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“The Coming of the Lord Draweth Nigh” — James 5:8

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Witnesses for Christ

By Evangelist C. E. Walstad

“For thou shalt be a witness unto all men of what thou has seen and heard.” (Acts 22:15)

As you read this entire chapter you are convinced that Paul had certainly been privileged to see and hear great things concerning the Lord Jesus Christ. On the day referred to in this passage, he made a discovery. It was more than a mental illumination. It went way beyond a strong impression upon his consciousness. It was nothing short of a revelation which produced a complete transformation of his life. Explain it psychologically or any way you will, it was the apostle’s testimony throughout a long lifetime that this experience was not an effect produced by the working of his own mind but by the glorified Christ making Himself known. In other words this was not something worked up from within but it was something revealed to him from without.

This revelation consisted of a vivid demonstration of the power and the glory of God with whom he had to deal. It brought to Paul the conviction for the first time in his life that with all his religious sincerity, he was sincerely wrong and deserving of eternal damnation. It showed him conclusively that his only hope of pardon was through the Divine Christ whom he had until now declared to be an impostor. Finally, it brought to the stubborn and proud Paul the experience of seeking the help of a humble Christian for spiritual enlightenment and direction. Read the whole fascinating and instructive story yourself in the first twenty verses of the ninth chapter of Acts.

This, then, is what Paul has seen and heard. The revelation brought with it such an inner conviction of its truth-

fulness and reality that stonings, beatings, slander, banishment from home and city, arguments of bribes could never move him and he finally sealed his faith with his life’s blood. To such a man came the commandment of our text. Note its content.

1. PERSONAL

“Thou shalt be.” It is the man who has personally experienced the power of the truths he is to speak that the Lord commissions to be a witness. It is firsthand knowledge of the truths of the Gospel that is required. Is this asking too much? Would a court of justice accept anything less? Would they be content to have you take the stand and witness of what some sharp lawyer had instructed you to say? Certainly not.

What leads you then to suppose that God will use the testimony of a man just because professors in a college or a seminary have taught him a system of theology which we call Christianity? Hear me college and theological students who contemplate entering the ministry: You may have the hands of the presbytery laid upon you, you may be ordained as a clergyman of the church but you’ll never be commissioned by the Lord Jesus as a witness for him until you have personally experienced the truths you are expected to preach.

2. CHRIST-CENTERED

“Thou shalt be His witness.” I understand this to mean that we are to bear our testimony about Christ. Though we have been entrusted with blessed experiences with Christ, our witness is to be about Him, not ourselves.

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We are to “show forth the virtues of Him who called us from darkness into His marvelous light.” Our experiences do have a part in our testimony as evidence of the practical application of the truths which we proclaim and as encouragement to others like ourselves to “*taste and see that the Lord is good.*”

To be His witness also means that we are to witness for his glory, not our own. Nowhere is pride, vanity, self-glorification and self-seeking as offensive as in a Christian witness. May the Holy Spirit root it out of the hearts of each of us.

3. IMPARTIAL

“My witness unto all men.”

Christ’s witnesses are to bring their message of the Gospel of Christ unto all whom they can in any wise reach. We are to proclaim it to those who are glad to hear our message and to those who curse us for it. We are to bring it to our countrymen and to every other race, color and nationality. To the rich in their mansions and to the poor in their hovels. To those in the sunset years of life and to youth in life’s golden morning.

We are to use every possible means at our disposal to get out the message. We who preach, may we bear witness about Christ from the pulpit. You who sing, proclaim it in song. To others, let it be by street meetings, distributing tracts, visiting the sick and shut-ins, writing letters. May all of us who truly know Christ the Savior be found bearing witness for him until he comes to call us home. This is His call and command to every true Christian.

Taken from “*The Lamplighter,*”
June, 1978.

When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

By Jacob Mast

When I survey the wondrous cross ...

This is the cross of death, the instrument of cruel death! On this cross the Lord Jesus suffered Himself to be nailed. He had at His disposal many legions of angels who would have instantly come to His rescue. No doubt they would have slain every blood-stained hand that dared to lift itself against their Creator. But even in such pain, He held them back by His powerful word and His great love.

On which the Prince of Glory died ...

This was no ordinary human. This was Almighty God. This was He who formed all things. This was the Prince of Heaven who had created man, but was now allowing man to slay Him. As those cold, hard nails were cruelly driven through His hands, He did not so much as speak a word or protest. It overwhelms us to see such love, but at the same time, it makes us fearful to disobey such a one's least command, lest we should feel the wrath of the Father who dearly loves him who died.

My richest gain I count but loss ...

Indeed, what can be compared with such? What is there on earth that is worthy to be thought of at the same time? It is but dung! Who could want to stay here on earth gaining filthy lucre when one can obtain such riches as those that are from above? O friends, let us hasten on our way; let us not pause to ponder upon this world and how to gain its riches. We have a higher calling than that.

And pour contempt on all my pride ...

Yes, contempt is what pride needs! Such love pleads that one would utterly loathe such an ugly thing – and not as in pouring cupfuls of water on a campfire, but rather as in taking a high pressure fire hose to a raging fire!

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast ...

Forbid it, Lord, that I should glory in any other. Forbid it, Lord, that I should think of my own righteousness. Forbid it that I should do anything, but wholly lean on Thee.

Save in the death of Christ, my Lord ...

Yes, indeed, of *that* I shall boast: that my God so loves me that He died in my place, that He, the perfect One, would suffer the sentence of my crime. Let us always be mindful of this. Let us not forget how the Judge took His own death sentence for us upon Himself, how He will-

ingly went to the gallows and hung there in our place. Let us not deceive ourselves; we richly deserve to suffer!

All the vain things that charm me most ...

What is it that charms us most? Is it our business? Our earthly dreams? Those things which we longingly hope to obtain? Is not even our life unworthy to be compared?

I sacrifice them to His blood ...

Yes, with glee I sacrifice my new car, my house, my bank account, fame, or approval of man. I willingly accept with joy the contempt of a scornful world. Oh, that we would rather eat bread and water and keep peace with Jesus, than abound in earthly treasure and be counted an enemy of His!

See from His head, His hands, His feet ...

Yes, gaze upon them and ponder much. Be amazed at the sight of them. Marvel at such patience. How the thorns did pierce this beautiful Rose! How He spills forth His blood, patiently suffering the buffetings of sinful man, patiently suffering the buffetings of my own hands! Such beauty there is to be seen there. Oh, that tongues were not so feeble and could do justice to it! Surely man did not know that he was buffeting Godor did he?

