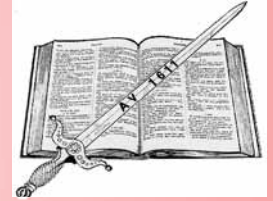




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DISCOURAGEMENT: — The Great Killer —

By Dr. Peter S. Ruckman
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“And they journeyed from mount Hor by the way of the Red sea, to compass the land of Edom: and the soul of the people was MUCH DISCOURAGED because of the way” (Num. 21:4).

“He shall not fail NOR BE DISCOURAGED, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law” (Isa. 42:4).

Those are two verses in the Old Testament that set the Lord Jesus Christ in contrast to His chosen people the Jews. Unlike the Lord, God’s people get *discouraged*. When it comes to service, *discouragement* is the great killer of Christians.

In over sixty years in the ministry, I have signed literally thousands of Bibles. For a girl or woman, I will usually give her Ruth 2:12, but for a man or boy, I will give him this verse:

“Have not I commanded thee? BE STRONG AND OF A GOOD COURAGE; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest” (Josh. 1:9).

I’ve gotten hung up on *courage* partly because of my military background. In my living room, I have a plaque hanging over my fireplace with my “life verse” on it. It was spoken by the General of an army.

“BE OF GOOD COURAGE, and let us play the men for our people, and for



the cities of our God: and the LORD do that which seemeth him good” (2 Sam. 10:12).

That’s a good verse for someone whose grandfather was a Major General, and whose father was a Colonel in

World War II and a Captain in World War I. If you are going to be “a good soldier of Jesus Christ” (2 Tim. 2:3), you have to have *courage*.

“Courage is the armor a blind man wears,

The calloused scars which have outlived despairs.

Courage is fear that has said its prayers.”

The brave man is one who is *afraid*, but *goes ahead anyway*. If you are not afraid, then you are not brave, because it doesn’t take any bravery if you’re not afraid. If you are afraid but still go ahead, *that’s courage*. “Be of good cour-
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The Last Great Mourning

By Robert Militello

“And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn” (Zech. 12:10).

According to the Jewish sages, five terrible calamities befell the Jewish people on the Ninth of Av, which is the fifth month of the Jewish calendar. This awesome day of grief comes on July 16th this year. That’s the earliest date it

can fall on, and the last time that happened was in 1899. This day of multiple tragedy is known as Tisha B’Av.

On this day, there is a fast, and it is referred to in Zechariah 7:3.

“And to speak unto the priests which were in the house of the LORD of hosts, and to the prophets, saying, Should I weep in the fifth month, separating myself, as I have done these so many years?”

Jerusalem’s destruction and the burning of the house of the Lord (see Jer. 52:12–14) was the second disaster that was to mark Tisha B’Av as the darkest day in Jewish history. The rabbis also teach

that on the ninth of Av, the negative report on the Promised Land was given by ten of the twelve sent by Moses to spy out the Promised Land.

Calamity number three took place in A.D. 70 when Herod’s temple was destroyed by the Romans as foretold by Jesus. In A.D. 135, the last great revolt by the Jews against Roman rule was brutally suppressed, and all the leading members of the Sanhedrin were gruesomely tortured. This was tragedy number four, and it happened on the ninth of Av also.

In A.D. 136, on the ninth of Av, what was left of Jerusalem was razed. The Emperor
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“THE LAND OF THE FREE”

By Dr. Peter S. Ruckman

I do *not* believe that Americans are “free.” I do not believe the government of the United States is “of the people, by the people, or for the people”; nor has it been a single time since 1865. Personally, I think Abraham Lincoln (along with FDR, Martin Luther King Jr., JFK, and Obama) was one of the greatest professional con artists who ever overthrew a free republic to form a Socialist government. That is my viewpoint, and if you don’t take that point of view, there are no hard feelings.

The “catch” back in Lincoln’s day was *States’ rights*. That is the point of the Tenth Amendment of the Bill of Rights. Lincoln settled that issue back in 1865: *the States have no rights*. No State has any “rights” at all. They are in *total subjection* to Washington, D.C., the District and Supreme Court judges, the NEA, and the ACLU.

I believe America became a “soviet Socialist republic” in 1933 under FDR. It is now a *welfare State* and a *Communist satellite* of the Vatican. (Under Obama, it is becoming a *morally corrupt anarchy* and a puppet State of the Muslim Brotherhood.) The deal was “closed” with the passing of the Civil Rights Act in 1964.

I believe the Thirteenth Amendment of the Constitution freed all individuals in all States, and then the Fourteenth Amendment put them all back under bondage to the Federal government. They are all to be *controlled* by a centralized “soviet” in Washington, D.C., which is run by international Socialists. I believe the Fourteenth Amendment applies only to the “rights” of Lesbians, sex

perverts, whores, whoremongers, women’s libbers, illegal aliens, murderers, rapists, adulterers, Moslems, muggers, thieves, dope heads, Communists, and Catholics. It has *no* application to *any* Bible-believing preacher or church anywhere in the United States.

Nothing will be given to a Bible believer who claims the Thirteenth Amendment, the Fourteenth Amendment, or the Bill of Rights. The Bill of Rights and the Constitution have been done away with, and the other amendments are applied or withheld as the international Socialists in Washington, D.C. see fit in order to advance their agenda. The State where the Bible believer lives is no longer able to protect him from the Catholic, Communist Soviet in Washington, D.C. Anyone familiar with the material put out by the Church League of America in Wheaton, Illinois, by *The Citizen* published in Mississippi, by Billy James Hargis, and by John Stormer could list a hundred cases of that.

In short, I believe the American Constitution is an *ineffective joke*. It can protect no one’s “rights.”

