



# Morning Glory

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

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## Who Taught The Birds?

**T**ell us a story, Uncle Edward!” chorused the children’s voices as they clustered around their uncle in that delicious dusk light hour before bedtime.

Uncle Edward having just returned from South America had wonderful stories to tell. He was quite a hero in the eyes of the children.

“I’ll tell you a snake story,” said the young man. “One beautiful morning, off I roamed as usual, with gun over shoulder and my lunch in my pocket, in search of game.

“After awhile, feeling rather tired and very hungry, I sat down on a fallen tree to rest.

“While seated there, my attention was attracted by the cries of a bird which was fluttering over a leafy spot, near her tiny nest. She was in great distress, and I could not help rising to see, if possible, the cause of her trouble. I soon found out. Creeping slowly along towards the tree was one of the most venomous snakes in South America, with its small glittering eyes fixed on the bird, and its forked tongue darting quickly out and in.

“Presently I saw a curious thing happen. The male bird flew quickly away. In a little while I saw him return with a small twig covered with leaves in his beak. Perching near the nest, he laid the twig carefully across it, covering his mate and her young. Then, taking his place on one of the top most branches of the tree, he seemed to grow quieter, and there awaited the approach of the enemy.

“By this time the snake had reached the spot. He twisted himself around the trunk and climbed up the tree. Then gliding along the branch, he came close to the nest

and lifted his venomous head, ready to dart upon the poor bird. His small glittering eyes watched the nest for a moment, and then...”

Uncle Edward paused.

“Oh, what, Uncle?” cried the children.

“...then suddenly throwing his head back, as if he had received some sudden blow, he turned around, made his way down the tree and disappeared in the long grass.

“I climbed up the tree and examined the little broken branch. I carried it home and told the whole story to a native friend, showing him the twig. I learned from him that it had been plucked by the bird off a bush which is poisonous to the snake and which he is never known to touch. The little helpless creature had used it as a shield of defense.”

Satan is called in Scripture “that old serpent.” He is intent on the destruction of men and women and boys and girls, helpless as birds against his attacks and his wiles.

But God has told us in His Word of a tree that is poison to our enemy, and is certain protection for us, old and young. I mean the cross of the Lord Jesus Christ. Christ “*Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree*” (1 Peter 2:24). By His stripes we are healed.”

Isn’t it wonderful that our gracious God should teach the bird about the tree where it may “help itself” to a healing branch? And is it less wonderful that He has provided the cross and the great salvation accomplished by our Lord Jesus Christ for us? No, it is the most remarkable fact in the universe that the Son of God “loved me and gave Himself for me” (Galatians 2:20), and that salvation is for “whosoever will.” Will you ask Jesus to come into your heart now and forgive you of your sins and save you?

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*“In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because God sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.” 1 John 4:9*

*“But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name.” John 1:12.*

Pilgrim Tract Society

### A Tear

One of our associate evangelists was preaching at a university. One young woman was especially antagonistic. After the lecture she came to him and said, “I don’t believe anything you said.”

He replied, “*I’m sorry that you don’t agree, but do you mind if I pray for you?*”

She answered; “...I guess it won’t do any harm.”

He bowed his head and began to pray. She stood looking straight ahead (until she noticed) tears were coming down his cheeks. When he opened his eyes, she herself was in tears. She said, “*No one in my entire life has ever shed a tear for me.*”

They sat on a bench and that woman accepted Christ as her Savior.

**Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.** 1 John 3:18

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## “Ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus”

Galatians 3:26

The fatherhood of God is common to all His children. Ah, Little-faith, you have often said, “O that I had the courage of Great-heart, that I could wield His sword and be as valiant as He! But, alas, I stumble at every straw, and a shadow makes me afraid.” Listen, Little-faith, Great-heart is God’s child, and you are God’s child too. Great-heart is not one bit more God’s child than you are. Peter and Paul, the highly-favored apostles, were of the family of the Most High. So are you also. The weak Christian is as much a child of God as the strong one. All the names are in the same family register. One may have more grace than another, but God, our heavenly Father, has the same tender heart toward all. One may do more mighty works and may bring more glory to his Father, but he whose name is the least in the Kingdom of heaven is as much the child of God as he who stands among the King’s mighty men. Let this cheer and comfort us when we draw near to God and say, “Our Father.” Yet, while we are comforted by knowing this, let us not rest contented with weak faith, but ask, like the apostles, to have it increased. However feeble our faith may be, if it is real faith in Christ, we will reach heaven at last. If, then, you would live to Christ’s glory and be happy in His service, seek to be filled with the spirit of adoption more completely, until perfect love cast out fear.

*Morning by Morning*, C. H. Spurgeon, Copyright © 1984 by Whitaker House.

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### No Wood — No Fire

*“Where no wood is, there the fire goeth out: so where there is no tale-bearer, the strife ceaseth.”* Proverbs 26:20.

The tongue ignites and the wood incites. But if there is no wood, the fire will go out. It seems that some churches keep large piles of wood to keep the fire burning. The need is not more wood but more water. As Barney Fife of Mayberry often said, “Nip it! Nip it! Nip it!”

It seems that Paul wrote more about strife than about other sins. Once he was concerned about two women who just could not get along.

*“I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntyche, that they be of the same mind in the Lord.”* Philippians 4:2.

Their strife was over non-scriptural issues, and it affected the whole church. The whole church and the whole community knew about it. It needed to be resolved so that fellowship could be restored.

It has been said that eighty percent of the people who leave church do so because of personality conflicts. One woman said, “My gift is criticizing.” Her pastor fully agreed. We need to learn that God can use people who disagree with us. Also, it is all right to debate, discuss and disagree but not to divide over non-scriptural issues. Learn to fight the good fight of faith instead of the bad fight of failure (II Timothy 4:7).

Dr. Bill Rice often said, “Good Christians are always reasonable.” Learn when to walk away. “*Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory*” (Phil. 2:3). “**Nothing**” means nada, zilch, zero, and “no thing.” We need to be more like the moon that just keeps shining even when the dog keeps barking at it. Many times the Lord was silent as a lamb and opened not His mouth.

You cannot regret unsaid words. When opposed, do the opposite. Both strife and unity are openly seen by others. “*Behold, (look), how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!*” (Psalm 133:1).

There is a difference between union and unity. You can tie the tails of two cats together to have union, but you won’t have unity. People do not care what you know until they know that you care. “*By this (love) shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another*” (John 13:35).

I often say that the greatest testimony is a changed and consistent Christian life. The world needs to see Christ, not conflicts. So let the fire of strife go out and then get rid of the woodpile. As Christians, “***Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven***” (Matthew 5:16).

