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

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Two Kinds of Fathers

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In the Bible, the supreme fact of all revelation is *the father*. In the God-head, it is God the FATHER, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. It's the father and the son from Genesis to Revelation. The first time love shows up in the Bible, it is the love of a father for his son (Gen. 22:2).

No Moslem accepts the fact that God had a Son. The *Koran* says God has no son of any kind (Sura 25:2, 2:116, 112:1–4, 17:111, 19:34), and if you say He does, you are a liar (Sura 23:89) and will burn in Hell (Sura 21:98). All that is just the ravings of a *sex-obsessed nut*.

God has all kinds of sons in the Bible. He not only has “**his only begotten Son**” (John 3:16), Jesus Christ, He has *angelic* sons (Job 1:6, 2:1, 38:7), a *created* son—Adam (Luke 2:38), a *national* son—Israel (Exod. 4:22), and *spiritual* sons—born-again

Christians (John 1:12). So it's a *male* thing: the Father and the Son; never the mother.

In this article, I am going to discuss two kinds of fathers. The first one is a *bad* father and is found in 1 Samuel 2:22–25. That's Eli chiding his two sons for committing adultery and fornication with the women who came to the Tabernacle. God said Eli's sons “**made themselves vile**” and Eli “**restrained them not**” (1 Sam. 3:13). All he did was talk; he did nothing to stop them.

A bad father *spoils his children*. A good measure of a child is *what he has to do without*. I have raised six boys and four girls, and none of them had to do without anything. When I was coming up, we did without television; the generation before mine did without radio. We didn't have refrigerators; we had ice boxes: you had to haul a block of ice to put in a cabinet in the bottom to keep the food cold. We did without air conditioning. We did without school buses; I had to walk a mile to school and back—in the winter in ten below zero. The past two or three generations would have a time trying to give you *anything* they

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The Highway to Death and Hell

As anyone knows who has studied the Bible, all dispensations end in *apostasy* and *degeneration*; that includes the age in which you are now living (read Rev. 3:14–22). As the world's "do-gooders" and "kingdom-builders" stumble on into *darkness* (Jer. 13:16), they forget that they have a rendezvous with *death and Hell* (Isa. 28:15, 18; Rev. 6:8). This means that every time you pick up a news article, an essay, some professor's opinion, or the "resolutions" of the UN, the EU, or the Muslim Brotherhood, you are simply studying the progress toward that rendezvous.

Now, all unsaved intellectuals believe that *tolerance of sin* is a mark of "change" and "progress" (see Obama's campaign). So here are some "highway markers" on the interstate leading to Psalm 68; Isaiah 63; Joel 3; and Revelation 19.

The advancement of sex perversion. The goal of the queers, fairies, fruits, faggots, butches, dykes, Lesbians, and "double-breasted finks" is to force all straight people to accept their crooked lifestyle as "normal." The push is to legalize two queers shacking up together and two Lesbians shacking up together so they can get access to your tax money to support and promote their filthy sin.

In the meantime, the sex perverts have to *recruit children and teenagers* into their ranks, since two men together or two women together *can't reproduce anything*. Thus the push in the public schools is to teach sodomy to the kiddies all the way down to the elementary grades (and beyond to kindergarten, if they can). The library shelves are to contain propaganda on sex perversion like "*Heather Has Two Mommies*" and "*King and King*."

The Girl Scouts welcomed Lesbians into their ranks back in 2000 and, consequently, made the part of the Girl Scout oath about "loyalty to God" *optional*. After all, how can one be *loyal to God* and *accept dykes and butches as leaders*. The Boy Scouts followed suit recently by lifting the ban on boys and young men who are sex perverts as Scouts; they are about to accept Scout Masters being sex perverts. That way the sodomites can have access to a whole new group with which to fornicate and



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turn toward their perversion.

The Lord Jesus Christ said, **“as it was in the days of Lot . . . Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed”** (Luke 17:28, 30); and Lot’s **“days”** were characterized by *militant sex perversion* (Gen. 19). That’s one of the mile markers on the highway to death and Hell.

Another marker is *growing anti-Semitism and opposition to the State of Israel* by the United States and the UN. Israel is the only democratic, free State in the Middle East, and it has *no military allies* among the democratic nations of the Free World, *not even the United States*. In fact, America is now in alliance with five terrorist organizations which have the sole purpose of *the complete genocide of the nation of Israel* (those would be Hamas, Hezbollah, al Fatah, Fedayeen, and the PLO).

Since 1955, the UN has passed 77 resolutions against Israel and only *one* against the “Palestinian Authority” (the PLO); that count doesn’t include the *scores* of resolutions vetoed by the United States. Israel has had more UN resolutions voted on against it than any other nation on earth.

Israel is the **“burdensome stone”** and the **“cup of trembling”** God has put on the UN (Zech. 12:2–3) to gather them into one bundle to *burn them*—literally (Zeph. 3:8; Matt. 13:30, 40–42). *America will not be exempt from that end* (Jer. 30:11). That’s a sign along the highway the U.S. and the UN are taking down to death and Hell.

Another one is *the departure of the Body of Christ from sound doctrine and the truth*.

“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables” (2 Tim. 4:3–4).

Nowhere is this better illustrated than the continual attempts to trade **“the scripture of truth”** (Dan. 10:21) for the latest piece of religious trash purporting to be a “Bible.” All of these corruptions of God’s words (*RV, ASV, RSV, NASV, NIV, NKJV, Good News, NLT, ESV, etc., etc.*) have the same identical motive: “update” those horrible, archaic words in the *Authorized Version*. That’s the excuse for 233 apostate translations put out since 1880; that’s better than two per year. You mean “the Bible” gets out of date *every six months*?

And not one of them claims to “update” the version before it: the ASV didn’t update the *RV*; the RSV didn’t update the ASV; the NASV didn’t update the RSV (or the ASV, for that matter). No, every single one of them tried correcting *one Book*. Evidently, that Book has an enduring authority to it that egotistical, apostate stuffed-shirts educated beyond their level of intelligence bitterly resent.

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Did this obsessional need to “update” the AV stop with the NASV? No, you needed the NIV. Did it stop with that version? No, you had to have the “New” King James Version. Surely that settled the matter. Of course not, the Conservatives had to produce their own version of the RSV—the *English Standard Version*. And on and on it goes, *ad nauseum*.

Here is number 234 (or whatever) from the Charismatics (Charisma House). Here are the statements on the most recent piece of corrupt garbage as found in the February 3, 2013 issue of “*Charisma News*.”

“Charisma House has announced plans for an update of” Now stop right there. What version are they going to update? *Today’s English Version*? Of course not. The *New Living Translation*? Don’t be silly. The *Contemporary English Version*? Get serious. Those crazy nuts aren’t concerned with anything put out in 1970, 1980, 1990, 2000, or 2010. They’re obsessed with changing a Book that is 400 years old.

