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“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.” (John 17:17)



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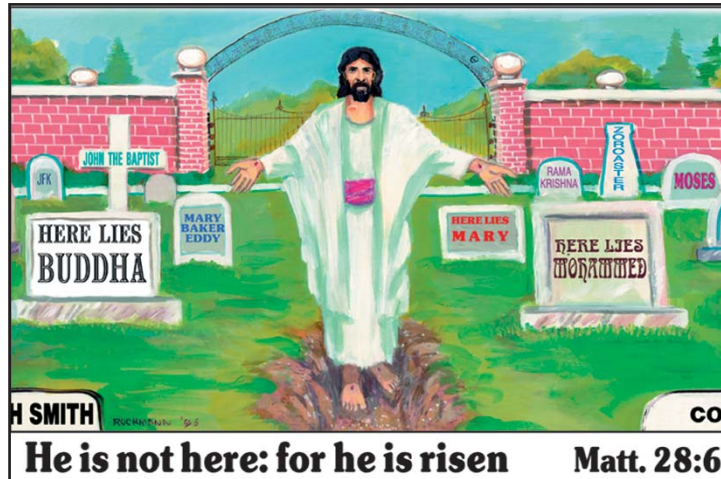
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The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

“For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures” (1 Cor. 15:3-4).

The doctrine of the bodily resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ is a foundational doctrine of New Testament Christianity. Biblical Christianity is the only “religion” with a *living* Founder. Buddha is *dead*; his bones are paraded through the streets over in India every year. Mohammed is *dead*; you can go to his tomb in Medina and see where his bones lie.



he is risen” (Matt. 28:6).

That’s not all. You could possess the bones of Marx, Lenin, or Stalin and still be a good Communist. You can have the bones of Mohammed and still be a good Moslem. You can still be a good Buddhist with the bones of Buddha. But if you could produce one bone from the dead body of Jesus of Nazareth, you could not be a good Christian; in fact, you couldn’t be a real Christian at all.

“But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, AND

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The desiccated *corpse* of Lenin is encased in a glass coffin in Moscow, and for years the Communists forced the Rus-

sian people to file by and pay homage to it. The sepulcher of Jesus Christ is *empty*. Why? Because “**He is not here: for**

Rome vs. the Words of God

By Robert Militello

“The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever” (Psa. 12:6-7).

Nothing on this earth should be dearer to a real Christian than his or her Bible. God’s words are to be esteemed more than your “**necessary food**” (see Job 23:12). I have seen Jews in New York City caressing Torah scrolls while singing praises to the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. While they sang and danced, they kissed the scrolls, and many were crying. A Jewish friend told me that the Torah was his life, not just a part of his life. Imagine, people without the Holy Spirit, cut off from Jesus Christ our Saviour, be-

having with such emotion, such passion, over words on paper.

Any attempt to pollute God’s words should be seen by a serious Christian as a knife thrust through his or her heart. No institution on the face of this earth has done more to hide, suppress, dilute, defame, and destroy God’s words than the Church of Rome. Every believer ought to have a holy hatred for what Romanism does while professing to be the church Christ founded.

“**Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I HATE every false way**” (Psa. 119:104).

Hating something you were raised to love and to honor requires major surgery by the Holy Spirit. Of all the forces Rome has employed to pollute the words of God, the

Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) are the most subtle. The life work of Ignatius de Loyola of Spain was to recruit men who would devote their lives to blunting the Protestant schism from Rome and destroy faith in the teaching of Luther that Scripture alone is the rule and authority for the child of God.

For the first 32 years of my life, I had no reason to doubt the teachings of my church. From kindergarten through prep school, I was taught what to believe from a Catholic catechism and not a Bible. I sat under Jesuit priests in Brooklyn Prep and took a New Testament class in my junior and senior year. There I was taught the doctrine of papal infallibility. I heard that all Bibles were translations from original manuscripts and that

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ETERNAL REDEMPTION

By Tom Waddle

As a young Christian, I was handed a little booklet called *What Does the Bible Say*, written by Jimmy Swaggart. Swaggart attempted to refute the doctrine of *Eternal Security* saying:

“For instance, look at the doctrine of unconditional eternal security. What kind of fruit does it bear? It fosters slack living, gives vent to gross error, and millions of people today make no pretense of living for God whatsoever; yet ‘think’ they are saved because someone once told them if they once had it, they could no longer lose it. These people are of no service whatsoever to the work of God. Their lives are examples of

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America's Lopsided God

(Part 1 of 3)

Americans long ago quit searching the Bible for the answers to their problems and instead turned to the news media. That goes for the Christians as well as the lost. As a result, the Body of Christ in this nation has finally been presented with a "God" who makes no appearance in the Bible. This "God" was arrived at by two little sayings—one of them *Scripture* and one of them *not*. These sayings were pushed *ad nauseum* to indoctrinate you to a new "God" found nowhere in that Book.

Here are the two sayings:

1. **"God is love."** That would be the Scripture from 1 John 4:8.

2. "God loves the sinner but hates his sin." That is a cute little soulwinning gimmick that implies that all God hates is the sinner's sin.

It was these two little sayings, especially that last one, that were used to get rid of the doctrine of *Hell*. That is why you hardly ever hear any preaching on the subject. "All is well; there is no Hell." As a consequence, you have Catholic and Episcopalian Priests, Bishops, and Rectors, as well as Protestant pastors in the National Council of Churches, who don't believe in Hell anymore.

Of the "Conservative" and "Evangelical" ministers who profess to believe in it, you will hardly find any of them who preach on it, because they are embarrassed by the doctrine. Why? Because **"God is love"**; and they have a hard time explaining to a bunch of Americans so stuck on themselves that they can't imagine God judging them for any thing, why a loving God would burn a sinner forever in

a Lake of Fire. If they do mention Hell in passing to their congregations, they will try to "air-condition" it like Billy Graham and the Pope: Hell is just "separation from God."

Now you take that second statement: "God loves the sinner but hates the sin." The implication is *God doesn't hate the sinner*. What does that mean? That means you have a "God" there who must be somewhat of a *pervert* when it comes to spiritual things like *good and evil*.

If that second statement is true, then the problem you have to face (which no one is willing to face, so they intentionally run from it) is if God can't hate any man, woman, or child on the face of this earth because He is love, then why do the majority of people in any generation *wind up in Hell*?

Jesus Christ—the One whom **"God so loved the world that he gave"** (John 3:16)—said, **"Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and MANY there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and FEW there be that find it"** (Matt. 7:13–14).

Jesus said that in the last days: **"many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive MANY. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of MANY shall wax cold"** (Matt. 24:11–12).

