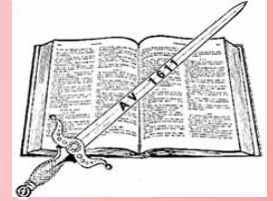




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Watch the Wording Carefully

By Dr. Peter S. Ruckman
(Part Two of Two)

We have been carefully examining the wording of a booklet entitled *Pillar of Fire, Pillar of Truth*, put out by Karl Keating's organization "Catholic Answers." The document bears the *imprimatur* of Bishop Robert Brom and is said to be "*nihil obstat*" ("nothing objectionable"), meaning it gives the official teaching of the Roman Catholic Church; in this case, the infallible teaching authority of the church. As in our previous article, we will give the words of the Bishop and then make commentary from the Book the Lord Jesus Christ said was absolute truth (John 17:17).

Bishop: "By his grace Jesus makes the church holy, just as He is holy. This doesn't mean that each member is always holy . . . not all the members would go to Heaven (Matt. 7:21-23)."

Comment: A "member" of Christ's church is part of His *Body* (1 Cor. 12:13-27) and is said to be "**of his flesh, and of his bones**" (Eph. 5:30). Christ's *bodily members* had their final destination *fixed* the moment the Holy Spirit put them into Christ's Body (Rom. 8:29). That's according to the author of the book of *Romans*: the one who wrote to the church at *Rome* (Rom. 1:13, 15:20-24).

Bishop: "But the church itself is holy because IT is the source of holiness."

Comment: The Bishop has given you a "church" which is NOT Christ's Body because a "member" in it can fall out of it and go to Hell, and this church

is supposed to be "the source of holiness" INSTEAD OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST (1 Pet. 1:15-16). It is supposed to be "holy" even though not all of its members are holy. You talk

about *schisms* caused by the confusion of not having an "authoritative interpreter"! How is that for a godless, depraved mess?

After telling you that "the

promise of eternal life is a gift, freely offered to us by God" (pg. 22), the Catholic Bishop declares: "He promises to REWARD them with eternal
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Some Birds I Have Known

By Dr. Peter S. Ruckman

Many years ago, I heard a great preacher, one of the greatest I've ever heard: Bob Shuler, originally from West Virginia. By the time I heard him, he was the pastor of the Trinity Methodist Church in Los Angeles. I was attending Bob Jones University back around 1951-52 when I heard him preach a message which I've never forgotten; I could just about repeat the whole message now, some sixty years later, from memory, having only heard it one time. The title of the message was "Some Dogs I Have Known."

I learned from that message that when God gives a "similitude" in the Scriptures (see Hos. 12:10), there is a sermon in it. When God says an unsaved man is like a dog and an unsaved woman is like a pig (2 Pet. 2:22), and Satan is like a serpent (Rev. 12:9) and a lion (1 Pet. 5:8), I can learn something from those animals. This was confirmed to me when I picked up Job 12:7-9 and checked it out with Isaiah 40:31 and Matthew 6:26. So I decided to pick birds instead of dogs and tell you about "Some Birds I Have Known."

I liken preachers to birds: "**the fowls of the air**" (Matt. 23:26). Birds don't "gather



into barns" like preachers gather "**tithes into the storehouse**" (Mal. 3:10), yet God takes thought for them and feeds them. The old song says, "His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me."

Now I've been in the ministry for 63 years now, and I've run across a lot of really "odd birds." You might say they are "birds of a feather" who are "strictly for the birds." There are 33 kinds of birds mentioned in the Bible, and from them I have studied birds and found that the "birds I have known" could be classified in a number of ways.

For example, there's the "mockingbird." He comes from denominational headquarters and preaches just what they tell him to preach: "Integration Sunday," "Black History Month"; a special Mother's Day message, you know, or a special Father's Day message. He's "a good little preacher" and does

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exactly what he's told to do.

The "mockingbird" imitates other preachers, sometimes *to the letter*. I remember one time hearing a preacher named Art Wilson preach over in Mobile. He got up and preached a tremendous message on Jonah and the whale. He illustrated that sermon vividly: he picked up some flowers out of a vase



by the pulpit and put them on his head as a picture of the weeds going over Jonah's head in the whale's belly; then to show Jonah being vomited out of the whale, he jumped off the platform and ran around the building hollering: "Repent! Repent! Repent!" It was a very interesting sermon; it was funny but it was good.

Well, Wilson had to leave after he got through preaching to go to some other appointment. After Wilson

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Five-Point TULIP Calvinism

(Part Two of Two)

We have been reviewing the teachings of a typical five-point TULIP Calvinist named L. R. Shelton Jr. Despite all its talk about the “total inability” of a man to repent and receive Christ without being overcome by “Irresistible Grace” because of “Unconditional Election,” Calvinism ultimately judges a man’s salvation by *works* just as Arminianism does.

L. R. Shelton will teach the eradication of the sinful nature just like any Charismatic or Pentecostal. At the same time, Shelton’s conscience gets the better of him because he knows he himself is not sinless, so out of the other side of his mouth, he will tell you a Christian still has sin in his flesh and is not sinlessly perfect. But that’s Calvinism; it’s a system of philosophical gymnastics. We continue here with Calvinism as taught and applied by L. R. Shelton Jr.

“The grace of God is not obtained daily; it is that fixed condition that is absolutely mandate to salvation. Anyone guilty of anything in the list of sins in 2 Timothy 3 (vss. 1–7) is *lost*, including *disobedient children*.” How about that?! If your child disobeys you, that is proof he’s headed to Hell. Shelton preached every sin in that list two weeks at a time to prove that all Christians are lost if they violate one sin in the list. *That’s Calvinism; that’s “TULIP.”* That’s how it’s practiced by someone who takes it seriously.

Continuing on with L. R. Shelton Jr.: “Believe means to seek Christ. We must come to Christ for righteousness.” Well, did you ever come, L. R.? Why

say “WE must come”? Have YOU come? Why don’t you tell your listeners THEY must come? You have a little yellow streak there, don’t you, L. R.?

“We must come to Christ for righteousness, and no man can seek Christ if he is trusting anything else for salvation. You are not seeking Him if you are not following Him and obeying Him.” Uh?! If you are following and obeying Him, why would you be “seeking Him”? After all, you are right there following and obeying. You don’t need to be seeking Him because you’ve already found Him. Otherwise, how could you be following Him? If you’re following Him and obeying Him, He’s right there with you, and you’re right there with Him (John 17:23).

“Christians are always seeking the Lord.” Why, you idiotic fool, *He’s inside your body* (Col. 1:27).

“What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?” (1 Cor. 6:19).

Are you as dumb as the Corinthians?