The Congress, the Senate, the White House, the Supreme Court, the Federal judges, and the bureaucrats will overthrow it any time they want. *They’ve been doing it now for decades*. The Bill of Rights has been completely destroyed. *Abraham Lincoln* got rid of the end of it (the Tenth Amendment), and *Martin Luther King Jr.* got rid of the beginning of it (the First Amendment). Obama violated three of the amendments when he shoved his health care bill down the throats of

the American taxpayers, and he is working on getting rid of the Second Amendment so he can ship you off to a concentration camp.

The Constitution is presently an invalid document. Any appeals to it, at least by Bible believers, “conservatives,” or law-abiding citizens, would be a *joke*. From a pragmatic standpoint, *there is no Constitution*.

You say, “Well, Ruckman, to what do you attribute the liberties you have left, say, in contrast to nations like Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Bolivia, China, Vietnam, Egypt, etc.?”

Why, that’s easy. God is still giving this country enough money to stay afloat. When the money goes (and Obama is making sure it goes), *we go with it*.

That’s easy. God still has a small Bible-believing remnant

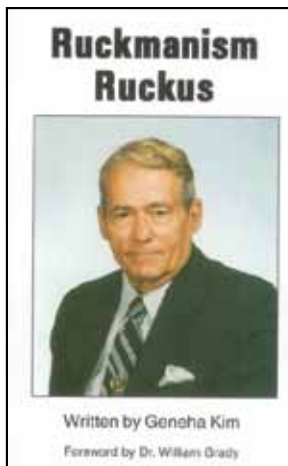


Dr. Peter S. Ruckman
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in this nation that are still praying and putting out the word. When they shelve the Book, *God will shelve us*.

Now do you know what is interesting about the article you just read? *It wasn’t written in the Twenty-first Century*. It was printed in the *Bulletin* in 1985. All I did was add Obama into the article because he is right in line with what was written 28 years ago.

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Discouragement: the Great Killer

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age”; that’s the business.

Did you notice in reading through the armament of the Christian in Ephesians 6:13–18 that there is no cover for the back? That’s because the Christian is to be facing the enemy with his shield. It takes courage to go forward in combat when you are under constant fire.

I have been a Christian now for 63 years, and I have had many discouraging things happen in my life. I know what discourages a Christian! There are certain things that cause Christians to quit going to church or quit reading the Bible regularly or quit witnessing, passing out tracts, or preaching on the streets, etc. A Christian can get discouraged by these things and be driven the wrong way.

The first thing is *criticism*. The last two generations of Americans have been raised to believe they came from animals (evolution), so like animals, they have been trained to be fixated on *themselves*. In their natural state, with no moral standards, animals are concerned with three things: *self-preservation*, *self-propagation*, and *self-gratification*. Once you teach a child to highly esteem himself, you’ve done the greatest damage to him you could possibly do. You’ve created an egotistical brat who is so super-sensitive about *himself* and *his needs* that the least little thing will offend him.

Queers are a good example of this. Every one of them is paranoid, and every one of them has a persecution complex. They all have bad consciences about their sin and can’t stand to be reminded of what they really are. That’s why they changed their name. They don’t call themselves sex perverts, homosexuals, queers, sodomites, or faggots. They call themselves “gay”

because they can’t stand criticism of their sin.

Some Americans are so sensitive that if a pastor says the wrong thing from the pulpit, they’ll go out of the church and never come back again. Listen, brethren, if you are going to live for God, you are going to have to take criticism all your life, and the more you try to serve Him, the more you are going to get it 24 hours a day.

D. L. Moody was one of the greatest evangelists America ever produced, and the newspapers called him “mad Moody” (that’s mad as in *crazy*, not *angry*). John Wesley’s wife would cuss him out at home and drag him around by his hair. One time, she even got up in church while he was preaching and accused him of being drunk the night before. Could you take stuff like that and still go on for God?

Do you realize what people like Barry Goldwater, George Wallace, and Ronald Reagan

had to put up with to run for public office? Why, the news media and the press called them everything but “white.” Can you take criticism like that for your Saviour?

Eddie Shore, the hockey player, had his nose busted *eleven times*; he didn’t quit. The greatest number of stitches any hockey player ever had was on a fellow named “Ching” Johnson. He had stitches all over his head and shoulders, and on other parts of his body, where he had been cut with skates, blades, or fists; and he kept on going. If you can’t even take criticism, how would you take something like that for your Saviour? I mean, they’re beating up your brethren over in India, Africa, China, Indonesia, etc.; and burning them and cutting them and poisoning them. If you can’t take a little criticism, how would you ever be able to handle something like that?

Some people are so sensitive that it doesn’t even take

criticism to discourage them. All it takes is for them *not to get the praise* they think they have coming to them, and they quit. One time, two Hollywood stars got married, and the day after their honeymoon night they got a divorce. The judge wanted to know what was wrong, and the woman said, “When he signed his name in the hotel register, *he signed it bigger than mine.*” That woman quit because she didn’t get the *attention* she thought she deserved.

There was a preacher once who lived in a little village of about 400 people. Every afternoon a train called the “Hummingbird” would go through that small town at seventy miles an hour, and every afternoon that preacher would be there by the tracks to watch it go by. Someone asked him why he did that, and he said, “I just like to watch something that *doesn’t need to be pushed.*” The aver-

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Hadrian's bloodlust against the Jews resulted in over 500,000 dead, with 50 fortified towns and 985 villages leveled. This, according to the sages, was the fifth calamity. Jewish history also teaches that the expulsion from Spain in 1492 also took place on the ninth of Au. What a day!

Jeremiah's book of Lamentations is read in every synagogue on Tisha B'Av. The book has five chapters and is the twenty-fifth book in the *King James Bible* (5x5). I've seen Jews outside of their synagogues in the old Brooklyn neighborhood clutching their prayer books while swaying back and forth expressing their grief in Hebrew, while looking down at their feet. It's a pathetic sight. Has there ever been a people like this who have experienced such suffering and have become so expert at mourning?

"The joy of our heart is ceased; our dance is turned into mourning.