Study your Bible. You won't find a time in that Book when the majority was right on a spiritual issue. In fact, before you go ten chapters in that Bible, you come across an historical event you have to pre-

tend never happened if God only hates the sin and not the sinner. If God doesn't hate the sinner, just his sin, how do you explain Noah's Flood? There, God drowned over 300 million sinners whom He didn't hate, if we are to believe that trite cliché. The best thing you can do in a case like that is either *ignore it* or *change it* so you can keep your pious platitude over what the Holy Spirit recorded in His Book.

That's what modern preachers have to do with the matter of *lying*. After being told in both Testaments not to lie (Exod. 20:16; Eph. 4:25), you are told that when things finally wind up, Hell is full of *liars* who love to lie and who make lies (Rev. 21:8, 22:15). Do you mean to tell me God didn't hate them? Then why did He put them in the Lake of Fire?

That is the problem about which all the preachers have decided they don't want to talk. By confessing that God doesn't hate the sinner, just his sin, they have backed themselves into a corner where the logical conclusion is that God wouldn't be angry with the sinner or hate him; therefore, the wrath of God won't fall on the sinner, just his sins.

Do you see the little cutesy way of reasoning? God doesn't hate the sinner. Of course, *He puts them in Hell*. Pardon me—He puts them in Hell *if* you believe there is a Hell and that anybody goes to it.

Now if the foundational truth of your creed is **"God is love,"** then how do you suppose a loving God rewards sinners with His love? By putting them into burning flames and outer darkness? Why,



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if He were America's new "God," He wouldn't even think of doing that. That would be a manifestation of hatred toward a person, and America's new "God" doesn't hate anybody, does He? Come on—*does He*?

You say, "No, of course not." Why, you dirty blasphemer, you! Why did you just slap your Saviour in the mouth and tell Him He didn't know about what He was talking?

You say, "What do you mean, Ruckman?" Well, your Saviour, the One who loved you enough to die on the cross for your sins (Rom. 5:8), said, **"he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him"** (John 3:36). That's the One to whom you refer when you talk about the love of God and God loving us and **"God is love."** The One who manifested God's love said that if a sinner doesn't believe on Him, then God's *wrath*—not His *love*—abides on that sinner.

You say, "Well, He's just talking about those who don't believe on Him." Exactly, but you left out that condition in your little cutie-wutie, sweetie-weety, lovey-dovey saying. You said God loves the sin-

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all translations were less than pure. Only the Pope of Rome was error-free when teaching doctrine.

No one ever told me what Jeremiah said about being cursed for trusting in a man (Jer. 17:5). I was to look to the Pope for certitude. He had the final word. I taught this stuff later for five years while teaching religion, among other subjects, to sixth graders in St. Thomas Aquinas School in Brooklyn, New York. When I write about what Catholics are supposed to believe, I know about what I'm talking and have the credentials to prove it.

I have just reason to hate Romanism. It puts you in Hell. It sets itself above the One it purports to worship. Its fruits are guilt and fear. It holds the *King James Bible* in contempt. Following the establishment of the doctrine of papal infallibility in 1870, the Jesuits looked for ways to delegitimize the 1611 *Authorized Version*. After years of successful infiltration of the Church of England, they induced two "useful idiots," so-called scholars Westcott and Hort, to produce a new Greek text to compete with the Received Text, the foundation of the *Authorized Version*. The publication of the *Revised Version* of 1881 was a Jesuit triumph which hastened England's spiritual suicide.

What startled me after my conversion was discovering

how successful the Jesuits had become in poisoning the Body of Christ with the idea that only the original manuscripts of the Bible were infallible. The so-called "Bible Belt" is loaded with thousands of "Protestant popes" who believe there is no error-free translation and only the original manuscripts are pure. These preachers, much sought after by Jesuits as additional useful idiots, drink from the same cup of poison that I was given by Jesuit instructors back in 1959-63.

Paul tells us to "prove all things" (1 Thess. 5:21). Who slipped in the back door at Bob Jones University, Tennessee Temple University, Moody Bible Institute, etc. and got all these Christian educators to question God's ability to keep His word pure and give it in the worldwide language of the end times? Sounds like my old mentors, Fathers DiGiacomo, Gerhard, Dahlke, McElroy, et al. passed along their notes from New Testament class and

magically transferred them into the hearts and minds of those who pick up paychecks at Christian schools while pretending to be "Bible teachers."

If you believe the Holy Spirit could not preserve His own words and keep them pure for readers of English in the Twenty-first Century, you have been taught by someone who should have S. J. after his name. That stands for the "Society of Jesus." What a name for a bunch of men whose life's work is sowing distrust in God's word. "Yea, hath God said . . . ?" (Gen. 3:1) is the banner under which they labor.

Pulpits throughout this nation are filled with men claiming to be evangelical and fundamental while outdoing the Jesuits by promoting themselves as authoritative judges of what God meant to say and what word He ought to have used. God forbid you should be sitting under such a man. Run out the door fast and don't look back. Who needs a Jesuit clone for a pastor?

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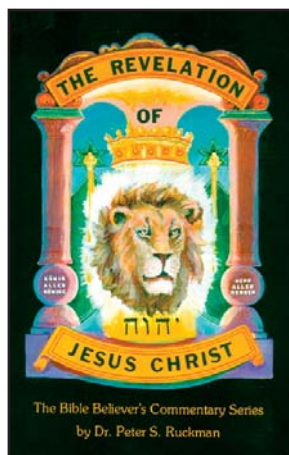
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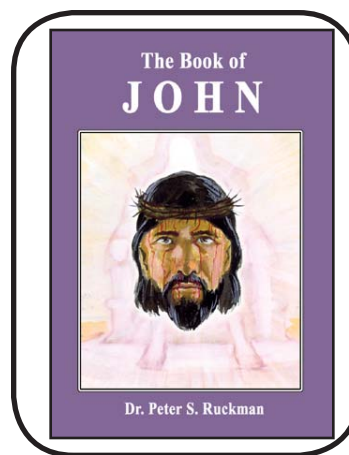
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YOUR FAITH IS ALSO VAIN . . . And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; YE ARE YET IN YOUR SINS" (1 Cor. 13:13–14, 17).

If Jesus Christ didn't come up from the grave, then there never has been anyone saved. Not only are you **"yet in your sins"** (1 Cor. 15:17), but so was every other Christian who died all the way back to Stephen (Acts 7). Paul said, **"Then they which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished"** (1 Cor. 15:18).

