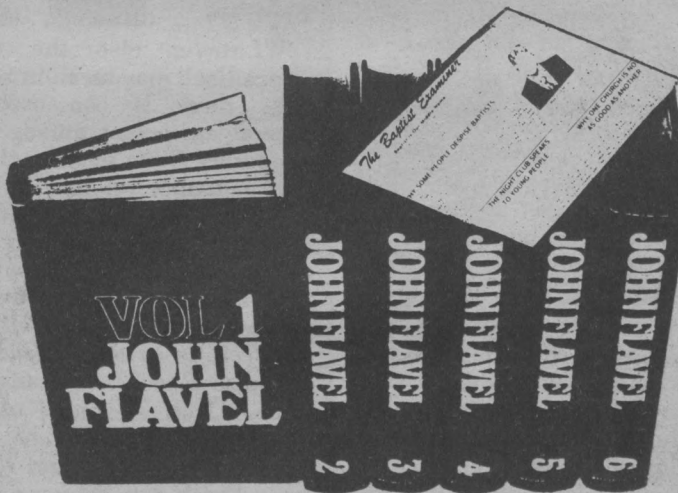
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What about paradise and hell as holding places until judgment, then will we go to Heaven or Lake of Fire?

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I wish to first consider "paradise" as a holding place for Old Testament saints until their sins were judged in Christ Jesus on the cross, that His righteousness might be propitiated to their account.

Consequently, immediately after His resurrection, we are told that "... the graves were opened, and many bodies of the saints that slept arose, and came out of their graves after His resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many" (Mt. 27:52, 53). This fact of the resurrection of the Old Testament saints, is consonant with other Scriptures, as relating to "first fruits" (trophies) of the victory of Christ over the grave, which answers to the fact that, for this purpose, "... Christ should suffer, and that He should be the first that should rise from the dead, and should (presently show light unto the people, and to the Gentiles" (Acts 26:23).

Therefore it is affirmed that "... now is Christ risen from the dead and become the first fruits of them that slept" (I Cor. 15:20). Further, it is assured concerning "... every man in his own order: Christ the first fruits; afterward they that are Christ's at His coming" (I Cor. 15:23; Col. 1:18; Rev. 1:5).

Hence, there is no reason to doubt that those Old Testament saints went to glory with our Lord, as trophies of His victory over death, which answered to the fulfillment of the type concerning the "first fruits" of the barley harvest, as offered on the sixteenth day of the first month, as following the first Passover Sabbath. This offering of the "wave-sheaf" sanctioned the whole harvest (Rom. 11:16), and pre-intimated the resurrection of Christ (I Cor. 15:20), who rose from the dead on the very first day that the "first fruits" were offered.

Next, I wish to consider briefly concerning hell as a holding place for all the non-elect (reprobate) of all ages, until the "great white throne" judgment is set (Rev. 20:11).

This fact is resolved as in consonance that "the Father hath committed all judgment" unto the Son, whose mediatorial reign is with a view to prepare the kingdom for the Father's acceptance.

During this judgment, God's omniscience will not allow the most insignificant to escape unobserved, and that His omnipotence will cause the mightiest to obey the summons, when hell gives up the dead to

be "judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works" (Read Rev. 20:11-15).

Please note that this judgment is conclusive of "whosoever was not found written in the book of life" (Rev. 20:15, was "cast into the lake of fire."

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Hell is indeed the holding place until judgment. (Please refer to last week's answer regarding compartments in hell). And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged every man according to their works." (Rev. 20:13). Hell (or Hades - the place of departed souls) will give up the dead which is there to be judged. They will then be cast into the lake of fire which is the final abode of the wicked.

Paradise, or at least the place where the saints went before Christ died, no longer has anyone there. Remember when Lazarus died, he went to Abraham's bosom. Paul later said that if he died he would go to be with the Lord. Now that Jesus has completed the atonement there is no longer a need for a holding place. All God's children go to be with Him. "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain ... For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better: nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you." (Phil. 1:21-24).

When Christ died all the O.T. saints were then free to move into the very presence of God, thus Christ led them. "Wherefore He saith, when He ascended up on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men." (Eph. 4:8). We see then that the compartment where Abraham served as the one to receive them was no longer needed.

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In answer to the last question concerning hell (hades), we saw from the Scripture that the souls of the wicked dead go to a place of torment, a place of fire. The rich man who lifted up his eyes in hell (hades) said, "I am tormented in this flame" (Luke 16:24). In Revelation 20:13 we are told, "and death and hell (hades) delivered up

the dead which were in them; and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death."

From this passage we see that the souls of the wicked in hades and their bodies (in death) will be brought to the final judgment and "both soul and body will be cast into gehenna" (Matt 10:28). This is the lake of fire of Revelation 20:14.