"The crown is fallen from our head: woe unto us, that we have sinned!

"For this our heart is faint; for these things our eyes are dim" (Lam. 5:15-17).

Things won't always be this way for the Jews. There's a remnant that will see an end to all the grief and sadness.

"Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing; thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness" (Psa. 30:11).

This day of joy is near, but first, there must be one more great mourning. God has ordained a period of lamentation and woe that will surpass in its intensity and sadness anything the Jews have known since Abraham buried Sarah.

Weeping is found all through the Bible. No Jew can escape it. **"Jesus wept"** (John 11:35) when he saw

Mary weeping, and the Jews about her weeping, over Lazarus' death, He went to the tomb and wept. The grief of those who loved him, their pain and their disappointment as expressed by Martha when she said, **"Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died"** (John 11:32), caused the water (human tears) to flow from the eyes of God in the flesh. A younger Jesus also mourned the death of His mother's husband. Our Saviour, now in glory, sees our day coming. The Scripture says of it, **"Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints"** (Psa. 116:15). Thank God one of the benefits of our salvation is that we don't sorrow as others do when a saint dies. Separation for God's children is temporary; for others, it is eternal.

Zechariah 12:12-14 describes a mourning that is not occasioned by death. This is a national and extraordinary mourning brought about by a

realization of the most painful sort. Some things have to be seen to be believed. No matter how thoroughly something or someone has been described to us, words cannot bring about the effect that comes with seeing with one's eyes that which was painted on our minds by words.

"And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and THEY SHALL LOOK UPON ME WHOM THEY HAVE PIERCED, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn" (Zech. 12:10).

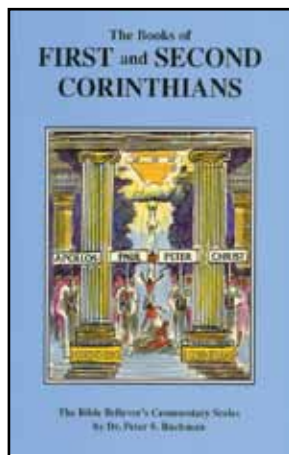
Tisha B'Av's five great calamities combined could not engender the grief that will overwhelm the Jewish remnant when the Messiah shows Himself as one wounded in the house of His friends. This

will be a grief unlike any other. "How could our sages have missed the Messiah in light of all that the prophets wrote?" the Jews will ask. A regret and a national shame unparalleled in human history will haunt the remnant that survives the Great Tribulation when they look upon those wounds.

German civilians were taken by Allied soldiers to the Nazi death camps to see for themselves what their leaders did to a harmless people who were unfortunate enough to be born Jews. Those German civilians were horrified; many broke down. The sight of those unburied corpses of blackened skin and bones was too much. The shame felt by the Germans who toured the camps will be nothing compared to that which the surviving Jews will feel because their great Torah scholars had for almost two thousand years taught that Jesus was a ma-

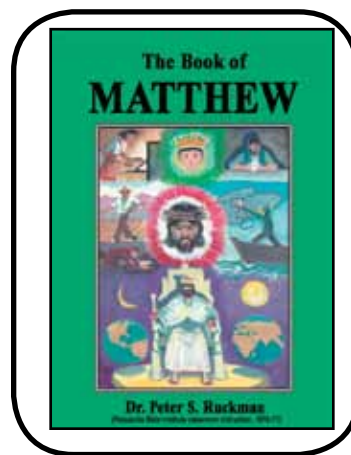
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— OUT OF CONTROL —

By Tom Waddle

It was in spring of 1981, in the small town of Munfordville, Kentucky, when the Campbellites and the Catholics united together, trying to get a petition signed to get this “trouble-making” preacher off the radio. Phone calls were made to the owner of WLOC, Jim Berry, to whom I am forever grateful. In spite of the local pressure and threats to “take their business elsewhere,” he kept me “on the air” with much encouragement. The Clarks’s Drug Store owner “upped” them one; he played the radio program over the intercom system so the entire store could hear it—every time it was on. A local “big wig” Catholic attorney called to let me know that the Catholic Church was filing a “libel” lawsuit against me for making fun of their religion. It wasn’t two weeks later that the Munfordville Baptist Church (Southern Baptist) pastor showed up on my doorstep with an offer to support me monthly IF I would start a church in the *next town*, and for God’s sake not name the church “BIBLE” Baptist, to which I said “no thanks.”

I was “out of control”: *their control*. They were not about to be told that the final authority is not a church, priest, preacher, elder, or some close relative; but a Book, the word of God. They didn’t get the petition, there was no lawsuit, and I kept right on preaching the Book. They thought they could control the preaching with intimidation, threats, and pay-offs; *methods they’ve used to control other preachers*. You see, I had no “central headquarters” to which they could call and complain. My final authority was a Book, and God was my “boss.”

This past year I received a phone call from a *Sword of the Lord* crony who said if I didn’t stop writing negative things about Shelton Smith and the “Sword,” Smith was going to

send his “goons” to “take care of me.” I informed him that I believed him and would be expecting them. *This is the same bunch that’s trying to tell us who qualifies for the ministry and who doesn’t*. All popes are not Catholic. There are *Protestant popes* who think they are in control of the Body of Christ.

Control, it’s all about who’s the final authority. Joseph Goebbels, Hitler’s Propaganda Minister, said, “If you tell a lie big enough and keep repeating it, people will eventually come to believe it. The lie can be maintained only for such time as the State can shield the people from the political, economic, and/or military consequences of the lie. It thus becomes vitally important for the State to use all of its powers to repress dissent, for the truth is the mortal enemy of the lie, and thus by extension, the truth is the greatest enemy of the State.”

According to Goebbels, the secret in controlling “the people” (your *congregation* or your *student body*) is restricting what they have access to. You have got to *control* what they hear and/or what they read; therefore, truth becomes your enemy. The only way to keep their lie alive is to make sure their constituents don’t have access to the truth; i.e., ban books and radio programs that expose their lie.