“. . . for an update of the KING JAMES VERSION BIBLE, to be called the Modern (dig that, baby!) *English Version*. The MEV is the most modern translation produced of the KJV in 30 years.”

Really? You mean more “modern” than the *21st Century King James Version* (1991)? Can it be more “modern” than the *MODERN King James Version* (1999)? How about the *American King James Version* (1999) or the *King James 2000 Version* (2000) or the *Updated King James Version* (2000) or the *King James Version Easy-Reading* edition (2001) or the *Comfortable King James Version* (2003) or the AV7 Bible (2006)? How could Charisma House have missed all those tremendous efforts to make the *King James Version* “readily understood by thoughtful readers of the Bible”? But here they go on—forward *into the fog*.

“The word-for-word translation maintains the BEAUTY OF THE PAST (*not* the words of God), yet provides *clarity* for a new generation of Bible readers. The MEV also *accurately* communicates God’s Word” Same old song and dance that these apostates have been giving you for over a hundred years. Where the AV is “clear,” you change it to make it more “accurate,” and where it is “accurate,” you change it to make it “clearer” (see pp. 20–21 of *The Monarch of the Books, 2000*). But whatever the excuse, the key is to *change what God gave you in English*.

“To Bible readers who value biblical truth (*not* the words of God), the MEV literally translates God’s Word (*not* a reference to anything God said in writing; it’s Barth and Brunner’s Neo-orthodox “message.” If you don’t believe me, just keep on reading) in a way that preserves the MESSAGE”

And there it is like a rotten egg: you can’t beat it, but it sure does *stink*. The Charismatics (Assemblies of God Theological Seminary and Oral Roberts University) and Liberals (Harvard and Yale) who put out this mess aren’t concerned with God preserving His WORDS at all (Psa. 12:6–7);

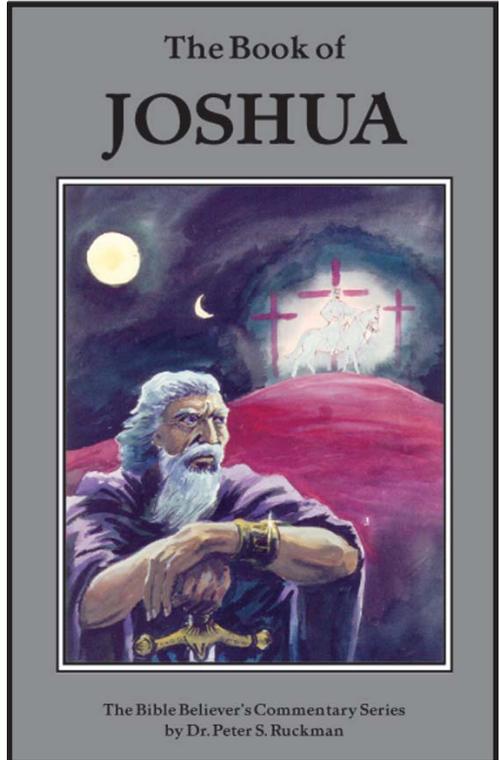
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they're concerned with a nebulous Neo-orthodox MESSAGE.

"We anticipate that the *MEV* will have broad ECUMENICAL and CONSUMER (\$\$\$!) acceptance." I'm sure it will. I'm sure Charisma House will make a mint off suckers from all denominations whose pastors and professors have talked them out of belief in what God said, in the Book He gave them in their language.

You just read there in 2 Timothy 4:3 that people in these last days before death and Hell show up here on earth will turn from "**sound doctrine**" to "**their own lusts.**" One of these birds who put out his own "Bible" (Sidney Brichto, an unsaved liberal Rabbi from England), in order to "make the Bible more accessible to the ordinary reader" (don't you know, baby), *created* (i.e., *made it up out of his own depraved imagination*) "a love scene between David and Bathsheba, and Xerxes and Esther." The Rabbi is evidently a *sex-obsessed neurotic*. If a translator has to create sex scenes of a pair of sinners fornicating (while they both had multiple wives), to stick into the 66 books of the Bible in order to get people to read it, that translator is in pretty rough shape and so is his "target audience."

Now those are some "signs of the times"; they are billboards along the road to death and Hell. The pattern is as old as sin and death. The *Edenic covenant* ended in apostasy (Gen. 3). The *Noahic covenant* ended in apostasy (Gen. 11). The *Abrahamic covenant* ended in apostasy (Exod. 1–2). The *Mosaic covenant* ended in apostasy (Judges). The *Davidic covenant* ended in apostasy (Jer. 22). The *Millennial reign of the Son of David* will end in apostasy (Rev. 20). You are living in the day when you are seeing the *new covenant* ending in apostasy (1 Tim. 4; 2 Tim. 3).

Darwin was a *lunatic*, as are all evolutionists who follow him. The gold of the head (intellect) goes to silver in the chest (where the "heart" is: the seat of *emotions*). The silver degenerates to the brass waist where the *physical appetites* (stomach) and *sexual reproductive organs* are located. The brass drops down to the iron legs (transportation) and then down into the MUD. You'll find that in Daniel 2—READ IT!

Clocks never run up; they run *down*. Magnetic fields *weaken*; the sun is *losing* heat; the car *breaks down* and eventually *rusts*. That's the Second Law of Thermodynamics; it's *scientific proof* that anyone who believes evolution is *out of his mind*. The *spiritual* music of Bach, Handel, Mozart, and Vivaldi degenerates to the *soulless* music of Brahms, Beethoven, and Schubert. From there it goes downhill to the *body* music of Tchaikovsky and Stravinsky and ends up in the dirt with the *flesh* music of Goodman, Shaw, and Miller; finally it sinks down into the pit with the *demonic* music of KISS, AC-DC, Twisted Sister, etc. That's the *Law of Human Collapse*; you can see it illustrated perfectly in the book of Judges.

The "kingdom-builders" will get their kingdom. It just won't be Utopia or Shangri-la or Camelot. It will be the Kingdom of Death and Hell, with Satan incarnate as its supreme monarch (Rev. 13).

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From Heaven or Hell?

By Robert Militello

“As we said before, so say I now again, if any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, LET HIM BE ACCURSED” (Gal. 1:9).

There is a man today in Rome who is in the process of seducing not millions, but *billions* of souls by presenting himself as the friend of all and the great protector of the poor.

“Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God” (James 4:4).

As our world turns away from “the Gospel of grace” (Acts 20:24) and becomes more and more tolerant of sin, especially sodomy, this so-called “Holy Father” will grow in influence like no pope before him. For those who have been born again and believe only that which is confirmed by scripture, this “Vicar of Christ” is the most dangerous man in the world. We are witnesses today to the last stage of the unfolding of what Paul told the Church was “**the mystery of iniquity**” (see 2 Thess. 2:3–12).