As to the souls of the righteous dead, we saw from the Scripture in answer to last week's question, that before the ascension of Christ they went to a place called paradise or as is called Abraham's bosom in Luke 16:22. But from other passages of Scripture we see that the souls of the righteous, who now depart this life, go directly to Heaven. In Acts 7:59 Stephen, as he was being stoned to death, looked up into Heaven and seeing Christ standing on the right hand of God cried, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit". Paul, said he had "a desire to depart and be with Christ; —" (Phil 1:23). In II Corinthians 12:2-4 Paul in telling of the experience of a man - his own no doubt, said He was "caught up to the third heaven". In verse four he said, "He was caught up into paradise". This tells us that paradise is now in Heaven. In I Thessalonians 4:14 we read that when Jesus returns for His saints that those, "also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him".

From this study we see that while the souls of the wicked dead are kept in hades until the final judgment, and then cast into the lake of fire, the souls of the righteous dead are now enjoying the pleasures of Heaven and are in the presence of Him who died for them, "We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord" (II Cor. 5:8).

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Whatever else the term "Paradise" may mean in Scripture, there is consensus or general agreement among contemporary Bible scholars that it is a metaphor for Heaven, the dwelling place of God, and not merely a restored Eden. It is to this heavenly Paradise Paul was caught up, and "heard unspeakable words" (II Cor. 12:4). It is to this Heaven or Paradise Enoch was translated (Heb. 11:5), and it is of this Paradise or Heaven he prophesied His Lord would return from "with ten thousands of His saints" (Jude 14). And it was up to this Heaven or Paradise that Elijah was taken, "... The Lord would take up Elijah into heaven by a whirl-

wind ..." (II Kings 2:1).

In Revelation 22-1-5 we are given a glimpse into the heavenly Paradise, and there we see the river of life, the tree of life and the throne of God and of the Lamb. The struggling saint now beholds this glorious Paradise by an eye of faith, but the promise of God is, that he shall one day walk in the midst of it. "... To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God" (Rev. 2:7).

"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus. ..." (Rom 8:1). Christ in His passion on the tree, bore the eternal judgment of His people, whereby they were in the heavenly Court declared righteous, and it is on this basis Paul asks, "Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect, it is God that justifieth" (Ro. 8:33). Therefore, there is no condemnatory judgment awaiting the citizens of the heavenly Paradise.

Persons dying in their sins go immediately and directly to hell (Lk. 16:22 & 23), from which they shall at the climax of the ages be brought to stand before the white throne judgment of Almighty God (Rev. 20:11-15), and at that time they shall be cast into the lake of fire. The white throne judgment is not to determine the innocence or guilt of those summoned to it, but it is a place and time of sentencing and meting out degrees of torment, for all who appear there are unatoned-for sinners, and shall suffer the eternal wrath of the Just and Holy God.

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...such an one caught up to the third heaven...How that he was caught up into paradise" (II Cor. 12:2-4).

Before the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the souls of the departed dead all went to the same place which was "sheol" in Old Testament Hebrew and "hades" in New Testament Greek. There were two major compartments in this place. That for the saved was one of blessing and comfort. That for the unsaved was one of terrible torments in the flames thereof. Upon the resurrection of Jesus Christ, or at least by the time of His ascension, the compartment for the saved was emptied — all the inhabitants being removed into the third heaven in the presence of God. The other compartment of the unsaved remains the same as before, as the abode of the souls of the unsaved dead.

So that now, immediately upon death, the soul of the saved goes into the third heaven also called paradise, into the blessed presence of the Lord and is blessed greatly therein. The souls of the unsaved, immediately upon death, go into hades, which is a place of great suffering in fire. They will remain there until brought out to face the Lord in the White Throne judgment. Following this, they will be cast into the lake of fire which is the final hell for the unsaved. When brought out of hades, the soul and body will be reunited in resurrection, and both together will be cast in-

to the final hell and suffer together eternally.

The difference in where one goes immediately upon death is whether or not one knows Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. How very important it is to be sure one is saved, when such terrible and eternal matters are involved.

THE RELIGION

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demonstrated by Alexander Hislop in "The Two Babylons": Mitres, vestments, holy water, beads, chants and incantations, self abuse, penance, emphasis on fertility, image worship, kissing idols, marked foreheads, mysteries, candles in worship, rays or radiances emanating from holy persons, the mass and cake/drink offerings (Jer. 44:19), purple and scarlet colors, Gold and precious stones, golden chalices or cups, fish symbols, queen of heaven worship (Mary-Jer. 44:19), universal or Catholic influence, and the murder and persecution of the true saints of God. Put them all together and they spell M-o-t-h-e-r of Harlots!

"666"

"... the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding COUNT this number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is six hundred threescore and six (666)" (Rev. 13:17,18).

The above Scripture has caused some to mistake Nero, certain popes, and Mussolini as the antichrist. However, we think that they were on the right track in that the prospects "gematria" ★ point to Rome.

★ gematria: the Hebrew and Greek alphabets are used for their numbering systems as well; hence, letters stand for numbers. The letters of a word may be summed up. Roman numbers are also represented by letters (numerals).

Rome used to be called "Saturnia" after the Roman god "Saturn", who was a subterranean Titan sungod, an offspring of the sun. Italy is called the "Saturnian" land. The Roman god "Saturn" alias "Ninus" god of Babylon is found in the Catholic book "Lives of the Saints" under the name "Saint Saturninus" (see Feb. 12 and 29).