“Christians are always seeking the Lord. We are to seek Him. You have to persevere until He saves you.” And there we are back at our original premise: “Hyper-Calvinism always produces hyper-Arminians.” “You have to persevere until He saves you”—that’s *works*.

“Blind Bartimaeus is our example. You have to seek Him blindly, and you have to persevere until He saves you.” Well, one thing’s for certain: he certainly is *blind* when it comes

to what the Bible says about salvation. God never expects any man “to seek Him blindly”; He provides “**substance**” and “**evidence**” for a man’s faith (Heb. 11:1).

“WE are lost!” Well, then, he’s going to Hell. That’s L. R. including himself with his unsaved audience. “WE are all helpless, and no man can help US. WE cannot find Heaven at all. WE need to be brought back from our dead state.” Then he’s still “**dead in trespasses and sins**” (Eph. 2:1).

“I have been led by the Holy Spirit to preach these weeks from the *Amplified Bible*. Listen now to God’s Word.” There’s part of his problem. He’s blaming the Holy Spirit for leading him to a version so corrupt that it creates a contradiction in the Bible by saying God is through with the Jews forever and they will never be restored (see the *Amplified* reading for 1 Thess. 2:16). Mess with that Book, and God will mess with your mind.

“Every woman in America committing adultery is lost.” Ain’t that a beauty? Do you know what Paul said about that man in Corinth who was committing fornication with his step-mother? He said, “**To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, THAT THE SPIRIT MAY BE SAVED IN THE DAY OF THE LORD JESUS**” (1 Cor. 5:5).

“All preachers who believe a Christian can be carnal are false prophets.” Then the Apostle Paul was a false prophet: “**And I, BRETHREN, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto CARNAL, even as unto**



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BABES IN CHRIST . . . For ye are yet CARNAL” (1 Cor. 3:1, 3).

“Seek Him with all your heart until He gives you that faith, though you have already been quickened. You were not desiring to be saved unless you had already been quickened by the Spirit.” How can you be “quickened” by the Holy Spirit and still be trying to find Christ? Well, that’s Calvin’s “*ordo salutis*” (order of salvation). In Calvin’s system, “regeneration” precedes “faith”; in other words, you have to be “born again” before you can be born again. Of course, that is said with “tongue in cheek,” but according to Calvin, the New Birth comes against your will without you receiving Christ. That’s because “Total Depravity” extends to a man’s will, making it impossible for him to receive Christ unless he is first regenerated. You are saved before you receive Christ, which is why L. R. Shelton has you seeking Christ after being born again. Confused? That’s Calvinism.

“All who are guilty of the sins of 2 Timothy 3 should cry out to God for salvation. This is a false gospel of carnal Christianity . . . Do WE love the lewd ways of the world? Are WE lovers of pleasure more
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The Missing Material From “Higher” Christian Education

By Dr. Peter S. Ruckman

“Higher Christian education” is a reference to Christian schools that operate on the College, University, or Seminary level. They are not “academies” like elementary, middle (formerly called junior high), and high school. Both higher and “lower” (Christian day schools) Christian education have been a multi-billion dollar businesses in America since the Civil Rights Act of 1964 brought the entire American Federal school system (formerly “public schools”) down to the level of a doped-up, fornicating, baby-aborting, sex-perverted JUNGLE. At present, nearly *any* private school is better than a public school when it comes to learning the “basics” and *character*. My father’s character was largely formed by “reading and writing and ‘rithmetic, taught to the tune of a HICKORY STICK.” A “hickory stick” was a long rod made out of wood almost as hard as mahogany; it was used to BEAT lazy or disobedient students. Back in my father’s day, education was a *painful* process, but it kept the *jail and prison* population down to about a hundredth (20,000) of its present size (2,000,000) when the national population went up only 50% (from 200 million to 300 million).

What little character I have was formed in Citizen’s Military Training Camp (1938–1939), ROTC in College (1940–1944), and the Infantry School at Ft. Benning (1944). But long before then, I had regular visits to the principals’ and vice principals’ offices in grade school, junior high, and high school.

I learned “reading and writing and ‘rithmetic, taught to the tune” of an *eighteen-inch paddle* four inches wide and an inch thick. I often came home with my underpants *sticking to me*.

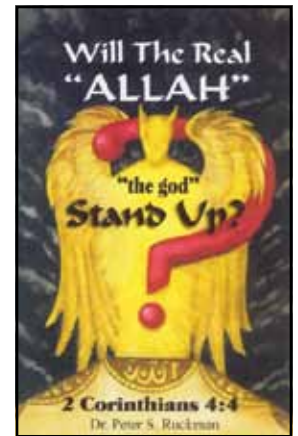
Now, all modern “higher Christian education” takes one step beyond what Jesus Christ commanded the Church in the New Testament. Before He returned to Heaven, Jesus commanded the disciples to *preach* (Mark 16:15) and *teach* (Matt. 28:19); He said nothing about studying ANYTHING beyond that. You are safe with *those two steps* (Acts 6:4; 2 Tim. 1:11 cf. 2 Tim. 4:3–5). Any step *beyond* preaching and teaching the Bible (Evangelism and Education, or a Man and a Movement—see chap. 1 of *the History of the New Testament Church*, Vol. I), and you run “smack dab” into CULTURE, from the word *cult*.

The oldest “cult” in Christian circles of higher education is the ALEXANDRIAN CULT, founded by the first Christian University in church history. It was *Hamitic*: it started in *Alexandria, Egypt* in *north Africa*. It popped back up in Europe with the Roman Catholic Universities of the Renaissance (Salerno, Bologna, Erfurt, Vienna, Salamanca, Seville, Padua, Oxford, etc.), since all Popes adopted Origen’s Alexandrian position on Purgatory, baby-sprinkling, baptismal regeneration, calling pastors “Priests,” and—above all—the ability of educated Catholic Priests and “scholastics” to *replace any passage of Scripture with “tradition” borrowed from “church fathers.”*

Dual authorities (“double standards”) have marked this apostate Catholic cult since its inception between A.D. 150 and 325. It is just as manifest in 2012 as it was then. You will find it in the speeches, sermons, publications, and classroom lectures in the Seminaries at Dallas, Ft. Worth, Louisville, and New Orleans, as well as Grace, PCC, BBC, BJU, Liberty, Mercer, Howard, Stetson, Moody, Fuller, Pillsbury, Wake Forest, and Cedarville, *exactly* as it issued forth from Africa before the Council of Nicea (A.D. 325).