Just over a year ago in the Sistine Chapel at the Vatican, the enemy of mankind, “**the god of this world**” (2 Cor. 4:4), moved on those lost men called “Cardinals and Princes of the Church” to select a *Jesuit* to fill the “Chair of Peter.” This was no random choice by the one who has blinded men’s eyes since Eve ate the forbidden fruit. No Jesuit has ever been pope, and there is a reason for that. Jesuits have been deported from many countries for political subversion and revolutionary behavior. They

have a reputation for undermining governments that closely monitor their political patrons and sympathizers.

Since the founding of the Society of Jesus by Ignatius Loyola in 1534, the Jesuits were content to serve the pope as a kind of quasi-secret-service, CIA-like agency. They positioned themselves next to key leaders in every government in Europe. Their leader, known as Father General, is called “the Black Pope,” the man behind the curtain whispering in the pope’s ear. Father Adolfo Nicolas runs the Society today. He has agents in 118 nations. In the USA, the chief listening post is Georgetown University, right next to Washington, D.C. Are you getting all this down?

Now that Jorge Bergoglio is pope, the Jesuits are out from behind the curtain. The plan to put the “**man of sin**” at the head of a new world order is in high gear. The last stronghold of those preaching “**the gospel of the grace of God**” is America. We are to be bankrupted and thrown into chaos.

Jesuits hate our Gospel and seek to destroy from within every church that preaches salvation is Jesus Christ by grace alone. When possible, they pose as believers, and they are hard to spot, like tares among wheat (Matt. 13:25–30).

“And that because of false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage” (Gal. 2:4).

Here’s the profile of an “accursed heretic”: he believes salvation makes him a priest unto God; also, he rejects religious works as the basis of

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salvation and emphatically denies that Jesus Christ is physically present in a communion wafer. Jesuits are not averse to using the secular power to terrorize believers. Their history in this regard goes back to the St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre in France (Aug. 1572).

Today, the Jesuit agenda is not nearly as narrow as it was during the Sixteenth to Nineteenth Centuries. Since the Balfour Declaration of 1917, which called for a Jewish homeland in Palestine, Jesuits have labored almost exclusively in the field of *geopolitics*. Their aim is to bring about their version of a new world order, with the pope running things out of Jerusalem. The sense of urgency that the Jesuits have incorporated into their plan resulted in the resignation of a sitting pope (Benedict XVI) and the subsequent election to pope of the head of the Jesuits in Argentina, Father Jorge Bergoglio.

Someone far smarter than any Bible believer knows how late the hour is. He is inspiring his agents to prepare the world for his coming, and I'm not talking about our Saviour.

“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).

Anyone knowledgeable in Catholic doctrine and practice knows that the Mass is the heart of Catholic devotion and worship. The biggest blow given to Romanism in the English-speaking world came with the Book of Common Prayer formulated by the Church of England. That book called the Mass “a blasphemous fable and a dangerous deceit.” Article 31 of the 1562 doctrinal statement of the Church of England was the provocation that led to the pope's desire to destroy Protestantism in England.

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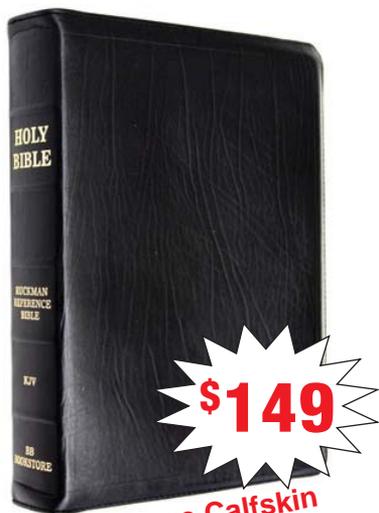
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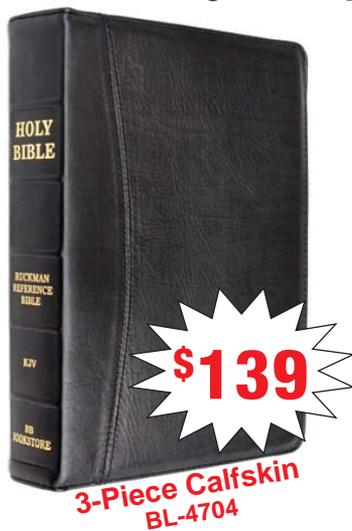
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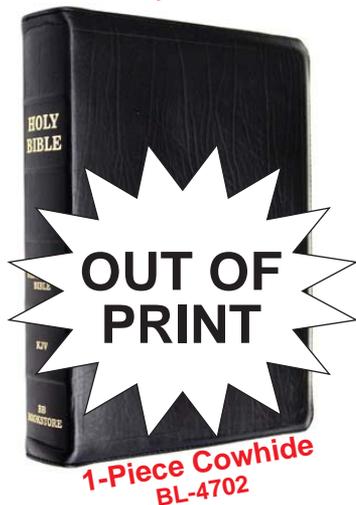
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the Spanish Armada was sent out to overthrow Queen Elizabeth and return England to the "Mother Church." If the Armada had succeeded, we would be speaking Spanish today. The Lord stepped into history, so the Church of Rome sought out a new policy.

Jesuits were sent to England to stop the Bible translation work called for by King James I in 1604. The plan was to murder James and blow up the Parliament. Again, heaven intervened; and on November 5, 1605, barrels of gunpowder were found in the basement of Parliament, and Guy Fawkes, the chief conspirator, was captured. Today in England, November 5 is a national holiday. "Guy Fawkes Day" has been turned into some kind of British "Halloween" with bonfires, tricks, parades, and partying. Very few in England today know much about the history of the Gunpowder Plot thanks to years of pro-Catholic BBC brainwashing. Next, the Jesuits sowed tares and infiltrated the Church of England with the objective of overthrowing the authority of the *King James Bible*. Now as you can plainly see, they did their work thoroughly. I've written this little piece of historical background so you can see why I believe Jorge Bergoglio of Buenos Aires is now, from a scriptural point of view, the most dangerous man on earth.

Pope Francis, who has stated his desire to visit the U.S. in 2015, has a mission to accomplish. He must repackage the international image of the Roman Catholic Church. That image was badly tarnished by the clergy sex abuse scandal which received a lot of media attention some years

back. Francis must present himself as a man for all seasons, friendly to all, not judgmental, and possessing a heart for the poor that makes him seem like a male Mother Teresa. He must charm all the world's leaders. For them, Francis will turn the Vatican into a whore's bed.

"For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies" (Rev. 18:3).

This **"MOTHER OF HARLOTS"** was a wonder to the Apostle John (Rev. 17:5-7). This institution, charged ostensibly with preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ, had managed to throw off the reproach of Christ and make herself desirable to all. Moslems, atheists, Jews, sodomites—all are welcome in her bed.

"When I saw her, I wondered WITH GREAT ADMIRATION" (Rev. 17:6).