So shun strife and seek serenity. Remember, where there is no wood there the fire goes out. And all of God’s people said, “**Amen!**”

I’d rather succeed than have my way and fail.

*A Word Fitly Spoken*, by Ted Camp,  
Silent Word Ministries.

### The Origin

The world we inhabit must have had an origin; that origin must have consisted in a cause; that cause must have been intelligent; that intelligence must have been supreme; and that supreme, which always was and is supreme, we know by the name of God. — Ivan Panin

# UNSOLICITED ADVICE

By Fred Willis

***Someone said: "Unsolicited advice is seldom heeded and often scorned," but the Bible says, "A wise man will hear, and will increase learning" Proverbs 1:5.***

## Coming Judgment

The Books of I and II Peter have a lot to say about past, present and future judgment. While there is no such thing as an evolutionary "big bang," there is a biblical "big bang."

***"But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat." II Peter 3:10***

This warning by Peter of future judgment needs to be heeded by every God-fearing Christian. We are two thousand years closer to this judgment than we were when Peter wrote about it. Peter spoke of scoffers who would deny the coming judgment of God.

He reminded them of the Flood in Noah's day that destroyed all but eight people. God is long-suffering and not willing that any should perish (vs. 9), but world-wide judgment will come. Peter reminds us that a thousand years is as one day to the Lord (vs. 8), so what if it has been two thousand years since the warning was issued? This is nothing to God.

Noah was a preacher of righteousness (2:5), but no one heeded his warning, and all were destroyed. Noah preached for many long years while the ark was being prepared and no one turned to the Lord. Talk about discouraging! The Devil can quickly discourage us when it comes to winning souls to Christ, but we must not quit.

I recently worked a five-hour shift at a soul-winning booth in Florida. It was a large state fair, and the weather was beautiful. On this particular day, literally thousands of people walked by the front of our booth.

## A Funeral Sermon

A man who hadn't lived the best kind of life died. At the funeral, the preacher gave a flowery description of the man, telling what a good husband and father he had been. Finally, the wife leaned over to her little boy and whispered, "Go up and see if that's your daddy in that coffin?"

The above is likely very much a 'joke'; but tragically the truth is found therein in many funeral sermons in our day!

My partner and I spoke to hundreds of these people, and many took gospel tracts, but only one person stopped and prayed to get saved. However, on another day with far fewer people passing by our booth, we led fourteen people to the Lord in four hours. So do not let the slow, discouraging time stop you from witnessing to people.

We live in perilous, dangerous days. We need to be warning everyone of judgment to come, but there are peace and safety in Jesus Christ. Jesus spoke of wars and nations in conflict before the end of this age, and surely we are seeing such.

As I write, President Trump and Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu are live on television in a news special. The subject of intercontinental ballistic missiles is being discussed. This is a very real threat to the entire world but especially to the Jews of Israel.

Peter gave further illustration of the sure judgment of God by using Sodom and Gomorrah as an example (vs. 6). These cities were completely destroyed because of their extreme wickedness. Even when some angels sinned, they were cast down to Hell and delivered into chains of darkness to await judgment (vs. 4). Judgments of the future are as sure to come as those of the past.

As a people and a nation, Israel and the Jews have probably suffered the judgment of God more than anyone else has. It is because of their privileged position and rebellion against God that they have suffered so greatly.

Chosen of God to be a peculiar people unto Him, they have repeatedly failed in their calling; but God isn't through with them yet. The full fury of the Lord is yet to be poured out on the Gentile nations for their ill treatment of the Jews, and the nation of Israel will be spared.

And then there is the final judgment, the Great White Throne Judgment. The scope and magnitude of this is almost beyond comprehension. Multiplied billions of people will stand before the Lord to give account of themselves. The books will be opened. Works will be judged. Souls will be cast into the lake of fire (Rev. 20:11-15).

Have you prepared your heart and life to escape this eternal tragedy? Turn to Jesus, accept His blood-bought salvation, and never worry about the lake of fire. He paid the full penalty for your sins and wants to save your soul this very minute.

Sword of the Lord.

*Editor's Note:* ALL life has to be fed/nourished to survive! Did you get the point?

# Editorial

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## TEMPTATION

*“Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. Let no one say when he is tempted, ‘I am tempted by God’; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone.”*

*(James 1:12-13)*

**IN God’s Infinite LOVE** we are told very clearly: *“But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added to you”* Matthew 6:33.

MANY a person looks upon temptation as a *sport or entertainment*, thus many a person do not take **temptation Seriously enough**, because yielding to temptation results in SINNING, and sin always separates from GOD! OH naturally, as a whole, this is not expressed ‘up-front’; but seemingly concealed in the self-life – the flesh! The Thinking is: “You know everybody sins, and sinning just a little won’t hurt as we are all sinners. But please read now again the entire first chapter of James and notice it is especially addressed to the *‘brethren’*, although the entire Bible is intended for both the lost sinner and the saved sinner.

**With ABSOLUTE clarity, GOD DOES NOT TEMPT US!** But HE permits us to be tempted for our own benefit! Yes, we pray in what we call the ‘Lord’s Prayer’: “Lead us not into temptation”. What are we actually praying? I will try to answer that according to God’s Eternal Word and then also with the way Martin Luther stated: “Doctrine is just the explanation of a fact!”

As already mentioned everybody is ‘empted’ and being tempted is not a SIN, but yielding to temptation is SIN.

Martin Luther used a very good illustration: “You can not keep a bird from flying over your head, but you can keep the bird from nesting in your hair”.

We pray in the Lord’s Prayer: *“And lead us not into temptation.”* Luther asks the question, *“What does this mean?”*

“God indeed tempts no one to sin; but we pray in this petition that God would so guard and preserve us, that the devil, the world, and our own flesh, may not deceive us, nor lead us into error and unbelief, despair, and other great and shameful sins; but that, when so tempted, we may finally prevail and gain the victory.” Taken from Luther’s Small Catechism Explained.

Simply put, temptation is an invitation/opportunity that invites us to SIN, and God **permits** us to be tempted in order that we may see IF we have a true living faith, love and patience/perseverance.

BECAUSE our HOLY **GOD** has a wholesome/pure JEALOUSY over His children.

The Bible states “Fear not,” and yet it also says “fear,” – now which does it mean? The answer is both!

Fear is a twofold word. It refers to an emotion marked by dread and anxious concern. But it also means reverence and awe. This latter motivates us to want to serve and obey God out of LOVE; which we speak of as “child-like fear.” There is also a slavish-fear which everyone outside of JESUS Christ should possess. When we possess the child-like “fear” mentioned, we don’t cringe before Him like a guilty prisoner robbed of freedom by a ruthless dictator. This fear causes us to treat God with respect, love and trust. *“And now, Israel what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments of the LORD and His statutes which He command you to do your good.”* Deuteronomy 10:12-13.