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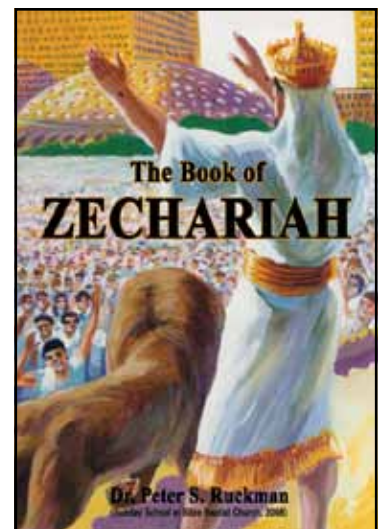
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was gone, another preacher came into the fellowship meeting late, and he had no idea Wilson had just preached. That preacher got up, and if he didn't preach Wilson's exact same message from start to finish with all the gestures and movements, my name is Samuel Peter Richardson! I mean, he wrapped the flowers around his head and jumped off the platform—the whole nine yards, boy. He had that congregation in hysterics. There must have been 800 people there, and a hundred of them were preachers. They got to laughing so hard that they couldn't sit up straight. The poor jerk who was imitating Wilson's message thought it was "going over" well, so he put it on harder. And of course, the harder he put it on, the harder the audience laughed. I don't know how he ever lived that one down.

Now there's nothing wrong with borrowing sermon material; I've done it myself. I get a lot of what I preach from Bob Jones, Sam Jones, and Dewitt Talmage. But you can't just ride someone else's ministry. Some preachers cough all the way through their sermons because Jack Hyles did. There's a group of preachers throughout North Carolina and Tennessee called "hack preachers"; they actually say the word *hack* when they preach. Some preacher whom God used years ago had to clear his throat with a hacking sound as he preached, and a bunch of dumb preachers have copied it ever since. They think the key to God blessing their ministry is to imitate what another preacher does. That's not it. Don't be a "mocking-bird."

Then I've seen the "ostrich." An ostrich is a bird that can't fly. He buries his head in the sand when an

issue comes up. An "ostrich" won't give you what the Bible says about national or world events; he'll spend his time teaching "family values" instead of Bible doctrines. One of the greatest "ostriches" I've ever known is Dr. James Dobson ("Focus on the Family"); he substitutes love for convictions, small talk for Scripture, and flattery for preaching. An "ostrich" can outrun a "horse" (Job 39:18), but will leave its young (new converts) exposed to the elements of the world (Job 39:14–16) cf. 1 John 2:15–17) because he lacks wisdom and understanding in the Scriptures (Job 39:17).

Then I've been with the "seagulls." Back at the end of World War II when I shipped out from San Francisco headed to Honolulu and the Philippines, I saw seagulls follow along behind the transport ships. They are beautiful, graceful creatures that fly up and then coast, and fly up and coast; they will do that sometimes for miles out to sea. I know they must have strong wings and tremendous endurance.

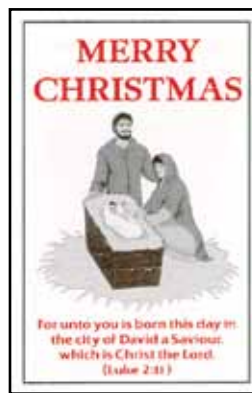
I have met a lot of "seagull"



preachers. I think of a man named Jim Quigley who pastored down in Ft. Walton Beach, Florida for years and years. Quigley was a former merchant marine, and he won a soul to Christ every day for about ten years going door to door and house to house in those communities where the Air Force families lived. Then there was Jessie Grooms, the soulwinner who built up Thomas Road Baptist Church for Jerry Falwell. Jim

Vineyard was like that; he probably won more souls at the First Baptist Church of Hammond, Indiana than Jack Hyles did. Joe Boyd was a pro-football player from Texas who wound up preaching for something like sixty years and won hundreds of souls to Christ. Those were all "seagulls."

Then I've seen "vultures." "Vultures" hang around a church and wait for it to
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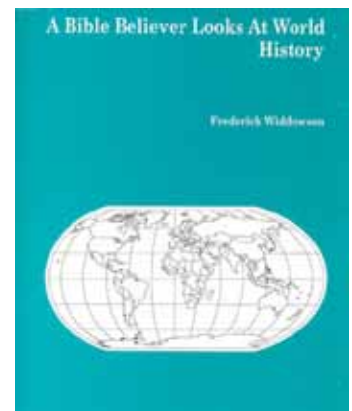
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authority and absolute truth, and to replace it with *humanism* and *relative “truths.”* The faculties, staffs, and administrators all take the position that *the Holy Bible is not able to judge you, but that you are to judge it.*

Since this has been my strongest and most abiding conviction in dealing with the purveyors of Christian education, I wrote *five books* which can show any Christian the difference between learning *any* subject at the Pensacola Bible Institute and learning it *anywhere else.* Here at PBI, we have one final, absolute authority by which to judge *any* subject in *any* curriculum taught at *any* school *anywhere* on this earth. If the Book doesn't cover all the machinations and details of a particular subject (e.g., organic chemistry, quadratic equations, calculus, trigonometry, mid-Victorian poetry, basket weaving, atomic fission, or business accounting), it is still the **RULE** to which the material is to be compared and by which it is to be judged. Every time any “scholastic discipline” dares to make a statement regarding its own “field” and *that statement does not line up with the Book, that much of the “field” is abandoned immediately.*

Now, I must admit, these five books don't sell very well, but that's because they don't look like Biblical studies to our customers who are interested in the Book. Technically, they are *not*; they are books on *higher education* (both secular and sacred). That is, they are “post-graduate” material normally encountered only on a Seminary level. Not many Christians are willing to study

that hard to get the information. Many Christians are only interested in the Bible itself, which is commendable, but think they are wasting their time learning what the Bible says about *art, music, science, philosophy, psychiatry, man's intellect, theological positions, and professors and “heads of departments”* in Colleges, Universities, and Seminaries.

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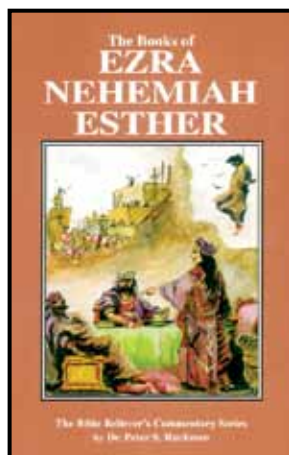
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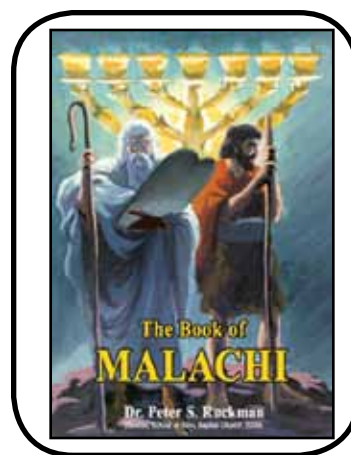
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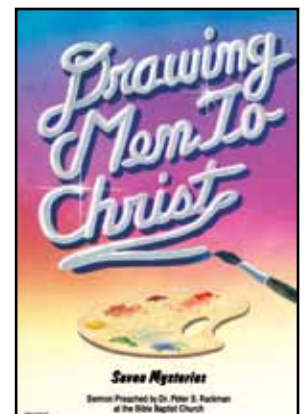
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 than lovers of God?" What's the matter? Are you quizzing yourself, L. R.? He continues on with this word of testimony: "Then WE are lost." Evidently, being regenerated and "seeking Christ" doesn't mean you actually *get saved*.