Some years ago when I heard "Mr. Bible" (Dr. Jack Van Impe) talking about how much he admired Pope John Paul II, I became nauseous and wrote him. I told him that anyone who preached another gospel other than what Paul preached is *accursed* according to Galatians 1:9. Also, I reminded him that we Bible believers are to **"hate every false way"** (see Psa. 119:128). His reply was pathetic. I got a lecture on love. Dr. Jack wasn't going to go as far as Paul because that would offend his Catholic listeners.

That letter I received should have been stamped on the back with these

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What is now on the top of the agenda—the Vatican's "Things To Do" list—is a charm offensive directed at Israel and its government to put aside their apprehensions and agree to an independent Palestine. As we approach the Lord's return, you'll find Rome and apostate Israel overcoming their suspicions of each other and consenting to sleep together.

"And the same day Pilate and Herod were made friends together: for before they were at enmity between themselves" (Luke 23:12).

Father Jorge Bergoglio, now called Francis the First, did a superb job as head of the Jesuits in Argentina by his masterful manipulation of the government in Buenos Aires. He knows how to move his pieces on the geopolitical chessboard. Israel will soon discover this to be so to their everlasting regret.

Last February 13, Pope Francis met with fifty members of the American Jewish Committee, a powerful Jewish lobby based in New York. The pope received them in the Vatican and said to Stanley Bergman, the head of the AJC, "We need to build a more just and fraternal world." Mr. Bergman, beaming with satisfaction, called Francis a "true friend."

"He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be

converted, and I should heal them" (John 12:40).

Never since Israel was born as a modern state in 1948 has she felt so uncertain as to her relationship with the United States. Although this is not stated publicly, the Israeli government has no faith in our current president and views the U.S. State Department as a bully trying to coerce Israel into another "land for peace" fiasco like President Bush so foolishly supported by pressuring Israel to give up the Gaza Strip.

Who will succeed in gaining the confidence of the Jewish state? Who can the Devil best use to sedate the Jewish people and put their fears to bed? Since Bergoglio became pope, he has garnered the most positive press ever given to a pope by Israeli media. Mr. Bergman is not the only prominent Jewish leader that sees Francis as a true friend. Shimon Peres, President of Israel, waited just one day after Fr. Bergoglio's election to invite him to visit Israel where he said the pope would be received with love. The Latin American Jewish Congress gave its highest praise to the new pope. Anti-Defamation League National Director Abe Foxman said, "Francis reassures us (Jews) about the future." Really?

Jews in the last days were clearly warned about what to expect in the way of satanic deception.

"And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed THAT NO MAN deceive you. For many shall come IN MY NAME, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many" (Matt. 24:4-5).

The only man I know on this earth who claims to speak for and represent

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Jesus Christ is "His Holiness, Francis I." He has Jewish leaders falling over themselves, competing with one another in the use of flattering words to describe their "true friend" in Rome. What happened to Jewish discernment? Why were European Jews in the early 1930's so blind to what Hitler really had in mind? The desire for peace and the longing of the heart to see good days leave little room for the mind to consider the unpleasant and fearful realities that seem to be hiding in the bushes around us. This is human nature, and it is the reason why men never learn from history.

What my esteemed Jewish friends cannot imagine is that their "true friend" has his eyes on Jerusalem. The Vatican wants to control Jerusalem through a UN trusteeship. Jerusalem is the prize.

"Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem" (Zech. 12:2).

What all Catholics were taught to believe is not true. Peter was never in Rome, and there is not the slightest evidence supporting such a notion. The Jesuits know this. They are not stupid, and they are not given to fables. If you study the history of St. Ignatius Loyola and his six fellow students at the University of Paris, you'll discover that these seven men vowed on August 15, 1534 to go to Jerusalem on pilgrimage. They called their group the "Company of Jesus." (Incidentally, the CIA is referred to as "the Company" by those inside it.) Their first objective was to preach to Moslems. Ignatius wanted to win Jerusalem back for Rome through

"missionary work" and not by armed crusades which ended in disaster a few centuries earlier. They never made it to Jerusalem, so they set their sights on destroying the Reformation.

Rome, though called the "Eternal City," is not where the Jesuits want the pope to sit. They know that only Jerusalem is eternal and that Jesus Christ cried over it and not Rome. To give the Vicar of Christ real legitimacy, he must reign in Jerusalem in a temple where Jews will acknowledge him.

"Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God" (2 Thess. 2:3-4).

The *King James* translators in the Epistle Dedicatory to their Sovereign weren't confused as to the identity of the Man of Sin. What was clear to them has now come into question by the "Christian TV" crowd and Dr. Van Impe. The Vatican has a seat at the UN, and it is right alongside that of the Palestinian Authority. What do you think is going on between them. Israel, open your eyes!

"The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun" (Eccl. 1:9).

Remember, Rome ruled Jerusalem at the Lord's First Coming. It will be so again. In the days of our Lord, Rome governed with an iron hand and enforced its own order throughout the

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“101 Contradictions In the Bible”

By Brian Donovan

Quite some time ago, a young Christian gave me a copy of a paper with the above title, asking how to answer some of the possible contradictions. The ignorant author never learned to read simple English and imagines himself a great thinker in

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Mediterranean basin. This rule was called the *Pax Romana* (“Peace of Rome”). Not known to many is the desire of the Jesuits to establish a *PAX CHRISTI* (“Peace of Christ”) throughout the world, where the moral voice of humanity will order men’s affairs and that moral voice will be the “Holy Father.” “Caesar,” as Pontifex Maximus, will enforce a “New World Order;” and for a while, Israel will feel secure under the protection of their “true friend,” as Mr. Stanley Bergman of the American Jewish Committee called him.

“And it was the preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King! But they cried out, Away with him, away with him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, WE HAVE NO KING BUT CAESAR” (John 19:14–15).

My God, you dear sons of Jacob, you are going to get “Caesar” once again, and God help you!

proposing irrefutable contradictions that are “bound to stump” Christians. I will give him credit, however, as he at least recognizes the issue of authority which the Greek and Hebrew “scholars” in Bible colleges throughout our land have never done.

In his introduction, the writer acknowledges that the Bible cannot have “the presence of one single error introduced by human interference” or it cannot be God’s Book. He also encourages his readers to hold Bible thumpers to the words and not let them tell you that “it means something other than what it says.” That is one of the beauties of being a Bible believer: we do not change a word or ever imply that a “scribal error” is at fault (contrary to John Haley’s *Alleged Discrepancies of the Bible*). As Bible believers, we know that not only did the Lord God give the scriptures by inspiration (2 Tim. 3:16), He was able to keep His promise and preserve them (Psa. 12:6–7).

As almost any student of the scriptures knows, the Bible must not only be read (Isa. 34:16), but studied (2 Tim. 2:15). This study includes making the right divisions, paying attention not only to the context, but WHO is speaking to WHOM. Although all of the Bible is “for me,” it is not all “to me.” The Bible is the only book on earth that can be applied to any sinner from 1800 B.C. to A.D. 3033 without changing a single word and without a single contradiction, as long as the Book is rightly divided.