Note how *The Sword of the Lord* tries to maintain control: their Articles of Faith on the Bible say, “WE BELIEVE the Bible, the Scriptures of the Old Testament and the New Testament, preserved for us in the Masoretic text (Old Testament), *Textus Receptus* (New Testament), and in the *King James Bible*, is verbally and plenary inspired of God. It is the inspired, inerrant, infallible, and altogether authentic, accurate, and authoritative Word of God, therefore the

supreme and final authority in all things (2 Tim. 3:16–17; 2 Pet. 1:21; Rev. 22:18–19).” A shyster could not have worded it any craftier. Now take a close look at it; the trick word inserted is “IN.” Note: the “Bible” is “preserved for us IN the Masoretic text” AND the “*Textus Receptus*” AND “IN the *King James Bible*.” Notice they are not “the Word of God” or “the Scriptures,” but “the Scriptures” and “the Word of God” are “IN” them. Do you see the difference? How could you be more deceptive than that, brother?

Notice also that it says, “IT is the inspired, inerrant . . .” What do you mean “IT”? You just named three different texts, and NONE of them MATCH. All three of them can’t be the final authority. Who decides which is right when they disagree? You and “*The Sword*”? *Wrong again*. You might *hoodwink* some naive Christians with that subtle *poppycock*, but you won’t get it by a Bible believer.

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gician and a sorcerer, nothing more.

On Tisha B'Av, in the synagogues, the ark, or wooden cabinet which houses the Torah scrolls, is draped in black. The words of God which were meant to give light brought death and mourning because of unbelief. Paul warned us in Romans 11:18, **"Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee."** A Christian can put a black curtain over his or her Bible by allowing a **"root of bitterness"** to spring up in the heart (see Heb. 12:15). Our trials, tribulations, and sorrows are not sent our way to get us to mourn, but to be conformed to the One who said, **"Be of good cheer . . ."** **"In everything give thanks"** (1 Thess. 5:18).

What will it be like for us when we see the wounds in our Saviour's hands and feet? Can we now, while in the body, comprehend what our own sins did to our Lord? We have yet to come face to face with the personification of LOVE, which is our Saviour. He alone bore our sins in His own body. We dare not boast against the branches. The door opened to us Gentile dogs was only opened because the Lord's own people refused Him. **"We have no king but Caesar"** (John 19:15). They sure got Caesar, and still the worst is yet to come. The cup of the Lord's indignation against His people is still not full. Pity them, dear brothers and sisters, for their sorrows are far from over.

Besides Tisha B'Av, the only other day on the Jewish calendar that carries with it such solemnity is Yom Kippur. This is a day of fasting and serious introspection, but mourning is reserved for the ninth of Av. Over four centuries before Solomon's temple was destroyed, the one who built

it wrote:

"It is better to go to the house of mourning, than to go to the house of feasting: for that is the end of all men; and the living will lay it to his heart.

"Sorrow is better than laughter: for by sadness of the countenance the heart is made better" (Eccl. 7:2-3).

There is a weeping coming which Jesus referred to four times in Matthew's Gospel; only this weeping is accompanied by gnashing of teeth. This is a bitter, terrible kind of weeping reserved for those who died lost. Can Americans believe in 2013 that a God of love would allow anyone to go to a place at death where weeping, screaming, and cursing never end? You think a Joel Osteen or Rick Warren can preach on why it is better to go **"to the house of mourning, than to the house of feasting"**? We've become a nation that regards negativity as some kind of mental instability.

This is a world of sadness and woe, and apart from Jesus' coming into it to die for sinners like you and me, there isn't a whole lot about which to cheer. What gives Christians a sound mind and the ability to keep on keeping on despite the sorrow and pain is an empty tomb. What greater and more powerful words ever fell on human ears than: **"He is not here: for he is risen, as he said"** (Matt. 28:6)? These words put an abrupt end to Mary Magdalene's weeping, and she went and gave that message to the Lord's apostles.

We have been given words by the Holy Spirit designed to soften the sadness and sorrow of death.

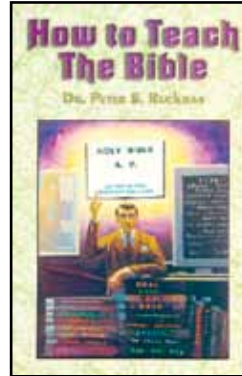
"But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that YE SORROW NOT, even as others which HAVE NO HOPE" (1 Thess.

4:13).

The homegoing and funeral of a Christian is especially painful and sad for those family members and friends which have no hope of eternal life.

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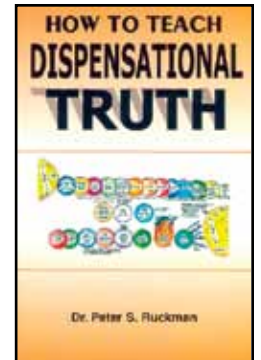
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“Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time” (1 John 2:18).

“Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six” (Rev. 13:18).

The Bible is clear about an upcoming world ruler known as the Antichrist. He is called the Antichrist because he is Satan’s christ as opposed to “the Lord’s Christ” (Luke 2:26; Acts 4:26).

Way back in 1960, we published a book entitled *The Mark of the Beast* in which we showed you that the Antichrist has a name, he has a mark, he has a number, he has a religion, and he has a letter. In this article, we want to deal with his number and his letter.

The number, of course, is identified in Revelation 13:18; it is 666. In Revelation 13:17, the Holy Spirit tells you, “no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the NUMBER of his name.”

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Hell where there is no joy and laughter is heard no more.

