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THE BABY

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"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace" (Isa. 9:6).

The above verse is about a baby. Who is that Baby? *He's Almighty God* in the flesh (1 Tim. 3:16). That's God's idea of a joke on mankind. The Bible says:

"But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty" (1 Cor. 1:27).

The world uses its intellectual abilities to try to get rid of God. In return, God uses a foolish, weak thing like a little baby to mess up all the puffed-up intellectuals.

There are two things connected with this Baby: this Baby has *two natures*. This Baby is the *Son of*

man and the *Son of God*: He's 100% man and 100% God.

Our text says, **"For unto us a child is BORN."** He was a *man* born



of Mary; He had a *human* nature.

But the text also says, **"unto us a son is GIVEN."** That's His *divine* nature because the Bible says, **"For God so loved the world, that he GAVE his only begotten Son"** (John 3:16). Paul said of the Lord Jesus Christ: **"Thanks be unto God for his UNSPEAKABLE GIFT"** (2 Cor. 9:15).

The reason you give gifts at Christmas is because God gave us His Son. Jesus Christ is the reason for every gift you ever got. The Apostle James wrote, **"EVERY good gift and EVERY perfect gift is FROM ABOVE, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."**

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“MARY,” The Mother of Harlots

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We have been examining the “Mary” of Roman Catholic fiction from *The Official Handbook of the Legion of Mary*, bearing the imprimatur of the Archbishop of Dublin and the “*Nihil Obstat*” (nothing objectionable to Catholic doctrine) of the Roman Catholic censor Bede McGregor. So what I am giving you is not the diatribes of an “anti-Catholic”; it is the official teaching of the Roman Catholic Church on Mary as approved by the Catholic hierarchy. No one libeled anyone; no one falsely reported anything; no one spoke against anyone’s faith.

Now the “Mary” of Roman Catholicism is not the Jewish maiden found in the Gospels who confessed her need for a Saviour (Luke 1:47) and offered a sacrifice for her sin (Luke 2:24 cf. Lev. 12:8). No, the Catholic “Mary” is a pagan goddess constructed out of thin air, not the Scriptures; the Roman Catholic “Mary” isn’t found in the Scriptures. She is an all-powerful “Mediatrix” who is “the way” for all men to obtain *any* graces from God (see our last article). We continue here by starting with the pledge a candidate to the Legion of Mary has to make to the Holy Spirit.



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1. “But I know that you [i.e., the Holy Spirit], who have come to regenerate the world in Jesus Christ, Have not willed to do so EXCEPT THROUGH MARY” (pg. 90). Scripture? Don’t be funny. There’s nothing that connects Mary with regeneration or the New Birth by name, or even by insinuation, in Titus 3:5; John 3:3–7; 1 Peter 1:3, 23; James 1:18; 1 John 3:9, 4:7, 5:1, 4, 18; 1 Corinthians 4:15; or anywhere else in the Bible.

2. “I stand before you as HER soldier and HER child” (pg. 90). Then you are NOT a New Testament Christian. You may be a pagan Roman Catholic Mariolater, but a New Testament believer you are NOT. A New Testament believer is a “**soldier of JESUS CHRIST**” (2 Tim. 2:3) and a child of GOD (Rom. 8:16; Gal. 3:26). Mary doesn’t win, place, or show.

3. “SHE is the mother of my soul” (pg. 90). Then you are just as lost as a goose in a horse race. The mother of the New Testament Christian is *New Jerusalem*, not Mary (Gal. 4:26).

4. “Let your power overshadow me . . . And make it one with Mary’s love and MARY’S WILL TO SAVE THE WORLD . . . So that they and I, the battle won, may reign WITH HER forever in the glory of the Blessed Trinity” (pg. 91). Scripture for such nonsense? Don’t be ridiculous. It is nothing but pagan

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speculation from start to finish.

Mary is not in the Trinity and never was (except to the Egyptian theologians who came to Nicea with "IHS"—ISIS, Horus, and Seb), she never expressed any "will" about saving the world, and the twelve apostles are the ones who sit on "**twelve thrones**" when Christ reigns "**in his glory**" (Matt. 19:28, 25:31). If the Bible Mary does any "reigning" with Christ, it is as a member of the Body of Christ who has been made a King (not a "Queen") and a priest by her Son (Rev. 1:5–6), who abdicated that position (John 19:26–27) to become her Saviour and Lord. In the church in Acts 1, she is just one member among the others (Acts 1:14). She's not in charge of anything, and no one asks anything of her or gives her the time of day.

5. The Legion prayer is: "We fly to your patronage, O Holy Mother of God . . ." (pg. 134). Let's see you find that in the Bible—ANY Bible, even a Catholic Bible. She may be "**the mother of my Lord**" (Luke 1:43) because that term encompasses Christ's *humanity* (Phil. 2:7–11), but "the mother of God"? What are you talking about? If God had a mother, wouldn't she have to be a goddess who existed before Genesis 1:1? And if He had a mother, then didn't He have a grandmother, great grandmother, etc.? You see the mess into which you get by trading your Bible for Roman "tradition": *you lose your mind*.

" . . . despise not our prayers . . . Mary Immaculate, Mediatrix of all Graces (see our last article), Pray for us. St. Michael and St. Gabriel, Pray for us. All you heavenly Powers, MARY'S LEGION OF ANGELS, Pray for us. St. John the Baptist, Pray for us. Saints Peter and Paul, Pray for us" (pg. 134). More pagan blasphemy. Mary isn't praying for anyone; neither are two Jewish angels (Michael and Gabriel), "St. John the Baptist," or "Peter and Paul." Mary, John the Baptist, Peter, and Paul are up in Heaven waiting for the first resurrection and praising God the Father and God the Son (2 Cor. 5; Rev. 4–5). And Mary no more has a "Legion of Angels" than she does an ant farm. In the *Bible* (not Roman Catholic mythology), it is *Jesus Christ* and the *Holy Spirit* who make intercession for us (Rom. 8:26–27, 34; Heb. 7:25), and the "**legions of angels**" belong to *God*, not Mary (Matt. 26:53).