Sorrow and love flow mingled down ...

Yes, sorrow that man had fallen, sorrow that man had gone the way of devils, sorrow that He had lost that intimate fellowship with man, sorrow that man had gone his own way. Yet He demonstrates His great love by offering to buy man back, offering to make a new covenant with man. His love is an earnest longing for man to come back to Him. Are we not called to be His disciples? Is it not true that a disciple does that which he sees his Master doing? How should we then live so as not to grieve Him more?

Did e'er such love and sorrow meet ...

Was anyone else ever willing to suffer so? Was anyone else ever *able* to pay the cost of our sins? Could anyone bear such grief but Him alone? In spite of being offered the world, he chose to suffer. Do we truly follow Him?

Or thorns compose so rich a crown? ...

Surely man's hatred must have been great to so severely abuse and mock his King! Surely pride is a very

deadly poison if it would cause one to be so blind as to crown Him in such a cruel manner. Brethren, let us not deceive ourselves; that is self-righteousness in action. Let us ever be mindful of those things, and let us not return to doing such deeds.

Were the whole realm of nature mine ...

What words these are! This speaks of all we have, all our earthly things. What if we were able to gain the whole world? What if we were able to cause all things to become ours? Yet, even then

That were a present far too small ...

Indeed, even that gift would not suffice to bring before the King of Kings; it would yet be far too small. No amount of earthly treasure will do, no matter how vast. What little we do have is hardly worth being counted, yet we think at times that we are giving up a lot.

Love so amazing, so divine ...

Yes, this is no ordinary love – this is God’s amazing love! Perhaps one would dare to die for his friend or for a good man, but that one would die for His executioners ...

Demands my soul, my life, my ALL!

Yes, such love constrains me to give my all! It constrains me to despise my own life. Such love cannot be contained and must be returned, no matter how small it may seem in return. Such love must not be kept to oneself because it is altogether lovely and good. Such love makes me want to follow Him.

Taken from “*The Heartbeat of The Remnant*”,
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ALONE with GOD

*I met with God in the morning,
When all was dark and still,
And asked for strength and courage,
His love my heart to fill.*

*I spent some time before Him,
Bowed low upon my knee,
To thank Him for His mercy,*

And that He cares for me.

It seemed to calm my spirit

To be with Him alone.

Oh, what a place of blessing

Before His awesome throne!

I rose to face my duties,

My heart all free from care,

For I had dropped my worries

While kneeling down in prayer!

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World War 4

“I do not know how the third world war will be fought, but I can tell you what they will use in the fourth: rocks.”

Albert Einstein

Albert Einstein, a Jewish physicist, was instrumental in the design of the Atom bomb with his equation, E=MC² (Energy = Mass times the Speed of Light Squared). This brought an end to World War II. He was aghast that this had to be used against people, and even knew as early as 1939 that this would change war and peace forever.

Taken from *World War II*, June 2007

His words seem almost prophetic as we face even today the threat of nuclear armament from evil nations who want to rule the world.

Einstein and his constituents were Jewish refugees from Hungary, fleeing from the Nazi persecution. Isn’t it interesting that God would use a few of His chosen people to create world changing devices that might even be the very thing that will bring an end to this civilization and usher in the return of Jesus?

Editorial

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My Personal Letter To You

Dear 'Readers of the Morning Glory,

'That's good enough'! is an attitude of some folk, especially when it comes to the 'work of the Lord'! As you know, for the 'unsaved' ETERNITY is a distance away; BUT for a 'child of God, ETERNITY IS VERY REAL and HEAVEN seems even nearer in times of 'seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord'! Now, Christianity is a privilege of 'walking with the Lord' seven days a week and twenty-four hours a day; BUT as you know there are 'many' *who talk the talk, but fail to walk the walk!* Yes, they honor HIM with their lips, but their heart is far from Him! **Matthew 7:13-14 & Titus 1:16** - They Profess (even do 'miracles in his Name') but do not possess! Scripture clearly teaches that we each need to examine ourselves to see IF we are in a living relationship with **Jesus!**

Should we not also respectfully pause in this sixth month of the year, the half-way station of life in 2009 and take some time for reflection? Anyone performing half-heartedly here must be thought of as being careless, superficial ...yes, worst of all – disrespectful/carnal and thinks in their 'heart' that there must be plenty of time before the Lord comes! **"Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord."** **Romans 12:10-11.** **"Cursed is he who does the work of the LORD deceitfully, Jeremiah 48:10** – (Editor: lax, slackness), **Hebrews 5:10-12, Ecclesiastes 9:10, 10:18, Philippians 2:12-16 & Galatians 5:13-15.** (I know these verses are absolute, some convicting, motivating, encouraging, etc):AS the whole entire BIBLE is: **ABSOLUTE** – as it is God's GRACE! **"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."** 1 Corinthians 15:58. **ONLY** those who know Jesus Christ as their own personal SAVIOR can be/do anything that will please our LORD, *His Grace!* (Psalm 50:16, Ezekiel 44:9, 15-16 & Matthew 23).

Studious, industrious, ambitious young people stand in lines to receive certificates, diplomas and degrees, earned by years of learning. No computer can add up the sacrifices involved.

Wedding bells announce the miracle of marriage, wherein God makes two people one. Whether they are

saved or not, the institution of marriage is holy and binding 'till death do us part.' The Devil's arrows are sharpened and working overtime to sever those bonds, BUT **God's power/protection** is ever present to strengthen these bonds in deeper, purer affection and dedication through the years. (Ecclesiastes 4:12, Malachi 2:16).

Life is a 'gift' from the Lord and when a child is brought into this world it is a '*miracle*' and every '*miracle*' brought into this world will spend all eternity in either **Heaven or Hell!** As fathers are aware, the June calendar includes a "Father's Day," reminding us that every father should lift his eyes to the Heavenly Father to find the pattern for His children to humbly follow. (Psalm 127 & 128, Ephesians 6:1-4, Matthew 18:1-6, Ephesians 5:22-31 & 1 Peter 3:1-12).

Annual Church Conventions convene to do the Master's Business, at home and abroad. Monuments for accomplishments are not as important as **Altars of Prayer** for godly leaders and dedicated followers to seek and do HIS Will.