If Jesus Christ didn't come up from the dead, do you know where your Christian momma and daddy are if they are dead? They're in *Hell*. That goes for your Christian grandma and granddaddy and every other believer who has ever died: **"they also which are fallen asleep in Christ ARE PERISHED"** (1 Cor. 15:18). They aren't coming up at the Rapture (1 Thess. 4:16) because Jesus Christ didn't come up as **"the firstfruits of them that slept"** (1 Cor. 15:20).

That's why Paul said **"If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable"** (1 Cor. 15:19). What do you mean **"we are of all men most miserable,"** Paul? Didn't the Lord pull some of you out of the gutter when you got saved and clean you up? But what good does that do if you are *still headed for Hell anyway*. I mean, you get saved, you live right, you serve God, *and you still to go Hell*—at least if Jesus never rose from the dead. That's why Paul said **"we are of all men most miserable"**: we have a vain hope if the resurrection isn't true.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the proof of who He is: the virgin-born Son of God. **"Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;**

And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead" (Rom. 1:3–4).

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the proof that you are going up someday, if you have trusted Him.

"But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you" (Rom. 8:11).

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the guarantee that God Almighty will judge every lost sinner by an absolute standard of righteousness: *His Son*.

"Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead" (Acts 17:31).

Now when it comes to the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ, we believers do not accept such a doctrine on blind faith. Luke says that Jesus **"shewed himself alive after his passion by MANY INFALLIBLE PROOFS"** (Acts 1:3). Such corrupt translations of the word of God as the *NIV*, *NASV*, and *ESV* make the proofs *"convincing"* without them being infallible. But the evidence for Christ's resurrection will hold up in any court in the country where the laws of jurisprudence are followed. If eyewitnesses have given testimony to a thing and have *agreed* in their testimony, and if that testimony has been *reduced to writing* with no incontrovertible evidence produced to overturn that written testimony, then the written testimony stands as recorded and *cannot be disannulled or abrogated*. *No conclusive evidence has ever been pro-*

duced against the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Of course, that doesn't mean that Liberals, infidels, and skeptics haven't tried; but no theory has ever been set forth that successfully explains away the bodily resurrection of the Lord Jesus.

The oldest theory against the resurrection is the *Fraud Theory*; that is, the resurrection of Jesus was a gigantic hoax perpetrated by the apostles and disciples. That is what the chief priests tried to convince everybody of in Matthew 28:11–15. The guards of Christ's tomb were bribed to say that the disciples stole the body while the guards were asleep.

Problem: How did eleven untrained street preachers with only two swords between

them (Luke 22:38) overcome sixteen armed Roman legionnaires trained in combat (Acts 12:4)?

Problem: Why weren't the Roman soldiers executed for being asleep on guard duty (see Acts 12:19)?

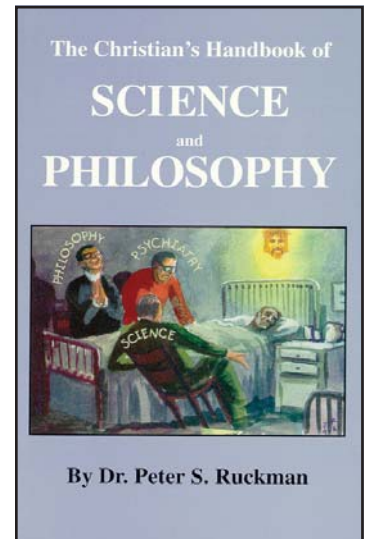
Problem: Why would a ragtag band of disciples trying to steal a body out from under the noses of the Romans take the time to remove the body from the grave clothes and then wind them back up to make it appear as if a body were still in them when it wasn't (John 20:5–6)? And why would they take the time to neatly fold the napkin covering the head and place it to the side (John 20:7)? That's quite an "op" they had going there, wouldn't you say?

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The Last Remnant in England

By Dr. Peter S. Ruckman

The acronym WASP stands for White Anglo-Saxon Protestant. That is, the worldwide Protestant movement of the Philadelphian church period was the work of white Anglo-Saxons out of England and America.

It was *England* that was responsible for producing the greatest Book which ever showed up on this planet: the *King James Authorized Version* of the Holy Scriptures. It was *that Book* that was responsible for the conversion of more human beings to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ than any other book in history; that includes the "original autographs" of the apostles and all 233 English versions put out since 1880.

It was that *King James Bible*, along with Luther's *Heilige Schrift* (that's an *English*

Bible [*Anglo*] and a *German Bible* [*Saxon*]), which brought about the Reformation in Europe and England through Luther, Knox, Valera, Diodati, Olivetan, Tyndale, Simons, Coverdale, Latimer, Cranmer, et al.; the revival movement through Wesley, Whitefield, Edwards, Finney, Moody, Sam Jones, Bob Jones, General Booth, Gypsy Smith, Sunday, et al.; and the worldwide missionary movement under the Moravians, Carey, Judson, Taylor, Morrison, Queen Victoria, Paton, Studd, et al. It was that *King James Bible* that made America and Great Britain *world powers*.

Today, England is a fifth-rate world power (and America is headed in that direction). The sun set on the British Empire in 1904 when the British Foreign Missionary Society dumped the Greek text

on which the AV was based for the revised Greek text of Westcott and Hort which formed the basis for all the corrupt modern versions put out since 1880. The abandonment of *God's word* was followed up by the abandonment of *God's people* in 1921 when "Winnie the Pooh" Churchill (a *Druid*, NOT an Episcopalian) sat down in Cairo, Egypt with *Mary* (the Catholics) and *Mohammed* (the Moslems) and *gave away half of the land of Israel to Allah and Mohammed* without a single Jew being present to raise an objection. Of course, the way was paved for all of this by the Oxford Movement (Puseyites) and the Fabian Society (Socialists) back in the Nineteenth Century. After those two debacles, the USA had to "bail out" Great Britain *twice* to keep Germany from wiping her off the map (1914, 1941).

Modern England is now

a conglomeration of pagans, atheists, agnostics, dead Episcopalians, nominal Catholics, radical Moslems, and Socialists. Nevertheless, there is still a remnant (howbeit a very *small* remnant) of Bible-believing (AV 1611) people still doing something for the Lord in that country.

We have long recommended the work by Alan O'Reilly entitled *O Biblios—The Book*. It is one of the best books you can get on the perfection and superiority of the AV. O'Reilly is what the scholars would call a "layman," but he will cover his material thoroughly.

Now a new fellow has popped up named *John Davis*. Bro. Davis is printing some of the finest first-class tracts and booklets on which you will ever get your hands. They are all on smooth, slick, high-grade, quality paper in brilliant colors; and their contents are 100% *King James*.