**“As the Father hath loved Me, so have I loved you.”** John 15:9

*“Jesus answered and said to him ‘if anyone loves Me, he will keep My word and My Father will love him and we will come to him and make Our home with him. He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the world which you is not Mine but the Father’s who sent Me.”* *“He who has My commandments and keeps them it is he who loved Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.”* John 14:23-24, 21

Now Jesus in agape/divine LOVE tells us: If you look at a woman and lust after her – this is sin. *“But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has*

*already committed adultery with her in his heart.”* Matthew 5:28. Of course to lust from the opposite sex, is also sin. It is not wrong to be ‘good-looking’, but you must be modestly dressed. A male can look at a woman and there be no sin, but when he “lusts” after her, then he is pursuing/following the ‘attraction’. That’s one reason a Christian has NO place at a dance hall, and the opposite is TRUE also: a female lusting after a male. I wonder how many professing-Christian females realize by their lack of modesty in dress that they are **causing males** to lust into sin?

Because God loves you and me so much He chastens us. Chastening is not punishment; but permitted with the benefit of our future from HIS Heart. Chastening is correction. NOW human promises are not the same as actually doing!

WE live in an age/generation of where we are often too busy! **Too busy** to read daily Scripture and prayer! Too **busy** to testify/witness to the worldly people who are directly on the road to Hell! Too busy to seek out Christian Fellowship! No doubt, some of you dear *Morning Glory* readers are not going to like what I just stated; but it is the truth stated in love! THIS is “HITTING THE NAIL ON THE HEAD.” Now remember, human promises are not necessarily the same as doing! Notice what our Almighty, Sovereign GOD says: **“But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly.”** Luke 21:34. Notice – “cares of this life.” This is even for those of us who are in our elderly years of this earthly journey! God *commands* us for our benefit: “... **not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and ‘so much the more as you see the Day approaching.**” Hebrews 10:25

JESUS tells us that HE loves the members of His beloved family with this admonition: “I have loved thee with an everlasting love.” This Agape (LOVE) is unconditional, as He loves you and me when we are supposedly good and also when we are bad. HIS love to us is a stream whose source is hidden in Eternity. God the Father loves Jesus without any change. Christian, receive this for your comfort, that there is no change in Jesus Christ’s love to those who rest in Him AND HE even loves the LOST world (individuals) until their last foot is in the ‘grave.’

NEVER forget that **“He loved us and gave himself for**

**us.”** (Gal. 2:20)

HE does not vary in His affection. He may change in is display of affection, but the affection itself is still the same, yesterday, today, and forever!

What God permits God ALWAYS provides a way of escape. When temptation comes, do what Jesus did! Jesus didn’t argue with Satan, Jesus didn’t debate or dialog with him Jesus didn’t rationalize. Instead He replied, “It is written...” Jesus responded to the enemy’s temptation with the simple but strong TRUTH of God’s Word – the Scripture.

***Most certainly apply the BLOOD of Jesus in your ‘defense/covering’!***

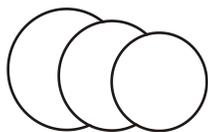
You and I are to NO authority in our own self; IF you defend yourself, sooner or later you will definitely yield to temptation and SIN. Ephesians 6:17, James 4:1 – 10, (v.7) **“Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.” Especially as you by faith apply the Blood covering/cleansing of JESUS CHRIST!**

Along with the temptation(s) that God permits to come our way; HE also provides a way of ESCAPE: “Therefore let him who thinks he sands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.” I Corinthians 10:12-13. THUS in order to experience **victory** over temptation, we are dependent upon the Holy Spirit and His Word!

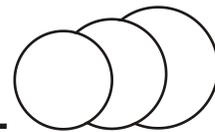
Do you know that the same power that raised Jesus Christ from the grave/death is available to you and me today? The moment we receive Jesus (personally) as our Savior, the Holy Spirit comes into our hearts and lives:

**“And what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places”** Ephesians 1:19-20.

**WHAT A DAY THAT WILL BE,  
WHEN MY JESUS I SHALL SEE!  
WHEN I LOOK UPON HIS FACE  
THE ONE YOU SAVED ME BY HIS GRACE!**



# From Our Fellowship Circle



**T. S.**

**Kasson, MN**

*The call comes ringing over the restless waves: "Send the Light."*

I thank *Morning Glory* for doing that!

Hope this finds you in good health and Happy in the LORD.

(*Editor*: Occasionally we do hear from a fellow-pilgrim that lives in Spain; as an example).

**C. & B. S.**

**Newfolden, MN**

How are you and your good wife doing? ...

Should you write about 'false teaching' and who are false teachers? Am I a false teacher?

I didn't make sure my children knew the Commandments! For one thing, is a Pastor who marries two men a false teacher etc.? Or Doctors who perform abortions? Or one who marries divorced folk; while the former mate is still living?

**A. & K. T.**

**Livingston, NJ**

Enclosed please find a gift for \$... May the Lord make *Morning Glory* to continue for a long time. It is a great blessing to us!

**J. & G. Y.**

**Webster, SD**

We enjoy receiving your magazine, for it has good Christian articles to read which we enjoy reading.

We're enclosing a gift to help your ministry.

May God bless you immensely as you do His Work.

**Pastor R. R.**

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In the March, 2017 Morning Glory the question is asked: "Can we hear from you?" and my answer is YES.

There is none other like it! *Morning Glory!* It is one of a kind! Just keep it that way!

*I am not* a Christian Magazine Evaluator. I am an 86 year old, now visitation Pastor. A Parish Pastor until age of eighty-four and a half.

Thanks for all the wonderful printed articles emulating from God's Holy Inspired, Inerrant Word, the BIBLE, Amen.

I am enclosing a check for \$...

## STAND

**Stand therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness.** Ephesians 6:14.

THE clothes that a sinner receives by faith in Jesus must be fastened about the loins with truth. IF a Christian loses that belt, he also loses the robe of righteousness that he got from Christ. Falsity in heart, life, and word toward God or men is one of the great dangers that always lurks about us. Many have fallen by the way, and have had to stand naked before God, because they lost the belt of truth.

To sin is not the same as to live in falsehood. David sinned, Peter sinned but they did not lose the belt. They confessed their sins before God, and saved the belt of truth. Saul sinned, Judas sinned, Ananias and Sapphira sinned, but they threw the belt away and were lost. Grace saves and cleanses from all sin, but it cannot dwell in a heart that lives in falsehood. Just as certain as it is that we may draw near with boldness unto the throne of grace, just so certain is it also that we must come with a true heart.