Faith Christian Ministries have concern for the possible summer slump, when the faithful few become the fewer, and the "many things" gain priority. Often summer schedules can change our priorities and I know 'Scripture' clearly teaches 'we' need periods when we are to come apart and '*rest awhile*'. The 'summer slump' is often true, however, for the Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation (Morning Glory) – testing days that should create trust: "Have faith in God!" We trust HE will see us through not only the summer; but by His Grace to 'occupy till HE comes' (and opens the door) or closes the door of opportunity in His Kingdom's Work! (This is also true of the part-time Field Representative of the Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation, as I ask for Guidance, Wisdom, Direction and Efficiency and **your prayer support**. Most certainly I want you to feel very free to contact me in regards to any ministries of the HLIF & MG and for Christian Fellowship. I will try to have a 'listening ear and an understanding heart!')

WHY NOT – seek to prayerfully add 'names' to the mailing list of the *Morning Glory*; maybe as a 'gift' for Graduations, Weddings, Father's Day, Anniversaries, Birthdays, etc. By the way, have you considered leaving the Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation

(Morning Glory) in your last Will and Testament?

Thank You So Much for your 'part' in keeping this portion of God's Kingdom World as a Beacon Light and Trumpet Bearer going in these Days of **Apostasy!** The LORD BLESS You! You are truly appreciated! Going On With HIM – **"Occupy 'til I come." THE LORD'S WORK IS A GREAT WORK! Nehemiah, chapters**

4 & 6 for an 'example'!

P. S. Remember 'Satan' never takes a vacation!

His because of Calvary,
Rod Stueland

THIS WE MAY KNOW

"Because he cleaves to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name. When he calls to me, I will answer him"
Psalm 91:14, 15.

A steadfast confidence is expressed here as the possession of a child of God. The Scriptures testify that one is pleasing to God only through Jesus Christ by faith. In this relationship of faith *"the Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God"* (Romans 8:16). Further assurance is expressed by John, *"He who believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself"* (1 John 5:10).

God has declared *"Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool"* (Isaiah 1:18). If I cannot believe this but continue to remain in uncertainty I make God a liar. It is the same as saying, "I cannot depend on what God has said. I really do not know if God is truthful."

Luther wrote: "If we doubt God's grace toward us we cannot accept with assurance that God is pleased with us for Christ's sake. Then we deny that Christ has redeemed us, and reject all he has wrought for us in the atonement of which he has made us beneficiaries."

*"He lives, all glory to his Name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
O the sweet joy this sentence gives,
I know that my Redeemer lives!"*
(Samuel Medley, 1775)

PRAYER: Make me more worthy, O Lord, to be counted a beneficiary of Christ's atoning sacrifice, for his name's sake. Amen.

Taken from *'Rosenius' Daily Meditations'*
by Carl O. Rosenius
Lutheran Colportage Service, Inc.

IF CHRIST HAD NOT RISEN – WHAT?

We shudder at the thought. Wishful thinking cannot satisfy. The Bible tells us in no uncertain terms. If Christ is not risen: Then our preaching is vain. Then your faith also is vain. Then you are yet in your sins. Then they are lost who died in Christ.

And then we (apostles) are found to be false witnesses of God. For we have testified of God that He raised up Christ. (1 Cor. 15:14-18)

But Christ is risen – now what?

Now we raise the paean of victory;

"O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Cor. 15:55-57)

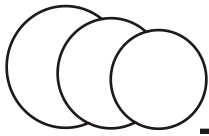
Ashamed of Jesus! That dear Friend
On whom my hopes of Heaven depend!
No; when I blush, be this my shame,
That I no more revere His name.

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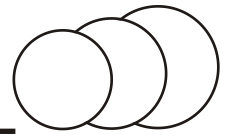
MY GUIDE

I know not the way I am going,
But well do I know my Guide!
With a childlike faith do I give my hand
To the mighty Friend by my side.
And the only thing that I say to Him
As He takes it, is, 'Hold it fast!
Suffer me not to lose the way,
And lead me home at last.'

Selected



From Our Fellowship Circle



C. B. **St. Paul, MN**
Enjoy your magazine so very much. Have been getting it for many years now. You are not afraid to speak out on certain issues. That's great!!!

I haven't been very faithful in sending checks for my subscription, but you keep sending me the magazine anyway. May God richly bless you for your kindness and thank you so much for what you do.

Enclosing a check for \$... God Bless!

Mrs. J. M. **Vancouver, B. C., Canada**
For many years my mother, has received the *Morning Glory*; a publication she treasured very much and used as a witness to those who visited her. She passed away on March 15, 2009, but we would like you to continue sending the *Morning Glory* to ...

We received \$... US Funds to give somewhere as a donation in memory of my Mother and could think of no better place than your organization. We are enclosing a money order for this amount but hope that you can send an acknowledgment of this memoriam gift and a tax receipt to the donor.

Thank you very much and may God continue to use you and bless you.

From Minnesota
Please stop sending your information. Mr. ... has been dead for a number of years now and we don't want this newsletter to come to our address anymore. We are Christians but don't believe the same way you do. God is good all the time – Thank you.

“The greatest threat facing most Bibles in America today is the buildup of dust and cobwebs on their unopened covers. Yet in most of the world, the Bible is a forbidden document, the possession of which is sufficient grounds for beating, imprisonment, or death. Soon we too will face the same contempt and persecution should we choose to read and live by its pages.” Ed Spurlin

Editor's Note: YES, most certainly **God is Good** and that is also TRUE when we don't understand His Ways for **GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME!**

By the way 'readers,' we would like to hear from you and IF you know JESUS as your personal Savior, think of the wonderful opportunity of sharing a brief 'testimony' of what Jesus is doing in your life with literally 'hundreds' of readers – *“Let the redeemed of the Lord say so”!* This is one such opportunity!!

A Disturbing Question

“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?”
Romans 8:35.

It is a common concern to believers that they fear the possibility of losing the precious treasure of eternal life. This fear is good and wholesome because it indicates that the gift has become precious and indispensable to the believer, at the same time that it shows a weakness of faith.

Yet, if I have only a cheap treasure, my fear of losing it is negligible. But if a treasure is of great value I am much concerned that it be kept in a secure place for safe keeping. He who never harbors fear of losing his treasure of salvation may not value it highly. It is a better sign to have a spirit of fear, and inclination to constant concern that no spiritual deception or danger shall deprive one of the priceless possession, the Pearl of greatest prize.