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ner without drawing any distinction between the *types* of sinners. In John 3:36, God doesn't love the *Christ-rejecting sinner*: he is under the wrath of God.

You have thrown the Book out the window in order for folks to think well of you. Here's a good example: "**Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.**"

You say, "That's Old Testament, Ruckman (Mal. 1:2-3)." Yeah, that's what I thought you would say. When it comes to discussing God's love and hatred, modern Christians are nearly all *Liberal* in their outlook: they try to set the God of the Old Testament against the God of the New Testament (see 1 John 5:20). So what I quoted you was from the *New Testament*—Romans 9:13.

Now don't run away or stick your head in the sand. Stand and face the verse. God said He *loved* Jacob

and *hated* Esau. What do you make of that? Was God angry with Esau because he was a sinner? Did He love Jacob because he wasn't a sinner? Go back and read Genesis 27: Jacob *stole* his brother's blessing. Jacob was a sinner just like Esau. Well, then, why did God *hate* one and *love* the other?

The average American preacher these days cannot even discuss such an issue. He has already gone over the cliff with the idea that God doesn't hate a sinner. The natural conclusion of that premise is that God won't send the sinner to Hell either. Now the preacher may not outright say that in his sermons, but that is where he is headed when he professes to believe that God doesn't hate the sinner, just his sins.

Next month, we will take up exactly what the Lord says in His Book about whom and what He hates.

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 unrighteousness instead of righteousness. They are going to Hell because they believe a lie. Millions are already in Hell because of that particular doctrine."

Swaggart never met a Baptist preacher who encouraged people not to live right. He is just a babbling, Bible-rejecting blockhead.

On page 16 of this little booklet, he says, "No, a Christian cannot be lost, neither can a born-again believer be lost; however, a Christian can cease to be a Christian through his own will, and a believer can cease to believe—*then*, can be lost." That is just a bunch of incoherent babbling if you ever heard it. People who believe you can "lose it" are always unclear on *when* or *how* a Christian actually "loses it." Jimmy never did lose his salvation, did he? No, he means YOU can lose YOUR salvation.

He says the "doctrine of unconditional eternal security is satanic in origin" (pg. 18). Again on page 18, he states, "Consequently, a Christian can fall back into sin and lose his sonship. Adam was once a son of God, but he lost his sonship." Page 17: "In 2 Timothy 4:10, we are told that Demas was once saved, but left Paul and the work of the Lord 'having loved this present world.' Peter in 2 Peter 2:20–22 gives a graphic example of a person once being saved and then being lost. He said it would be better to have never known 'the way of righteousness' than, after having known it, turn away."

Now this is a great example of what you have to do in order to teach heresy. First of all, you will note that heretics despise the *King James Bible*. They can NEVER leave it as it stands. Heretics will always: 1) add words that aren't there, 2) subtract words that are there, 3) take the pas-

sage out of context. Nowhere did the Bible say Adam "lost his sonship," and it never said Demas "lost it." Moreover, a Christian is never called a "pig" or a "dog" (2 Pet. 2:22). Jimmy Swaggart is a heretic.

I will never forget sitting down with a non-denominational preacher one night for about four hours to discuss eternal security. I had memorized at least 300 verses on the subject and felt it would be easy. Boy, was I ever wrong! When we first started, he didn't think you could even know you were saved, but by the time we were done, he wasn't even sure about that. He kept "adjusting" his theology as we got deeper into the subject. He never knew exactly when a Christian could actually lose it or what sin it actually took to cause you to

become "un-born again."

I would pin him down on Matthew 24:13, and then he would turn to the Old Testament to prove you could "lose it" because Saul "lost it." I would pin him down on the difference between Old Testament salvation and New Testament salvation; then *without blinking an eye*, he would hop over to Hebrews 3, 6, and 9. It was just like dealing with a Campbellite elder; *you have to be half crazy to hold a conversation with one*. The next day, as I began to "review" what we had discussed, I realized the following:

1) He did not believe the *King James Bible* as it was written. If the text didn't say what he wanted it to say, then he would *make* it say, *via the "original Greek" or "clearer translation,"* what he thought

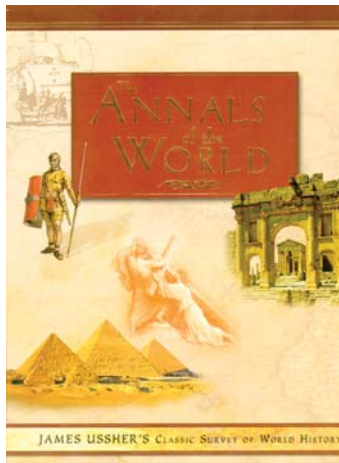
it should say.

2) He believed that the entire Bible was TO a Christian. He didn't believe in "**rightly dividing the word of truth.**"

3) He believed that everybody in the Old Testament was saved exactly like people are in the New Testament.

4) He didn't understand the difference between "fellowship" and "relationship," the Christian's "standing" and "state." No matter how many times I went over this, he would just look at me with a blank stare. Just like good Campbellites, you can never get them fixed; they are "unfixable."

5) He always put a question mark where God put a period. For instance, if I showed him a verse like 1 John 5:13 ("**These things have I writ-** Continued on 7



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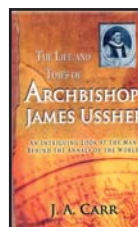
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ten unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God”), without fail he would say, “But what about . . . ?”

6) He would reject the simple and clear passages on eternal security on the basis of the very difficult passages which he didn't understand. For example, he would trade John 10:28 (“**And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand**”) for Hebrews 3:14 (“**For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end**”).

7) He could not understand Colossians 2:11–13 (“**the circumcision made without hands**;) or how that passage is connected with 1 John 3:9 (“**Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God**”). He would say “practice sin” every time. I mean EVERY TIME!

The Bible term for eternal security is “**eternal redemption**.” It is found in Hebrew 9:12—“**Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained ETERNAL REDEMPTION for us**.” The atonement is the key to eternal security. Christ died for ALL of your sins over 2,000 years ago. If He died only for your sins up to when you got saved, then you'd better not sin after that, because there's no more atonement for sin (see Heb. 10:18). The only way for *you* to atone for your

sin is to burn forever in Hell.