Thank God for a preacher who gives a message on Hell more than once every few years. Once upon a time, there were such preachers in America. Where are they now? This is the real reason why our nation is going down the toilet. Any other explanation can only come from the mouth of a biblical jackass. “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom” (Prov. 9:10). It’s a great thing to have, amen?

has been mandatory for every American to receive a number which now is required to earn and distribute money: it is your Social Security number. The push now is to make your Social Security card a “national identity” or “national registration” card. It was the August 1980 edition of *The Army Times* which suggested that all civilians be required to carry an ID card similar to that carried by military personnel. The purpose of all this is the complete computerized regimentation of every man, woman, and child in the United States.

In 1980, the IRS came out with a “gem” on the tax form: “If box 9 is an IRA payment, enter 666. Identify the kind of payment by showing one of the following code numbers after 666.” In 1979, 666 was the number on the Medicaid Service Employees Division of the IRS for non-profit corporation employees.

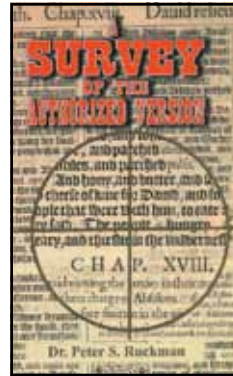
I have a photograph here of the badge used by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms. Below the eagle on the shield, at the bottom, is the number 666. Ditto the IRS badges. The patch of President Carter’s security forces had 666 on it. The U.S. selective service cards had 666 on them.

In 1981, lottery tickets in Israel had 666 on them. The telephone operator for overseas calls from Israel was 666. The license plates of all Arab-owned vehicles in Jerusalem had 666 on them. Here in America, in 1979, the ID tags on GM cars in Flint, Michigan had 666 on them.

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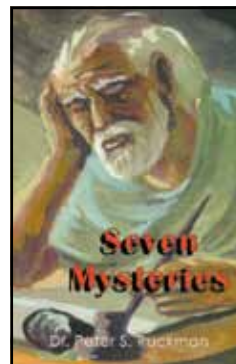
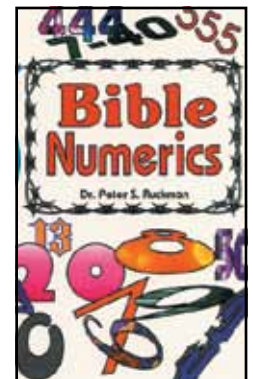
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The Antichrist

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ica now uses six-pronged
scanners to scan the Univer-
sical Product Code. The UPC
is an *eighteen*-digit number
divided into *three sixes*. That
means everything you have
bought in the last thirty years
has a bar code with *three
sixes* on it (see Rev. 13:17).

By "coincidence" (don't you
know), there just happen to
be *eighteen types* (6+6+6) of
Antichrist in the Bible (Cain,
Nimrod, Esau, Pharaoh, Bal-
ak, Sisera, Abimelech, Saul,
Goliath, Absalom, Jeroboam,
Ahab, Sennacherib, Nebu-
chadnezzar, Haman, Caesar,
Herod, and Judas).

Now when it comes to the
letter of the Antichrist, "X"
marks the spot. Have you ever
studied words that end in X?

You take that number of the
Beast: SIX-SIX-SIX. In Greek,
that would be HEX-HEX-HEX.
A hex is a *demonic spell* cast
on someone. It's like being a
jinx, which is a *bad luck spell*
put on someone.

The Antichrist is an *imita-
tion Christ* (see how the new
"Bibles" change 1 Cor. 11:1);
I believe the modern term
for a *copy* of the real thing is
a *Xerox*. The Antichrist is a
fake Christ, so he is a *hoax*.
He is such a perfect imita-
tion, though, that he deceives
many (Matt. 24:5), so he is a
paradox.

The Antichrist is a *Roman
King* (Rev. 6:2; Dan. 7:7-8
cf. 2:40-41). The Latin (Ro-
man) word for *King* is *Rex*. It
was the Roman King Caesar
Augustus who instituted an in-
ternational *tax* before Christ's
First Coming (Luke 2:1-5) just
as the Antichrist will before
Christ's Second Coming (Dan.
11:20).

The Antichrist is a bowman
(Rev. 6:2), and the sign
of a bowman is two raised
fingers, with which the reli-
gious heathen in Rome *cross*
themselves. The Latin word
for *cross* is *crux*. But this
bowman has no arrows, so
he conquers peaceably (Dan.

11:21, 24). It is a *Roman
peace*: a *PAX Romana*. Like
the Roman Pope who speaks
EX cathedra, the Antichrist
claims to speak with the voice
of God (Rev. 13:5-6 cf. 2
Thess. 2:3-4); the Latin word
for *voice* is *vox*.

Like the child-molesting
Roman Catholic priests, he
will be a *SEX* pervert (Dan.
11:37). If I'm not mistaken, the
designation for pornography
is *XXX*.

By the way, it was the Ro-
man King Herod, whom Je-
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Discouragement: the Great Killer

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age preacher has to push his congregation to get anything done; that can be discouraging.

People will quit for the least little reason: the preacher forgets to thank them for bringing food to dinner on the grounds, or he forgets to pat the parking lot attendant on the back, or he forgets to visit Mrs. So-and-so in the hospital because no one told him she was there. There's been many a church that has started out with fifty to a hundred charter members that when the time came for the ten or twenty or 25-year anniversary, it was lucky to have *any* of the original members left.

Any pastor knows that if all the people who had attended his church through the years had stayed as members, he would have to have an auditorium that seats 5,000 people. He's lucky if he has 300 in attendance on any given Sunday. What's the problem? He didn't pat enough people on the back and make them feel good about themselves like Osteen, Warren, and Hybels. People will "absquatulate" (as the old-timers used to say) if they don't get enough praise.

Have you ever heard of Charles Zibelman? No? Well, do you know what Charles Zibelman did? Back in 1937, at the age of 44, he swam the length of the Hudson River from Albany to New York City—145 miles. You say, "So?" He did it with *no legs*. That's quite a feat, wouldn't you say? Did Zibelman get the praise he deserved for such an accomplishment? Evidently not; you never heard his name before, did you?