"No man is saved who is not carrying a cross. If WE do not have this sorrow for sin, WE have not fulfilled the Biblical condition for repentance. Have WE thus sorrowed for sin against God?" I don't know. Have YOU? How about a word of testimony sometime, stupid.

"No man can be saved who commits any sin in Romans 1. A sinner is regenerated, converted, and then repents and believes on Christ." There's John Calvin's "*ordo salutis*," just like I gave it to you above.

"A sinner is regenerated, converted, and THEN repents and believes on Christ." Not in the Bible, no. John 1:12-13 says, "**But as many as RECEIVED HIM [first], to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that BELIEVE ON HIS NAME: Which were born [there's regeneration], not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.**" It's receiving God's Son, THEN the New Birth. John Calvin had it backwards to teach his own heretical interpretation of the depravity of man and the unbiblical doctrines of "Unconditional Election" (see 1 Pet. 1:2) and "Irresistible Grace" (see Acts 7:51).

Are you a Calvinist? I'm not. I'm a Bible-believing Baptist. I wouldn't want to be associated with Calvin's dirty name. He burned one of his brothers in Christ at the stake (Servetus) because he didn't agree

with him on a doctrinal issue; he burned him just like the Catholics burned "witches" in the Dark Ages.

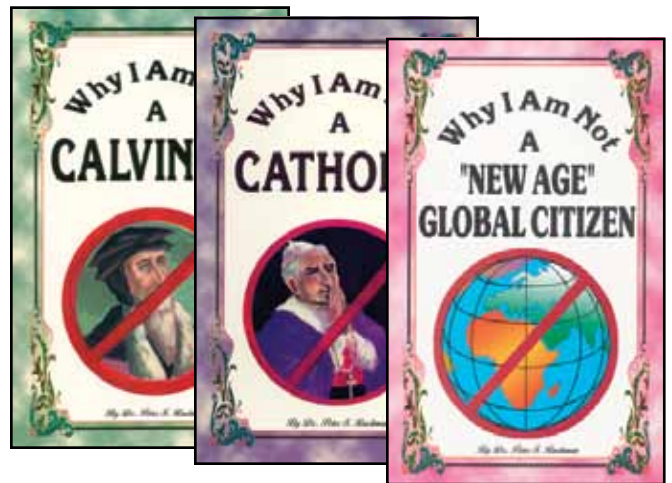
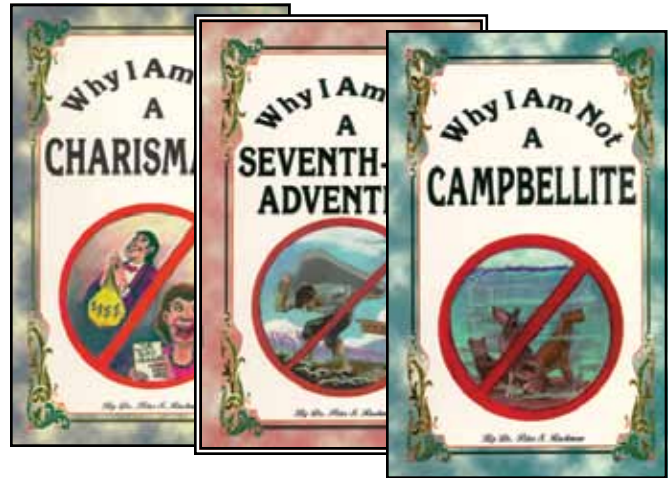
Calvin thought if you were sprinkled by a preacher that that gave you the New Birth. If that was what Calvin truly believed, then he is in Hell right now, and so are all his converts who followed him in that regard. Frankly, I don't think he really meant it; I think he was just shooting off his mouth. Like Luther, I don't think John Calvin was able to shake off all his Catholic trappings after he got saved.

Be that as it may, Calvin quoted Acts 2:38, just like any good Campbellite, as the way a Christian gets the Holy Ghost (ignoring the advanced Pauline revelation that you get the Holy Ghost by faith *without water*—Gal. 3:14). Calvin taught that sprinkling babies puts them into the new covenant just like circumcision put Jews into the Abrahamic covenant (a twisting of Rom. 4:11). It is just as damnable a doctrine as its Catholic counterpart.

Now that's Calvinism. I don't know how many people it has sent to Hell, but with few exceptions, it stops all evangelistic and missionary activity in any church that ever taught it and emphasized it. The reason is that, in Calvin's system, all of the "elect" are going to get saved against their will, without their permission, and without your witness. If a person is under the Decree of Election, he is going to get to Heaven no matter what. If a person is elect, you don't have to *do anything* to get him saved, and he doesn't have to *believe anything* in order to get saved. He just waits until God

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The last three “nuclear warheads” are *The Christian’s Handbook of Science and Philosophy* (published in 1985), which also contains a whole section on abnormal psychiatry, *The Christian’s Handbook of Biblical Scholarship* (published in 1988), and *the Anti-Intellectual Manifesto* (published in 1991). That is the “heavy stuff.” It is not necessary for every preacher to know it in order to be able to carry on a ministry; but it will certainly help him with some conceited, over-educated, “**heady, highminded**” (2 Tim. 3:4) “stuffed-shirts” (all of them saved, of course, of course!!!) whose lifetime ministries have been given to destroying your faith in absolute truth and final authority.