People who believe you can “lose it” are not Bible believers. They may be nice people, but they are *Bible rejectors*. It's as simple as that. They reject that a Christian is a part of the Body of Christ (Eph. 5:30, 1 Cor. 12:13), that the Christian's “**inheritance**” is “**incorruptible**” (1 Pet. 1:4), that he is “**sealed unto the day of redemption**” (Eph. 4:30, 1:13–14), that his life is hid in Christ (Col. 3:3), that he has eternal life as a present possession (1 John 5:13; John 10:28), that he is predestinated to be like Christ (Rom. 8:29), that he is “**kept by the power of God**” (1 Pet. 1:5), that he is promised to finish what Christ started (Phil. 1:16). A Christian is complete in Christ (Col. 2:10), perfected forever (Heb. 10:14), redeemed (1 Pet. 1:18), justified (Rom. 5:1), washed (1 Cor. 6:11), seated in the heavenlies (Eph. 2:6), born of God (John 1:13), “**a new creature**” (not creation—2 Cor. 5:17), “**accepted in the beloved**” (not in the new bibles; see Eph. 1:6), and has a mansion waiting for him (John 14:2). Now buddy, *that's* eternal security.

You are a fool if you think you can complete a salvation that Christ couldn't complete. You are *not* in charge of your salvation after Jesus Christ FINISHED IT.

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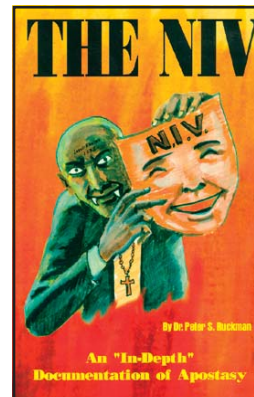
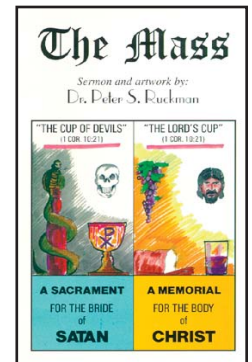
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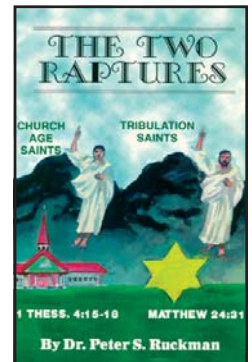
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Both of these "religions" were revealed directly by God. The first revealed religion was a *theocracy*: a visible, *earthly government* of an *earthly nation*. Its leaders, though, were *not* politicians, ambassadors, Caliphs, Sheiks, Presidents, "chairmen," Prime Ministers, etc. They were *anointed prophets* (1 Sam. 10:1; 2 Kings 9:6), who were given a genuine set of "holy" rules and regulations carried out and enforced by a "State-church" (Acts 7:38; 1 Chron. 29:23; Exod. 20:23; Deut. 33:4-5).

The second religion revealed directly by the Lord God was a *spiritual body* completely independent of any "State-church." It was to be an *invisible kingdom* (Rom. 14:17; Luke 17:20-21) preached to *all nations* (Matt. 28:19-20). The message was "**the gospel of the grace of God**" (Acts 20:24), given to prepare those who received it for a home in Heaven at death (2 Cor. 5:8; Phil. 1:23)

and eternal life *after* returning to this earth with the King of a *visible, political* government run by a "State-church" (Rom. 8:21-23; Matt. 19:28; Isa. 2:2-4; Zech. 14:16-21).

Now here in the Church Age, there are two *counterfeits* for these two Scripturally revealed religions. They are the *Roman Catholic Church* and the *"Islamic Nation."* Though there are many other minor imposters, these are the two serious "contenders for the title." How do you know these two "pretenders to the throne" are fake as a three dollar bill? Simple: compare the two religions set up by God Almighty with the two worldly, carnal, anti-biblical State-churches which are preparing the way for the Antichrist (2 Thess. 2; Rev. 13; Dan. 11).

The first genuine "religion" was set up and controlled by a living God who "**is a Spirit**" (John 4:24) and *excluded* all forms of idolatry. That included honoring or reverencing or "venerating" any statues,

idols, pictures, or other images (Exod. 20:4-5; Num. 33:52). Images of *any* kind for *any* reason were OUT.

It had a special *place* of worship identified by God, and that place was *not* Rome, Mecca, Medina, Lourdes, New York, or any place like them. It was *one mountain* (Isa. 2:3; Psa. 2:6, 50:2; Joel 2:32, 3:17; Obad. 17, 21; etc.) in *one city* (Psa. 76:1-3 cf. Hag. 2:9; Zech. 12:2-10, 14:16-21) in *one land* (Deut. 4:1, 6:1, 8:1, 12:1, 21:1; etc.).

It had *holy days* set up for collective worship as a nation; and those days had nothing to do with Christmas, Easter, Ramadan, Halloween, Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, Mardi Gras, or Lent. The feasts of Leviticus were *prophetic* and pointed to future events fulfilled in *history*. Passover and Unleavened Bread pointed to the death of Jesus Christ for our sins, Firstfruits to His Resurrection, Pentecost to the coming of the Holy Spirit to establish Christ's spiritual Body on earth

(Acts 1:5, 2:1-4 cf. 16:12:13), Trumpets to a post-Tribulation rapture of Jewish saints (Matt. 24:29-31), Atonement to the conversion of the Jewish remnant at Christ's return (Zech. 12:8-14), and Tabernacles to the Second Advent of Jesus Christ (Zech. 14).

The first religion revealed by God was built around *blood shed on an altar* (Lev. 1-9, Heb. 9:18-22) before the Creator of all life, because "**the life of the flesh is in the blood**" (Lev. 17:11 cf. Gen. 9:4-6; Num. 35:33; Acts 15:20).

It had a *selective priesthood* which God Himself singled out (Num. 3) and then called out the individuals who would be the chief priests (1 Sam. 2:26-27; Heb. 7:5-11). No "Pope," "Cardinal," "Bishop," cleric, or "synod" had one word to say about who would be a priest.

As a theocracy, the King and Leader of that chosen nation (1 Sam. 7:7; Judg. 8:23) chose ALL of its leaders, be-

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The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

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No, if there were any “hoax” associated with the resurrection, it was on the part of those trying to discredit it.

Another argument set forth against the bodily resurrection is the *Hallucination Theory*. The idea behind this is that the disciples wanted to see Jesus so badly, and they hoped for His resurrection so deeply, that they imagined they saw Him alive. Of course, this is ridiculous when one considers the testimony of the Scriptures. When it came to Christ rising from the dead, the disciples were *steeped in unbelief*. They didn’t believe the testimony of the women (Luke 24:11), and they didn’t believe the testimony of their own eyes (Luke 24:41). Thomas refused to believe without touching Him (John 20:25). They weren’t “hoping deeply” for any resurrection.