He who hides his iniquities does not prosper, but he who confesses them finds mercy.

He who is the father of lies walks about desiring to steal the precious belt away from us. Blessed is he who watches, fights, and makes sacrifices in order to live in the truth. He shall never lose either the belt of truth or the breastplate of righteousness.

*Let all your lamps be bright,  
And trim the golden flame;  
Gird up your loins, as in His sight,  
For awful is His name.*

*Thy Kingdom Come*, by Ludvig Hope, 1939 –  
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It is not mine to amend or adapt the Gospel.  
What! Shall we attempt to improve upon what God has revealed? The infinitely Wise – is He to be corrected by creatures of a day?  
Is the infallible revelation of the infallible Jehovah to be shaped, moderated and toned down to the fashions and fancies of the hour?  
God forgive us if we have either altered His Word unwittingly; wittingly we have not done so, nor will we.  
Charles Spurgeon

# Believable ...Yet Unbelievable

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## NFL Now Has Homosexual Ad

The ad “Fans of Love/Love Has No Labels” relies on the kiss cam at the January 29 Pro Bowl to show various couples kissing each other or hugging, including two homosexual men and two lesbian women. The ad also posts screen graphics informing people that “love has no gender,” among other slogans.

WND.com

## Wedding Costs

In a front-page, “Snapshot,” USA Today reported (March 13, 2017) that the average cost of a wedding in the USA in 2016 was \$35,329. The numbers are based on a survey of 13,000 couples done by the Knot 2016 Real Weddings. And that doesn’t include the honeymoon!

A lot of people are skipping weddings entirely (no marriage). We know that is not right, but neither is it reasonable to spend tens of thousands for a wedding.

SWORD PRESS SERVICE

## Court Decides to Censure, Not Remove, Anti-Gay Marriage Judge

A small town judge who says her religious beliefs prevent her from presiding over same-sex marriages was publicly censured (March 7) by the Wyoming Supreme Court.

But while the court said her conduct undermines the integrity of the judicial system, (it also said her conduct) does not warrant her removal from the bench. In a 3-2 decision, Justice Kate Fox wrote that Judge Ruth Neely violated judicial conduct code, but removing, Neely would “unnecessarily circumscribe protected expression.”

“Judge Neely shall either perform no marriage ceremonies, or she shall perform marriage ceremonies regardless of the couples’ sexual orientation” Fox wrote...

...The dissenting justices argued that Neely didn’t violate any judicial conduct code. “Wyoming law does not require any judge or magistrate to perform any particular marriage, and couples seeking to be married have no right to insist on a particular official as the officiant of their wedding,” Justice Keith Kautz wrote in the dissent that was joined by Justice Michael K Davis.

—gopusa.com

## Disney Now Has Cartoon Showing Homosexuals Kissing

The popular children’s entertainment company Disney aired its first-ever same-sex kissing scene on (February 28) during a broadcast of its television cartoon Star vs the Forces of Evil, raising concerns from Christian and family groups who are calling upon parents to kiss Disney goodbye...

Homosexual advocacy groups cheered the inclusion, stating, “We’re getting there, one kiss at a time.”

...However, others expressed concern, stating that Disney should not be pushing the homosexual agenda on children.

“This is the last place parents would expect their children to be confronted with content regarding sexual orientation,” One Million Moms wrote on their website...

Christiannews.net

*Editor’s Note:* Homosexuality is definitely anti-biblical and anti-family: thus parents should not allow their children’s friends to watch such activities! (NOT good for any age to watch).

## UK, Australia Won’t Fund Free Abortions After Trump Defunds International Planned Parenthood.

The United Kingdom and Australia did not give money to a new global abortion fund (early March), despite intense pressure from abortion activists worldwide.

The new “She Decides” abortion fund comes in reaction to U.S. President Donald Trump’s executive order prohibiting American tax-payer funding to groups that promote or perform abortions overseas.

USA Today reports representatives from more than 45 countries attended a meeting about the new abortion fund on (March 2) in Brussels, Belgium. About a dozen countries and several private donors pledged money totaling 181 million euros (about \$190 million), according to the report.

While the UK and Australia sent representatives to the meeting neither country promised money.

LifeNews.com

Sword of the Lord’s EDITOR COMMENTS: The Associated Press reported that “The Bill & Melinda

Gates Foundation (gave) a sum of \$20 million... Another anonymous U.S. donor pledged \$50 million... Canada, Finland and Sweden each promised \$20 million, while Belgium, Denmark, the Netherlands, and Norway dedicated \$10 million each to the abortion fund... Other countries also pledged small amounts."

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**And if Christ hath not been raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.**

**I Corinthians 15:17**

THE fight that Jesus stepped into is not only a meeting with Satan and sin, but also a battle between life and death. No one can vanquish death who has not first conquered sin.

There is therefore an organic connection between the value of the death of Christ and His bodily resurrection. If the death of Jesus is only a revelation of God's love, then His grave is not empty. But if He took sin away by His sacrifice, if He blotted out the bond written in ordinances that was against us, if God made peace by the blood of His cross, and if He entered in once for all into the holy place and obtained eternal redemption, then Jesus is risen from the grave.

This is in complete harmony with the Word of God. **"If Christ hath not been raised, ye are yet in your sins,"** we read. "Then they also that are fallen asleep in Christ have perished."

One cannot separate the atoning death of Jesus from His bodily resurrection. The rationalist has no Atoner and therefore no empty grave, but the Bible and the Christian faith have both.

The rationalist sees an original cell that came into being somewhere, and then through millions of years gradually has been changed and developed to higher and still higher forms of life. The Christian sees a new creature, he sees a new face step forth in Christ who took sin away, and thereby obtained power over death. Apart from Him everything moves toward a grave: in Him are resurrection and life. He who finds Him has found the way out from sin and death. Eternal life is in the risen Christ.

*Jesus lives! I know full well,  
Naught from me His love shall sever;  
Life, nor death, nor powers of hell,  
Part me now from Christ forever.  
God will be a sure defense:  
This shall be my confidence.*

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## A Lesson for ALL

A woman came to me after having walked fifteen miles and said she wished for a New Testament. I said to her, "My good woman, there is not a copy to be had."

"What! Must I return empty-handed?"

"I fear you must."

"Oh," she said, "I borrowed a copy once, but the owner came and took it away. Now I sit with my family sorrowful because we have no Book to talk to us.