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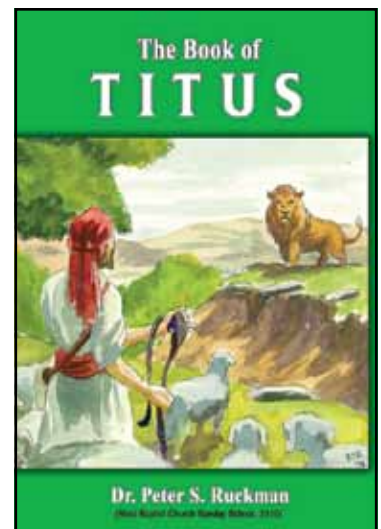
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Some Birds I Have Known

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split so they can pick off the "strays." "Vultures" make a living off dead bodies; they hang around places waiting for the pastor to die so they can take over. I've had "vultures" hang around me for years. When I pastored the Brent Baptist Church (1959–65), there was a pack of "vultures" there hoping that the church would go bankrupt so that we would have to sell the building and property to PCS. They were actually disappointed when, by the grace of God, I paid off all the church's debts. When I finally left, the church was in the black. The problem was no pastor would fool with them after that, so within a year the church dropped from 200 down to ninety, then seventy, then forty. Finally there were fifteen people meeting in the corner of an auditorium that could seat 500, and the "vultures" were right there to pick up the pieces and sell the church.

I've also seen a "canary." A canary is a little bird that sits in a cage. A "canary" in the ministry is a "nice little fellow." A lot of pastors are like that.

I think of a fellow with whom I used to fish. He was a "good old" Southern boy with sand between his toes. We did a lot of fishing together and played a lot of softball together, and he helped me work with the young people. Then his mother tried to put him into the pulpit as pastor. She tried to run me out of the pastorate of the Brent Baptist Church with the aid of some of the deacons. When her plot failed, she and the deacons started a church down the road about five miles (Burgess Road Baptist Church) with her son as the pastor, and they took about seventeen families from Brent with them. The next time I met him he was

in a hospital doing visitation; I never saw such a change in a fellow in all my life. He was no longer a sunburnt, athletic type of a man; instead he was dressed immaculately, smiling and bowing to the ladies, and talking almost like a sissy. He was pastoring the wrong bunch at Burgess Road, and his preaching had changed right away. It was no longer the preaching of an "eagle" or a "gull" or a "swan." It was the preaching of a "canary": he just chirped. Like all canaries and parakeets, *he couldn't control anything.*

Then I've known a lot of "doves." When trouble comes, a dove will coo and mourn until it gets shot. I saw a cartoon one time of a little dove coming home to momma with a black eye and nearly all of its feathers gone. The mother dove said to him, "How many times have I told you not to fly over a badminton court?"

A "dove" is a harmless preacher. You can always tell

when a preacher is a "dove" because he always uses the first person plural in all of his messages: "If we don't accept Christ, *we'll* go to Hell," "We should live right," etc. It's "we, we, we, we.": he includes himself with the lost and the backsliders so they'll feel good about themselves. He doesn't want them to think he is preaching AT them. I've known dozens of those "we" preachers; they're little "doves."

Then there's the "swan." The swan is a graceful bird, but its wings are so strong that if one hits your arm or leg it can break it. A "swan" is strong and tough, but at the same time he is graceful and a gentleman (which is something I've never been accused of). I have heard some of these fellows preach and seen them operate; they are no "fly by nights." They fly high for the Lord morning, noon, and night. You take Harold Henniger (Canton Baptist Temple) and Beauchamp Vick (Temple Baptist

in Detroit); both of those preachers were real gentlemen. They dressed nice, spoke nice, didn't have any fits of temper, were never vulgar in their speech; but they were still powerful preachers. Neither one of them was a compromiser. I think of Walt Ziglar, a well known North Carolina preacher whom I've had in to preach here at the Bad Attitude Baptist Blowout a number of times. He was always well dressed; he always behaved himself; he always stood straight in the pulpit and made very few gestures; he always took his time preaching, speaking slowly and carefully; and he was always polite. He had a power of God on him that would shake you in your seat. I've known several "swans." They were graceful and gentlemen, but they were soulwinners and never compromised. They were *strong*; not weak, anemic little "canaries"

Then there are "ravens."

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Continued from 1 life (Rom. 2:6–7; Gal. 6:6–10) for “acts of love” (pg. 23) because it is “our OBEDIENCE and love, combined with our faith” that causes us to “be REWARDED with eternal life (Rom. 2:7; Gal. 6:8–9).” “God ‘will REPAY everyone according to his works: eternal life for those who seek glory, honor, and immortality through PERSEVERANCE IN GOOD WORKS . . .’ (Rom. 2:–8).” Consequently, no member of Christ’s Body can know for sure where he is going when he dies because “Christians can forfeit Heaven” (pp. 24–26).

Comment: According to the Apostle to Rome, that is *Satanic blasphemy* (see Rom. 11:6, 4:3–4). According to *Peter’s* testimony (1 Pet. 1:3–5) and *John’s* testimony (1 John 5:13), the Bishop is a *bold-faced liar*. Paul wrote half a chapter in the New Testament (2 Cor. 5:1–10) to show you that a Christian could know EXACTLY where he is going when he dies, and then he *reinforced* it with 1 Corinthians 1:6–8; Philippians 1:6; and 1 Thessalonians 5:9–10, 23. That’s *three witnesses* (2 Cor. 13:1)—READ THEM!

How did this godless, Christless “Bishop” arrive at his private interpretation that *denies* what Peter, John, and Paul wrote in the Scriptures? Easy, he picked it up from some “infallible teaching church” whose “sacred traditions” contradicted what the Holy Ghost wrote in His Book nearly every time they opened their dirty, lying, depraved mouths.

The Apostle Paul said that the eternal security of the members of Christ’s Body is so certain that *nothing* that could happen to them AFTER they were saved could separate them from Jesus Christ (Rom. 8:29–39). Don’t believe one word I wrote. “Look well

to your going” (Prov. 14:15) and look up the passage and READ IT!

Now how did this pious hypocrite get so fouled up in the Scriptures; I mean aside from the fact that he does not study them or rightly divide them (2 Tim. 2:15), believe what he reads (Gen. 40:8, 41:16; Dan. 2:28–30; Luke 24:45), or know how to find out what they mean (1 Cor. 2:13)? Well, *watch his wording carefully*. He uses 1 Corinthians 10:11–12 to prove that a member of the Body of Christ can lose salvation and go to Hell (pg. 25).

The passage says nothing of the kind. The entire context (1 Cor. 10:1–13) is about God killing disobedient saints and warning them that death can get them if they do not judge themselves.

“For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged” (1 Cor. 11:30–31).

Paul says the same thing in Romans 8:13, and John says the same thing in 1 John 5:16. Nothing about losing salvation (pg. 25); nothing about going to Hell after salvation. The Bishop is a blind man leading the blind into a ditch (Matt. 15:14; Prov. 4:19).