Dagon the fishgod alias the Chaldean god "Lat" alias "Latus" the Egyptian god was worshipped as a child; in his mother's arms. It is thought that this is the origin of the word "Latin" or "Lateinos" (Greek). Have you ever noticed the pope's fish head mitre (hat)? Have you ever noticed the term of contempt for those who inhabit the Saturnian land and its similarity to "Dagon" the fishgod?

Consider also how the Roman Catholic Missals depict Jesus and their "saints" with golden rays emanating from their heads as was Aesculapius the sungod? Mary is depicted with a circle of stars surrounding her head (the queen of heaven of Jeremiah 44:19).

The Chaldean word for Saturn (Stur) counts up to "666" in Hebrew letter/numbers; the Greek word L-A-T-E-I-N-O-S (Latin) counts up to "666" in Greek letter/numbers; the Hebrew word for the Caesar Nero is Neron Kasar (phonetic representation of Hebrew characters) and

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After all is said and done, there is really more said than done.

THE RELIGION

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counts up to "666"; the Hebrew word for Rome is Romith and Counts up to "666"; the Greek word for a "Titan" sungod is T-E-I-T-A-N and counts up to "666"; the inscription VICARIVS FILII DEI (Faithful Vicar of God, or Vice God) was borne on the foreheads of popes for centuries (until D. L. Moody spilled the beans) and counts up to "666" in Roman Numerals; likewise VV IL DVCE, an expression that refers to Mussolini (Long Live the Duce!) also counts up to "666" using its Roman numerals.

All these terms have some connection with Rome, and since "666" is a number of a man (not a Belgian computer), we view the Roman papacy as having provided and still providing an unending supply of False Apostle, Apostate, candidates for the office of the "Son of Perdition," the Catholic antichrist!

THE DEATH

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Redeemer's humanity. His countenance was changed and His raiment became white as snow. What a scene! Moses and Elijah were properly present; the former, the representative of the law; the latter, of the prophets. They appeared to do honor to the Manifier of the law and the Fulfiller of the predictions of the prophets. These two men had been for centuries in Heaven, had seen much, had heard much, had learned much, but knew of nothing so full of interest as the "decease" of Christ about to take place at

Jerusalem. This was the topic on which they dwelt, and I dwell on it today.

I. THE CAUSE OF HIS DEATH

This we find in the love of God. We have the testimony of Jesus Himself on this point as follows: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). There is a blessed repetition of this teaching in Romans 5:8; I John 4:10. Of the strength of this love, we can form only a feeble conception. If all the love of all the angels could be concentrated into one heart, there would be unspeakably less love in that heart than God felt for ruined man when He sent His own Son on a mission of mercy. Remember that the Son of God had been from eternity the object of His Father's complacent affection and delight. (Isaiah 42:1). But love to this world induced the Father to give up His Son.

We must not suppose that God's love to sinners was excited by the death of Christ. This would be transposing cause and effect. The death of Christ would not have occurred at all had there not been previous love in the bosom of God. The gift of Christ is God's "unspeakable gift," but His love was antecedent to the gift, and the gift is emphatically traceable to the love.

II. THE NATURE OF CHRIST'S DEATH

On this point opinions differ. Unitarians and Socinians concede that Christ's death manifests the love of God and confirms the truth of what Jesus taught, but they exclude from it all idea of atonement. They

deny that His sufferings were expiatory, and say that expiation was needless. They make the greatest of all mistakes; for it is a soul-destroying mistake. The grand peculiarity of the death of Christ is its expiatory nature. He died as a propitiation, died to atone for sin. This is manifest from such Scriptures as these: "Whom God has set forth as a propitiation through faith in his blood." "Once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself." "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree." "And he is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world" Romans 3:25; Hebrews 9:26; I Peter 2:24; I John 2:2). The death of Christ was an atoning death. Had it not been, there would have been no saving value in it.

III. THE NECESSITY OF CHRIST'S DEATH

I do not refer to absolute necessity, for there was not such necessity. God might justly have permitted fallen men to perish in their sins, as He did fallen angels. He was under no obligation to save them. By the necessity of the death of Christ, I mean that it was necessary to render the salvation of sinners consistent with the law and justice of God. I have said that the love of God was the cause of the death of Christ. Of course the atonement of Jesus does not make God merciful, but it enables him to exercise His mercy without compromising the rectitude and the honor of His government. Some vainly talk about the efficacy of repentance to atone for sin. There is no such efficacy. Has repentance ever been regarded in civil govern-

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ments as expiatory of crime? Can repentance repair physical or moral injury? But it is folly to talk of the efficacy of repentance, in view of the fact that no sinner ever repents independently of influences proceeding from the atonement of Christ. No created being could atone for sin. The universal law of creatureship as that law which creatures can render is due to God on their own account. This makes creature substitution impossible. Atonement, therefore, if made at all, must be made by a being above the law of creatureship, having the sovereign right of self-disposal. In other words, he who makes atonement for sin must be divine.