They hallucinated seeing Him, did they? Did they all hallucinate having the same conversation with Him (Luke 24:15-27; John 21:15-23)? Did they hallucinate Him eating with them on several occasions (Luke 24:30, 41-42; John 21:12-15)? Why would the hallucination have holes in its hands and sides (John 20:27)? I mean, if you were imagining a loved one coming up from the dead, why would you leave the person with gaping wounds? Did over 500 people all have the same halucination at the same time (1 Cor. 15:16)? And why would such an hallucination last for forty days (Acts 1:3)?

Then there is the *Ghost Theory*: the disciples saw Jesus’ spirit, His ghost. Of course, Jesus Himself says that is exactly what they *didn’t* see.

“Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have” (Luke 24:39).

One of the more absurd theories, held by naive Liberals, is the *Swoon Theory*. Jesus only fainted on the cross. The “cool freshness of the tomb” and the spices with which He was embalmed revived Him. Now stop and think about that for a moment.

Here was Jesus. He had been beaten by the Romans within an inch of His life. Roman scourging often resulted in the death of the victim before he ever made it to the cross. The very nature of crucifixion would have resulted in death by suffocation if Jesus actually had fainted. A Roman soldier trained in execution determined He was dead, and to make sure, he put a spear through Christ’s pericardium and heart (Joh 19:33-34). You reckon He could have survived with a wound like that?

Now with all that trauma and loss of blood, you think Jesus revived in the “cool freshness of the tomb”? Do you treat trauma patients by cooling them down? Of course not! You cover them with blankets to keep them warm. Moreover, you don’t put

poisonous chemicals made to embalm a body in the open wounds of a living person. That wouldn’t have revived Jesus; it would have killed Him.

And with every bone in His body out of joint (Psa. 22:14) and his face marred beyond recognition (Isa. 52:14), He managed to roll the stone away that sealed His tomb, fight His way past sixteen Roman soldiers, walk seven and a half miles to Emmaus and back, and convince everyone that He was the Lord of Glory. As the teenagers say, “Yeah, right!”

The current tripe resurrected by the infidels is the *Myth Theory*. The story of Christ’s resurrection was a myth like the stories of Apollo, Adonis, Baldar, etc., in Greek, Roman, and Norse mythology. The skeptics point to the fact that you can find accounts of resurrections in pagan religions going all the way back to Osiris in ancient Egypt; the disciples just worked such myths into their accounts of Christ’s life.

Problem: No one saw Osiris, Krishna, Apollo, Bal-

dar, et al., rise from the dead. The resurrection of Jesus Christ was so well attested to by eyewitnesses (see Luke 1:2; 1 John 1:1) that Paul had no fear of challenging the Corinthians to go to Israel and personally interview the eyewitnesses if they doubted that what he said about Jesus rising from the dead was so (1 Cor. 15:6). You never read anything like that about any of the pagan gods because no one saw any of them come up.

Brethren, do you know why you find the resurrection in pagan religions? Because the Devil was right there when Abraham offered up Isaac, and being a much more “serious student of the Bible” than Stewart Custer, Marshall Neal, Dell Johnson, Woodrow Kroll, Theodore Epp, Rick Warren, or Joel Osteen, he knew what

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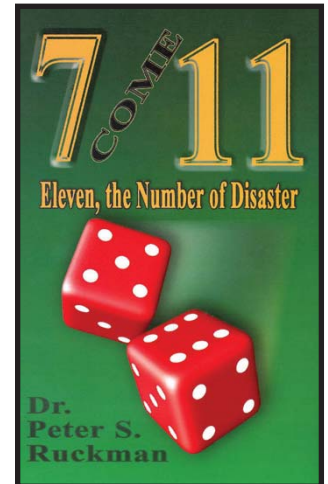
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 "Really, I doubt whether a Jew can be human."

Now stop right there. Look at those first four points. All those things took place 500–800 years before Adolf Hitler signed a concordat with Pope Pius XI in 1933 (pg. 147). Hitler said, "As for the Jews, I am just carrying on with the SAME POLICY which the Catholic Church has adopted for fifteen hundred years" (J. S. Consay, *The Nazi Persecution of the Churches*, cited by Jack Chick in *Smoke-screen*). The facts of history are that the Roman Catholic Church was carrying on every policy of Nazi Germany from 1100–1600.

5. "A German general at the Nuremberg trials [when] asked how mass murders were allowed . . . offered the following explanation: 'I am of the opinion that when for years, for decades, the doctrine is preached that Jews are not even human, such an outcome is inevitable'" (pg. 143).

6. "By 1937, however, Pius XI condemned Nazi policies with the document *Mit brennender Sorge* ('With burning sorrow'). The encyclical did condemn Nazi racial policies. It did NOT, however, direct itself to Nazi treatment of the JEWS" (pg. 147). Pius XI was absolutely silent about the persecution and slaughter of the Jews, as was Pius XII after him—although 688 pages of Vatican documents from 1943 reveal that he *knew* what was going on and he was appealed to "to break his silence" (pg. 150).

7. Those Vatican documents from 1943 also revealed "Vatican opposition to the creation of the State of Israel (including opposition by Monsignor Roncalli, then Papal Nuncio to Turkey)" (pg.

150). "Roncalli . . . later became Pope John XXIII" (pg. 152).

8. "The Church was thinking of its own existence" (pg. 176): that's a reference to the Roman Catholic Church's refusal to speak out concerning the Jews.

9. "South America seems to have become a particular haven for wanted Nazi war criminals" (pg. 202). South America (Argentina and Paraguay in this instance) is predominantly *Roman Catholic*. "On Dec. 1, 1975, *Newsweek* quoted an Austrian politician as saying that 'There are 300,000 surviving ex-Nazis in Austria'" (pg. 202). That's *Roman Catholic* Austria. When the Gestapo fled Germany after World War II, they got out through *Catholic monasteries and nunneries* and to South America via Roman Catholic Italy.

10. The only way that Hitler could get the votes required to become Chancellor (after being voted down *twice* by the German people) was for Franz Von Papen and the Pope to dissolve the *Catholic* Center Party.