The other passage the Bishop uses is Romans 2:6–8, which doesn’t refer to *any* Christian who ever lived on this earth. You don’t have to believe me; go and read the verses for yourself. Don’t point your finger at me and say, “That’s just your interpretation.” READ IT! That passage is aimed at the *Gentile nations* under *conscience* from Adam to Christ. It has no more application to a born-again Christian “in Christ” than does Mother Teresa’s “good press.”

The Bishop then has the gall to say that eternal life as a *present possession* of a born-again child of God (1 John

5:10–13; John 10:28–29; Eph. 4:30) is simply “an especially attractive idea” promoted by “some people” (pg. 24). “There can be no absolute assurance of salvation” (pg. 25). He gets this by making 2 Timothy 2:11–12 apply to the believer’s *salvation* instead of his *Millennial reign with Jesus Christ*. The sorry hypocrite cut off the quotation at verse 12.

Look at the passage. Right after telling you that Christ will deny you a reign if you deny Him, Paul says, **“If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: HE CANNOT DENY HIMSELF”** (2 Tim. 2:13). If you live with Christ because you are dead with Him (2 Tim. 2:11), you are IN CHRIST (Rom. 6:3–5). If you are IN CHRIST, you are part of Him and He is part of you (1 Cor. 12:13; Col. 1:27). If you are part of Him, He *can’t* and *won’t* deny Himself. The Bishop is lying through his teeth.

“There is no absolute assurance of salvation”: you mean for a blind fool like YOU, don’t you, Bishop? “The Prince of Apostles” not only knew where he was going (2 Pet. 1:13–14),

he knew where all his fellow Christians were going (1 Pet. 1:3–5). The man who founded the church at Rome (Rom. 15:20, 24) said the same thing, as did the Apostle John (1 John 5:13). And you have the brass to tell us WE don’t have absolute assurance of salvation just because YOU DON’T? “Speak for yourself, John Alden,” but don’t bracket “us” with YOU. What you mean, Bishop, is that YOU have never known for sure where you are going at death. But that is nothing new: neither has any Pope, Cardinal, Priest, or Bishop in your church. Evidently, “sacred tradition” knocked you from “amazing grace” into a *floating opportunity*.

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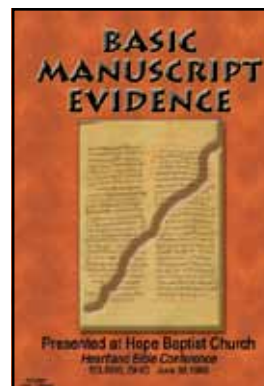
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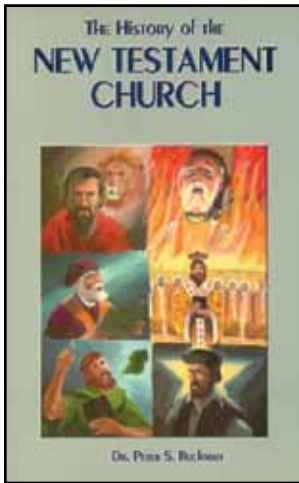
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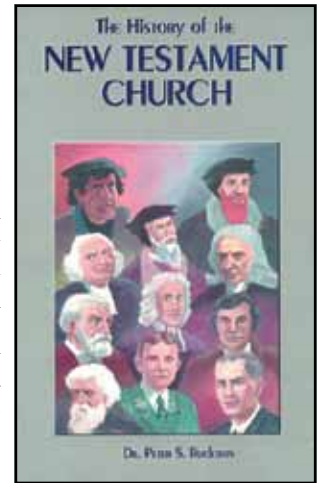


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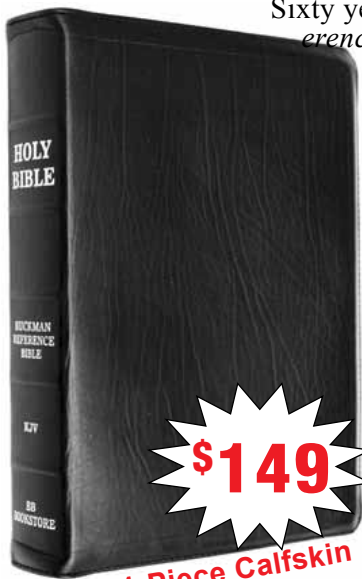
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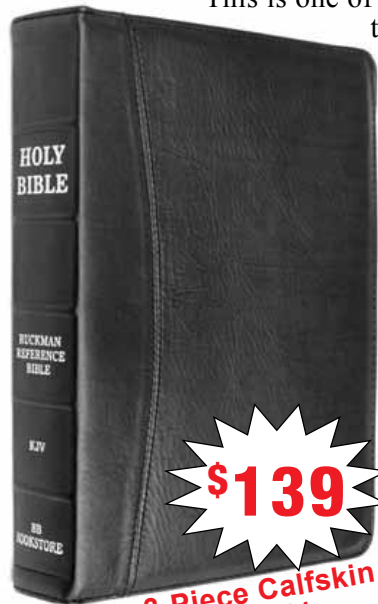
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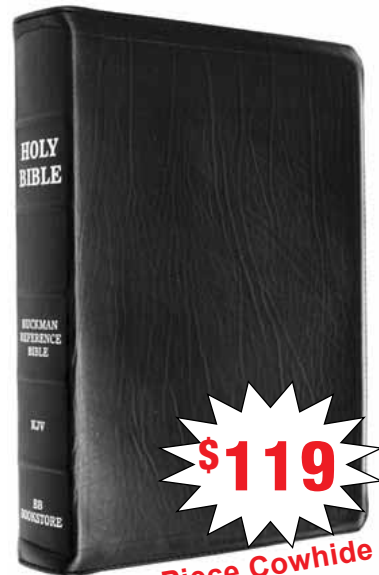
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Some Birds I Have Known

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There are some “blackbirds” in the flock. (Washington is called “Hershey City” because it’s 80% “chocolate” and 20% *nuts*.) Most black preachers are Communists or Charismatics, but every now and then, you find a good one. I’ve seen some black “ravens” who could really preach. I’ve preached on the same platform with John Wesley Grant several times, and believe you me, that “bird” could preach. He’d fire with both barrels every time, and boy, he would hit the bullseye! I think of a black preacher in California named Peterson. If he ran on the Presidential ticket, I’d put him in the White House tomorrow night, and he wouldn’t be like the mulatto Liberationist/Moslem you’ve got in there right now. That fellow had high moral and ethical standards, and he wasn’t a compromiser. He believed that *King James Bible* from cover to cover, and brother, he would flat put his own race “in their place.” He would preach to them in no uncertain terms about their matriarchal society, their laziness, and their desire to live off welfare. That “bird” preached harder than half the white preachers I’ve met in 63 years in the ministry.