IV. THE RESULTS OF THE DEATH OF CHRIST.

I can merely refer to some of these. I name the following:

1. The offer of salvation is made to all men. Jesus Himself says: "Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations" (Luke 24:46, 47). The death of Christ, the sacrificial value to which was proved by His resurrection, is the basis of the proclamation of the gospel. Salvation is offered to men with indiscriminate universality. There is no difference between the Jew and the Greek. There is nothing in the way of salvation of any man, but his unwillingness to be saved by Christ.

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3. The actual salvation of countless myriads. We cannot tell what proportion of the human race will be saved. We know, however, that redemption in every case will result from the death of Christ (Revelation 5:9). His death will be life to all the saved.

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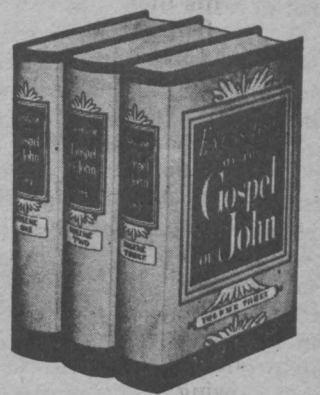
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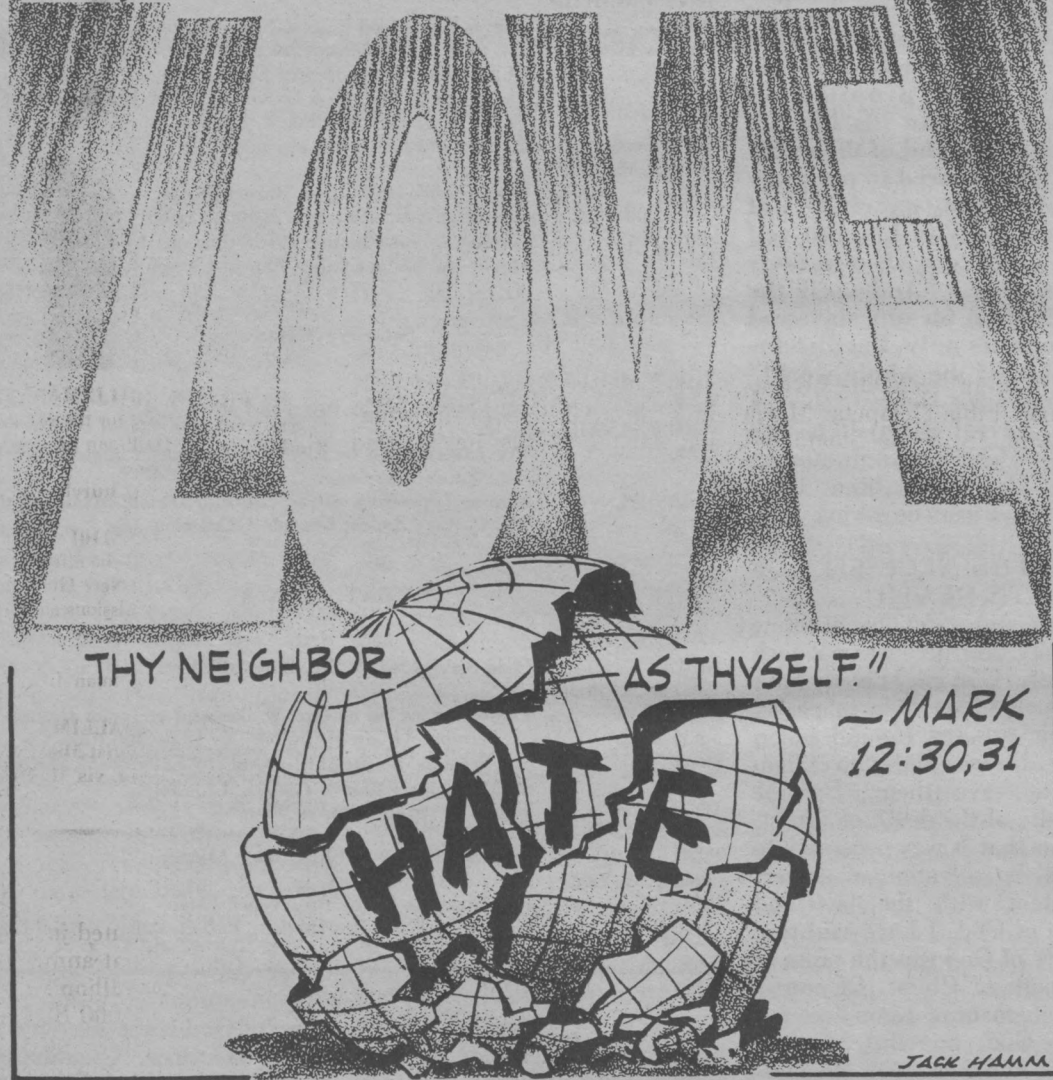
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The best tranquilizer is a clear conscience.