"Now we are far from anyone else. We are living at a cattle outpost with no one to teach us but the Book. Oh, go and try to find a Book!

"Oh, my elder brother, do go and try to find a Book for me! Surely there is one to be found. Do not let me go back empty-handed."

I felt deeply for her, for she spoke so earnestly. I said, "Wait a little, and I will see what I can do."

I searched here and there. At last I found a copy and brought it to the good woman. Oh if you could have seen how her eyes brightened, how she clasped my hands and kissed them over and over again!

Away she went with the Book, rejoicing, with a heart overflowing with gratitude.

Robert Moffat, missionary to Africa,  
Sword of the Lord.

*Editor's Note:* According to my convictions based on God's Eternal Word (Book), the BIBLE, there likely is a coming again of a famine for the Word of God. Many today say that this can't happen in the United States of America or Canada, etc.

Scripture talks about 'adulterating' the Word of God, which means mixing it with inferior substance and watering down; which is happening at this very moment!

How many sermons must a person hear before you hear anything about godly-repentance – Salvation – sin mentioned by name – or that there is Salvation for sinners in many different religions – which is Salvation without the BLOOD-ATONEMENT OF JESUS?

### FAITH

"Faith is not only a noun but an action word. On the earthly side faith is not about everything turning out OK, but how things turn out as a result of God's Work. On the heavenly side, faith is a gift from God which we respond to as He provides the ability. We always look unto JESUS as the Author and Finisher (Captain) of our Salvation.

**Romans 10:17, Hebrews 11:1, 6.**

## They Who Stood Alone With God

By Gordon Junk

Probably one of the main reasons why we like to be like the crowd is that we are not men of deep conviction. Occasionally we see an individual coming into a place where he is prepared to receive a broadside of criticism and abuse. That man is one who is held by powerful convictions.

Men who have made a great mark for God in the world have generally been those who have had to stand alone. Many leaders had to stand alone with God during their entire lifetimes.

Moses was a classic example of this. Few of his fellows understood him, and he was often misunderstood and misjudged. His course was a lonely one. At times he had to depend utterly on God for vindication because of the jealousy of his most immediate associates.

Abraham was another who had to walk a lonely pathway if he was to become the father of the faithful.

It is less difficult, somehow, if there are others to share an experience with us; but walk alone is not easy.

Think of David and his lonely vigil with the Lord, awaiting the crowning day in the kingdom. Even though anointed by the Holy Spirit, he had to flee from that jealous monster, Saul.

Who could be more alone with God than Jeremiah, who had to endure the utmost rigors of suffering and persecution in order to be faithful to the commission given him from on high?

The names of these men are famous to us now, but at the time the persecution was no romantic experience for them.

What romance was there in the prison of Pharaoh where Joseph was held? He could have sympathized with himself; that he was the most oppressed man in creation; but he didn't. He stood in that trying situation as a true witness – alone with God. He knew that God understood and was with him. That was enough.

George Müller has left a great testimony to the world as to what God can do through a man who fully trusts Him. But his was a life that no other man could share fully with him. He had to stand in the sanctuary alone with God.

We could continue the list of worthy souls. Livingstone was alone with God in Africa, Hudson Taylor likewise in China, and Judson in Burma (Ed. John Huss, Martin Luther, Hans Neilsen Hauge). Had these men not gone through this experience, there would have been no record to thrill us today.

Perhaps the loneliest man who ever walked this earth was the Lord Jesus Himself. His was not a tempo-

rary loneliness. He had to go to death and on the cross to endure an experience that none of us will ever be able to undergo. He endured spiritual death, for He was cut off from God, His Father...

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**“Give me one hundred men who fear nothing but sin and desire nothing but God, and I care not whether they be clergyman or laymen, they alone will shake the gates of Hell and set up the Kingdom of Heaven upon the earth.”** — John Wesley

Relevance for GOD and hatred for sin (1 Corinthians 13:6) must truly encourage boldness; as courage must indeed be the starting place. As C. S. Lewis noted: “Courage is not simply one of the virtues but the form of every virtue at the testing point...”

According to the BIBLE in the book of ACTS (not book of resolutions) only twelve godly men **‘turned the world upside down’** (actually seeking to turn the world right side up).

**We can be courageous as we stand in and for Jesus Christ as LORD, because we stand on the promises of God, wielding the Sword of the Spirit – the WORD of GOD (GOD’s Law & Gospel) – because, AS we stand ON the promises of God and HIS empowerment, HE promises that HIS WORD will never return unto Him VOID!**

God gives us not fear, but confidence!

As believers, our future is not the grave, but the Eternal CITY. Like some shadow, death recedes from view with the glorious presence of Christ giving light and Eternal Life to those who are His own.

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**He will feed His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs with His arm, And carry them in His bosom, And gently lead those who are with young.** Isaiah 40:11

When faint and trembling with alarms,  
Oh gather us within Thine arms;  
Kind shepherd, on Thy gracious breast  
The weakest lamb may safely rest.

***I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them.*** John 10:11-12 — Selected

## The Mystics

*“But even though we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to that which we preached to you, let him be accursed.” (Gal. 1:8)*

This is the fifth in a series of articles about the conversion of Martin Luther. The year 2017 marks the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation, and we want to emphasize how Luther was converted, for you will see elements in Luther’s conversion that are lacking in most Christian circles today.

Luther found out the failure of trying to remember and confess every specific sin. Staupitz offered real help by seeking to divert his attention from individual sins to the nature of man. This was the insight of the mystics.

“Although the mystics did not reject the penitential system, their way of salvation was essentially different, directed to man as a whole. Since man is weak, let him cease to strive; let him surrender himself to the being and love of God.”

“... Instead of striving, he must yield and sink himself in God. The end of the mystic way is the absorption of the creature in the creator, of the drop in the ocean, of the candle flame in the glare of the sun. The struggler overcomes his restlessness, ceases his battering, surrenders himself to the Everlasting, and in the abyss of Being finds his peace.

“Luther tried this way. At times he was lifted up as if he were amid choirs of angels, but the sense of alienation would return. The mystics knew this too. They called it the dark of night of the soul, the dryness, the withdrawing of the fire from under the pot until it no longer bubbles. They counseled waiting until exaltation would return. For Luther it did not return because the enmity between man and God is too great. For all his impotence, man is a rebel against his Maker.

“... For those who are troubled by particular sins the Church offers forgiveness through the penitential system, but pardon is made contingent upon conditions which Luther found unattainable. For those too weak to meet the tests there is the mystic way of ceasing to strive and of losing oneself in the abyss of the Godhead. But Luther could not envisage God as an abyss hospitable to man the impure. God is holy, majestic, devastating, consuming.