*“Oh let me feel thee near me,
The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
The tempting sounds I hear:
My foes are ever near me,
Around me and within; But, Jesus, draw thou nearer,
And shield my soul from sin.”*
(John Ernest Bode, 1868)

PRAYER: While I rejoice in the refuge offered me daily in Christ, O Lord, keep within my heart the wholesome concern that this priceless treasure never be lost. Amen.

Taken from *'Rosenius' Daily Meditations'*
by Carl O. Rosenius
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COLUMBINE – Father of murdered daughter speaks

On Thursday, Darrell Scott, the father of Rachel Scott, a victim of the Columbine High School shootings in Littleton, Colorado, was invited to address the House Judiciary Committee's subcommittee. What he said to our national leaders during this special session of Congress was painfully truthful.

They were not prepared for what he was to say, nor was it received well.

It needs to be heard by every parent, every teacher, every politician, every sociologist, every psychologist, and every so-called expert!

These courageous words spoken by Darrell Scott are powerful, penetrating and deeply personal. There is no doubt that God sent this man as a voice in the wilderness. The following is a portion of the transcript:

“Since the dawn of creation there has been both good and evil in the hearts of men and women. We all contain the seeds of kindness or the seeds of violence. The death of my wonderful daughter, Rachel Joy Scott, and the deaths of that heroic teacher, and the other eleven children who died must not be in vain. Their blood cries out for answers.

“The first recorded act of violence was when Cain slew his brother Abel out in the field. The villain was not the club he used. Neither was it the NCA, the National Club Association. The true killer was Cain, and the reason for the murder could only be found in Cain's heart.

“In the days that followed the Columbine tragedy, I was amazed at how quickly fingers began to be pointed at groups such as the NRA. I am not a member of the NRA. I am not a hunter. I do not even own a gun. I am not here to represent or defend the NRA – because I don't believe that they are responsible for my daughter's death. Therefore I do not believe that they need to be defended. If I believed they had anything to do with Rachel's murder I would be their strongest opponent.

“I am here today to declare that Columbine was not just a tragedy - it was a spiritual event that should be forcing us to look at where the real blame lies! Much of the blame lies here in this room. Much of the blame lies behind the pointing fingers of the accusers themselves. I wrote a poem just four nights ago that expresses my feelings best. This was written way before I knew I would be speaking here today.

*Your laws ignore our deepest needs,
Your words are empty air.*

*You've stripped away our heritage,
You've outlawed simple prayer.
Now gunshots fill our classrooms,
And precious children die.
You seek for answers everywhere,
And ask the question "Why?"
You regulate restrictive laws,
Through legislative creed.
And yet you fail to understand,
That God is what we need!*

“Men and women are three-part beings. We all consist of body, mind and spirit. When we refuse to acknowledge a third part of our make-up, we create a void that allows evil, prejudice, and hatred to rush in and wreak havoc. Spiritual presences were present within our educational systems for most of our nation's history. Many of our major colleges began as theological seminaries. This is a historical fact. What has happened to us as a nation? We have refused to honor God, and in so doing, we open the doors to hatred and violence. And when something as terrible as Columbine's tragedy occurs – politicians immediately look for a scapegoat such as the NRA. They immediately seek to pass more restrictive laws that contribute to erode away our personal and private liberties. We do not need more restrictive laws. Eric and Dylan would not have been stopped by metal detectors. No amount of gun laws can stop someone who spends months planning this type of massacre. The real villain lies within our own hearts.

“As my son Craig lay under that table in the school library and saw his two friends murdered before his very eyes, he did not hesitate to pray in school. I deny any law or politician to deny him that right! I challenge every young person in America, and around the world, to realize that on April 20, 1999, at Columbine High School prayer was brought back to our schools. Do not let the many prayers offered by those students be in vain.

“Dare to move into the new millennium with a sacred disregard for legislation that violates your God-given right to communicate with Him. To those of you who would point your finger at the NRA – I give to you a sincere challenge. Dare to examine your own heart before casting the first stone!

“My daughter's death will not be in vain! The young people of this country will not allow that to happen!”

Do what the media did not — let the nation hear this man's speech...God Bless

Believable ... Yet Unbelievable

Canada family leader: U.S. stimulus socialistic

Brian Rushfeldt, executive director of the Canada Family Action Coalition, says U.S. President Barack Obama's stimulus package is socialism that will lead the nation into poverty. Rushfeldt addressed the issue in an opened piece in City Light News, a Calgary Christian newspaper. Rushfeldt believes Obama's quick-fix ideology is doomed to fail because it puts the government in the position of great provider, enacting ever-increasing taxes on the workers to pay benefits to those who contribute nothing.

"If you kill the incentive for people to work hard and to be honest and to produce goods, then you end up driving that society basically into poverty," Rushfeldt said. "And we've seen that (happen) throughout history, when socialists attempt to try to make everybody equal. The government interferes and intervenes in all kinds of people's lives in every way, and the incentive and hope of ever getting ahead (or) being able to make something and be better off is killed."

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The Universe

The following is excerpted from 'The Complex Cosmos' by the late Henry Morris, Institute for Christian Research.

"He hath made the earth by His power, He hath established the world by His wisdom, and hath stretched out the heavens by His direction (Jeremiah 10:12). God's 'power' refers to the tremendous energy or force required to organize the complex systems and phisco-chemical processes which govern the earth. The 'wisdom' of God speaks of the skillful planning by which He set up the plant biosphere and the hydrologic systems to maintain it. His 'discretion' is the infinite intelligence necessary to spread out the infinite cosmos filled with innumerable stars and clusters of stars, all individually distinct from all others. The infinite, complex, highly energized universe could never in all eternity have evolved itself out of primeval chaotic nothingness, as evolutionists delude themselves into believing.

The universal law of entropy now operates in such a way in the universe as to dissipate its energy and disintegrate its complexity, as it heads downward towards chaos and death. It is absurd to think that the cosmos could have

'organized' itself by the same processes which are now 'disorganizing' it."

Friday Church news Notes via CN

Did You Know?

90% of Children between the ages of **8 and 16** have viewed pornography on the Internet.