6. "The Son is always found with his Mother" (pg. 277). He is?! He wasn't in Luke 2:42–46; Mary *lost* her Son. Now we don't condemn her for that. Many a mother has lost track of her child. Mary was just a normal mother—THAT'S THE POINT. She wasn't some all-knowing, all-powerful goddess. She was a normal human—a frail sinner.

When Mary came looking for her Son there in Matthew 12:46–47, He wouldn't even acknowledge her as His mother (Matt. 12:48–50). How's that for not being "found with his Mother"? He didn't invite her in or go out to see her.

The "Legion of Mary" twists Mary's presence in the life of Christ completely out of proportion to her importance. John the Baptist was "sanctified . . . by the charitable visit of his (i.e., Christ's) Blessed Mother in the Visitation" (pg. 277). He was no such of a thing. He was "sanctified," if you will, by the Holy Spirit

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before Mary ever showed up (Luke 1:15). When John the Baptist leaped in the womb of Elizabeth at the salutation of Mary (Luke 1:40–44), it was not Mary “sanctifying” anything; it was the Holy Spirit bearing witness to the *Son of God* in the womb of Mary.

It doesn’t stop there; the Christmas story is perverted as well. “When the shepherd-representatives of the chosen people found the Promised of all Nations, they found him with her . . .” (pg. 277). Well, where would you expect to find a newborn baby, with a taxi driver? “If they had turned away from her, they would not have found him.” Hey, if they had turned away from *Joseph*, they wouldn’t have found Him either; Mary wasn’t the only one in that stable.

You see the perversion of Scripture again going on here? When the angels announced the birth of Jesus to the shepherds, they didn’t say *one word* about the baby’s mother. Don’t take my word for it; look up Luke 2:11–12 and READ IT! *The baby* was the theme of the angels’ announcement, not the mother. The baby was identified by *where He lay*, not by who was with Him. If those shepherds had turned away from THE MANGER, they wouldn’t have found the Christ child; never mind Mary.

The wise men fare no better. “At the Epiphany (when the wise men showed up), the Gentile races of the world were received by our Lord in the persons of the three Kings, but they only found him because they found HER” (pg. 277). An absolute LIE! They found Him because the star “**came and stood over where the young child was**” (Matt. 2:9).

“If they had refused to approach her, they would not have reached him.” More Scripture perversion. Since the child was *with His mother*, they couldn’t help but “approach her,” but again, the same thing could be said of *Joseph*. But the interesting thing when comparing what the Bible says to the balderdash put out by the Legion of Mary (with the approval of the Archbishop of Dublin) is the place the Scriptures give to Mary in the story of the wise men’s visit.

“**And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child [FIRST!] with Mary his mother [SECOND]**” (Matt. 2:11). Mary takes *second place* to her Son! See it again in verses 13, 14, 20, 21 there in the same chapter. The “**young child**” always comes FIRST. Moreover, notice that when the angel speaks there in Matthew 2, he doesn’t address Mary at all (Matt. 2:13, 19). Evidently, “**the head of the woman is the MAN**” (1 Cor. 11:3), even in the case of the “*Mediatrix of all graces*.”

But it does not end with the shepherds and the wise men; the Legion of Mary play fast and loose with the facts of Christ’s circumcision. “Jesus made offering of himself to the Father, but it was between the arms and by the hands of his Mother. For that babe belonged to its Mother; without her the Presentation could not be made.” Well, he couldn’t be presented *without Joseph* either.

“**They [not just Mary] brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord**” (Luke 2:22).

Now what the Legion of Mary forgot to tell you about Christ’s presentation at

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His circumcision was Mary's *real role* in that ritual. You see, Mary had to offer a sacrifice according to the Mosaic Law (Luke 2:24), and that offering was "**A SIN OFFERING**" for "**AN ATONEMENT**" (Lev. 12:8). The point of Christ's presentation there at the Temple was *not* "The Son is always found with his Mother"; it was "His mother was A SINNER who needed AN ATONEMENT." Mary's "legionnaires" are absolutely *clueless* when it comes to THE SCRIPTURES.

Well, it's about time to wrap this up. There's just too much to cover in one or two articles when there are 369 pages of this *crap* (and I meant exactly what I said there; this stuff is theological *manure*). So let's take one more and close this thing out.

7. "The Holy Spirit operates always with her . . . if Mary is left out, God's Plan is not conformed to, no matter what one's prayers and works and strivings may be" (pg. 278). There went Paul, James, Peter, John, and Jude out the window. The name of Mary doesn't occur *one time* in *any epistle* written by a *single man* above. *No apostle* recommends anyone to pray to her; *no apostle* recommends anyone to go to her Son through her; *no apostle* attributes any operation of the Holy Ghost to her (despite what the Legion of Mary says about her role in Pentecost—pg. 278); and *no apostle* consults her for anything. The "Mary" of Roman Catholicism is an obscene travesty of the one found in the word of God.

We conclude this examination of the Roman Catholic "Mary," as given us by the Legion of Mary and approved by the Archbishop of Dublin, with one final blasphemy by Pope Pius X. That religious charlatan (ALL Popes are religious fakirs) "has set out vividly the doctrine of the UNIVERSAL MEDIATION OF MARY" (pg. 343).

Mary couldn't mediate a crap game. The Mary of the Bible was corrected *twice* by her Son: once when she lost Him in a crowd (Luke 2:43–49) and once when she came to see Him while He was teaching (Matt. 12:46–50). Moreover, when someone called her "**blessed**" (Luke 11:27), as was prophesied (Luke 1:48), Jesus Christ immediately *corrected* the misguided fanatic and told that woman that *any Bible believer* was more "**blessed**" than Mary (Luke 11:28). (Don't just sit there blinking like an owl; look up the references I gave you and READ THEM. Don't be a bigot all your life.)