Not only can criticism and lack of praise discourage a Christian, but so can the *deadness of a church service*. Any Christian who has any kind of spiritual bone in his body is going to get depressed by

a service where all there is is this contemporary music and amateur psychology designed to make you feel good about yourself so your wife can run the family. Such a service is designed for nothing more than to promote *attendance and giving*. Such a service is deader than a mackerel on the beach from last week; it's deader than a box of rocks. Nothing could be deader. Preacher, the sheep want to be *fed*, whether they realize that or not. If you teach and preach the *Scriptures* instead of "family values," the sheep will respond.

Christian, if you don't want a dead service, you have to sing the right kind of music in the right kind of way. Don't stand there whining and dragging out the song as you sing the great old hymns like "There's a land that is fairer than day, and by faith we can see it afar." Sing it lively; sing it loudly; sing it with enthusiasm.

Don't dam up the music; let it burst free and flood the whole sanctuary. Don't sit there like a bump on a log during the preaching; give a holy grunt every once in a while to let the preacher know you're with him.

Lack of response can get a preacher to quit. Preacher after preacher in America has quit the ministry because he didn't get any visible results. He preached his guts out and nothing happened.

All over America, there are preachers trying to talk their congregations out of their salvation. They do that because they weren't seeing anyone saved under their preaching, so they are now trying to "retread" their church members. They have all kinds of little cutesy ways of doing that. "If He's not Lord of all, He's not Lord at all." That's to convince you that if you miss prayer meeting or miss visitation or forget to put the tithe check in,

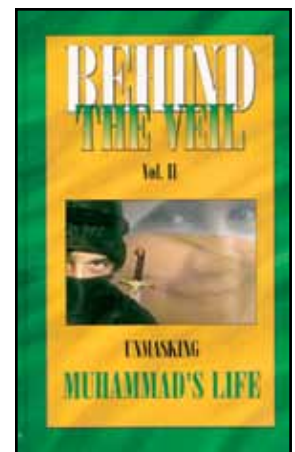
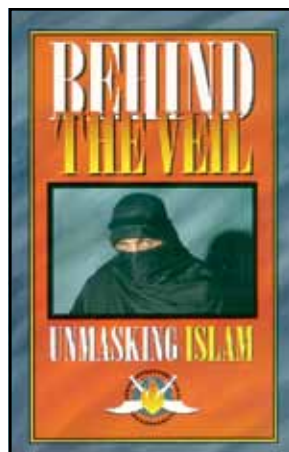
that you never were saved to begin with (the Charismatics are much more honest: they say you *lost it*).

There's a church over in Milton, Florida, across the bay from where we are, that puts that kind of stuff out over their radio station 365 days a year. They say that if you prayed to get saved the first time, that that is a work, so you were never saved, because "**By grace are ye saved . . . not of works**" (Eph. 2:8-9). So they get a bunch of Christians who asked Jesus Christ to save them according to Romans 10:9-13 and talk them out of their salvation so they can brag about how many they are seeing "truly" come to Christ.

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This control, power-hungry obsession is always generated by that terrible, wicked sin envy. They cannot stand to see you get a blessing (or be one) without themselves, somehow, getting the credit for what has been achieved. Haven't you seen it? It happens in families as well as churches, and you'd better believe it.

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John 21, trying to overwhelm us with their "vast knowledge" of the "originals"?

Their "Greek nuggets" turn out to be nothing but *maggot-ridden garbage*. Hey, man, just because you are a student of Greek and Hebrew doesn't mean you are a student of the Bible. Knowledge of Greek and Hebrew is NOT knowledge of the Bible, *you big dummy*.

They are envious of the *King James Bible*. It will give you truths that they cannot find in their "originals." There's no way (in their thinking) that you can understand the Bible without their help; i.e., *their control*. The first and basic fact about studying the Bible is if you want to learn the Bible, the first thing to know is that the man who has to mess with the text *has not learned the Bible!* To learn the Bible, you must *believe* what it says, NOT *correct* what it says. To say that John R. Rice was a "Bible scholar" is just too funny for words. He was a Bible *corrector*. He *envied* Bible

believers. They were out of *his control*.

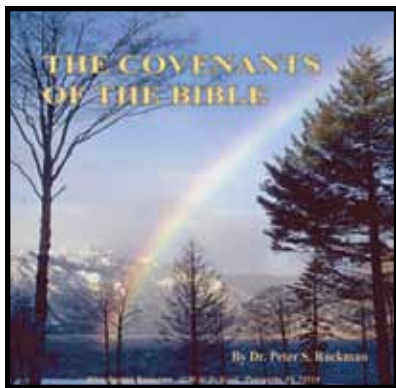
There is a difference between *Biblical exegesis* and *scholarly exegesis*. Bible exegesis is comparing this verse with that verse; i.e., letting the author of the Book show you what it means. Scholarly exegesis is showing how YOU are the final authority.

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Encyclopedia, 1759). In 1229, the Council of Toulouse, 'to be spoken of with detestation,' passed another Decree 'that strictly prohibits laics from having in their possession either the Old or New Testaments; or from translating them into the vulgar tongue. By the 14th Century, possession of a Bible by the laity was a criminal offence and punishable by whipping, confiscation of real and personal property, and burning at the stake' (quote taken from Vati Leaks website, July 23, 2012; "Why Popes Banned the Bible"). [Editor's note: the quote is taken from a website dedicated not only to attacking the credibility of the Catholic Church, but the historical authenticity of the Bible itself. The quote was left in the article for its historical information of papal bans on the Bible, not for the erroneous conclusions

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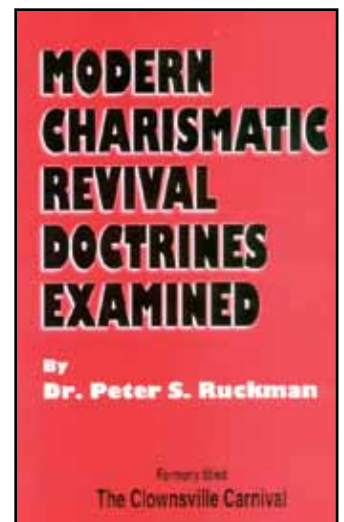
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 an ax, just as Elijah will be be-headed by the Antichrist (Rev. 11:3–7, 20:4).