11. Every major Nazi leader was a baptized, confirmed Roman Catholic.

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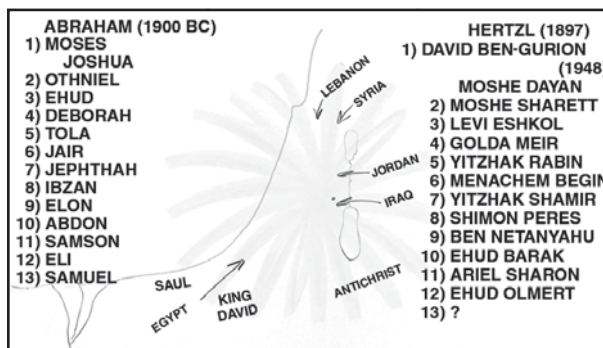
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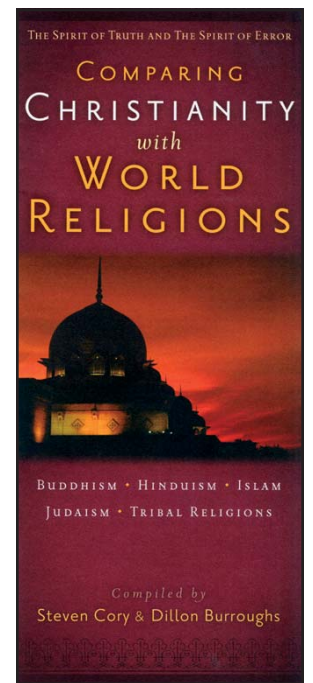
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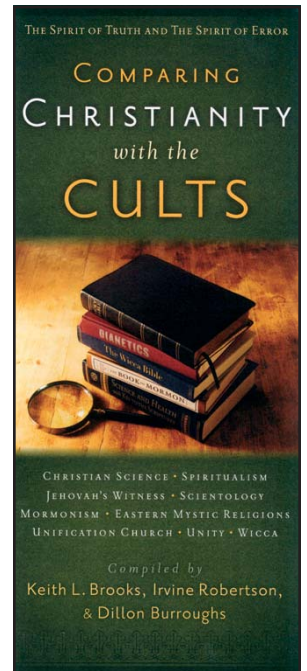
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In 1941, Adolf Hitler told Gerhard Engel, one of his Generals: "I am now, as before, a Catholic and will always remain so" (*Adolf Hitler* by John Toland, Anchor Publishing, New York, 1992, pg. 507).

12. "There were, reportedly, pressures on the Vatican from both sides [to speak out on the mass murder and persecution of the Jews by the Nazis] . . . In addition, the Nazis were waging war against the Soviet Communist, which the [Roman Catholic] Church feared. For whatever reasons, THE VATICAN MAINTAINED ITS SILENCE" (pg. 150).

While the Wannsee Conference met in 1942 to make detailed plans on how to annihilate every Jew in Roman Catholic Europe, the Catholics were praying for a German victory in Russia so that the Russians would be converted to "Our Lady of Fatima."

When the war was finally over, after twelve years of saying *nothing*, the Pope finally spoke up and bragged about how many Jews he had saved by getting them to be baptized and join the Catholic Church to save them from the Gestapo. He also took credit for individual members of his church and clergy who

had saved Jews despite the ambivalence of their church's leader.

In 1962, at "Vatican II," the Roman Catholic Church supposedly "reevaluated" its teachings on the Jews. The new stance presented to the news media is: "Jews are most dear for the sake of the fathers" and "the Jews should not be presented as repudiated or cursed by God, as if such views followed from the holy Scriptures" (pg. 210).

The Pope doesn't know what the "Holy Scriptures" views on the Jews are any more than the man in the moon.

Simon Peter says of his fellow countrymen: "**Him [Jesus Christ] . . . ye [the Jews] have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain**" (Acts 2:23). Stephen says the Jews were "**the betrayers and murderers**" of Jesus Christ (Acts 7:52).

The Apostle Paul wrote of the Jews: "**Who both killed the Lord Jesus, and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they please not God, and are contrary to all men: Forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they might be saved, to fill up their sins alway; for the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost**" (1 Thess. 2:15-16).

According to the Holy Scriptures, the Jews, as a nation, are indeed guilty of the murder of their Messiah, and no "church" or Pope can exonerate them of that guilt.

According to Vatican II, "what happened in His [Christ's] passion cannot be blamed upon all the Jews then living, without distinction, nor upon the Jews of today" (pg. 210). Listen, Daniel (Dan. 9:5-6) and Nehemiah (Neh. 1:5-6) not only confessed sins of which they weren't personally guilty, but which their fathers had committed centuries

earlier. When Jesus Christ returns and the nation of Israel is converted in a day, the Holy Scriptures say, "**they shall look upon me whom they have pierced**" (Zech. 12:10). No Jew in 2013 "**pierced**" Jesus Christ on the cross. Technically speaking, no Jew in A.D. 33 "**pierced**" Jesus; it was the Romans (as in Roman Catholic Church) who nailed Him. But because the Jews turned Him over to the Romans to be crucified, they are "accessories to the fact."

Having said that, the Holy Spirit says, "**As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes**" (Rom. 11:28). You aren't to persecute or kill them, *no matter what they've done*, because of the promises God made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. The Pope and the Bishops were 1,900 years too late in jumping on the Romans 11:28 bandwagon.
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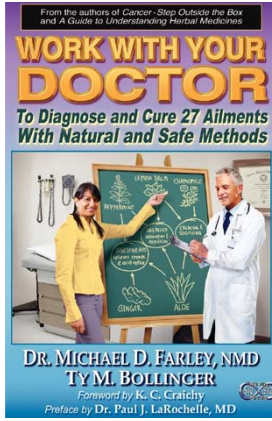
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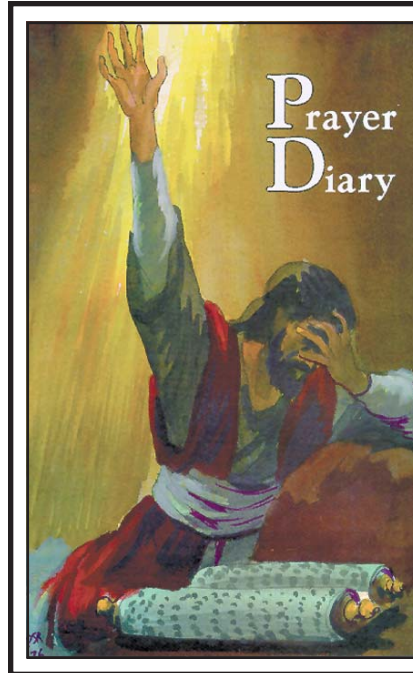


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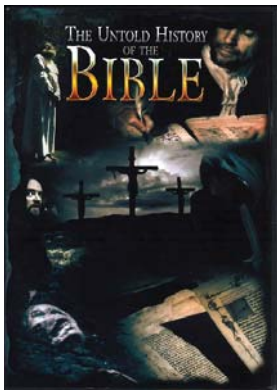
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The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

Continued from 10 was going on even if you don't (read Heb. 11:17-19). What better way to deceive men than to use the knowledge of such a type to counterfeit the real thing before it showed up?