What you have are two "Marys." One is a Jewish maiden who was given the privilege of being the human vehicle through which the Jewish Messiah would enter the world, a privilege which she gladly accepted as *any Jewish maiden would have*. The other is a female demon posing as a heavenly goddess usurping the attributes of Christ's Deity. Mary the mother of Jesus is NOT the Roman Catholic "Mother of God." That blasphemous demon is the "Queen of Heaven" spoken of by Jeremiah the prophet more than 500 years before the historical Mary gave birth to Jesus (Jer. 7:18, 44:17–19, 25). That unholy whore was called "**Ashtaroth**" (also "**Ashtoreth**") many years before Jeremiah's grandfather was born (Judg. 2:13, 10:16; 1 Kings 11:5, 33). Throughout history, she has been called Eostre, Ishtar, Venus, Diana, Lorelei, and the Elle Woman. That "Mary" is "**THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH**" (Rev. 17:5).

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Paul said that when Jesus **“ascended up on high, he . . . gave gifts unto men”** (Eph. 4:8). That Bible says, **“the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord”** (Rom. 6:23), and when you receive eternal life as a **“free gift”** from Jesus Christ (Rom. 5:15–16, 18), you are told, **“the gifts and calling of God are without repentance”** (Rom. 11:29). God is not an Indian giver; if He gives you eternal life by faith in His Son (1 John 5:11–13), He is NOT going to take it back.

Now I am going to give you some things about this Baby. The first thing is that *this Baby has a background like no other baby born on this earth*. This Baby is born in Bethlehem (unless you're a Mohammedan; the *Koran* has Mary giving birth to Jesus under a palm tree in a “far-off place”—Sura 19:22). That's where King David was born, and this Baby is **“the son of David”** (Matt. 1:1; John 7:42; Rom. 1:3).

When the wise men showed up in Jerusalem asking **“Where is he that is born King of the Jews?”** (Matt. 2:2), Herod asked his Rabbis where Christ was to be born, and they quoted Micah 5:2 to him.

“But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.”

That's the birthplace of that Baby being given 750 years before He is born, and it comes through right on the money. When I was growing up, my favorite Christmas carol was “O Little Town of Bethlehem.”

“O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light—
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.”

The whole history of the world hinges on that Baby. When a baby is born, somebody's destiny is fixed right then. The Battle of Waterloo was decided when the Duke of Wellington was born; it was decided at that moment when and where Napoleon would get knocked off his “high horse.” When Adolf Hitler was born, 53 million people were scheduled to die; their deaths were settled right then. If you have a baby, I wonder what he is going to do.

Mothers, when you have a little baby boy or girl, you are either populating Heaven or Hell. If that baby grows up and gets saved, he's going to Heaven; if he rejects Christ, he's going to Hell. But the moment that child is born, he is headed to an eternal destiny.

When the Baby of our text was born, He was born for one purpose and with one destiny: to die on a Roman cross. When His mother took Him to

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the Temple to circumcise Him, the prophet told her, "**Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against (Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,)**" (Luke 2:34–35). Mary was going to see her little boy nailed to a cross and people making fun of Him in His agony. How would you mommas feel about that?

A momma's baby is always her baby no matter how old he is. I witnessed to an old colored woman in Alabama once who was 110. She told me all her children were saved except her baby boy. Her "baby boy" was *over ninety*.

Of course, Mary's suffering as a mother has nothing to do with your salvation. Mary and her "sacred heart" didn't share in the crucifixion for your atonement. Mary was no "co-redemptrix" or "mediatrix." "**There is one God, and ONE MEDIATOR . . . the MAN CHRIST JESUS**" (1 Tim. 2:5). *Mary's NOT it.*

The Pope wants Mary to take part of the credit for paying for your sins so you will pray to her instead of Jesus Christ. I'm not saying that at all. I am just pointing out that it must have been a terrible experience for her to watch the Baby to whom she had given birth miraculously stripped, crucified, and mocked by sinful men.

The next thing I want to say about this Baby is that *it wasn't Joseph's baby*. That's why your *King James Bible* is very careful to say, when the Holy Spirit is narrating the facts of the event, "**JOSEPH and his mother marvelled at these things which were spoken of him**" (Luke 2:33).

One of the ways you know these new modern translations are apostate corruptions of the word of God (2 Cor. 2:17) is because they will change Luke 2:33 to read "*his father and his mother.*" *Joseph wasn't Christ's Father* (Luke 2:48–49). In Acts 4:27, 30, He's called "**THY** [referring to "**the Lord**"—Acts 4:26] **holy child.**" The new "Bibles" have changed that to deceive you into thinking Joseph was Christ's father. That Bible says, "**Be not deceived**" (1 Cor. 6:9, 15:33; Gal. 6:7); it says, "**Let no man deceive you**" (Eph. 5:6; 2 Thess. 2:3; 1 John 3:7). You had better watch out for any "Bible" or any preacher that casts doubt on the incarnation, virgin birth, or Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ. That's an attempt by the Devil to *deceive you*.

That being said, the next thing I want to point out about this Baby is that *He wasn't the Devil's baby*. This wasn't "Rosemary's Baby" or "The Omen." Now why is it necessary to point that out? Because that passage to which I referred you in Acts 4 talks about "**HIS Christ,**" speaking of "**the Lord**" (Acts 4:26). This Baby is "**the Lord's Christ**" (Luke 2:26), not Satan's christ (2 Thess. 2:3–10). Just as Jesus is the Son of God, the Antichrist will be the Son of Perdition (John 17:12; 2 Thess. 2:3), Satan's seed (Gen. 3:15).

But when this Baby fulfills the purpose for His birth (Mark 10:45), do you know what happens? God the Father makes Him the *personification of sin*.

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“And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up” (John 3:14).

“For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him” (2 Cor. 5:21).

The Devil knew that. God Himself told the serpent back in Genesis 3:15 that he would bruise the heel of the Seed of that woman (the Crucifixion), but the Seed of the woman would bruise the head of the seed of the serpent (Second Advent). So the story of the Bible is the story of Satan's war against that Seed.

