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THE BLOODBATH WORSENS

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"The earth also was corrupt before God, AND THE EARTH WAS FILLED WITH VIOLENCE" (Gen. 6:11).

Here's the "Happy New Year" forecast—blood, blood, and more blood.

"But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be" (Matt. 24:37).

What will the Lord see this year as man continues to evolve upward from being a brute to eating with clean knives and forks?

"And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart" (Gen. 6:5–6).

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Earth would have been better off left to animals. There's been nothing but bloodshed since Cain "whacked" his brother Abel. If those who cry daily, "Stop the violence!" think it is bad now, wait until the Body of Christ leaves. Local, national, and regional conflicts have escalated dramatically since the beginning of the new century. Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Central America, parts of South America, and Mexico in North America have become so accustomed to violence that the authorities fear to leave home or office without bodyguards.

January is named after the Greek god Janus, who had two faces: one looking back and one looking ahead. Looking back to 2014, the pharmaceutical industry made a fortune in America selling antidepressants. With the fear of the Lord receding all across our nation, the media and Hollywood were hard pressed to keep folks thinking positively. States scrambled to legalize medicinal marijuana. The realization that man is a total failure is a most inconvenient truth, one which may lead someone to pick up a Bible. Getting stoned and not saved is what our society prefers, and that's why a real Christian believes a positive thinker belongs in a mental hospital.

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Intoxicating Liquor and The Lord's Supper

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One of the controversial questions concerning Bible doctrine is the controversy over the use of wine in the taking of communion (the Eucharist, Lord's Supper, Mass, etc.). Naturally, those who enjoy cocktails and "nips" are in favor of meeting their old friend, WINE, in the church building; conversely, those who do not drink do not care to taste it nor have their children taste it as they "come up in the church."

Of the several dozen articles I have read on the subject, not one man has given a clear, Scriptural picture of why he is in favor, or is not in favor, of using it. It is strange to see the mass of books, sermons, pamphlets, tracts, and booklets published these days on "issues," without any author caring what the Bible says on the subject. Total neglect or scorn for the English Bible is the outstanding characteristic these days in all branches of Christianity. Even the leading premillennial pastors and evangelists of our day have developed the nasty habit of giving three verses on a controversial subject and then filling in the blanks with someone's opinion.

I read a booklet on "Segregation or Integration" recently that had six verses of Scripture in it. It was over thirty pages long. Any man who could write thirty pages without covering thirty verses of Scripture has either forgotten the Bible is the final authority in all matters of faith and practice, or he is trying to hoodwink someone into believing what he believes. That is contrary to the entire teaching of the word.

Now let us see what the Bible has to say about intoxicating liquor—wine, beer, brandy, vodka, ale, whiskey, gin, moonshine, cocktails, punch, etc.—in any place, at any time, in any amount, and in any condition.

Let us note first of all that *nowhere in the Bible did Jesus ever drink wine*. Now this is shocking, especially so since the Roman Catholic Church has taught, as doctrine, for 1,000 years that He did! It is amazing how people "snatch up" Catholic teaching (which is little short of blasphemy in nine cases out of ten) and believe it without ever checking it.

Whoever told you Jesus drank wine? "Well, I heard . . . I suppose . . . Well, over in those countries, you know . . ." No, I don't know! In Palestine they drink water, if they're decent (John 4:7–15; Exod. 2:16–19; Gen. 29:1–10).

Not only this, but the word *beer* is a Hebrew word of Syrian derivation



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meaning "well of water" or "cold water" (Num. 21:16). It is the Catholics who keep raising the everlasting stink that over in Europe and Asia "where the water is bad" people drink wine and beer like water. YOU MEAN THE CATHOLICS AND LUTHERANS IN THOSE COUNTRIES DRINK BEER AND WINE LIKE WATER! But the "Holy Father" doesn't tell you about that, now, does he?

The Jews in the wilderness did not drink wine (Deut. 29:6, 32:14), nor did Jesus Himself ever drink it. It was offered to Him once (Mark 15:22–23) in accordance with the law of the death of criminals (Prov. 31:6–7), but even then He refused it! *JESUS CHRIST IS THE EXAMPLE FOR THE CHRISTIAN* (John 13:15–17).

All this tommyrot about Jesus drinking wine! There are over 160 Greek manuscripts used in the making of the modern versions of the Bible. None of them say Jesus drank wine! If there had been intoxicating liquor at the Last Supper, He said, "**Drink YE all of it**" (Matt. 26:27). He didn't drink it (Matt. 26:29). The very idea of saying a Catholic Priest is Christ's representative and then HE drinks the wine himself (Ezek. 44:21)!

Now for once, let us see what God says about this matter of wine drinking in any way, shape, or form. As old Luther used to say: "Some of the Church Fathers ought to have been called the 'church babies.' To thunder with the fathers! What saith the Scripture?"

1. Total abstinence is admonished by the Bible (Prov. 20:1, 23:29–32).

2 Only Christ's enemies accused Him of being a "**winebibber**" (Matt. 11:18–19 cf. Luke 22:17–18; Rev. 1:5–6). In the last reference, we are told the Christian is a King and priest. In Proverbs 31:4, we are told, Wine "**is not for kings.**" In Ezekiel 44:21, we are told it is not for priests!