...Staupitz tried to bring Luther to see that he was making religion altogether too difficult. There is one thing needful, and that is to love God. This was another favorite counsel of the mystics, but the intended word of comfort

pierced like an arrow. How could anyone love a God who is a consuming fire? The Psalm says, ‘Serve the Lord with fear.’ Who, then, can love a God angry, judging and damning? Who can love a Christ sitting on a rainbow, consigning the damned souls to the flames of hell?”<sup>1</sup>

The Mystics are alive and well today. Even though God has graciously given us His Word, and preserved it down through the ages, there is a real departure from verse by verse exegetical preaching and teaching. Somehow people today, like the mystics of Luther’s day, feel that we must look to mystical things for truth or for confirmation. Christians are standing in line at the movie theater to see the latest story of someone who died and came back from the dead. We have been bombarded with these supposed “accounts” as of late, even though the Scriptures say, “*It is appointed unto man to die once, and after this the judgment.*” (Heb. 9:27) Some of these accounts have already been shown to be false. Isn’t it enough to stand on the Scriptures that Jesus died and rose again, and that we will rise as well? Isn’t faith to believe without seeing, as Jesus told Thomas in John 20:29?

We even have supposed pictures of what Jesus looks like. How long will it be until we venerate these things like Luther did with the objects of Rome? I will rely on the eye-witness account of an apostle who, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, records what Jesus looks like today. Read it yourself in Revelation 1:12-17 and compare it to what is being panned off by some today.

A popular phrase today is to “Let go and let God.” This sounds like what the mystics said, “ceasing to strive and of losing oneself in the abyss of the Godhead.” It is as though you just lose yourself to God and just release all the things that bind and hurt you to Him, then you will have a life of peace and bliss. This approach ignores the commands of Scripture that we are to obey God’s Word and actively deal with sins and issues in our lives. “*Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.*” (2 Cor. 7:1)

Another teaching from the mystics was to “Immerse yourself to the being and love of God.” If ever there was a mystical element prevalent today, it is this one. When you listen to many modern preachers and modern music, this is all you hear about: The Love of God. It is emphasized so much that the perceived end is that this is the only attribute of God, and anything which doesn’t agree with this is false. When was the last time you heard some of the preachers of the day preach on the Wrath of God and an eternity in the fiery pits of hell for the unconverted? So

1 *Here I Stand* by Roland Bainton. Nashville: Abington Press, pgs. 42-43.

what is being perceived is that we just snuggle close to God and get lost in His loving embrace in some kind of mystical abyss.

The reality is that Jesus lives within every true believer. We live and walk with Him every day in this world and in all the things we encounter in this world. His living reality is NOT that we just get lost in the God-head somehow, but that we actively live here and now as He directs.

Dear reader, are you being deceived by the modern day mystics? Preachers are commanded very sternly by God in the following admonition:

*“Preach the Word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with great patience and instruction. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires; and will turn away their ears from the truth, and will turn aside to myths.”* (2 Tim. 4:2-4)

Are you just wanting to have your ears tickled by modern day mystics who present myths?

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## Giving Gold to the Devil

By John Lineberry

**“And Hezekiah gave him** (Sennacherib, king of Assyria) **all the silver that was found in the house of the LORD, and in the treasures of the king’s house.**

At that time did Hezekiah cut off the gold from the doors of the temple of the LORD, and from the pillars which Hezekiah king of Judah had overlaid, and gave it to the king of Assyria.” II Kings 18:15, 16.

Hezekiah reigned in Jerusalem for twenty-nine years (vs. 3). He was a good and godly king. Along with Asa and Josiah, he was one of only three who did right as his father David had done (I Kings 15:11; II Kings 18:3; 22:2). Hezekiah’s reign was one of prosperity.

He loved the Lord and walked in His ways, obeying and serving. Hezekiah’s kingship was marked by rejoicing (11 Chron. 29:36), prayer (30:18), comfort (vs. 22), humility (32:26), and prosperity (vs. 30).

King Hezekiah was the recipient of a great miracle. He had summons from the Lord that he was going to die. He sought the Lord in earnest prayer. The Lord extended his life by fifteen years (Isa. 38:5).

With such an illustrious kingdom, one would think Hezekiah would be alert to the tactics of the enemy and remain courageous in all things. But the king failed in one tremendous regal blunder. He gave silver and gold to the king of Assyria – in total, more than ten tons of silver and more than a ton of gold (11 Kings 18:14).

Assyria’s approaching armies intimidated Hezekiah. He apologized to the king and gave away silver and gold which belonged to God. Hezekiah failed to remember the track record of God in providing protection for Israel in all circumstances; in delivering them from Egyptian bondage; and in preserving His people in the wilderness, resulting in settlement in the Promised Land.

One name for God is *“the LORD of hosts”* (Jer. 10:16), meaning **“the Lord of triumph and victory.”**

In our day we can learn from the mistakes (Ed. SINS) of others in past times (Rom. 15:4; 1 Cor. 10:11). Let us resolve to cease giving gold to the Devil on our way to the Father’s house.

Sword of the Lord

*Editor’s Note:* QUESTIONS: Do you believe that God would direct a godly person (Christian) to ‘support’ individuals, churches, denominations, religious groups, secular groups, etc. which condone (support) anti-biblical activities such as abortions, same-sex marriages, homosexuals, lesbians, transgenders, etc. which are definitely anti-God and anti-Bible? Should we support them morally, physically and financially? Does GOD have a double or triple STANDARD for His children? Does God want His children to do ‘wrong’ in order to supposedly do right? *IF such were the case:* God would be a god of ‘confusion’ which definitely is not the case!

YES, we definitely live in a sinful/evil world; but notice what HE states in what is often called the “Love-Chapter” of the New Testament: (Love) **“does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth”** 1 Corinthians 13:6.

Now as you prayerfully read the Holy Scriptures, please notice the distinct difference of supporting (possibly) those who are of a “secondary doctrine”; but definitely note the Biblical emphasis on those who condone/practice an anti-God emphasis!

YES, DEFINITELY PRAY FOR THOSE WHO NEED CATARACT SPIRITUAL SURGERY BY THE GREAT PHYSICIAN!