He starts all the way back in Genesis 4 to attack the line that would bring forth that Seed. **“Cain, who was of that wicked one”** (1 John 3:12) kills Abel, a type of Christ (Heb. 12:24). He attacks the line in Genesis 6 with the sons of God intermarrying with the daughters of men. He attacks that line in Genesis 12 where Abraham lies about Sarah to Pharaoh. He attacks it through Coniah whom God writes off as childless when it comes to any of his descendants inheriting the throne of David (Jer. 22:28–30). Joseph is from Coniah (Matt. 1:11–16), so God brings the line through David's son Nathan to Mary (Luke 3:23–31). That is another reason Jesus had to be virgin born; if He was to inherit **“the throne of his father David”** (Luke 1:32), Joseph *couldn't* be His father.

Did Satan's attacks against the Seed stop there? No! When Mary is within days of giving birth, Satan moves his King (Caesar Augustus of Rome—Luke 2:1) to require everyone in the empire to return to the place of his birth to be taxed (Luke 2:3–5). Mary has to make a journey of several days on the back of a donkey over rugged terrain. What was that? That was the Devil trying to kill that Baby before He was ever born—or at least have Him born before He reached Bethlehem so the prophecy would be broken.

Being unsuccessful in that, the Devil moves another of his Kings—Herod the Great—to kill the Baby after He is born (Matt. 2). Brethren, the rulers of this world, under the control of Satan, have no use for Jesus Christ. It doesn't matter whether it is Augustus, Herod, Nero, Domitian, Diocletian, the Pope, Henry VIII, Bloody Mary, Winnie the Pooh Churchill, or Barack Hussein Obama, the Devil has been active in **“this present evil world”** (Gal. 1:4) for 2,000 years trying to get rid of God's children.

All through Christ's ministry, those Pharisees and Sadducees are trying to kill Christ before they get Him to the cross (John 5:18, 8:59, 10:31, 11:8). They stone Stephen; Paul had his head cut off. The Pope launched a crusade against the Albigenses and Waldensians. Huss, Tyndale, Cranmer, Latimer, and Ridley were all burned at the stake. Today the Moslems are killing Christians right and left in Africa, Indonesia, and the Philippines. Why? Because the Devil *hates* God's kids (1 John 3:13 cf. 5:19).

When President William McKinley was shot, a big funeral was held with all kinds of dignitaries and heads of State attending. Among them was

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Billy Sunday. Billy Sunday was a nationwide evangelist, but he was just an orphan boy from Iowa. He got to looking at all those big shots there at that funeral who were Dukes, Duchesses, Princes, Princesses, and Kings; and he thought to himself, "Isn't that something! Those people have royal blood in their veins. Their ancestors are Kings whose lineage goes back hundreds of years. They're nothing like an orphan boy like me." Then the thought struck him, "Hey! I do have royal blood; I've got the blood of a King." If you're saved, you have that blood too.

"Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, WHICH HE HATH PURCHASED WITH HIS OWN BLOOD" (Acts 20:28).

God's blood flowed through the veins of that Baby. His blood was good; *yours ain't*. That's why you die: your blood is no good. You got your blood from Adam (Rom. 5:12), and when you die, you'll stay dead until that Baby brings you up (John 5:25–29). His blood was from God, which is why He was able to get out of that tomb on His own (Rom. 1:3–4).

That Baby is King of the Universe. The fingers on that little fist were the fingers that flung the sun, moon, and stars into the heavens (Psa. 8:3). The little voice that cried in that manger was the one that said, "**Let there be light: and there was light**" (Gen. 1:3). Now look at Him: He's not a Caesar or a Herod in a palace. He's the foster son of a carpenter and a poor Jewish maiden, cradled among the brute beasts. That's God's idea of a joke on mankind.

"Born among cattle, in poverty sore,
Living in meekness by Galilee's shore,
Dying in shame as the wicked ones swore:
Jesus, wonderful Lord."

That's the business; that's the Baby.

Now there's something else about this Baby: *all dates are dated from His birth*. Here you are up here in 2014: 2014 what? Two thousand-fourteen years since that Baby was born.

It's called "A.D."—*Anno Domini*. That's Latin for "in the year of our Lord." Before He was born, it's called "B.C."—Before Christ. He divides all time. He's the only baby whose birthday is remembered at least two million times every day—every time a date is written down. That must "irk" Jews, Moslems, and atheists.

Some unsaved Jews and atheists didn't like that, so they had it changed to B.C.E. and C.E. Originally those meant "Before the Christian Era" and the "Christian Era," but that was still too much for those Hell-bound intellectuals, so they changed them to mean "Before the *Common* Era" and the "*Common* Era." Well, that won't do you any good. When did the "Common Era" begin? *It began at the birth of that Baby*. You won't get around Jesus

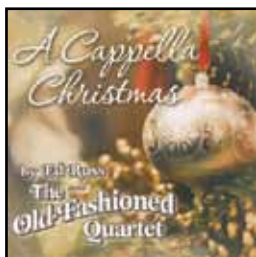
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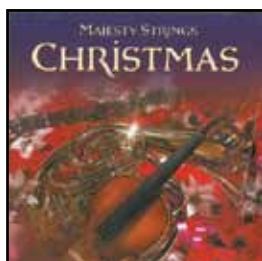
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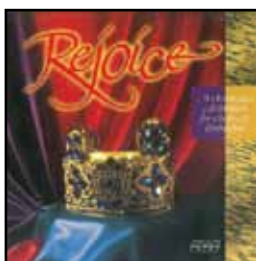
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Christ. You can try getting rid of Him all you want, and in the end, you'll still have to face Him at the judgment (Acts 17:31; Rom. 2:16).

And that brings us to our last point: *one day all babies are going to be judged by that Baby*. That Bible says that God the Father **“hath committed all judgment unto the Son”** (John 5:22). Of course, Mohammed didn't believe that: he said Allah had no Son (*Koran*, Sura 2:116). He thought for God to have a Son, he had to have sex with a woman (Mormons believe the same thing; they are just the other side of the same “wooden nickel” and believe the conception of Jesus Christ happened when “Elohim” “went in” to Mary). Mohammed thought that because he was a sex-obsessed neurotic. That's not the way it happened at all. The *real* Gabriel (not the 600-winged demon who spoke the *Koran* to Mohammed) said to Mary:

“The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God” (Luke 1:35).

The Mohammedan says, “You believe in three gods; you're a polytheist.” No, we're not. We believe in *one God* in *three persons*.