God Addresses a Broken World

"THOU SHALT LOVE THE LORD THY GOD WITH ALL THY HEART, AND WITH ALL THY SOUL, AND WITH ALL THY MIND, AND WITH ALL THY STRENGTH... AND THOU SHALT



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Holy Spirit "resistible" to the extent that man proves to be stronger than God.

2. It completely nullifies the Bible doctrine of election. The whole matter of the individual's salvation is thrown into the realm of uncertainty, and made to depend on the strength of his will to resist God.

3. It produces the cruel but false doctrine that human beings want to be saved, but because of precious rejections, can't be saved, so are doomed.

4. It rests upon one verse of Scripture (Gen. 6:3), which is taken wholly out of its setting, and made to apply to this present age of grace, when the Scripture has reference to another situation entirely, in another age and dispensation.

5. It is a twin doctrine that belongs in the same cradle with the doctrine of "falling from grace."

6. It grows out of a failure to understand the truth about the two calls of God sent out to sinners. Let us now consider these two calls.

THE OUTWARD, OR GENERAL CALL

God sends out a general call to all men to repent and turn to His Son for salvation and eternal life. "God now commandeth all men everywhere to repent." "Whosoever will, let him come and take of the water of life freely." It is every preacher's bounden duty to sound forth that call, yet he knows full well that not every person will respond. It is not the preacher's duty to know, and if he tries to take over God's part he will become a "hardshell." He just knows that God must do a work within or else there will be no response. If he doesn't

know it, he will find it out before he preaches too long. Note some Scriptures that mention the outward or general call: Luke 5:32, Matt. 22:14, Isa. 45:22.

When people resist the preaching of the Word of God, they resist the INDIRECT work of the Holy Spirit, for the Spirit inspired the Word. It is in that sense that the people to whom Stephen preached resisted the Holy Spirit. (See Acts 7:51).

THE INWARD, OR EFFECTIVE CALL

Sinners successfully resist the general call of God every day, and they go on down to Hell. That general call is not in itself effective because man being a fallen and depraved creature, he doesn't have it within himself to turn. I Corinthians 2:14 gives us light on this.

Sinners DO NOT successfully resist the personal, inward call of the Holy Spirit. It is said that the Northwest Mounted Police always "get their man." Whether that is true or not, it IS true that the Holy Spirit always gets His man. God's grace is irresistible, and when the Holy Spirit goes after a fellow, he "fetches him." Were this not true, then election could not be true. God uses the gospel, but the gospel is applied by the Holy Spirit in such a way that the sinner turns and is saved. Note some Scriptures that mention this inward call. (Acts 2:39, I Cor. 1:1, Gal. 1:15, Acts 16:14).

WHAT FAILURE TO UNDERSTAND THESE TRUTHS BRINGS ABOUT

It brings about clap-trap evangelism, in which dependence is placed on evangelistic "techniques" rather than on the Spirit of God. We have that sort of thing practiced on every hand today. Well, numbers are raked in, but where are they six months later? Missing! Recently a member of a neighboring church told of a

meeting held by one of our most noted evangelists. Persons were led to make profession who never showed up for baptism. Others were baptized and have never been seen again in that church. What is the matter? God never called with that inward call of the Spirit that ALWAYS leads sinners to repent and trust Christ.

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have an abortion on demand. 75 percent do not think homosexuality is wrong and another 54 percent see no evil in adultery. Beloved, a corrupt tree brings forth corrupt fruit — look at the so-called entertainment ads in your daily newspaper, look at the stories and articles in the best selling magazines near the checkout cash register of your favorite food market, watch your television (if the precious Holy Spirit will allow you), remember the bitter battle over the literature which was "finding" its way into the school classroom and school libraries.

All this is simply — "nature" taking its course and I mean the natural man is now at liberty to fully express himself in the only language he has known since Adam's devastating fall in the garden. And the public at large not only enjoys all this perversion and sexual revolution, they are now demanding it.

At the calculated risk of getting some of the Lord's people up in arms in regards these daily mounting rotten shows on television, I am about to test the sanctification of many, via a question or two. I do not make reference to that judicial act of my Lord in sanctifying you and setting you apart for Himself, but rather that progressive sanctification spoken of in Psalm 119:9 where "a young man will cleanse his way by taking heed thereto according to the word." And Ephesians 5:26 where the Lord will cleanse His church "with the washing of water by the word."

Now brace yourselves, here comes the quiz. Do you make it a practice of watching the Phil Donahue show when you have the time? Do you spend any of your precious time watching the Soap Operas when you should be "redeeming the time, because the days are evil"? (Eph. 5:16). Do you find Archie Bunker to be amusing and entertaining? How do you feel about "Dallas", or after church do you watch The Love Boat?

Briefly, allow me just to skim the surface in regards this representative group of Satan's devices to keep the world in God's elect. Donahue is host of one of the most highly regarded shows on daytime television. He is a divorced, backslidden Catholic, now in "remission." He is a knight in shining armor to all the Woman's Lib contingent, the abortionist, the homosexual and practically all of the other perverse and offbeat characters which have come out of the woodwork — and seemingly from under some rocks in the last decade. He thrives on the exploitation of these controversial, and 90 percent of the time, ungodly masses.