Then you have a “cardinal.” Cardinals are “hoods”: they wear *red* hoods. A boy was in a typical Christian Sunday School one time, and the teacher asked him who won the fight between the Hittites and the Philistines. The boy replied, “Man, I don’t keep up with those minor league teams.” Well, these “cardinals” aren’t the baseball team; they are the *religious politicians* in the Roman Catholic Church. You can’t really call them “preachers” because none of them know how to *preach*. All you’ll

get out of them is: “Make me an instrument of Thy peace” or “God bless.” God bless?! God bless whom? You want God to bless a muskrat or what? How about “God bless Adolf Hitler”; you want to try that one? After all, it was the Cardinal in Berlin (Eugenio Pacelli) who became Pope Pius XII and made a concordat with Adolf Hitler.

I’ve met “owls” in the ministry. The owl is associated with *wisdom*. When an “owl” reads a verse, he says, “To who? To who?” *To whom is it talking? Who is doing the talking?* Learning the Bible depends on “**rightly dividing the word of truth**” (2 Tim. 2:15). An owl can see well in the dark. If you are going to get light in a dark age, you need to get into that Book (2 Pet. 1:19; Psa. 119:105).

Then there are “eagles” (see Isa. 40:31). An eagle has keen eyes, and he screams a warning when he sees an enemy or a friend miles off. When he gets old, he knocks off his beak after it has been locked shut and gets him a new beak; he will also grow himself a new set of feathers after molting the old ones. A mother eagle will teach her young ones how to fly by taking them up and dumping them off, and then flying under them and catching them; she will do that over and over again until they learn to fly on their own. The eagle is the master of the sky; he will sail high above the thunderheads at 30,000 feet. When it comes to the ministry, W. B. Riley was an eagle, as was Billy Sunday and Bob Jones Sr.

Finally, there are “peacocks.” They are the show-offs. They are “preachers” (if you can call them that) like Joel Osteen, Rick Warren, R. L. Hymers, and the Popes.

They do what they do to be “**seen of men**” (Matt. 23:5). These strutting “peacocks” are never like Martin Luther, Sam Jones, or Mordecai Ham. If you put Joel Osteen alongside J. Frank Norris, it would be like putting a Chihuahua alongside a thoroughbred Great Dane. Trying to compare Rick Warren to Martin Luther would be like a housefly next to an albatross.

There’s an old story about a young, inexperienced eagle who was very hungry and met a dwarf walking down the road with a cart of fresh bones. The dwarf said to the eagle, “It’s a lot of trouble and hard work to hunt for your meal. If you’ll give me just one of your feathers, I’ll give you one of these bones.”

The eagle thought that the loss of only one of his feathers wouldn’t hurt anything, so he gave the dwarf a feather and received his bone. That took place day after day: each day the dwarf would come by with his cart of fresh bones, and each day the young eagle would give the dwarf a feather and

get one of the bones. One day though, the eagle had no more feathers to give the dwarf.

“Foolish bird,” said the dwarf with an evil laugh, “now you have no more feathers and cannot fly away. I’ll take you and eat you and sell your bones to some other foolish, lazy eagle.”

Now, Christian—and especially young men in the ministry—stick with the ministry to which God called you. Don’t sell your feathers for bones; you’ll want to fly someday. Fight the good fight and finish the course (2 Tim. 4:7). Someday you’ll fly up there in the rainbow above the clouds. You’ll rejoice with the thunder and cry praises to God when the lightning strikes this old sin-cursed earth.

Don’t ever be a “cowbird” and take credit for a ministry that’s not yours. “Birds of a feather flock together.” If you’re going to fly high and long, don’t flock with the parakeets and the chickadees; flock with the eagles and the albatrosses.

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Catholic Bishop (thirty years after Vatican II) says that Romans 11:22–23 refers to *saved believers in the Body of Christ* (pg. 25). *There is no "Body of Christ" found anywhere in Romans 11, not even in a Catholic Bible. Private interpretation: absolute disregard for the Author and Interpreter of the Holy Scriptures* (2 Pet. 1:20–21; John 16:13).

Romans 11 is a dissertation on *national privileges* when it comes to hearing the Gospel. That's according to the human author himself (Paul) *who gives you the correct interpretation right in the passage.* The Apostle Paul tells you in verse 13 that the chapter is aimed at the *Gentiles*, not the Body of Christ or the church (cf. 1 Cor. 10:32; Gal. 3:28). The Bishop, as all Catholic Bishops and Archbishops, is a *Biblical illiterate*. His "sacred traditions" crippled him too high for crutches.

Those are just a handful of samples of private interpretation from a man who claims to be in the "one, true church that Christ founded," which is the *only* "infallible interpreter of the Scriptures." You should study his wording very carefully. Not only is it anti-scriptural and anti-Christian, it is *Satanic*. That is what the Vatican calls "sacred traditions."

This silly piece of trash entitled *Pillar of Fire, Pillar of Truth* has about as much "truth" in it as Madam Blavatsky's *Secret Doctrine* or Tom Paine's *Age of Reason*, and the "fire" in it is "**set on fire of hell**" (James 3:6). In his deluded condition, the Bishop says that 1 Timothy 3:15 is a reference to the Roman Catholic Church, so that is "where you belong" (back cover). Not if you can read fourth-grade English, no. You belong **IN CHRIST** (Col. 2:9–10, 1:14).

The reason this deceived fool thinks he can lose his

salvation (and therefore *you can too*) is given on page 14: you get "into Christ" by a *Priest sprinkling water on you!* "Baptism is the gateway into the church." *What church?!* In the Bible, "the church" is *Christ's Body* (Eph. 1:22–23; Col. 1:24).

The Catholic Bishop dissects 1 Peter 3:21 just as finely as any Campbellite elder: "Baptism now saves you." *That's not what the verse says: "the like FIGURE where unto baptism doth also now save us (NOT the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but THE ANSWER OF A GOOD CONSCIENCE TOWARD GOD),"* The water baptism of Acts 2:38 and 22:16 (both Campbellite proof texts for baptismal regeneration) can no more put any sinner into the Body of the Lord Jesus Christ than a "water birth" of flesh (John 3:4–6).

"That's just your interpretation, Ruckman." No, it's just that water is water and flesh is flesh and spirit is spirit (John 3:6). A water birth—ANY water birth (Gen. 1:20; Isa. 48:1; Prov. 5:16–18)—is not a spiritual birth. Any fool who is counting on *physical* water to put him into a *spiritual* Body (Eph. 2:14–18) *should* think he can lose his salvation, for his salvation is *not New Testament salvation* at all. It is *Roman Catholic "salvation."* Some sinners are saved by grace through faith in the finished atonement of Jesus Christ where God refuses to charge them with sin (2 Cor. 5:19; Rom. 4:7–8; John 3:18), while others (according to the Bishop, nearly a billion) are "saved" by joining a political Church-State via water and then *obeying* a hierarchy of wine-drinking bachelors whose "sacred traditions" declare that Mary's four sons and two daughters (Mark 6:3; Psa. 69:8–9 cf. John 2:17) were never even born. Don't believe a word I say; READ

THE VERSES!