“For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: AND THESE THREE ARE ONE” (1 John 5:7).

Jesus said, **“I and my Father are ONE”** (John 10:30).

That's what *Trinity* means: Tri-unity—three in one. And the Bible says that God the Father has committed all judgment to God the Son. So one day every Jew, Mohammedan, Roman Catholic, Buddhist, Hindu, Shintoist, atheist, humanist, Unitarian, animist, evolutionist, Greek Orthodox, Episcopalian, agnostic, Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Jehovah's Witness, Mormon, Charismatic, and Pentecostal will stand before that Baby. One day, the finger of that Baby will point to several billion people and that voice that cried in the arms of His mother will say, **“Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels”** (Matt. 25:41).

That Baby was a sinless baby; that Baby was God's Lamb **“which taketh away the sin of the world”** (John 1:29). You will either receive that Baby as Saviour now, or you will face Him as Judge at the White Throne later. When you do, He will have some questions for you just like He had for those doctors of the Law in the Temple when He was twelve years old, and if you stand before Him in judgment, you won't be able to answer them any more than those religious Th.D.s could (Luke 2:46–47 cf. Luke 20:39–40).

Are you a Jew or a Moslem? He wants to know, **“What think ye of Christ? whose son is he?”** (Matt. 22:42).

Are you a grocer? His question to you is, **“Are you ‘weighed in the balances’ and ‘found wanting’?”** (Dan. 5:27).

Are you a medical doctor? He asks you, “Physician, can you heal

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THE BABY

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yourself?" (Luke 4:23).

Are you a construction worker? "On what foundation did you build, and did you take heed how you built on it?" (1 Cor. 3:10–11).

Are you a lawyer? "Do you have '**an advocate with the Father**'?" (1 John 2:1).

Are you a judge? "**Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?**" (Gen. 18:25).

That's the Baby you'll face someday. He'll give you a "quiz program" you won't miss. He'll demand an answer so that "**every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God**" (Rom. 3:19).

The final thing I want to say about this Baby is that *He came to redeem sinners*.

Years ago, in downtown New York, there was a huge house owned by a millionaire. When the Depression came along, that millionaire went bankrupt and had to sell the house. It ended up in the wrong hands and became a "house of ill repute"—a house of prostitution, a "cat house," with pornographic pictures and drug use all through it.

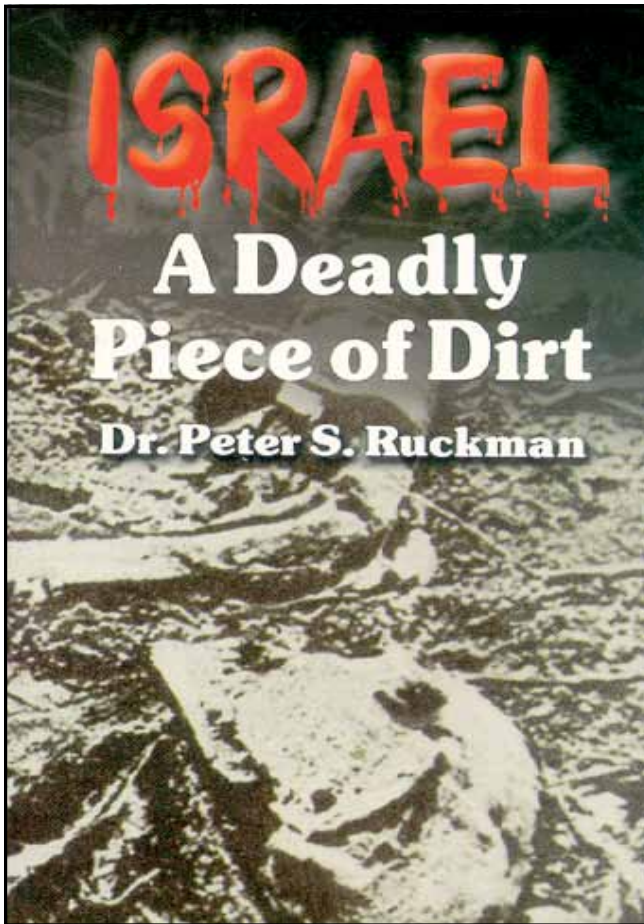
The place fell apart and was no better than a junk heap and a death trap. But by then, the grandson of that millionaire had worked hard and become a millionaire himself. He bought that house and spent millions of dollars restoring it. It became a museum with great works of art, and a restaurant in it where people could come and enjoy themselves in a decent atmosphere. When that millionaire was asked why he had done that, he said, "This house belonged to my grandfather, and it fell into wicked hands. I have redeemed it."

This world was created by God (Gen. 1:1), and it belongs to Him (Psa. 24:1), but it fell into wicked hands (2 Cor. 4:4). That Baby came to redeem it *and you* (Rom. 3:24, 8:22–23; 1 Cor. 1:30; Eph. 1:7; Col. 1:14; Heb. 9:12).

"But when the fulness of time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons" (Gal. 4:4–5).

"Redeemed—how I love to proclaim it!
Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
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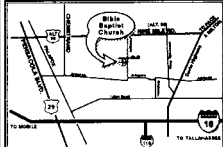
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In 46 B.C., Julius Caesar wrote to the Roman senate describing what he did to Pontus in modern day Turkey. In Latin, the Roman general wrote, “I came, I saw, I conquered.”

Although this famous phrase belongs to Caesar, in its greatest sense, it describes the life of the greatest man ever to walk this earth: the Lord Jesus Christ. Christmas is a reminder to all who believe that the Captain of the Lord’s host *Josh. 5:13–15 cf. Heb. 2:10) must soon make an encore appearance.

In His first coming, He vanquished sin and death, and triumphed over the host of Hell openly. He successfully completed the mission given Him by His Father (see Luke 2:49 and John 19:30). He came as promised according to Micah 5:2. He saw the battle before Him—**“And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up”** (John 3:14). He then conquered death itself and proved it.

“Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing. And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God” (John 20:27–28).