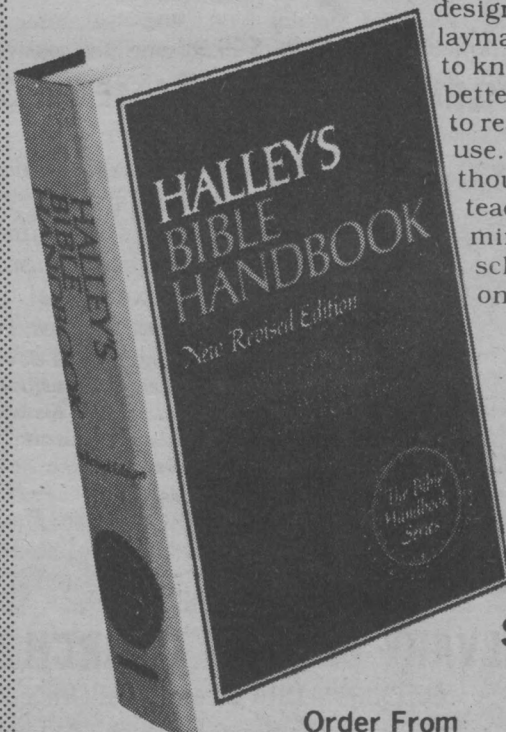
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"WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE RELIGIOUS WORLD TODAY"

SYDNEY, Australia (EP)--When two moral crusaders met, Mr. Fred Nile and Mr. Jerry Falwell, Mr. Nile summed up Mr. Falwell's first Australian visit as, "The passing visit that became an invasion." During the few days that Mr. Falwell was in Australia in May, demonstrations took place, in an unprecedented manner; tension ran high; incorrect statements clarified; and the word was preached, according to a report from Worldwide Photos Ltd.

When Mr. Falwell addressed the National Press Club in Canberra, May 21, demonstrators burst through the doorway, into the dining room, and even used a megaphone to present their views and objections. The demonstrators left when threatened with arrest. Another demonstration took place outside the Ryde Civic Centre, when he was to address a public rally, Sunday, May 23. The mob tried to intimidate those arriving for the rally, in the melee. Unfortunately, many of the public meetings were poorly attended, possibly in fear of such demonstrations.

Statements were cleared up regarding Mr. Falwell's "own personal 747 jet" (his work does own a Jet Commander - 8 seater); "fierce guard dogs" (he owns two small poodles and one, old spotted dog); and "a \$500,000 mansion" (he lives in the parsonage of his church - the Thomas Road Baptist Church, Lynchburg, Virginia -- valued at \$150,000). Referred to as the "Fred and Jerry Show," his time on the Fred Nile radio show left no doubt as to his "objections to communism," and his "love of freedom."

"The price of freedom is eternal vigilance," Falwell said. "There is no freedom in Russia!"

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NEW YORK (EP)--A leading evangelical official today denounced "quick fix evangelism" and warned Americans of all faiths to beware of high powered "Hucksters" of religion who "prey on people while claiming to pray for them." According to James M. Dunn, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, "simple, certain, black and white theologies are inadequate for life in the real world." Dr. Dunn spoke before Jewish community leaders from all parts of the country gathered at a session of the 69th annual National Commission meeting of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith here June 3-7.

Disassociating evangelicals, such as himself, from practitioners of what he called "the warmed over fundamentalism of the twenties," he pointed out that evangelicals comprise a diversity of religious, political and cultural beliefs and values that mirrors "the plurality of the nation." Dr. Dunn said that to cover all evangelicals with one label is a "massive misunderstanding" because they are neither all evangelists, conservatives, independents or fundamentalists.

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SOUTH BEND, Ind. (EP)--"God wants to work signs and wonders this weekend,"

Jack Brombach told 13,000 persons filling a basketball arena at the University of Notre Dame during the opening sessions of the May 28-30 National Conference on the Charismatic Renewal in the Catholic Church. "God wants to let us know He's alive. God wants to renew the face of the earth," said Brombach, a leader of the Servants of the Lord community, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and a member of the National Service Committee of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, the organization that sponsored the weekend conference.

Brombach pointed out that the advance registration for this conference was 11,000, nearly 3,000 more than the advance registration for last year's conference. It was announced that conference participants had come from Canada, England, France, Spain, South Africa, India, The Philippines, Australia and New Zealand. "I really believe God is renewing the renewal," Brombach said, adding that he thought this new blessing of the renewal was still only in its early stages.

The charismatic renewal began in the Catholic Church 15 years ago and it experienced a remarkable growth for the next 10 years. It then seemed to level off somewhat--until the present time. According to a 1980 Gallup Poll, there are some 6 to 7 million Catholics in the United States who identify themselves as charismatics or Pentecostals. Patti Gallagher Mansfield of New Orleans, Louisiana, was one of the participants in a February 17-19, 1967, retreat made by some Duquesne University students and teachers which is considered to mark the beginning of the Catholic charismatic renewal. She recalled the astonishing events of 15 years ago and said she believes "God is about a new and fresh outpouring" of the Holy Spirit with which the events in the last 15 years "won't even compare." She cautioned, however, that this would demand a penitential and humble attitude on the part of Christians.