Religious Tolerance

"The spiritual leader of the world's Orthodox Christians (Orthodox Greek Catholic church who split from the Roman Catholic church) prayed with Pope Benedict XVI in the Sistine Chapel and urged Roman Catholics and Orthodox to work together to combat fundamentalism and to promote religious tolerance. Benedict praised his guest, Patriarch Bartholomew I, on the occasion of an Orthodox leader's first service in the chapel, which is famous for its frescoes painted by Michelangelo. Bartholomew's participation in the Oct. 18 Vespers service and speech, in the chapel where the popes are elected, is a 'joyous experience of unity, perhaps not millennium-long schism between the two churches.'"

Vatican City – (AP) news release via
PRAYER MINISTRY NEWSLETTER,
Robert A. Kitt, Editor and Publisher.

Episcopal Divinity School Dean Gives Sermon Saying Abortion Is a "Blessing"

The new dean of the Episcopal Divinity School has given a sermon describing abortions as a "blessing" for the women who have them. The Rev. Katherine Hancock Ragsdale also thinks that the people who run abortion businesses are "heroes" and even "saints." Ragsdale, speaking in Birmingham, Alabama, said that "when a woman becomes pregnant within a loving, supportive, respectful relationship; has every option open to her; decides she does not wish to bear a child; and has access to a safe, affordable abortion, there is not a tragedy in sight – only blessing."

She goes on to say, "When a woman wants a child but can't afford one because she hasn't the education necessary for a sustainable job, or access to healthcare or day care or adequate food, it is the abysmal priorities of our nation, the lack of social supports, the absence of justice that are the tragedies; the abortion is a blessing." In her speech, she tells the audience, "These are the two things I

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want you, please, to remember – abortion is a blessing, and our work is not done. Let me hear you say it: abortion is a blessing, and our work is not done.”
LifeNews.com

Poll: More Americans now call themselves ‘pro-life’

The Gallup Poll reported that 51 percent of Americans now call themselves “pro-life” rather than “pro-choice” on the issue of abortion, the first time a majority gave that answer in the 15 years that Gallup has asked the question. The findings, obtained in an annual survey on values and beliefs conducted May 7-10, marked a significant shift from a year ago. A year ago, 50 percent said they supported a woman’s right to choose abortion and 44 percent opposed it -in the new poll, 42 percent said they were “pro-choice.” The findings echoed a recent survey by the Pew Research Center, which reported a sharp decline since last August in those saying abortion should be legal in all or most cases – from 54 to 46 percent.

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Rocket departs with payload on a Big Bang mission

PUERTO RICO A rocket carrying the largest space telescope ever has launched into space on a mission that European scientists hope will help unravel the mystery of the universe’s creation. The Ariane-5 rocket carried into space the Herschel telescope and the Planck spacecraft. The Herschel will study the formation of stars and galaxies, while the Planck will gather data on radiation from the Big Bang, the cosmological explosion that many believe formed the universe.

Editor’s Note: They could save themselves a lot of money if they would simply turn to Genesis 1 and find the truth they are looking for: God said “Let There Be” and Bang, there it was! This is the real “Big Bang” and it is no theory.

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Fossil Linking Man to Apes?

A discovery of a 47 million-year-old fossil primate that is said to be a human ancestor was announced and unveiled Tuesday [May 19] at a press conference in New York City.

Known as “Ida,” the nearly complete transitional fossil is 20 times older than most fossils that provide evidence for human evolution.

It shows characteristics from the very primitive non-human evolutionary line (prosimians, such as lemurs), but is more related to the human evolutionary line (anthropoids, such as monkeys, apes and humans), said Norwegian paleontologist Jørn Hurum of the University of Oslo Natural History Museum. However, she is not really an anthropoid either, he said.

The fossil, called *Darwinius Masillae* and said to be a female, provides the most complete understanding of the paleobiology of any primate so far discovered from the Eocene Epoch, Hurum said. An analysis of the fossil mammal is detailed Tuesday in the journal PLoS ONE.

“This is the first link to all humans ... truly a fossil that links world heritage,” Hurum said.

Here is some context for the age of the new primate fossil: Anatomically modern humans (*Homo sapiens*) first emerged about 200,000 years ago, but early humans such as *Australopithecus afarensis* and *Australopithecus anamensis* reach back 3 million to 4 million years ago or even earlier. Humans are thought to have split off from a group that includes chimpanzees and gorillas about 6 million years ago. And a group that includes all the great apes (including us) and Old World monkeys (called simians or anthropoids) diverged from New World monkeys in the Eocene, just after the time of Ida. So our primate roots reach back to this time.

Editor’s Note: Again, if they would simply turn to Genesis 1 and read the truth of man’s creation, “*So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him: male and female created he them.*” (Gen. 1:27). Mankind did not evolve from apes, but is divinely created in the image of God. It is blatantly obvious to even the novice of the dramatic difference between man and the animal world. How many apes do you know that are working on quantum mechanics? How many monkeys do you know that are working on computer controlled cars, along with alternate energy sources? This shows the folly of man without God.

Obama calls for ‘fair-minded’ abortion debate

The President is greeted by cheers, protests at University of Notre Dame

President Barack Obama strode head-on Sunday [May 17] into the stormy abortion debate and told graduates at America’s leading Roman Catholic university that both sides must stop demonizing one another.

Obama acknowledged that “no matter how much we want to fudge it ... the fact is that at some level, the views of the two camps are irreconcilable.” But he still implored

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the University of Notre Dame's graduating class and all in the U.S. to stop "reducing those with differing views to caricature. Open hearts. Open minds. Fair-minded words. It's a way of life that always has been the Notre Dame tradition."

One of the noisiest controversies of his young presidency flared after Obama, who supports abortion rights but says the procedure should be rare, was invited to speak at the school and receive an honorary degree. "I do not suggest that the debate surrounding abortion can or should go away," the President said.

The Rev. John Jenkins, Notre Dame's president, introduced Obama and praised the President for not being "someone who stops talking to those who disagree with him." Jenkins said too little attention has been paid to Obama's decision to speak at an institution that opposes his abortion policy.

At least 27 arrests ahead of speech

Ahead of Obama's speech, at least 27 people were arrested on trespassing charges from protests outside the university, police said. They included Norma McCorvey, the plaintiff identified as "Roe" in the 1973 Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion. She now opposes abortion and joined more than 300 anti-abortion demonstrators at the school's front gate.

More than half held signs, some declaring "Shame on Notre Dame" and "Stop Abortion Now" to express their anger over Notre Dame's invitation to Obama, saying the university had lost touch with its Catholic roots.