What is this boast, “*Veni, Vidi, Vici,*” of a Gentile Roman general compared to the feat of a poor Jew who lived sinlessly and ascended bodily into Heaven under His own power? Christmas reminds me that although a great victory was achieved by my Saviour, the war is not yet over. I’m looking forward to part two of this war. My Lord has yet to settle accounts with this world.

“For, behold, the LORD will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire. For by fire and by his sword will the LORD plead with all flesh; and the slain of the LORD shall be many” (Isa. 66:15–16).

This second part of God’s war with man will end badly for the United States and every nation that dared come against Jerusalem to destroy the Jews. There must soon come an end to the madness of the nations and their hatred of Israel. History must have its climax and when it takes place, all Gentile nations will be under Christ’s feet. In the meantime, we who long for His coming must continue to wage war against the world, the flesh, and the Devil. We will be wounded and, at times, sorely. If the **“blessed hope”** of Titus 2:13 is further delayed, we may suffer physical death. Sin must pay its wages (Rom. 6:23). Nevertheless, rejoice!

“Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us” (Rom. 8:37).

Has there ever been a night in the hills of Bethlehem like that first Christmas Eve? At what other time since Adam and Eve fell did the angels of God appear in the sky praising God? This sin-cursed planet had no idea that it was now to be the temporary abode of its Creator.

Aren’t we to rejoice daily that the Holy Spirit, God himself, took His abode in our own spirit when we trusted Jesus Christ to save our souls? When we resist

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His Holy Spirit, the joy He wants us to have fades away. Is there still some singing in your heart this Christmas, or have you left your first love (Rev. 2:4)?

Doors were closed to Jesus that first night He came to our world.

“And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because THERE WAS NO ROOM FOR THEM IN THE INN” (Luke 2:7).

What about the door of your heart? Is there any real fellowship going on right now with your Saviour?

“Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me” (Rev. 3:20).

Many of the Lord’s blood-bought saints have “retired for the night.” They’ve gone to sleep on the Lord and dropped out of the race to their shame.

“I sleep, but my heart waketh: it is the voice of my beloved that knocketh, saying, Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my undefiled: for my head is filled with dew, and my locks with the drops of the night” (Song of Sol. 5:2).

When you become **“weary in well doing”** (Gal. 6:9), you look to sleep.

“I have put off my coat; how shall I put it on? I have washed my feet; how shall I defile them?” (Song of Sol. 5:3).

It is hard to ignore the soft entreaties made by the Holy Spirit upon our hearts. No matter how weary a saint has become in the journey through this

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life, there is a desire to walk hand in hand with the Lord. That yearning cannot completely be quenched.

“My beloved put in his hand by the hole of the door, and my bowels were moved for him. I rose up to open to my beloved; and my hands dropped with myrrh, and my fingers with sweet smelling myrrh, upon the handles of the lock. I opened to my beloved; but my beloved had withdrawn himself, and was gone: my soul failed when he spake: I sought him, but I could not find him; I called him, but he gave me no answer” (Song of Sol. 5:4–6).

Has the Lord been looking for fruit from you this past year, and 2014 turned up somewhat barren? Now is the time to renew your vows. Christmas is a great time to throw open the door of your heart and rekindle the fire of your love for Jesus. Why hesitate?

This world looks to cheer itself by the fireplace, while millions adorn their houses with Christmas lights and decorations to make the holiday festive. Liquor sales soar at this time of year, thanks to all the parties that are given to counterfeit a joy that only exists in the heart of one who walks with Jesus. At no other time of year are folks so eager to mask their joylessness and hide the sadness that flows out of a life without Jesus Christ.

“And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for NOW is our salvation nearer than when we believed” (Rom. 13:11).

This could very well be the last Christmas for the Church on earth; we don't know. The Lord promised to **“deliver us from this present evil world”** (Gal. 1:4) and take us home (John 14:1–3). When that happens, families will be broken; relatives, friends, and neighbors will be in shock. Christmas will never be the same for those left behind. “Tis the season to be jolly” will be a memory. Those of us meeting the Lord in the clouds (1 Thess. 4:16–17) will be singing and praising God as if a million Christmas mornings of joy were rolled into one, unimaginable moment.

Folks today say Christmas has become too commercial. Excuse my ignorance in this matter, but when was it ever really spiritual? Still, Christmas as a national holiday stands as a testimony to the belief of millions of Americans that the Saviour came into the world as promised. Because of this, Christmas has come under increasing attack by atheists, agnostics, and “freethinkers.” These wretched souls have become more bold as they see more and more evidence of the Bible losing influence in the nation's social consciousness. “Seasons Greetings” is now the politically correct way to steal whatever is left of the real meaning of Christmas.

“Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, WHERE IS THE PROMISE OF HIS COMING? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation” (2 Pet. 3:3–4).

Christmas in these last days has, in a peculiar sort of way, emerged as a

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problem for those who wish to ignore the promise of the Lord's return. Our Lord's coming again is the central theme of the Bible, and references to that event far outnumber those of the first advent. Organizers of local Christmas parades throughout the nation strive to keep the event secular. Thank God, in Pensacola, Bible Baptist Church is allowed to march with its band and display scripture signs while playing traditional Christian hymns. This is rare, and it is refreshing to see that Santa, Rudolph, and Frosty the Snowman have not yet completely vanquished the scriptural ingredient in our modern Christmas festivities.

Our materialistic, covetous society is not likely to make merry over the idea of some dead, angry Jew who lived 2,000 years ago, coming back to run this planet. Wall Street, investment bankers, and hedge-fund managers can't "leverage" such a doctrine into profit and further capital growth. Anyone threatening this present system of ours can't be allowed to live as the book of Revelation clearly teaches.

The word *merry* shows up seven times in the New Testament, but its last appearance in Revelation 11:10 is most ominous. In Revelation 11, you have God's two witnesses preaching hellfire on this earth for 42 months. These two choice saints of God have the world in a panic. Also, until they are finished prophesying, they are indestructible. It's not likely that anybody hearing them will be celebrating Christmas or making merry. But finally, to the relief of untold millions, they are killed (Rev. 11:7). Now the party may be resumed—what joy, what frivolity, what sense of relief!