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WASHINGTON (EP)--Thousands of churches and synagogues across the United States gave witness to their opposition to the nuclear arms buildup by observing "Choose Life: A Weekend of Worship and Witness" on May 28-31. Organizers estimate that as many as 10,000 to 14,000 worship services were held on "Peace Pentecost" and "Peace Sabbath," May 30, on the theme of ending the nuclear arms race. Events also took place in 17 nations around the world. Following the services, churches and synagogues held public Witnesses at local nuclear weapons facilities or other locations.

The religious witness pointed to the importance of the Second United Nations Special Session on Disarmament, which is also a focus for the growing movement against the nuclear arms race. On June 12, thousands were expected to gather in New York City, calling the nuclear nations to halt the escalation of the arms race. Similar to the Dutch churches' "Peace Sunday" observances, the events of Choose

Life Weekend, its initiators believe, will demonstrate the broad-based commitment in the religious community to work for peace.

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WASHINGTON (EP)--A petition signed by 15,804 American Christians was accepted May 13, 1982 by the Romanian Embassy in Washington, D.C. John Croteau, president of Christian Solidarity International/U.S.A. and Dr. Curtis Nims, Evangelism Center International executive board member, delivered the appeal which asked for the release of five imprisoned Romania Christians, according to East/West News Service.

Romanian citizens Klaus Wagner, Fibia Delapeta, Maria Delapeta, Dr. Silviu Cioata and Costel Georgescu were named in the petition. Wagner was arrested October 1, 1981 following the confiscation of 13,000 Bibles in Turnu Severin. He was sentenced to six years in prison at a December 17, 1981 trial. The Romanian court accused Wagner of leading a network which distributed 600,000 Bibles during a six year period. Resolutions by the Kentucky and Georgia state governments mention five Romanian Christians. Those resolutions call on President Reagan and the U.S. Congress not to renew Most Favored National trading status with Romania because of religious rights violations.

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TULSA, Okla. (EP)--The 37-year-old son of evangelist Oral Roberts was found shot to death in his car early June 9, an apparent suicide, investigators said. Osage County Sheriff George Wayman said Ronald Roberts was killed by a "self-inflicted wound to the heart with a .25-caliber pistol." Sheriff Wayman said officers searched Mr. Roberts' apartment and found a note that "didn't exactly say" he planned to commit suicide. "You just had to read between the lines," he said.

Mr. Roberts, a Tulsa antique dealer, was the oldest son of the television evangelist. His younger brother, Richard, often appears with the evangelist on the ministry's programs. Ronald Roberts was given a one-year deferred jail term in February after admitting he had illegally obtained a cough suppressant from a pharmacy. A judge ordered him to receive counseling at a drug treatment center and told him to provide 60 hours of community service.

Oral Roberts' oldest daughter, Rebecca Nash, died in a 1977-plane crash in Kansas that also killed her husband, Tulsa banker Marshall Nash, and five other persons.

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WILMORE, KY. (EP)--Keen disappointment characterized the Good News response to the report that the Committee on Investigation had determined that Bishop Melvin E. Wheatley of Denver had not violated the doctrinal standards nor the order and Discipline of the United Methodist Church in his statements and actions on the issue of homosexuality. Good News, the evangelical caucus within the United Methodist Church, added that while they hold no personal animosity toward Bishop Wheatley nor do they relish the negative publicity of a church trial, they are not convinced that the committee's conclusions or the bishop's position have support among the leaders of the

United Methodist Church.

The Western Jurisdiction Committee on Investigation meeting in Los Angeles May 20 and 21 in a preliminary hearing on the charges against Bishop Wheatley said it found no "reasonable grounds" for accusations against the bishop which would necessitate trial.

Good News responded, however, that United Methodist are "disillusioned and embarrassed that their church is unable to be clear in its stand on such a serious moral issue as homosexuality. Other mainline Protestant denominations have spoken clearly on this issue in the last three to four years--the United Presbyterian Church in 1978, the Episcopal Church in 1979, and the Disciples of Christ in 1979." All three of these major denominations have voted specific legislation prohibiting the ordination of practicing homosexual clergy.

Dr. David Hendrix, pastor of the three-point Waverly Hall Charge in Georgia brought his churches' charges in person and presented them face-to-face to Bishop Wheatley. They charged that the Bishop was "disseminating doctrine contrary to the established standards of doctrine of the church" with his statement that "... I clearly do not believe homosexuality is a sin."

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BURLINGAME, Calif. (EP)--Watergate figure Jeb Stuart Magruder has been approved as a pastor's assistant at the First Presbyterian Church of Burlingame.