The error made by the professing

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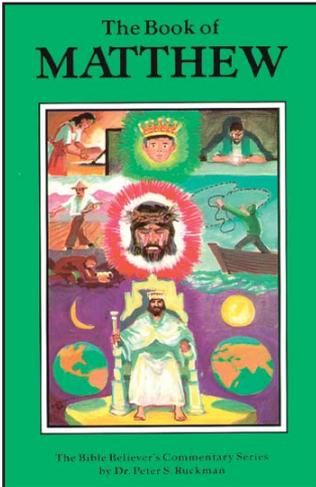
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atheist is the same error made by many a Baptist, which is everything in the Bible is to be read with ME at the center. The fundamental Baptist thinks every verse from Genesis to Revelation can be read with his own salvation in mind, while the professing atheist thinks that his puny brain can critique every verse in the light of his own education. Both of these approaches to the holy words of God will result in re-

alizing that there are "contradictions." The answer for the fundamental Baptist is either to say there are scribal errors or that the Bible does not really mean what it says. The professing atheist correctly assesses that if there is a single error or if it doesn't mean what it says, then it must be man's invention and not written by a Being superior to himself. The Bible believer, however, has the great freedom (John

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8:32) to know that the Bible means what it says, to whom it says it, and that it is without error or contradiction.

So in looking at the author's "101 Contradictions in the Bible," we are hit with his best shot right out of the gate with #1—JESUS WAS WRONG ABOUT HOW LONG HE WAS TO BE DEAD. Comparing Matthew 12:40 where Christ said that He would be **“in the heart of the earth” “three days and three nights”** as **“Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly”** to Mark 15:42–16:2, the author then informs us that the Bible says Christ died on Friday and rose on Sunday, which anyone can see is not **“three days and three nights.”** And this is his best shot? After telling us that the Bible has so many contradictions he could not list them all to have mercy on the trees, these are going to be the strongest of his arguments?

This first “contradiction” shows that the fool never even read the Bible he professes to critique. All he did was regurgitate what he heard somewhere outside of the Bible, namely that Christ was crucified on “Good Friday” and rose on “Easter Sunday.” This is the same thing that has been repeated for a couple of hundred years.

Thomas Paine did the same thing way back in 1795 when he wrote *The Age of Reason*. His critical method of correcting and questioning the Bible would be adopted by “Christian” colleges in the 1800's and passed off as “textual criticism.” Paine even made a glaring admission in his writings when he said that he had not even read the Bible until after he had pointed out how wicked it was, and when he finally did get himself

a copy, he “found it to be much more wicked than I had imagined.”

All Tommy did was fulfill his Creator's prophecy (given some 2,200 years before he was born) of what He would do with a man who holds an idol in his heart (read Ezek. 14:7–9). The Lord God Himself pointed out to Tommy just how wicked the Bible can be. Paine said that the “story of the whale swallowing Jonah . . . though it borders on the marvelous, would have approached nearer to the idea of a miracle had Jonah swallowed the whale.” All the while Paine was swallowing a camel, he was straining **“at a gnat”** (Matt. 23:24).

And so follows our present author of Bible contradictions. Nowhere in the texts that he pointed out does it say that Christ was crucified on Friday. Maybe our poor confused boy was raised a Roman Catholic and taught that he should listen to hooded Baalite priests instead of reading the Bible for himself. Had he actually read the passage for himself, he could have compared scripture with scripture and found that the sabbath that followed Christ's crucifixion **“was an high day”** (John 19:31). It fell on the first day of the feast of unleavened bread (Lev. 23:6–7) and was, therefore, a special sabbath that could fall on any day of the week, not necessarily Saturday as all the regular sabbaths do.

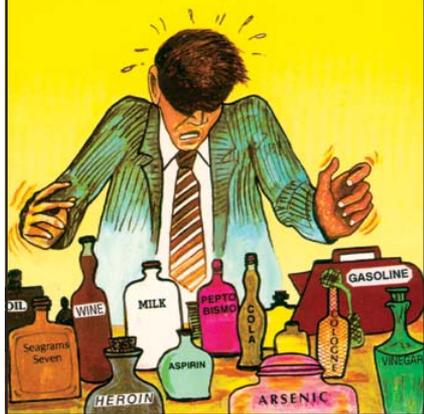
The year Christ was crucified, the Passover at which He was killed fell on a Wednesday, making the Thursday a special high day that was observed as a sabbath. This means Christ was not “wrong about how long He was to be dead,” but that our foolish friend needs to learn how to read before he thinks to critique

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Two Kinds of Fathers

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did without. They have everything they need and *everything they don't need*.

I didn't have a car until I was 28 years old. You say, "How did you get anywhere?" *I walked*. I told my boy Mike that one time and followed it up with, "What do you think your two feet are for?" He said, "One for the brake and the other for the gas." Some kids think if they don't have a car by the time they're sixteen that their "civil rights" have been encroached upon.

Kids today think they're entitled to everything. Recently some teenage girl who didn't want to live under her momma and daddy's rules left home and *sued them* to make them pay her bills. That was only about three months ago.

I read a case about twenty years back now where a fifteen-year-old boy slapped his mother three times in the face right in the middle of a Sunday school class. His father was in another department, but when he was told what happened, he marched into that boy's class and knocked him out cold.

Of course some "well meaning" person got a lawsuit going for that boy against the father—"child abuse," you know. But when that case went to court, the judge ruled against the boy and found the dad innocent. That judge said to that kid, "Well, son, you learned a great lesson; sometimes you reap what you sow." If every judge would handle things like that, the jails wouldn't be full of people. I mean, if you smack your mother or father, expect to get smacked back.

Eli was a bad daddy; he spoiled his boys and *didn't punish them* when they did wrong. I had an evangelist friend named Fred Brown who was

raised on a farm outside Birmingham, Alabama. He said there was a peach tree out in his backyard when he was growing up, but no peaches ever grew on it until he and his three brothers were grown and gone. Why? Because those boys had to go out and pull switches off it to get a whipping when they did wrong.

Now I am not advocating genuine child abuse, but a kid should be taught that when he does wrong, he's going to hurt. If a kid never learns doing wrong brings pain, he's going to do wrong.

People mistake God's longsuffering for ignorance or apathy.

"Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil" (Eccl. 8:11).

If God knocked you upside the head the first time you made a bad mistake, you'd think twice before you did it again, but in His mercy and longsuffering, He gives you a chance to repent and get right. He sends reproof to you through your conscience and His word. Unfortunately, many a time, men figure they got away with it because nothing happened, but:

"He, that being often reproved hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy" (Prov. 29:1).