“And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make MERRY, and SHALL SEND GIFTS ONE TO ANOTHER; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth” (Rev. 11:10).

Christmas comes back, albeit without its connection to that dead Jewish rabbi. Folks are enjoying themselves again, and gifts are being exchanged. What could possibly put a damper on this explosion of happiness? Read on, please.

“And after three days and a half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and GREAT FEAR fell upon them which saw them. And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them” (Rev. 11:11).

This has got to be one of the most jaw-dropping moments in all of human history—two unburied dead bodies, lying in a public place (probably in front of the rebuilt Tribulation temple), coming to life again and defying the law of gravity. Just days before, the crowds were singing, “Happy Days Are Here Again.” Perhaps some gifts remained unopened (Rev. 11:10) after the dramatic whacking (Mafia term for eliminating an enemy) of those two Jewish Bible fanatics. The emotional and physical relief recently granted the haters of God's words turns into fear and terror. How dramatically the Lord, when He wants to, can turn excitement and frivolity into tragedy (e.g., Titanic) for those who love **“this**

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present world” (2 Tim. 4:10). Do you fear Him, really?

Here's the real sorrow of Christmas, something which smote Paul's heart to his last breath.

“He came unto his own, and his own received him not” (John 1:11).

Growing up in Brooklyn with Jews all around me, I knew there were lots of Jewish children who wanted to experience Christmas. They envied the Gentiles this time of year. Some Jewish parents would put up “Chanukah bushes” in their apartments and place gifts under them. Jews who survive the coming Great Tribulation and are converted under the preaching of Moses and Elijah (believed by many to be the two witnesses of Rev. 11) will finally have a real Christmas over which to joy. Singing, laughter, and feasting will be in their abodes. It will be a deliverance from the Gentiles far greater than that experienced in Esther's day.

Our heavenly Father is now gathering the nations. He is preparing the Kingdom of Heaven which was offered to and rejected by the Jews almost 2,000 years ago. Now that offer will be welcomed. David's throne will be given to his Son and God's only begotten Son. “Joy to the world, the Lord is come. Let earth receive her King.” What Christmas was supposed to be will finally be. “O Come, Emmanuel.”

“Arise, O God, judge the earth: for thou shalt inherit the nations” (Psa. 82:8).

“The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever” (Rev. 11:15).

No gold, frankincense, and myrrh will be given this time. Now our Saviour gets the whole ball of wax: all the kingdoms of the world submitting to a Jewish King. Just a few miles from where Jesus was born as a man, the kings and potentates who are allowed into the kingdom will bow before the King of Kings and be awed by His regal beauty. The babe of Bethlehem whose mother and foster father searched in vain for a room for him to come into this world will hold the title deed to every structure on this planet. Who could have crafted such an ironic twist to the climax of human history? Our Father who loved us enough to give us His only begotten Son.

There's a lot more to Christmas than trees, fruitcakes, office parties, and children's toys. Someone very special who visited here and was brutally murdered is coming again. Have you offered Him a room in your heart? Better still, does He own your heart today? What benefit can you derive from Christmas if, as a born-again Christian, you are still fighting the Lord over control of your life?

“And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and DO NOT THE THINGS WHICH I SAY?” (Luke 6:46).

Wise men gave their expensive gifts to Jesus, but you can top that by giving Him your heart. What would stop you from doing so? Look around you; take a good look. You are going to leave this world soon, ready or not. What's here worth holding onto? Give while you can. If the season of giving is Christmas, then every day is Christmas for a Christian.

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So it will be again this Christmas; those who can least afford to give, give the most.

“And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing. And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury. For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living” (Mark 12:42–44).

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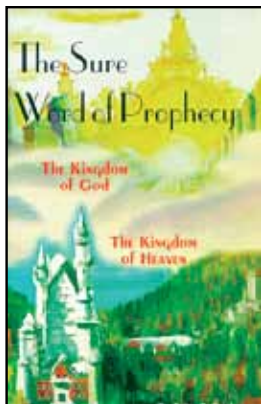
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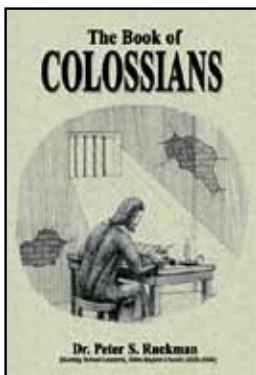
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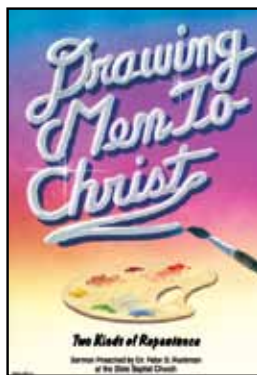
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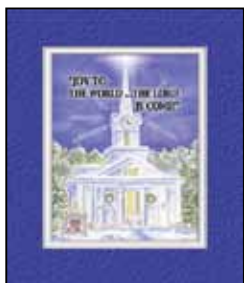
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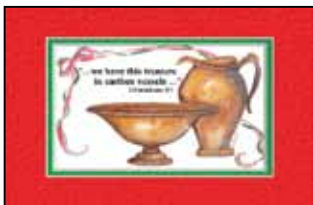


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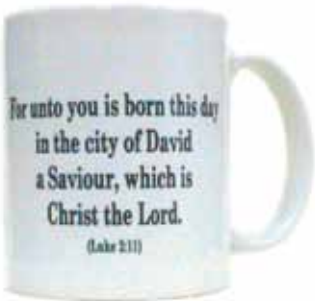
"A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another" (John 13:34).

The trial continued for 21 days. We weren't in the courtroom all of that time, but the daily docket had to be cleared each day for our trial because we consumed most of the day. There were other "criminals" that needed attention, and it appeared that Judge Wasilwa was the only judge in that jurisdiction.

"We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren" (1 John 3:14). It's not always easy to like the brethren because of their peculiar habits, myself included, but it is easy to love them; not merely because the Lord commanded us to **"love one another,"** but because we are all in the same boat: sinners saved by grace. Common suffering seems

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to bind people together. It is not necessary to like someone in order to love him. Like is a choice; love is a commandment. We are always loved by God because we are His children, but I am sure of one thing: He does not always like us because of the way we act. God's people are not always likeable, but they're always lovable because they're the best this ole' world has to offer.