The Roman kingdom is a *Latin* kingdom, but Latin did not originate in Italy. It originated in *north Africa*. Do you know what you find in north Africa? You find three pyramids just outside of Cairo, Egypt. If you were to fly over those pyramids in an airplane, you would see three X's sitting there as pretty as you please: tic-tac-toe, three in a row. Right beside those three Xs sits the *Sphinx*. Have you ever studied words that end in X?

The Sphinx is half *cat*, half man. Do you know what the Antichrist is in Revelation 13:2? He's a *man* who's a *cat*: a leopard. A leopard is a cat with *black spots* (Jer. 13:23). In the Tribulation, if a person takes the Mark of the Beast, he breaks out in spots (Jude 12, 23) that become a "**grievous sore**" (Rev. 16:2). The Latin word for *sore* is *pox*.

Those black spots on a leopard are what is known as a rosetta; they look like a pair of *black lips*. It's a *kiss*. I believe it was *Judas*, the original "**son of perdition**" (John 17:12 cf. 2 Thess. 2:3), who betrayed Christ with a *kiss*. So today, if you sign a letter with "love and kisses," you represent "kisses" with an XXXX. Have you ever studied words that end in X?

That leopard is a big *cat*. The Latin word for cat is *felix*; here in America, you call a wild cat a *lynx*. A panther is a *black leopard*, so in Latin, it would be a *styx* (black) *felix* (cat).

Now, just as Jesus Christ is *God* in the flesh (1 Tim. 3:16); the Antichrist is *Satan* in the flesh (2 Thess. 2:7–9). The original name for the Devil, before his fall, was "**Lucifer**" (Isa. 14:12—changed in the NIV to make you think the Devil is Jesus Christ, cf. Rev. 22:16). Lucifer is a Latin word

meaning "light bearer"; the Latin word for *light* is *lux*. Have you ever studied words that end in X?

The "light" with which Lucifer is associated with the electromagnetic force field of the earth. So in Daniel 11:38, Satan is called "**the God of forces**." Jesus said, "**I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven**" (Luke 10:18). So the Devil is connected to *electricity*.

The "X factor," in electricity, is the ratio between electric voltage input and output. An "X connection" is used for a four-way switch.

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to inhibit corrosion. *Xecute* is a manufacturer of software computer tools.

In addition to all of that, there is *Malcolm X*, a Black Muslim who denied Jesus Christ was God (1 John 2:22). *Anthrax* is a deadly disease. *Karl Marx* was the source of an atheistic politico-economic system responsible for thirty million killed in Russia and fifty million killed in China; it is the Marxist-Socialist system Obama is shoving down the throats of the American people. *Lax* is the word for loose,

as in the loose standards and morals of the New Age. If you vex someone, you disturb or upset him (see 2 Pet. 2:7–8; Matt. 15:22). A *flux* is a bloody flow from an infection (Acts 28:8). And when you die, you will be buried in a *box*.

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 drawn from that information by the author of the Vati Leaks website.] *The truth was their enemy and still is!*

There are presently some 52 countries that still ban the Bible. These countries know that "you cannot enslave a Bible-reading people," so in order to maintain "control," it must be forbidden. They are envious of America, a country that was founded on the word of God. What has the *Koran* done for Afghanistan, Iraq, or Iran? Do you really think that mess is going to be straightened up with more violence? That place needs the very thing they are prohibiting: the word of God. Let missionaries in, put that Book in the schools, and allow local Bible-believing churches to be set up and see what happens. It's not going to happen, because that would mean "Allah" and Mohammed *losing control*.

Now the best thing a born-again Christian can do is to get a divorce from public opinion—ANY OPINION, *positive or negative*. Become *immune* from the opinions of your peers and especially self-proclaimed Christian celebrities. Don't let their "opinions" control you. Many of you may

be scared of being "ostracized" if you don't "go with the flow." Well, don't worry, *you will be*. They will attack your character, say that you are "mean-spirited," and call you "an uneducated hick." They will attack your family; they may even go as far as to threaten you with physical violence. Anytime you stand up and say this Book right here in my hand (certainly NEVER the "originals") is perfect and without error, you are inviting ridicule from people who refuse to be controlled by *what God said*.

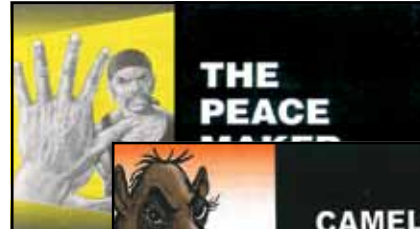
The question is, who is in control? "**And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?**" (Luke 6:46). Well, what did the Lord say? Do you have it? Are you in control of the word of God, or is it in control of you?

"For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith, the LORD: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word" (Isa. 66:2). According to that verse, if you want the Lord's attention, you'd better

find His word and fear it till you start shaking! *Is it not true that what a man loves and fears is what controls him?*

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to do right is bound to doubt his salvation sooner or later. Come on, folks, haven't you done some things that made you ask yourself, "How could I do a thing like that and be saved?" Sure you have; we all have. Well, when that happens to the folks in that congregation, they are told that if they were "truly saved" they would *never* doubt their salvation. Consequently, they get saved *again*. I think the associate pastor, who was the son of the pastor, got saved *seven times* while he was in the ministry. What was the problem? Discouragement over no results.