When it comes to that kid, the Bible says if you beat him when he does something wrong, you aren't going to kill him, and you'll **"deliver his soul from hell"** (Prov. 23:13–14). If you teach that kid to fear you the right way, he will learn to fear God.

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taught by the government and the Colleges these days, but it's a good thing for a boy or girl to fear daddy. If you had a good daddy, you know what I mean. I loved my dad, and I know my dad loved me. But I feared him too: I feared getting the tar beat out of me if I did something wrong. That was good for me; I needed that. My dad believed in the "Stars and Stripes": when I did wrong, he put on the stripes, and I saw stars. But I had it coming.

Some guys let the wife punish the kids. Gentlemen, *it's up to you*. You are the father; you are to punish the children. Those children will test momma's limits, but if daddy's the "enforcer," they'll straighten up quick.

A bad father spoils his children, he won't punish his children, and *he won't lead his children*. Daddy, that boy looks up to you. Where are you leading him?

I was talking to a man about his soul one time and getting nowhere with him. His ten-year-old boy was sitting there listening to the whole thing, so I said to that fellow, "What about your boy there? Is he going to follow you and wind up like you?"

That daddy said, "No, when he is old enough, I'll let him make up his own mind about going to church."

No, you won't! His mind is made up already because he's going to *follow daddy*.

A Sunday school teacher once asked her class if they wanted to go to Heaven. They all raised their hands to say yes except one boy. "Wouldn't you like to go to Heaven?" she asked him. "No," he said. "Why not?" she asked. That boy replied, "*I want to be with my daddy.*"

That boy's daddy was an unsaved atheist who didn't go to church and didn't believe the Bible. He wasn't going to Heaven, and that boy wanted to go where daddy went. Well, the teacher went and visited the daddy and told him that. That father tried to laugh it off, but that teacher pressed him: "Do you know where you're going when you die?" "No," he replied. "Well, you had better find out, because your boy is going where you wind up." That fellow ended up getting saved because of that.

"There are little eyes upon you,
And they're watching night and day,
And they take in every word you say.

There are little hands all eager
To do anything you do;
And a little boy who's dreaming
Of the day he'll be like you.

"You're that little boy's idol;
You're the wisest of the wise.
In his little mind, about you
No suspicions ever rise.
He believes in you devoutly,
Holds all you say and do.
He will say and do in your way
When he's grown up just like you."

Are you going to be an example?
Are you going to lead him? Do your children ever see you pray? Do they ever see you read the Bible or witness?

Don't kid me, man. Those little boys and girls can read you like a book. They know what "turns you on" when it comes to life. They can see really quick whether you enjoy your religion or not. They are going to follow you,

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daddy, whether you like it or not.

And finally, Eli *allowed his sons to hinder God's work*. Not only were they messing around with women, when someone brought a sacrifice to the Tabernacle, they would take their share of the meat before it was put on the Brazen Altar. That priest was to put the sacrifice on the altar first and give it to God; then he could take a hook and take whatever came off for himself to eat (1 Sam. 2:12–15). Those boys were taking what *they wanted* first and threatening the one offering the sacrifice if they didn't get it (1 Sam. 2:16). Because of that, the Bible says men **"abhorred the offering of the LORD"** (1 Sam. 2:17).

Daddy, when you have "roast preacher" after church, your kids hear that, and they don't forget it. Those kids pick up disrespect for church and the preaching of the word of God from you, and they sit in the back and talk, or they hang out in the parking lot when they should be inside.

Do you put your family and children ahead of God and the Book? We have had people leave our church because they didn't think their children were treated right. Do you make decisions based on whom you like and who likes you? That's not the Bible or the ministry; *that's humanistic politics*.

Jesus said, **"he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me"** (Matt. 10:37). I have had to fire my own son from a spiritual job; some of you never would. God's opinion never enters into your decisions one time.

Now let's take a good father. This will be **"Jonadab the son of Rechab"** in Jeremiah 35:6. As a good father, he

demand respect.

As a father, you may have to beg for love, but you don't have to beg for respect. There is something about the godless, pagan world that will tip their hat to an uncompromising character. They show respect by *staying out of the way* of someone like that. That's because they're *scared* of such character. They hate it, but they respect it.

Those Rechabites there in Jeremiah 35 wouldn't drink wine because daddy told them not to. Because of that, God said, **"Jonadab the son of Rechab shall not want a man to stand before me for ever"** (Jer. 35:19). That means there are Rechabites over there in Israel right now. Why? For showing respect for daddy.

Father, you should teach your children *respect*. *Demand* respect from them, and if they don't show respect, make them *hurt* for it (see above).

How come human beings aren't as intelligent as animals when it comes to this. Have you ever watched a momma lion or bear on some nature show? That momma will teach that cub by example, and if that cub gets out of line, that momma will take her paw and knock that cub for a loop. That's because momma knows the cub is going to need that skill or he is going to get himself killed.

God made a place for that kid to get swatted, and if he gets hurt on that part of the body, it won't kill him, but it sure will make an "impression" on him. Don't beat your children all the time to the point of anger or discouragement, but when they need a whipping, give it to them where God made to give it to them.

"Junior hit the meter man; junior hit

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the cook.

Junior's antisocial, according to the book.

Junior smashed the clock and lamp; junior hacked a tree.

Destructive trends are treated in chapters two and three.

Junior threw his milk at mom; junior screamed for more.

Notes on self-assertiveness are found in chapter four.

Junior tossed his shoes and socks out into the rain.

Negotiation, that is normal; disregard the strain.

Junior set dad's shirt on fire and upset grandpa's plate.

That's to get attention; see page thirty-eight.

Grandpa seized a slipper and turned junior 'cross his knee.

Because Grandpa hasn't read a book since 1933."

Now I know you can do the best you can do sometimes, and the kid still won't listen to you. You can raise him right, punish him right, give him the right atmosphere and surrounding; and he still disappoints you and breaks your heart. Those things will happen sometimes in spite of the best you can do. But make sure you fulfill your responsibility as a father. If there's a problem, make sure it's the kid's, not yours.

Over and over again in the books of Kings and Chronicles, you read this fellow did evil like his father or that fellow did right like his father. Fathers set the pace for their boys. I know of two men in history that were about as opposite as you can get. Both were famous historical figures; both led

eventful lives; both died in exile on an island. But one was beloved and the other despised. The one was the Apostle John, and the other was Napoleon Bonaparte.

John was the son of a commercial fisherman; Napoleon was the son of a Corsican lawyer and courtier. Napoleon may have gotten a perishable, earthly crown as Emperor of France; but John ended up with "**a crown of life** (Rev. 2:10), "**a crown of glory**" (1 Pet. 5:4), and "**a crown of righteousness**" (2 Tim. 4:8). One man's life work left a swath of dead bodies, devastation, and the cries of widows, orphans, and the bereaved (Napoleon); the other left behind a legacy of love (John 3:16; 1 John 4:7), joy (1 John 1:4; 2 John 12; 3 John 4), truth (John 17:17, 14:6; 1 John 5:6), and hope (John 14:1-3; Rev. 22:20).