It was the brethren who prayed for us during this ordeal. It was the brethren who supplied the additional funds needed for us to stay the extended time required by the trial. It was the brethren of another sort—Southern Baptists—who were at the trial every day for a show of support. The Lord gave us a new commandment, and when I consider the options or the alternative—either the world or the brethren—it doesn't take long to make the choice.

If ever there was a commandment more difficult to fulfill, I certainly have not been made aware of it. It isn't that we are just to love the brethren, we are to love the brethren as Christ loved us (John 15:12). Because I have never been able to fully comprehend the love of God, I guess I never have been able to love to that extent, but I do press toward that mark. It is beyond human understanding that God would give His life for sinners—sinners that do not want the sacrifice or what He has to offer. He died for us while we were yet His enemies (Rom. 5:10).

But that really isn't the depth of the matter. It is God, the One who made the world. His emotions have the capacity to exceed ours by billions of times. That is the love He has commanded us to demonstrate to those who are our brethren in Christ. It's humanly impossible, but then again, we are not to love in human capacity but rather in a new nature as we cleanse our spirit and flesh from all filthiness (2 Cor. 1:1).

According to the word of God, God has **“given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness”** (2 Pet. 1:3). The God-man and His quickening Spirit loved us with a great love (Eph. 2:4). I suppose that the love we are to have toward the brethren is to be a supernatural love that not even we ourselves can be made aware of, but only understood in the Spirit. **“There is no respect of persons with God”** (Rom. 2:11), and if that is to be coupled with **“let love be without dissimulation”** (Rom. 12:9), we are to love all to the same degree.

At that time in my Christian life, I wasn't concerned with whether or not the brethren had the same doctrinal view of Genesis 1:1–3 as I did: it didn't seem to have the same importance to me. I was appreciative of the fact that the brethren were concerned enough for us to make a show of support by coming to the trial every day. And considering the fact that they were resident missionaries subject to reprisal from the Moslems, their show of love for us meant a great deal. I don't even remember all of their names, but I

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will never forget their show of love by standing with us during that time of need. They could have stayed home and prayed, but it was better that they came to the trial.

Love is a great motivator, but because of the natural state of our being we have a natural tendency to be motivated by hate, greed, envy, pride, and all the other natural tendencies that come with being confined in this flesh, in which there is **“no good thing”** (Rom. 7:18). But praise the Lord for being born again, for having a new nature with new motivations, and for victory over sin's dominion (Rom. 6:14). The truth of that passage lies somewhere between the natural man and the new man. It lies squarely on the shoulders of the spirit, and the extent of an individual's sanctification—that is to say his spirit—will determine whether or not sin has dominion over him.

The primary factor in the great motivation of love is the wisdom to do what is right, according to the knowledge of God (2 Pet. 1:3). Godly love looks outward toward where it can extend itself, as the Father did in extending His love to the world through His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ (John 3:16). Because God is love and God is spirit, pure love must be spiritual. Fleshly loves are doomed to be lacking. Godly love looks outward because God doesn't need love. He may desire love, but He doesn't need it. Pure love is not dependent upon love to exist. If it did, it would never have come into being, and if it did, there could be no salvation. If the love of Christ had waited for us to love Him before He was able to love us, He would still be waiting, since there is not anything good in us prior to our salvation (Rom. 3:12).

Being lost is to be without hope, **“and without God”** (Eph. 2:12), **“undone”** (Isa. 6:5), a soul that is condemned to Hell (John 3:18), a spirit that is unregenerated (Eph. 2:4), and flesh that is lustful (Gal. 5:16). What an awful condition! Considering these facts, the Moslem cannot be expected to be anything other than what he is: a product of his beastly society. The individual is saved when at some point in his life the word of God regenerates his spirit (1 Pet. 1:23), enabling him to comprehend truth (1 Cor. 2:14; Eph. 1:13; John 6:63; James 1:18). By faith, he received the truth of love for one reason or another—some for fear of Hell, others because of the great love of God, but never because he first loved God.

The Moslem knows nothing about love. His world is filled with **“the lust of the flesh,” “the lust of the eyes,”** and **“the pride of life”** (1 John 2:16). It is impossible to love something unknown, and the unsaved do not know God. They know there is a God, a knowledge which makes them **“without excuse”** (Rom. 1:20), but they do not know Him *personally*. An individual begins to know God when he first comes to know the salvation of Christ and is born again.

What the Moslem hates is the fact that the Christian holds to the words

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of Jesus Christ, who said, **“I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me”** (John 14:6). Knowing God through the new birth isn't the full knowledge of God, it is only the knowledge of eternal life that is the gift of God's love through His Son Jesus Christ. The Bible says, **“Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them to us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God”** (1 Cor. 2:9–10). The Spirit is found in the *words of the Bible*, for Jesus said, **“the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life”** (John 6:63). That Christians neglect to read the entire words of God, Old and New Testaments, deprives them of knowing God in a more complete fashion.

A more complete knowledge of God would help to establish righteousness in their personal lives; not the imputed righteousness that comes with being born again, but the personal righteousness that comes as the result of repetitious obedience. This eventually leads to holiness in the life of believers (Rom. 6:16–19) who are objects of His work, laborers together with God in His eternal plan, of which eternal life is only the beginning. Growing **“in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,”** which knowledge is contained in THE WORD OF GOD (2 Pet. 3:18) is the ongoing process that brings us the understanding of His will for our lives and the power to develop into the fulness of His stature. The culmination of this process is concluded in the fulfillment of His work, when He shall change the physical composition of our bodies to be fashioned to that of the resurrected Christ (Phil. 3:20–21). This leads me to the conclusion of this missionary story, which will be covered in the next, and last, chapter.

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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, Zinzendorf, 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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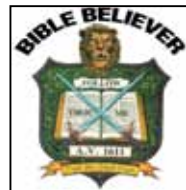
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