**“And I heard another voice from heaven saying, ‘Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues. For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities’”** Revelation 18:4-5. (1 Corinthians 6:9-20, II Corinthians 6:14-18, Ephesians 5:11, Romans 16:17-18, II Timothy 3:1-17, 4:1-8, Titus 1:10-16)

## VOICES IN THE WILDERNESS

During this dreadful period of Rationalism (1750 – 1800 in round numbers) God had some watchmen here and there who cried out in the dreadful darkness, “*Watchman, what of the night?*” Isaiah 21:11. These men were harbingers of the coming morning, the era of Evangelism and foreign mission (1800 – 1945), which in 1948 has not ended. To be sure, the rationalistic preachers and teachers had no use for foreign mission. Tolerance was one of their watchwords, but they were most intolerant when it came to revival and spiritual life and lay activity.

*England and the United States* got out of this horrible period the easiest, for God sent them Wesley and Whitefield and many other wonderful men of God, so we had gracious revivals that kept the devil at bay. This wonderful revival in England overflowed into the new daughter nation in America where we had that blessed man of God, Jonathan Edwards. Then too Whitefield made his seven trips and died here among us and waves of spiritual life kept rolling on almost up to 1800. So the devil, rationalism and modernism, though strong, was largely kept at bay in the English speaking countries.

But in France, Germany, and Scandinavia the devil practically had his own way, in the theological seminary, in the church and in the pulpit, as well as in the pew. Still even in these countries we had some protesting voices, a few true watchmen on the walls of Zion who cried out into the night...

“In speaking straight out, I dare say that Christianity has never fallen so low as it is now. The walls of Zion have never been in so ruined a condition as they are today. The kingdom of Satan has never been so flourishing as it is now. True conversions have never been so few, faith and love have never been so hard to find; God and His Word have never been so mocked and sneered at, and the preaching of the true Gospel has never been so hard as in this century.” This, no doubt, is a true description...

### *The Age of Evangelism and Foreign Mission* (1800 – 1945)

(Editor’s Note: Keep in mind this wonderful book was published in 1948).

The opening of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century seemed to be the very darkest hour before a great dawn. Christ had, as it were, been in the grave during the era of Rationalism (1750-1800), but around 1800 He arose from the grave victorious and sent us the Holy Spirit with living waters to flow over every Protestant land again, and they are flowing yet — to the heathen lands. But by now (1948),

especially since the dreadful rise of Communism, (now Socialism, as well) many thing point to that our present long era of Evangelism may be nearing its end.

Peter Cartwright (1785 – 1872) was no doubt the mightiest revival preacher in America up to the time of Charles Finney. He is said to have received more than 10,000 members into his Methodist churches, baptized more than . . . ., and preached more than 15,000 sermons – from Virginia to Illinois – but mostly in the mountainous districts of Tennessee and Kentucky. He preached on the forest lumber-jack rough and ready order. Many stories have been preserved about how these fearless old revival speakers preached.

One story tells that once in a series of revival meetings a man came to Peter Cartwright and complained that his axe had been stolen. He suspected a man who came to the revival meetings, but was not entirely sure. Cartwright said he would discover the thief for sure and bring him back the stolen axe. At the next meeting Cartwright took a large stone with him and placed it beside his Bible on the pulpit. After reading the commandment, “*Thou shalt not steal.*” he said he knew there was a thief in the audience who had stolen an axe and now he would throw the stone right at him, so the people could know for sure that his sin would find him out. As he lifted the stone ready to throw it, a man in the audience ducked his head suddenly. “There is the thief,” cried Cartwright, “take the axe back to the man you have stolen it from and repent of your sins, and turn to God for mercy.” It worked.

Again at another time the Methodists had a conference in Washington, D. C., and Cartwright was to speak. But the local pastor was very much afraid that Cartwright might ruin thing for him. So he went over to him and whispered, “Don’t preach against liquor, for we have a brewer who is a good church member and gives much to the church and sits in one of the front seats.” Then the pastor whispered again, “Please don’t condemn swearing in your sermon today, for General Jackson just came into the church and he swears a great deal.” When Cartwright began, he did not seem to be able to say much at first. Then he blurted out” “This won’t go, I cannot talk smoothly as the local pastor wants me to do. I must speak out against sin in my old way. “The local pastor told me,” he continued, “That I should not preach against liquor for a brewer who is a prominent church member sits right before me, but I must deliver my own soul and preach against his sin.”

After he had spoken against the sin of brewing, and selling and drinking liquor as a traffic from hell, he continued. “Then the pastor told me that General Jackson who frequently swears is in the audience.” Then he, with fiery zeal denounced swearing as an awful sin and said

that General Jackson would go straight to hell if he did not repent. The pastor of the church nearly died from embarrassment, and the audience was filled with consternation over such daring attacks on individual sinners in the audience.

Next day General Jackson, who later became president of the United States, called Cartwright to his office and thanked him for telling him the truth about his sinful habit. Incidentally, President Jackson became converted after he left the White House in 1837 and died as a Christian.

Charles Finney (1792-1875) has furnished an inspiring example to evangelism, and all evangelistic-minded people. He passed his youth without God, while he became a teacher and a lawyer; ...

His conversion in 1821 is of striking order. We shall let him testify a little about it: "Tuesday night I had become very nervous; and in the night a strange feeling came over me as if I were about to die. I knew that if I did, I should sink down into hell." A little later a voice came to him that said: "What are you waiting for? ... Are you trying to work out a righteousness of your own?" After the Spirit had opened his eyes, he said:

"I saw that His work was a finished work; and that instead of having my own righteousness to recommend me to God, I had to submit myself to Christ. Gospel salvation seemed to me to be an offer of something to be accepted.....that all that was necessary on my part was to get my own consent to give up my sins and accept Christ." ...

From this wonderful experience Finney's salvation work began at once. As he testified to a friend, he fell on the floor and cried: "Do pray for me to get converted!"

...

Between meetings he would spend the day very often in prayer and fasting

"I preached out of doors; I preached in barns; I preached in school houses; and a glorious revival spread over that region," he says. The ministers accused him of lowering the dignity of the pulpit; but what did he care for dignity, just so souls were saved. ...

But then Finney, together with Father Nash, "Prayed down" the revivals. About his co-partner in prayer Finney says: "Pray he did until the heavens opened and rained down glory and revivals." Opponents said about Nash, "It is impossible for him to pray in secret, for he can be heard a half-mile off." A man who heard Nash praying a great distance off became so convicted he sought God for salvation. "Unless I had the experience of prayer I could do nothing," Finney

said. "But I was so bore down by the weight of immortal souls that I was constrained to pray without ceasing."

But "dreadful opposition developed, as if all the churches of the land would unite to shut me out of their pulpits. But the sense of God's presence... led me to be perfectly trustful and have the most kindly feelings toward all the brethren that were misled to array themselves against me." One of the many accusations against him was that he "allowed anybody and everybody to speak and pray in the meetings." But Finney and Nash prayed for themselves and God's cause through the clouds of opposition.