When Napoleon was exiled on St. Helena, his heart was filled with frustration, remorse, and despair. But John out there on Patmos was not bothered by the stormy seas or the Roman salt mines; he paid no attention to them at all. He was gazing up at the River of Life flowing out of the throne of God in the New Jerusalem. He was refreshed by the zephyrs blowing the sweet fragrances of the Tree of Life. His heart was thrilled by the voices of the redeemed proclaiming, "**Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever**" (Rev. 5:13).

Two men who were so different. They must have had some daddies. One daddy must have taught his son to work hard and love God, and the

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 other daddy must have taught his son to get ahead in this life no matter what the cost to those around him.

I saw statistics at one time that showed the percentages of men in prison for rape, drugs, robbery, assault, etc. Of men in prison for serious

crimes, over 70% of them *didn't have fathers to raise them*. Men, you have a big job ahead of you if you have children. You need to *be there* for them, and you need to **"bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord"** (Eph. 6:4).

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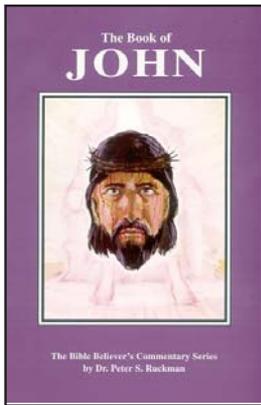
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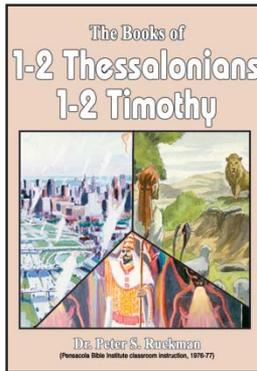
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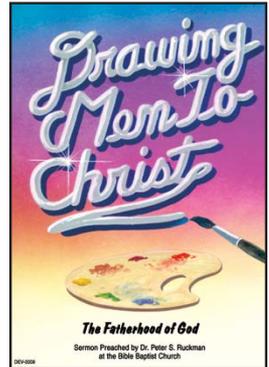
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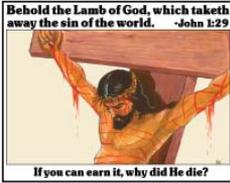


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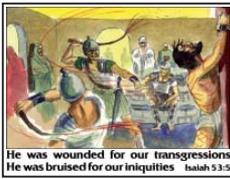
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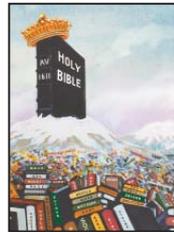
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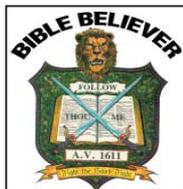
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Thirty Days Under the Crescent Moon

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By Andrew Saucier

CHAPTER 1 — THE ARRIVAL IN KENYA

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service” (Rom. 12:1).

After my spending sixteen hours flying, arriving in Nairobi in the dead of night and having gone through customs, the only thing that was going through my mind—what mind I had left—was, “How soon is it going to be before I can get to a bed.” However, when I did get to lay my head down, my body was going through something known as jet lag, and sleep didn't come as easily as I thought it would. Paul Garcia, a brother in Christ, had accompanied me on the trip. Although we felt tired, we weren't actually sleepy. It takes a few days to acclimate the body to the new time zone. I wonder if the demons that sometimes bother me were experiencing the same discomfort; I hoped they were!

We were met at the airport by our trusted and faithful brother, friend, and local pastor, Bro. Michael Otanga. Before we arrived in Nairobi, Bro. Michael had made the necessary arrangements at the schools and prisons where we were to preach. He had also arranged for us to preach in the local market places where we represented no more than a side-show and a diversion for the everyday mundane life that most Kenyans endure on a daily basis. But for those with whom the Holy Spirit had been dealing, we were God-sent (1 Cor. 2:1) to give them **“the word of truth”** (Eph. 1:13; James 1:18). Many believed and received eternal life.

After passing through customs, we decided to stay the first night at a local hotel because the accommodations that had been made were not available that late at night. We had arranged to stay for two weeks at a Southern Baptist facility known as the Hampton House, located in a very secure part of Nairobi. It was equal to, or exceeding, U.S. standards in every way. It's primary function is as temporary housing for missionaries traveling through Kenya on their way to some mission field on the continent of Africa. As long as we were in Kenya on some sort of missionary effort, the Southern Baptists were willing to rent their facilities to us when rooms were available, but understandably, the Southern Baptist missionaries have priority. However, except for one 24/7 security guard, the staff leaves at the end of the day, leaving no one to handle after-hour admission. So we had to stay at a local hotel for the one night.

We had planned to spend two weeks in Nairobi, but the events of our stay

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caused us to stay longer than we had planned. That last sentence reminds me of something I once heard a preacher say about sin: "Sin takes you farther than you want to go, costs you more than you want to pay, and keeps you longer than you want to stay." Well, in this case, sin did definitely keep us longer than we wanted to stay; however, the sin that kept us was not our own but that of others. That in itself is enough to keep a body busy dodging the results. The Lord is able to take sin and turn it around to accomplish His desired end (Rom. 8:28), as can be seen in the outcome of my story.

Hampton House is a gated facility with a ten-foot concrete wall surrounding the entire unit and the 24/7 guard at the entrance. Nairobi is not what could be called exactly safe, even at this protected facility, but then again, I don't know of anywhere in this perilous day and time that could be called exactly safe. New Orleans, my home town, is not "exactly safe," but then again, it doesn't need ten-foot walls around the hotels.

The next day we did get to check into Hampton House and spend the day getting food and water. It's best that water be bought and taken along when traveling to rural areas, where bottled water is not available.

The contrast between the city of Nairobi and the surrounding area is like night and day. The poverty of the slum areas is almost unbelievable. These slums, housing as many as 100,000 residents and comprised entirely of one-story shacks constructed of nothing but sticks, mud, and tin, are where much of the work is accomplished. One in particular, Kibera, has gained notoriety in recent days because President Obama's uncle, cousin, or some relative lives there. I hope he gets him out.

Nairobi, a fairly modern city with large hotels to accommodate the many tourists that come for a safari or just to observe the wild life, is a popular vacation spot for Europeans, who, by and large, are not interested in the Gospel. Neither are they interested in the economic conditions of Nairobi. If that be thought an overstatement, consult with any missionary laboring in England, Spain, Germany, France, or any other European country. The Europeans are finished with Christ, and God is finished with the Europeans. The one thing that I can say for the United States is that here on Sunday mornings, the name of Jesus Christ is mentioned in reverence more than any other four countries combined, and that goes a long way with the Father of Jesus Christ. That fact, along with the power the Lord gives to the U.S. for a protection to Israel, is what keeps the United States afloat. Let me say this on behalf of the United States: in the middle of its apostasy, murders, drunkenness, and obsession with drugs and nakedness, there is within all of that a remnant comprised of the most generous individuals in the entire world, and that impresses God. It doesn't give eternal life, but it makes for a better place to live. The powerful providential working of the Holy Spirit through the prayers of the saints is what kept Bro. Garcia and me afloat during the ordeal of this third trip to Nairobi. We arrived safely, but it didn't stay that way very long!