Observe that when Rome's "sacred traditions" are judged by the Holy Scriptures, their "sacredness" becomes little more than *secular insanity*. For further study on this subject, get our work *Rome—the Great Private Interpreter* (1969), where I discuss eight major private interpretations of a fallible, non-apostolic Vatican hierarchy, as given in all their publications *before* and *after* "Vatican II."

You're going to have to learn to *watch words carefully*, Christian (Eph. 4:14), for the end is near. Never forget that the Book never makes the mistake of saying that *any* church's traditions, whether they are "sacred" or secular, are TRUTH. The Book says "**THY WORD is truth**" (John 17:17) and talks about "**the SCRIPTURES of truth**" (Dan. 10:21). Traditions are *men's*

words. Sometimes they are true and sometimes they are *not*.

No one in the New Testament was ever told to "find the church Christ founded and join it." Paul never brought that up in any of his preaching from Acts 9 to Acts 28. You are to find the **FOUNDER** of the church (Heb. 3:3) before you make one move in any direction.

"**He that hath the Son hath life**" (1 John 5:12), and he that hath only the Catholic Church and its sacraments "**hath not life.**" That goes for anything you substitute for "**the Son.**" Substitute any other words you want where I wrote "Catholic Church and its sacraments," and the sentence will still be true—true, that is, according to the Book Jesus Christ called absolute truth (see 1 John 5:10–13; Col. 2:6–10).

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regenerates him, and *then* he repents and believes on Christ. And if a person is not one of the elect, he can't be saved no matter what you or he do because he is under the Decree of Reprobation.

That is why the middle point of Calvin's TULIP is called "Limited Atonement." John Calvin taught that Jesus Christ didn't die for Judas Iscariot or Pharaoh or Balaam or Ahab or Caiaphas or for any unsaved man who winds up in Hell. Jesus Christ only died for "the elect" who were regenerated before they received Him as Saviour. That's the standard teaching of John Calvin's TULIP as given in all the systematic theologies put out by the Presbyterians and the Reformed; that is also what a lot of the Hyperdispensationalists like Bullinger and Stam teach.

One more time with feeling: a hyper-Calvinism always leads to a hyper-Arminianism. The hyper-Calvinist will ask a professing Christian (it's always a professing Christian because no lost person would be concerned with it): "Did God grant you repentance? If God

doesn't grant you repentance, you can't repent." How can you tell if God granted a sinner repentance? Why, that's simple: if you live like the Calvinist lives, you're saved; and if you don't do that, then "Christ is not Lord of all," so you're lost.

Among some "Bible-believing Christians" (like Mack and Ken Johnson, and Dewey Marrs, over at Faith Baptist in Milton, Florida), this has been revised to: "if you profess to have been saved like I got saved, then you're saved, and if you don't, you're lost." That kind of teaching produces puffed-up, bloated, *self-righteous Pharisees*. The biggest ones are those who got saved when they were young and, for whatever reason, never gained assurance of salvation; so they made another profession of faith later on and claimed they weren't "really saved" the first time. We call these people "retreads," and they are always engaged in "re-converting" their congrega-

tions. It's not quite as bad as hyper-Calvinism, but it will kill a church just as dead because all the "evangelistic efforts" will be to talk professing Christians out of their salvation by telling them if they didn't believe or understand everything the Bible says about Christ and the atonement when they received Christ, they were not really saved. The dying thief who was saved in Luke 23:40-43 knew no more about imputed righteousness or the blood atonement or "**the gospel of the grace of God**" (Acts 20:24) than Peter did in Acts 2.

When I got saved, I only

knew three things, and they weren't the Deity of Christ, the virgin birth, or the blood atonement. All I knew of those things was what was repeated in the "Apostles' Creed" in the Episcopalian church I attended growing up. When I got saved, all I knew was:

1. I was going to Hell if I died.
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THE CREED OF THE ALEXANDRIAN CULT

1. There is **no final authority** but God.
2. Since God is a Spirit, there is **no final authority** that can be seen, heard, read, felt, or handled.
3. Since all books are material, there is **no book on this earth that is the final and absolute authority** on what is right and what is wrong, what constitutes truth and what constitutes error.
4. There **WAS** a series of writings one time which, **IF** they had all been put into a **BOOK** as soon as they were written the first time, **WOULD HAVE** constituted an infallible and final authority by which to judge truth and error.
5. However, this series of writings was lost, and the God who inspired them was **unable to preserve their content** through Bible-believing Christians at Antioch (Syria), where the first Bible teachers were (Acts 13:1), and where the first missionary trip originated (Acts 13:1-52), and where the word "*Christian*" originated (Acts 11:26).
6. So God chose to **ALMOST** preserve them through Gnostics and philosophers from Alexandria, Egypt, even though God called His Son **OUT** of Egypt (Matthew 2), Jacob **OUT** of Egypt (Genesis 49), Israel **OUT** of Egypt (Exodus 15), and Joseph's bones **OUT** of Egypt (Exodus 13).
7. So there are two streams of Bibles. The most accurate—though, of course, there is **no final, absolute authority** for determining truth and error; it is a matter of "preference"—are the Egyptian translations from Alexandria, Egypt, which are "almost the originals," although not quite.
8. The most **inaccurate translations** were those that brought about the German Reformation (Luther, Zwingli, Boehler, Zinzen-dorf, Spener, et al.) and the worldwide missionary movement of the English-speaking people: the Bible that Sunday, Torrey, Moody, Finney, Spurgeon, Whitefield, Wesley, and Chapman used.
9. But we can "tolerate" these if those who believe in them will "tolerate" US. After all, since there is **NO ABSOLUTE AND FINAL AUTHORITY** that anyone can read, teach, preach, or handle, the whole thing is a matter of "PREFERENCE." You may prefer what you prefer, and we will prefer what we prefer. Let us live in peace, and if we cannot agree on anything or everything, let us all agree on one thing: **THERE IS NO FINAL, ABSOLUTE, WRITTEN AUTHORITY OF GOD ANYWHERE ON THIS EARTH.**

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to save them (Rom. 10:13) that
He *rejected* them after saying
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in no wise cast out**" (John
6:37). (If not that, it's: "if you
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