Mr. J. Houston Hodges, administrator of the Presbytery of San Francisco, said the 48-year-old Mr. Magruder would prepare himself to be ordained while in his new position. The new pastor's assistant was the first aide to former President Richard M. Nixon to admit his part in the Watergate cover-up. In prison he became active in church affairs and wrote two books. One of them, an American Life: One Man's Road to Watergate, tells of his turn to Christianity.

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NASHVILLE (EP)--Not every retail store can claim that shoplifting its merchandise can bring good into the life of a thief, but a Baptist Book Store somewhere in the United States can now make such a claim. Recently a letter of confession, accompanied by five dollars, arrived at the Arlington (Texas) Mail Order Center.

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According to William S. Graham, director of the Sunday School Board's book store division, no one knows from which store the book was taken. "Learning of changed lives through events like this make all our efforts worthwhile," Graham said.

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It could be in English or in Spanish, or in languages with more exotic names unknown to most Americans, such as Car Nicobarese, spoken by people who live on the Nicobar Islands of the Indian Ocean, or maybe Olulugooli, the everyday language of a tribal people in Kenya. ABS passed another, much larger market in 1979--the distribution of its three billionth Scripture, which includes New Testaments, Portions and Selections as well as complete Bibles.

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NEW YORK (EP)--The 12 percent of American adults who have a high level of spiritual commitment tend both to be more satisfied with their lot in life, according to a new Gallup Poll survey, and have stronger family ties. What is more, these 19 million Americans are more likely to be tolerant of different races and religions, and more involved with bettering society adult population.

The findings were revealed by Gallup's president, George H. Gallup, Jr., in an address to the 166th annual meeting of the American Bible Society in New York.

Mr. Gallup offered both religious leaders and educators hope for the future. The vast majority of Americans, he said, want their children to have religious education, and wish their own beliefs were stronger. Furthermore, they want religion to play a greater role in people's lives in society as a whole.

In looking at Bible reading throughout the country, Mr. Gallup noted that over a half of American Protestants would still turn first to the Bible to test their own religious beliefs. It is the first authority for many, and most believe it to be the actual or inspired Word of God.

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clandestine "love" affairs. If such had any redeeming virtues, then the public wouldn't have any stomach for it.

Archie Bunker? If your liking is for a commode flushing, outhouse type of humor, replete and complete with profanity and vulgarisms, then have your fill with this one. Dallas? Well, it might be considered as having a touch more "class" than Bunker, in that the chief characters portray a more "monied" group in general. Everything which our Lord has revealed as a stench in His nostrils, via the word, is the norm here, sin is expected, accepted and is rampant. Take the ungodly and evil sequences out of Dallas and it would fold tomorrow.

Do you find the beautiful people and the titillating happenings on the Love Boat to be exciting to your senses? Here then is the nearest thing to a sea going house of ill fame that you will ever find. I was tempted to precede the word house with a five letter word from Revelation 17:1.

In deference to some decent and sensitive Baptist women who may read this I chose to forego such terminology, even though John made it crystal clear.

I recently fell heir to a television set which was placed in what I call my den. I was not averse to having it there as I

could personally use it judiciously for newscasts or an occasional golf or tennis match. At the end of a newscast the other night something followed which was called "Entertainment Tonight." I was naive enough to suppose that this might be innocent enough so I was not in a hurry to turn off the set. Believe me, if I knew that I was writing to a mature, all male group of readers, I still would not put in print what I saw and heard. It began as filth and was getting progressively worse until I turned it off.

There was a time when I must have been so backslidden I didn't know the difference, but I used to watch something called Hee Haw. At a glance one might think this show, albeit some useless foolishness, to be simply some innocuous, cornpone country humor. Following the trend of the times this mess has become a "bosoms and bottoms" spectacle with all the double entendre, sly and snide suggestive remarks and outright vulgarities.

Once more risking the charge of self-righteousness, I know that the Holy Spirit was grieved with that which I was indulging in. My brothers and sisters in the Lord, how is it with you? Can you feel at ease and have no compunctions about viewing the godless offerings on much of contemporary television? It is possible to ignore that inner voice until you finally have offended that precious Spirit of God — and He no longer speaks to your heart of these matters.

Do you recall that Hosea 4:17 makes a chilling statement: "Ephraim is joined to his idols: let him alone."

Or do you yet covet the highway of holiness, the strait gate and the narrow way, abstaining from all appearance of evil? May the Spirit of the living God make you, and me, hyper sensitive to our Lord's leading in all things!

"REVEREND"

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The only time reverend is mentioned in the Bible, it is mentioned with God's name in our text, Psalm 111:9. Keep God's titles in their right place.

—Allen H. Higginbotham

Roman Catholic villagers in Wiggersdorf Alsace, France, were certainly embarrassed recently when they learned that they had confessed their sins to a local inn-keeper instead of a priest.

The Roman Catholic flock, as is their custom, went to the local R. C. church and waited their turn to enter the confessional box in order to tell all to "father."

However, the "father" happened to be the inn-keeper, a notorious practical joker, who had slipped into the confessional box after the priest had left.

He was discovered when he imposed on one of his victims a penance to drink six tankards daily in his inn!

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—The Convert

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