Exempts taken from *Innermission Church History*, by P. Ljostveit, Published by Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation, 1948.

*Editor's Note:* By the way, we of the Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation, *Morning Glory:*

IN the GRACE of God and empowerment, we make NO apologies for the Old Time Christianity and seek to pursue and practice the same. OH, *maybe* not as bold/crude as mentioned in above article, but **GOD** used the OLD TIME CHRISTIANITY work before; thus we are seeking to be found faithful unto GOD; as HE is the same yesterday, today and forever and HIS WORD never changes!

NOW a lot depends upon you (if you are a blood-bought vessel): in regards to this portion of God's Kingdom Work on earth; by your specific prayer-support, financial investments and encouragement, open doors of service. This is where the "rubber meets the road" to GOD'S GLORY! Any size investment is truly appreciated and may our Living Savior richly bless you, in order that you may become an even richer blessing unto others! THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU WILL BE DOING IN REGARDS TO THE LORD'S LEADING!

**P. S.** I am by no means a *prophet*, but *it doesn't take a "rocket-scientist"* to see the direction our nation is heading! **The very naked-truth is**, IF we don't experience a genuine '**Heaven Sent Revival**' (prayed down from heaven) in our day, the future will be that we (USA, Canada, etc.), will be taken over by Socialism, Atheism, and Islam! It also appears that time is short before we will experience God moving the 'Candlestick', and losing God's Abundant GRACE, MERCY and FORGIVENESS!

## FEMINISM: The Pathway to Humanism

*“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge...” Hosea 4:6.*

By Carol Hoikkala

The modern feminist/women’s movement has been and continues to be a major player in the humanistic globalist wheel.

When addressing feminism it is important that we do not confuse the terms “feminine” and “feminism.” The feminine woman accepts the Biblical role for women while the feminist rejects everything that the Bible says about God, the home, and the family.

Having said that, I’m not indicting every woman who has said she believes that the feminist movement is a good thing. Good women, including Christian women, have been led into this movement not understanding its purpose or what the leaders have planned. Many are also not aware that if they lend their support to this movement they are actually helping its leaders to accomplish their goals.

Feminism adheres to the beliefs of the religion of Secular Humanism, as evidenced by its leaders. Gloria Steinem, a leading feminist has said, “Feminism is the pathway to humanism and it is humanism that is the goal.” In 2012 Gloria Steinem was given the “Humanist of the Year” award. Another feminist, Riane Eisler is quoted as saying, “...that one is a humanist but a feminist...feminism is the last evolutionary development of humanism, feminism is humanism on its most advanced level.” (The Humanist Magazine, Nov./Dec. 1980)

### *As religious humanist’s feminists:*

1.) Reject the supernatural and ridicule the idea of duality of body and mind. Instead of acknowledging God as the giver of all, they give credit to “mother nature/earth” and/or the “universe.”

2.) Reject immortality (eternal life).

3.) Believe that there is no heaven or hell.

4.) Endorse abortion, euthanasia, and suicide as rights.

5.) Support homosexuality and the sexual revolution and believe they should be legalized.

6.) Believe that there is no right or wrong, everything is situational.

7.) Believe that there should be equality of the sexes, which for them means a “genderless” society.

8.) Believe in one-world government, and a one-world order. They abhor nationalism and patriotism.

Humanism spread from Europe to the United States in the early 1900’s. What we are witnessing today is the result of sixty plus years of the teaching of secular humanism in our public schools. It was first introduced in the

universities and then filtered down to public high schools and elementary schools.

### The Equal Rights Amendment (ERA)

The ERA has been said to be the cornerstone of the feminist movement. When lobbying for the ERA the feminists speak to such issues as equal pay for equal work and better working conditions for women – good sounding causes that none of us would disagree with. What they don’t say is that the amendment is so deceptively simple that it would be left to the courts, not the voters, to interpret and command its implications through the next generations.

The feminists continue to work toward their goal of making the ERA a part of our nation’s constitution.

Those who would benefit most by an Equal Rights Amendment are:

The Federal bureaucracy and the Federal Court system, which stands to gain unprecedented power over our lives.

The lesbians and homosexuals. Because the amendment would leave the constitution “sex neutral” the lesbians and homosexuals would have to be given all legal rights that are available to heterosexuals. No church, school, or business could refuse to hire a person because of his or her sexual preference.

Organized crime, which would profit under homosexual and prostitution laws.

Proponents of a socialist-humanistic anti-God society who want a complete breakdown of institutions. This would pave the way for world socialism, or what the HUMANIST MANIFESTO II (1973) says on page 21, “transnational federal government.”

### Reproductive Freedom

The feminists want free government funded abortion, birth-control and contraception available to all women. They also want to require schools to provide supervised contraceptive and abortion counseling and women’s liberation programs. While the ERA has not been passed, such programs have been in operation in most all public schools for several decades.

### Elimination of Tax Exemption for Churches

Because traditional religious beliefs, namely Judeo Christian beliefs, are in direct opposition to those of the feminists, they see them as harmful and are working to eliminate the tax-exempt status for the church.

Excerpts from the article, *The Humanistic Globalist Wheel*, taken from Hope For Your Heart

## Hauge Annual Bible Conference

*(Annual Conference)*

### Is to Be Held At

Grace Free Lutheran Church  
Bagley, Minnesota

Pastor Wayne Hjermstad, Host Pastor

***June 23 – 25, 2017***

*(Friday eve. thru Sunday noon)*

### THEME:

**“Liberty & Freedom”**

Based On

Leviticus 25:10 and II Corinthians 3:17

### Friday Evening

7 p.m. – Pastor Craig Jennings, Bottineau, ND .  
Refreshments following

### Saturday

9 a.m. - Prayer Time

9:30 a.m. – Coffee & Refreshments

10:00 a.m. – Circuit Judge: Timothy Tingelstad,  
Bemidji, MN

11:10 a.m. – Mr. Jerry Olson, Newfolden, MN

Noon – Meal at Church, *Free-will offering*

1:15 p.m. – Judge Timothy Tinglestad

2:15 p.m. – Testimonies and Singspiration

3:00 p.m. – Coffee and Refreshments

3:30 p.m. – HLIF Annual Meeting – May be tabled.

If so, then Mr. Wayne Almlie, Des Moines, IA as the  
guest speaker

7:00 p.m. – Pastor Craig Jennings

### Sunday

9:30 a.m. – Worship Service with Pastor Craig  
Jennings

10:45 a.m. – Closing Service – Pastor Craig Jennings

**WELCOME to One and All**

Please PRAY for Conference, that God be glorified

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