On campus, Obama entered the arena to thunderous applause and a standing ovation from many in the crowd of 12,000. But as the President began his commencement address, at least three protesters interrupted it. One yelled, "Stop killing our children."

The graduates responded by chanting "Yes we can", the slogan that became synonymous with Obama's presidential campaign. Obama seemed unfazed, saying Americans must be able to deal with things that make them "uncomfortable."

The President ceded no ground on abortion. But he said those on each side of the debate "can still agree that this is a heart-wrenching decision for any woman to make, with both moral and spiritual dimensions.

"So let's work together to reduce the number of women seeking abortions by reducing unintended pregnancies, and making adoption more available, and providing care and support for women who do carry their child to term."

'Sensible Conscience Clause'

He said he favored "a sensible conscience clause" that

would give anti-abortion health care providers the right to refuse to perform the procedure.

Before taking on the abortion issue, Obama told graduates they were part of a "generation that must find a path back to prosperity and decide how we respond to a global economy that left millions behind even before this crisis hit an economy where greed and short-term thinking were too often rewarded at the expense of fairness, and diligence, and an honest day's work."

Obama supports abortion rights but says the procedure should be rare. The Catholic Church and many other Christian denominations hold that abortion and the use of embryos for stem cell research amount to the destruction of human life and are morally wrong and should be banned by law.

The contrary argument holds that women have the right to terminate a pregnancy and that unused embryos created outside the womb for couples who cannot otherwise conceive should be available for stem cell research. Such research holds the promise of finding treatments for debilitating ailments.

Within weeks of taking office in January, Obama eased an executive order by President George W. Bush that limited research to a small number of stem-cell strains.

THE STRONG FENCE

We live in a day when anything short, simple, or sweet is looked upon with suspicion. It is the age of the gaudy, the sensational, the complicated. If it doesn't astound us, we don't want it. Unless it raises our eyebrows, it doesn't deserve our attention. In such a climate it is extremely easy for Christians to become oriented to expect and appreciate only "out of the ordinary" conversions and "super testimonies" of salvation from drugs, degradation, and crime ... There is a verse in Ecclesiastes which states that "*...whoso breaketh a hedge, a serpent shall bite him.*" It is an accurate word picture of what we can expect when we break barriers and fences that God has established. It is better to repair the hole in the hedge than to run around with snake-bite kits... God will always find workers to run the ambulance service at the bottom of the cliffs, but He needs fence-builders working at the top... We as parents must take a positive stand upon the Word We need to build and maintain a strong fence of family devotions.... We need the strong fence of Christian fellowship ... Let us pay more attention to the fences and not be guilty of glorying in sensational conversions. Our first task and our primary privilege is the building of fences, that our families and our children may serve God all of their lives.

Paul Walterman

Come Unto Me

By Townly (Toby) Knutson, Fargo, N.D.

“All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him. Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

(Matthew 11:27 – 30)

Today, let’s allow our memories to go back to when we were youngsters. Do you have memories of your Mother around supper time? Let me tell you how my Mother would call everyone in for supper. She would stand on the front porch as she would lovingly say, **Yoo-hoo!** COME and eat, supper is ready. **OH!** How we loved to come a running.

In our message today we will see that Jesus calls us as well, as He beckons us to **COME**.

We see here that to know the Heavenly Father we must come through His Son Jesus Christ and He will then reveal Him unto us. We have a blessed Bible verse found in which God the Father and God the Son know each other completely.

1) Do we always understand one another?

2) Isn’t it a wonderful truth that God the Father and God the Son have no misunderstandings?

As we look for peace and rest in this world, we must come to the only true source of peace and rest for our souls – Jesus Christ. Romans 5:1 tells us **“THEREFORE being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”** You see friends, that Jesus is the One and only source of peace and rest. Do you remember what the Bible tells us in John 14:6: “LET not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.” And also in 1 Timothy 2:5 where the Apostle Paul writes to his dear friend Timothy and to you and I today, “For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.”

Verse 28: - “Come” This **invitation** is like no other invitation that we have ever had.

1) Who should come?

a) Those that labour and are heavy laden. Is this a burden of physical labour and heavy loads or spiritual burdens? Certainly spiritual burdens are the most important but also we can be burdened physically and in other ways as well. I am sure all of us remember the world wide flood and that Noah spent 120 years building the Ark. Just before God sent the rains to flood the earth, listen to what the

Bible says in Genesis 7:1, “...come thou and all thy house into the ark ...” You see, when God calls us to come, it means that He is already present. Yes, Jesus wants us to *come* to Him, not ignore or walk away from Him. It is because of His love for each one of us that He calls us to come.

2) Do you think that Jesus cares about these burdens that each of us carry around from time to time?

a) Praise God, look at His offer to us, “...and I will give you rest.” YES, rest from the burden of sin and guilt.

b) Who will receive this rest that Jesus promises?

All who realize their burden of sin and want to be forgiven. Those groaning under the burden of guilt. Those sick of the burden of sin. When this realization comes to us and we repent of our sin, then we are prepared for the rest, pardon and peace offered by our Saviour. Let us remember the awful truth of sin. Romans 3:23 tells us, *“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God”* and Romans 6:23 tells us, *“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”*

Verse 28 – again – *“Come unto Me ...”*

Now we are prepared and we are invited to come into a personal relationship and fellowship with Jesus Christ and be forgiven of our sins and have the burden of guilt taken away. Praise God for He causes the burdens to roll away.

Do you remember the account of the Israelites wandering in the desert and there was a plague of serpents that were biting the people and they were dying? Let’s read from the Old Testament, Numbers 21:8-9: *“And the LORD said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live. And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived.”* This is a type of our Saviour being lifted high on the Cross of Calvary for you and I. If we look to Him, trusting in His promise of forgiveness, because we are bitten by sin, we shall be saved and the burden of sin shall be lifted. Then is the time of rejoicing because Jesus gives us rest for our souls.

Verse 29 – *“Take My yoke ...”*

For those who have yielded their lives to Jesus, we are invited to take His yoke. We are relieved of the drudgery yoke of sin. We have a new yoke – Christ’s yoke. Is this merely an exchange? No, no, this is the yoke of our Saviour and it is lined with love, mercy and grace. Jesus carries the burdens for us now, we are now yoked with Him for our good, our protection, yes, our rest. No longer are we servants of sin but can now victoriously live unto righteousness. We read in Romans 6:16: *“Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye*

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are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?"