Now what about the "many infallible proofs" of the Resurrection? Well, to begin with, there is the *empty tomb*. The angel proclaimed, "He is not here, but is risen" (Luke 24:6) and invited the women to "Come, see the place where the Lord lay" (Matt. 28:6). The grave clothes were left there empty (John 20:5-7). So there's the empty tomb and the angelic testimony.

Then there are the eyewitnesses. *Mary Magdalene* saw Him (John 20:14-16). The *other women* saw Him (Matt. 28:9-10). *Peter* saw Him (1 Cor. 15:5; Luke 24:33-39). *His half-brother James* saw Him (1 Cor. 15:7). *Over 500 people* saw Him at one time (1 Cor. 15:6). *Stephen* saw Him (Acts 7:56), and so did *Paul* (Acts 9:5).

The risen Christ changed Saul of Tarsus into the Apostle Paul. Before his conversion, Paul persecuted Christians "beyond measure" (Gal. 1:13), and after he encountered the resurrected Christ on the road to Damascus, he became the greatest witness, the greatest Christian, the greatest evangelist, and the greatest missionary the world has ever seen.

But one of the greatest proofs of the resurrection is the testimony of millions who have proved Him to be a living Saviour through faith.

"Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him; But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;

Who was delivered for our offenses, and was raised again for our justification. Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Rom. 4:23-5:1).

Those of us who have trusted Jesus Christ as Saviour have proven the Resurrection in a practical fashion that the bare facts of the Scriptures and the Gospel never could. Don't misunderstand me, the Resurrection is *true* whether anyone believes it or not. But the only way it does any good for the sinner is if he places his faith in the Saviour who rose bodily from the grave.

The old song goes: "You ask me how I know He lives: He lives within my heart." I personally know the risen Christ because I accepted Him as my *personal* Saviour. When I did that, the Holy Spirit baptized me *spiritually* (not by water) into Christ's death,

burial, and resurrection. I have been raised to "walk in newness of life" (Rom. 6:3-4).

Because I have "the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead" living in me (Rom. 8:11), I am in Christ, and the living Christ is in me (Col. 1:27). Spiritually speaking, I am seated with Jesus Christ at the right hand of God the Father (Eph. 2:5-6 cf. Mark 16:19; Heb. 1:3).

We believers have been *justified* by the risen Christ; we have been *reconciled to God* by the risen Christ. And, bless God, we have been given the *victory over death* because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

"So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortal-

ity, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 15:56-57).

The promise from Jesus is: "because I live, ye shall live also" (John 14:19). The resurrection of Jesus Christ isn't just an academic fact. To the born-again child of God, it is "a lively hope" (1 Pet. 1:3).

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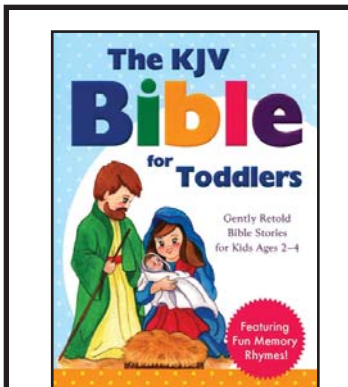
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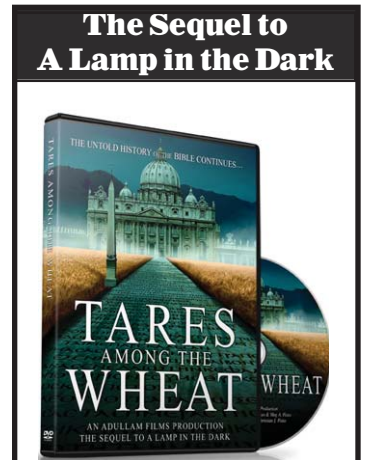
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1. There is **no final authority** but God.
2. Since God is a Spirit, there is **no final authority** that can be seen, heard, read, felt, or handled.
3. Since all books are material, there is **no book on this earth that is the final and absolute 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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How to Spot a Counterfeit Religion

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ginning with its first physical King (1 Sam. 9:16–17). No one *voted* for anyone to become a King, a “Pope,” a Potentate, a Prince, a Ruler, a “Shepherd,” or a Sovereign.

The second religion revealed by God was not given to mankind until He Himself showed up on earth as a man (1 Tim. 3:16; John 1:14, 14:9). It denied everything found in the *Koran*, the *Book of Mormon*, and *Catholic traditions* except those places where they *copied from the Bible*.

This time, an “image” was allowed, but it was no image made by *man*. It was, “**the image of God**” (2 Cor. 4:4; Heb. 1:3; Col. 1:15, 2:9; John 20:28), unavailable in the Old Testament after the fall of Adam (Gen. 1:17 cf. 5:3).

This time, the “place” was a *person* instead of a city (John

4:21–24, 14:6; Acts 4:12; Matt. 18:20; 1 John 5:20).

This time, the blood was to be offered *only once*, and not one more bloody sacrifice was to be offered after that *one time* (Heb. 10:8–12, 9:11–28, 1:3).

This time, *no special group* was chosen to be priests; this time, *every believer* was a priest (1 Pet. 2:5, 9; Heb. 13:10–16). This time, the “**High Priest**” was no longer living on earth as a man (Heb. 3:1, 5:1–10, 7:26, 9:7–12).

This time, *only one* “feast” was commemorated and then only at intervals (1 Cor. 11:26), and it was not accomplished by *any* “sabbath” (see Lev. 23) or shed blood (Heb. 10:10–14).

This time, no final authority was invested in *any* priest or prophet or King or religious leader here on this earth. It

was not to be found in any set of “Sharia” (Islam) or “Canon Law” (Roman Catholic) or anyone’s *traditions*. This time, all the “priests” of the God-revealed religion had a *written record* of both God-revealed religions (Old Testament and New Testament). *That* was their final authority because it was “**given by inspiration**” of the Holy Ghost (2 Tim. 3:15–16; 2 Pet. 1:19–21).

Now, if you want to check out *any* religion invented since 1500 B.C. (when God called Israel out of Egypt and formed them into a nation), just compare that religion to the *facts* recorded in the written record God gave of His two true religions. Just compare the “sacred scriptures” of those other religions with the true, genuine *Holy Scriptures*, and you will be able to spot *any* counterfeit twenty

miles “up wind” on a starless midnight.

“To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them” (Isa. 8:20).

“And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus” (2 Tim. 3:15).

“Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me” (John 5:39).

“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth” (2 Tim. 2:15).

Now, when are some of you going to *start doing that?*