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anything, let alone the Bible. Jesus Christ was literally in the heart of the earth three days (Thursday, Friday, Saturday) and three nights (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday), and out of the tomb before Saturday night began. Therefore, the women came to the tomb Sunday morning (after the regular sabbath), only to find it empty, just like our author's head, and just like Jesus said.

The author's second great stumper (hold on to your seat; this one may shake you to your foundations), #2—COULD CHRIST KEEP THIS PROMISE? “In Luke 23:43 Jesus tells the thief on the next cross that He will take him to heaven that very day. Jesus could not have kept that promise unless He went to heaven that day, in which case he would not have been buried three days.” But I thought he already proved with his #1 irrefutable contradiction that Christ was NOT buried three days. Why is he using one error to prove the next?

Once again we see that the blind bat cannot read; he can only repeat what he heard. The verse he points out does not even have the word *heaven* in it. How can you make a contradiction out of something that does not even appear in the verse? Jesus told the thief, “**To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.**” Did the author bother to find out where “**paradise**” was? Or in his rush to show his ignorance did he just assume that paradise was the same as heaven?

Since Jesus Christ was “**three days and three nights in the heart of the earth,**” as He said He would be (Matt. 12:40), and He brought the thief to be with Him in paradise that same day He was crucified (Luke 23:43), it follows, and is no contradiction, that paradise was “**in the heart of the earth.**” The Lord has since brought paradise up to the third heaven (2 Cor. 12:1–4), but that is well beyond the scope of our author's zero Bible knowledge. It is not even a problem that he would be aware of, since he does not read the material he claims to critique. So after two attempts, the author is two for two in presenting contradictions that do not even contain the very words he says are a contradiction (*Friday* and *heaven*).

Contradiction #3—Moving into deeper waters, our friend now tries to tackle Noah's flood. IF NOAH ONLY BROUGHT TWO OF EACH KIND OF ANIMAL INTO THE ARK AND THEN SACRIFICES THEM (GEN. 8:20), THOSE ANIMALS WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO REPRODUCE. Another case of not even reading the passage, since the Bible makes it clear that there were seven pairs of clean animals and only one pair of unclean (Gen. 7:2). But even if that were not the case, is the author not aware that the gestation period for sheep is only five months? And is he also ignorant of how long those animals were on the ark? Of course he is. The reader would only have to read a few pages to see that the time period from Genesis 7:11 to Genesis 8:14 was over a year, so how could that be a problem, even if you missed the seven pairs of Genesis 7:2?

Contradiction #4—THE BIBLE SPEAKS OF MANY LEGENDARY ANIMALS AS IF THEY WERE FACTUAL with examples like cockatrices (Jer. 8:17), unicorns (Deut. 33:17), satyrs (Isa. 34:14), and flying serpents (Isa. 14:29). Surely our author is consistent in his thinking and refuses to believe such mythical creatures as dinosaurs could have lived. Surely he

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would not be duped by **“science falsely so called”** (1 Tim. 6:20) and believe that a Brontosaurus actually existed. Or maybe he would believe in Brontosaurus since he actually saw one on the Flintstones named “Dino.”

But alas, evolutionary “science” has since found out that Mr. “Thunder Lizard” (Brontosaurus) was really Mr. “Deceptive Lizard” and should be called Apatosaurus. At least they came up with an appropriate name this time. Being one of hundreds of thousands of school kids that have been deceived over the years with the 65–230 million-year-old legends, our author probably has no qualms with a U.S. Postal Service stamp that came out with the Brontosaurus, or the Sinclair Petroleum Company’s Brontosaurus logo, only to find out that not only did he have the wrong name, he had the wrong head! But who does not know that today’s **“science falsely so called”** has a favorite word in its vocabulary: OOPS!

Moving onward through the fog, our author simply points at the Bible in error for mentioning something so superstitious as an unicorn, when everyone “knows” that there never existed a horse that had only had one horn. Yet in their bias against the Bible, these folks never think to look up and see if the Bible even said it was a horse. Could there ever have been an animal with a single horn? Are there any around today? “Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus.”

Back in the 1800’s, Mr. Noah Webster wrote that the one-horned rhino was called “unicorn” and the two-horned is called “bicorn.” Are these “legendary” or “factual”? I am not even suggesting that the unicorn is a rhino, only that there are *single-horned animals* around even today.

If a man did not hate the Bible, at the very least, he would have to admit that there could have been an animal, that is now extinct, that could have been labeled “unicorn.” You mean because the Bible does not use the names used by false science today (T-Rex, Brontosaurus, quark, Higgs boson, etc.), then it must be in error? Just because you do not know what a “cockatrice” is, does not mean it is “legendary.” I am still waiting for Hannah-Barbera to go back and fix Dino’s head in order to make the cartoon scientifically accurate, at least till the next “oops.”

Contradiction #5—WORKS OR FAITH? “The Bible repeatedly says people will be rewarded or punished for their works . . . yet many Bible thumpers maintain that we are saved only by faith, which contradicts the position. One biblical writer even tries to say that both are necessary, as in James 2:24—**“Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.”**” Here we finally have an apparent and legitimate problem pointed out by the author. At least the words he is using are actually found in the text. Yet even with this, his lack of reading skills and comprehension scream for more attention.

The very first verse in the book of James (1:1) tells to whom he is writing (**“twelve tribes which are scattered abroad”**—obviously Jews), and the subject matter of the whole book brings the student of scripture to the tribulation period of 42 months when works and faith are required for salvation (Rev. 12:17, 14:12). Of course, this information is far too deep for the fundamental Baptists, let alone a poor Canadian who cannot read English.

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The Apostle to the Gentiles (Rom. 11:13) makes it very plain that salvation is by faith alone (Eph. 2:8–9; Gal. 2:16; Rom. 3:20), so why would a sinner in this Church Age want to run to a passage aimed at Jews in the coming tribulation, or Jews in an Old Testament setting before the blood of Christ was even shed? This is what is known as "**rightly dividing the word of truth**" (2 Tim. 2:15), and unless a student of scripture is able to do that, he will continue to find problems in the Bible. The problem is in the system of belief, not in what the Bible says and to whom it says it.

The poor author's list continues with things like differences in listings of the names of the apostles (as if a man could not have two names), the Bible condemns drinking alcohol and yet Christ made wine, and the Transfiguration

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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.**

This is the Creed of the Alexandrian Cult.

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