I was talking to a black preacher friend of mine once about these things, and he told me, "Well, Bro. Ruckman, I guess you is kinda like I is with my congregation. They

done *concreted* on me." That is, *they wouldn't respond to an invitation*.

He said, "I give them all your stuff, Bro. Ruckman, but when I get to talkin' to 'em about being transformed, they just *transfer*." *They leave the church*.

I'll never forget in the early days of my ministry when I had come back from a meeting I held in a Presbyterian church in Tennessee. Back in those days, I was gung-ho to be an evangelist. I had preached in that Presbyterian church and had only seen two girls get saved.

Well, I was going to school in Greenville, South Carolina at the time, and when I got back, I looked up my buddy, Glen Schunk, who had gotten me into the ministry. "I don't guess I've been called to preach," I told him.

"Why not?" he asked.

"Well," I said, "I preached a whole week up in Mohawk, Tennessee and only had two girls saved during the entire meeting. I come back here and read in *The Sword of the Lord* where Monk Parker held a citywide campaign with 33 churches participating and had 330 professions of faith. That's ten saved per church, and I only had two. I guess I'm not called to preach."

Schunk said, "Oh, all those weren't saved, Pete."

"What do you mean they weren't saved?" I asked. "The report says 330 first-time decisions."

Do you know what Glen Schunk told me? He said, "Well, 200 of those 'first-time decisions' were decisions to have a family altar; 100 more were decisions for rededication or full-time service. There

were *thirty* children saved in a Sunday school rally in the afternoon."

"Thirty people saved," I thought to myself, "Why, I did better than that. There were 33 churches participating in that meeting, which means there was *less than one saved per church*. I had two saved in my meeting."

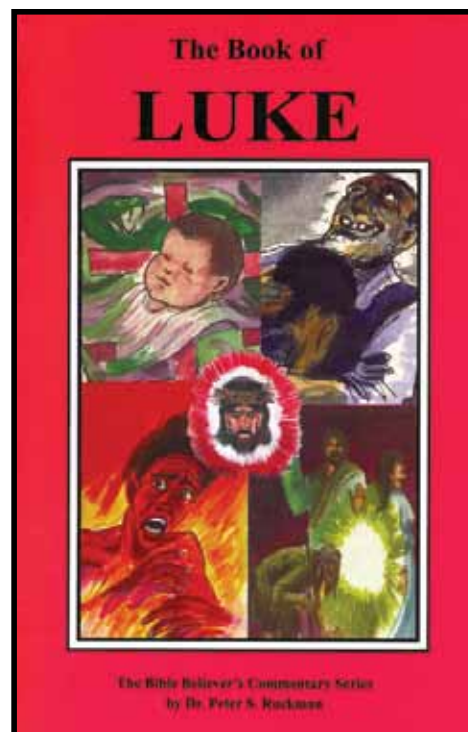
Lack of response causes the brethren to come up with all kinds of ways to make the results look way better than they are. That's what happened at the so-called "Brownsville Revival" here in Pensacola back in the late 90s. Hundreds of thousands of people from all over the world came to those meetings, and there were long lines camped out in the parking lot just to get in every night. The evangelist and the pastor running the

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The above is taken from 2 Corinthians 9:7, where the whole chapter is on Christian giving. Giving should characterize the Christian life from start to finish, and a Christian should give liberally and generously of his money. In regards to this matter, there are basically six types of givers in Bible-believing Christian circles.

1. *The careless givers.* They give to a cause without checking it out. That is what millionaires usually do. A Christian should *know* toward what his money is going. Is he giving to a work that is promoting the spread of the Gospel or international Socialism?

2. *The impulsive givers.* Emotion and love pop up at the same time, and they give in a fit of charity. There's nothing necessarily wrong with that on occasion, but a Christian's giving shouldn't be practiced only when one feels the "impulse."

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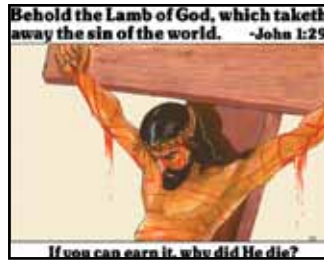
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5. *The equal givers.* They give as much as they spend on themselves.

6. *The heroic givers.* They limit their income to their *needs* and give the rest away; what they really don't need, they give to the Lord.

Blessings follow generous giving to the Lord. The promise is if you *sow bountifully*, you'll *reap bountifully* (2 Cor. 9:6).

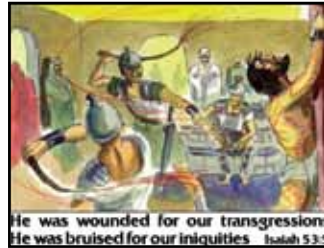
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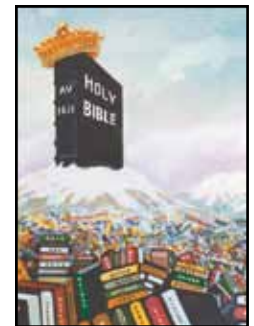
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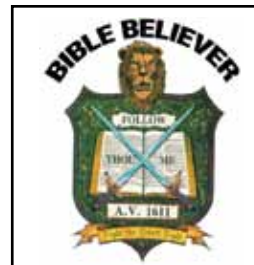
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couldn't get one person who said he had gotten saved as a result of the meetings.

Do you know what that evangelist was doing? When those Christians would come down to the altar to rededicate their lives, Stephen Hill would yell at them, "You're not rededicating! You're not rededicating! You're getting saved,

you hear me?! You're getting saved!" Old Stephen Hill got so down in the mouth and depressed on the evangelistic trail that he had to invent ways to convince people they were "getting saved" *when they weren't*.

Next month we will continue our discussion of what discourages believers in the service of their Lord.

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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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