Verse 29 – “learn of Me” Jesus wants us to know Him in a deeper and deeper way. How can this be? By reading His Word! Increase our faith by reading His Bible. Remember where faith comes from as Romans 10:17 tells us; “So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” Also, in 1 Timothy 2:15, “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the world of truth.”

Verse 29 – “and ye shall find rest unto your souls.” YES, it is **rest** that our souls desire. Where else but at the feet of Jesus can we find rest (Salvation) for our souls? There is no other true rest than the rest from Jesus Christ.

Friends, along with this rest, comes **peace**. True peace, the peace of God. The Apostle Paul wrote to the church at Philippi and to you and I with the verse in Philippians 4:7: “And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

Verse 30 – “For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.”

You see friends, when we are yoked up with Jesus the yoke is easy, for He has already paid the penalty for our sin. God will enable us to do the opportunities He provides for us in His Kingdom’s work

Praise God for His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Let us thank Him for our **rest** and **peace** and our **hope** of eternal life!

Do you know Him? If not, **come** to Him today with your burden of sin and you will find **rest** for your soul.

Let’s read verses 28-30 again: “Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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TWO TRUMPETS OF SILVER

(Numbers 10:1-10)

The Old Testament presents God as a God of order. Likewise the New Testament tells believers, “Let all things be done decently and in order” (1 Cor. 14:40). Therefore, it is important, in these days of disorder and indecency in the church, that God’s children heed His Word in every detail. In our text, God commanded Moses to make two trumpets of silver “for the calling of the assembly, and for the journeying of the camps” (vv. 1-2). Why did He require “two trumpets” and why made “of silver of a whole piece”? God spoke to Israel through the two trumpets, even as He speaks

to believers today through the Old and New Testaments, each with its particular purpose, but both necessary (vv. 3-9). Silver speaks of the purity of God’s Word. The fact that these trumpets were made “of a whole piece” symbolically reminds us that both Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, not the words of men (2 Pet. 1:19-21). The proper use of these trumpets brought blessing to the people of God by providing them with divine guidance and protection in a dangerous wilderness filled with enemies.

When we consider the wilderness experiences of the children of Israel and the use of the two silver trumpets, we note several major purposes that can be compressed into four words: walking, worshipping, warning and warring. God wanted His people to walk in His ways, to worship according to His will, to be warned concerning danger and to battle in His strength. The Lord knew that His chosen people would need to hear the warning trumpet often, just as we do today in these deceptive last days. Tomorrow we will note some practical applications of these important, God-given truths.

Walking, Worshipping, Warring, Warning

When God speaks, everyone should listen, especially His own. What God says is always right; His way is always best. The use of the two silver trumpets in our text allowed His people to know for certain when He wanted them to move or when they were to stop and rest. The Lord wanted them to assemble for worship and instruction – not according to their terms but in accordance with His will. The Israelites certainly needed to be warned of danger, and when waging battle against the enemy, they required God’s direction and support. One trumpet or both were to be blown at the right time and in the right manner – no exceptions. If the trumpets failed to be sounded or obeyed, the Israelites would suffer at the hands of their enemies.

Today, God speaks through His completed, infallible Word. As believers, we know that not all of the Bible is directed specifically to us, but every word of it is given for our learning (Rom. 15:40). Many times in the Old Testament Scriptures God used the word *trumpet* when, through His prophets, He warned about sin and backsliding and pleaded for his people to walk and worship in His ways (Isa. 58:1; Ezek. 33:1-7). When we read God’s Word today and notice how the Israelites treated and responded to His grace and mercy, we condemn their actions as shocking and inexcusable – and rightfully so. But why do so many even in our day rebuff God’s pleas to walk and worship according to the Scriptures? Why do so many refuse to warn the disobedient? Why do so many spiritual pacifists exist who will not earnestly contend for the faith? Remember, all believers one day will give an answer to God (1Cor. 3:10-15). MHR

What can wash away Sin?

For it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul. (Leviticus 17:11)

Sincere people today are trusting in many different things to forgive their sins. The Hindu, Buddhist and Moslem all have various ways to atone for their sins. Within the realm of Christianity some hope to have their sins forgiven by doing good works, getting baptized, observing the sacraments, going to church or keeping the commandments. God's plan for forgiveness from the very beginning, is very clear according to the Bible verse above. After Adam and Eve sinned and lost their innocence in the Garden of Eden, they tried to cover their nakedness with fig leaves. God gave them an object lesson right away and used animal hides or leather (Gen. 3:21) to cover them. Obviously some animals (most likely sheep) had to die, and the first blood was shed for sin. Immediately God gave them a promise of a coming Messiah one day (Gen. 3:15). Adam and Eve's two sons, Cain and Abel, were soon offering up sacrifices to God. Abel offered up a lamb as a blood sacrifice, which was acceptable to God. Cain offered God a bloodless sacrifice of fruit and vegetables and it was rejected. God had set a precedent as told in Hebrews 9:22, "without shedding of blood is no remission" (forgiveness of sin). Years later Abraham is found offering up sheep as a blood sacrifice (Gen. 22:13). By the time we get to Moses, God establishes the Passover involving the following instructions: A special lamb was to be sacrificed. It would be a male lamb without spot or blemish. It would be a year old, which is prime of life for a lamb. Its blood would be shed as a sacrifice, and the innocent would die for the guilty! That lamb would be a picture of someone who was yet to come. The Passover and the shed blood of lambs would continue for many years. After numerous centuries, Jesus Christ appeared on the scene, and John the Baptist proclaimed, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the son of the world" (John 1:29).

Jesus Christ would be like that Passover lamb as a male, without sin, dying in the prime of life (age 33) as the innocent dying for the guilty. For many years, the blood of sacrificial lambs had been shed by the thousands. Jesus

The LORD knows the manifold dangers of man's covetous nature, always seeking Things, Things, Things, early and late. For our own spiritual good we need to be in fellowship with people who "Watch and Pray", and less with those who "buy and pay."

would shed the final blood on the cross. Before He died, He spoke those last words, "It is finished" (John 19:30). By this he meant there's now no more need for animal sacrifices. The moment Jesus died, the thick veil back in the Jewish temple supernaturally tore in half and God made it clear there were to be no more animal sacrifices. The Jews continued to sacrifice lambs until Titus the Roman general permanently destroyed the temple. God had spoken. So what can cleanse us from our sins? Please carefully read the following Bible verses as they spell out the answer.

1 John 1:7 "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin"

Ephesians 1:7 "In whom (Jesus) we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins"

Romans 5:9 "Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him."

1 Peter 1:18-19 "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot"

Revelation 1:5 "Unto him (Jesus) that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood"

Apparently baptism or doing good deed has nothing to do with getting us to heaven. (Editor: After a child reaches the age of accountability – when a child is old enough to know what SIN is; that same child is old enough to consciously accept JESUS as his very own SAVIOR). That leaves us with one final question: How can we apply the shed blood of Christ to our own sins? The answer is by being born again (John 3:3, 7). This requires two things which are both connected to the shed blood of Christ. First of all we must be willing to repent of our sins. The Bible says, "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out" (Acts 3:19). Secondly we must put 100% of our faith in the blood sacrifice of Jesus on the cross to save us from hell and our sins. (Editor: A living faith is a gift from God – Ephesians 2:8-9, John 6:29, etc.). The Bible says "God hath set forth (Jesus) to be a propitiation (satisfactory payment) through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins" (Rom 3:25).

Taken from 'Faith for Life'

TRUE LOVE

It is said a celebrated rationalist preacher of France was once invited by an evangelical minister to preach in his pulpit on the text, "Thou shall love the Lord thy God with all thy heart," and "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets"

While standing in the pulpit, introducing his sermon, his brother minister – an earnest and spiritually-minded man – was praying to God for the salvation of his soul. In answer to his prayer, the strangest thing came to pass. The rationalist preacher became suddenly convicted of sin while trying to preach on this subject. The Spirit of God showed him that the one thing that even the Hebrew law demanded of all men was perfect love to God and perfect love to man. There and then he saw that he was destitute of this love and, filled with alarm and despair by the view he received of his own heart, he stopped in his sermon and with tears of earnestness besought the congregation to pray that he might seek and find through Jesus Christ that grace which alone could enable him to have this love of which his own natural heart was utterly destitute.

The spirit of selfishness, the love of self, of reputation, of ease and pleasure, of even our own religious merit and righteousness is the essence of human depravity, and in this begins the very first step of the work of grace and salvation.

A. B. Simpson

Glorious Newness In Jesus Christ

Some years ago (Ed. Many), housing authorities in Columbus, Georgia, built a large \$900,000 housing unit especially for families living in slum areas. The rents were set low, at prices ranging from \$10 to \$25 a month, according to the size of the dwelling unit. But many families refused to move in, not because they could not pay the low rentals, but because sanitation and convenience meant nothing to them. They actually preferred living in the squalor of their old surroundings. "What thanklessness and stupidity!" we exclaim.

We should remember, however, that highly educated and sophisticated Americans are often guilty of a far more serious error. Almighty God offers them happy, peace-blessed homes, households in which parents and children cherish one another, in which they can find consolation for every hour of grief, strength for every sadness. Many not only refuse God's bounty; they also ridicule it and choose the old surroundings of sin instead of the glorious newness in Jesus Christ. Selected.

The Ultimate Authority

All of us are aware of the crises which exist among today's youth. Every parent faces a staggering responsibility in seeking to lead his children as they grow to maturity in these confusing times. Theologian John Baille speaks of his own parents with words that need to be heard. "I cannot remember," he writes, "when my life seemed to be my own to do with as I pleased. From the very beginning its center was not in itself or in me, but outside itself and me. I never supposed that it was merely a case of my father's or mother's will being pitted against my will, still less of their power being pitted against my weakness. I knew they had a right to ask of me what they did – I knew that they desired it because it was already right. I understood that my parents were under the same constraint that they were so conscientiously transmitting to me; and I knew that the ultimate source of their authority, this constraint, was God."

Would that every parent who reads these words could hear such words spoken of them by their own children. We lead best by living before our children lives that reflect the spirit and love of Christ.

Wilbur E. Nelson

Up Date – TIME

Do you agree with me, especially after a certain 'age', that 'time' seems to go faster? One way you can leave an ongoing testimony in honor of your Savior is to leave the Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation (Morning Glory) in your 'Last Will and Testament'

Many years ago while I was a student in Bible School this statement stuck with me in regards to our 'parents': "It is better to give roses for the living than orchids for the dead." Isn't this also true in relationship of what we would like to 'give' to a Christian Ministry that we believe is true to the Holy Scriptures? A number of you dear supporters state that you would like to give more to this ministry; but keep in mind JESUS not only 'looks' at what you give; but HOW you give (*attitude*) and what has been entrusted to your stewardship. YES, any and all gifts are truly appreciated as 'many' drops fill the bucket! THEREFORE **give as the Lord leads** and may He Bless You Accordingly!

"Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you." (Luke 6:38)

Thank you for your generous giving and may the Lord add His blessing.

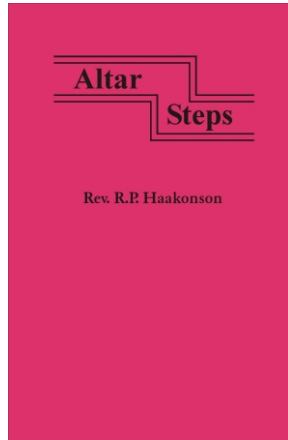
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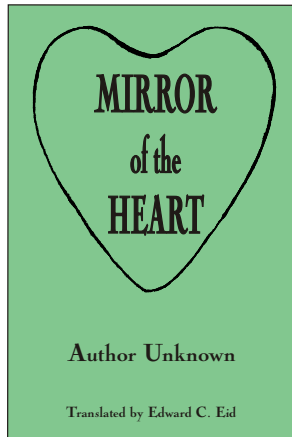
Altar Steps is Printed!

We have now re-printed the daily devotional, "Altar Steps" by R.P. Haakonson. This devotion is suitable for daily devotions with children. Most of the devotions contain a stanza or two of an applicable hymn. This work was first published in 1947 and is very evangelistic.

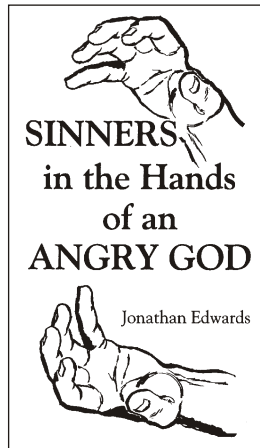
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Hauge Evangelistic Tent Services

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