3. All intoxicating liquor is condemned in the Law and the prophets. (Isa. 5:11, 22; Prov. 20:1; Mic. 2:11, 6:15; Hab. 2:15). Christ came not to destroy but to fulfill the Law and the prophets (Matt. 5:17). If the Lord Jesus approved of it, condoned it, tolerated it, or drank it, He violated His own writings (1 Pet. 1:10–11). The Catholics would be glad to have Him violate His own writings since their tradition already violates the writings of Scripture in three dozen places.

4. Christ drank *grape juice* at the Last Supper! Note again the absence of Scripture produced by the devotees of Bacchus: "**What saith the scripture?**" "**This fruit of the vine—NEW**" (Matt. 26:29; Isa. 65:8; Gen. 40:9–11). The "**NEW wine**" is said, specifically, to be found "**IN THE CLUSTER,**" not the vat, the still, the press, or the "ABC Store." It is found "**IN THE CLUSTER,**" and Christ speaks of it as NEW wine, not OLD wine.

5. Again, the winebibber supposes every time he reads the word *wine* (1 Tim. 5:23) that he is reading: "fermented, stinking, Italian, French, Catholic wine for getting drunk on." Most Greek wines (the New Testament was writ-

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ten in Greek—*oinos*, *sapa*, etc.) were made by adding sugar to grape juice, or water, and then boiling to two-thirds of the original volume. No fermenting was allowed, nor was alcohol added, nor did the sugar added turn to alcohol. No doctor today will hesitate to recommend fruit juices for an upset stomach. Why would Paul (1 Tim. 5:23)? Besides, the Greek indicates that it is “not drinking water only (by itself) but adding a little wine with it,” but this is entirely overlooked by the “what’s-the-harm-in-a-little” crowd who enjoy drinking.

6. All orthodox Jews use unfermented wine at the Passover (bottled by Welch’s), and the conceit of the “high church” people in supposing they know more about the Passover (when Christ instituted the Supper) is a problem for a psychiatrist to figure out. *Tirosh* (in Scripture 38 times) and *shacar* (more than 20 times) and *yayin* (more than 135 times) are the forms of wine in the Old Testament. Some forms are intoxicating; some are not. NEW WINE is never intoxicating, and Christ calls the wine of the Lord’s Supper NEW (Matt. 26:29). If I said, “I had a gallon of cider yesterday,” what would you think? Why, you couldn’t rightfully think anything unless you had “it in for me.” Was it sweet cider or hard cider? I didn’t say. I just said “cider.” Many places the Bible just says “wine.” Why? So if you have it “in” for the Bible and don’t love it, you will think it is a drunkard’s wine. If you love God and are willing to give Him the benefit of the doubt, you will know that it is new wine where it is recommended (John 7:17).

If you have looked up these passages of Scripture and checked them carefully, you know what the Bible says about wine and strong drink. You will not be left with any other conclusion (unless you’ve been reading some man-made literature by people who enjoy getting tipsy) than that NEW WINE is the proper element for the Lord’s Supper. What kind of blasphemy is it to liken Christ’s blood (He said, “**This cup is the new testament in my blood,**” Luke 22:20) to rotten, stale, fermented, Italian-French, stinking wine? What kind of blasphemy is that?

When Christ turned water into wine (over 100 gallons) and said “**mine hour is not yet come**” (John 2:1–6), do you really think He manufactured enough liquor to cause the party to become drunk? One hundred gallons is a lot of wine. Why, He will throw drunkards into Hell when He comes (Luke 12:45–46; 1 Cor. 5:11–13; Gal. 5:21). The very idea of saying the wine in John 2 is OLD wine, and thereby causing the Scriptures (and the ministry of our Lord) to contradict themselves! The contradiction is in the men who teach this nonsense, not the Bible. If this were NEW wine, then there is no contradiction. You see, the Lord words it so you can take one interpretation or the other. If you take the Catholic interpretation, you will crossup the word of God and cause it to contradict; then you will never understand it. If you take all the Scriptures as given in their plain literal sense, God will open to you the secrets of His word and His grace (1 John 2:26–27).

“**Look not thou upon the wine**” (Prov. 23:29–31).

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“But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked” (Isa. 57:20–21).

God’s wrath is soon to fall upon a world that now mirrors conditions in Noah’s day. Alongside the contagion of violence is the sin of sexual perversion. After singling out **“the days of Noe”** in Luke 17:26–27, the Holy Spirit goes right to **“the days of Lot”** in verses 28 and 29. There are more “gay pride” parades in the western world scheduled for 2015 than ever before. One of the largest will be in Tel Aviv, Israel.

“Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, THEY WERE NOT AT ALL ASHAMED, neither could they blush: therefore shall they fall among them that fall: in the time of their visitation they shall be cast down, saith the LORD” (Jer. 8:12).

Do you know any other category of sinners so enthralled with their devilment that they stage parades in celebration of their vileness? How much longer will the Father of our Saviour allow His Son’s Body to remain on this earth?

Though Malachi 3:1 is for the Jew, it connects every Christian to the **“blessed hope”** of Titus 2:13.

“Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, SHALL SUDDENLY COME TO HIS TEMPLE . . .” (Mal. 3:1).

“Suddenly” means *surprise*, and when this world cries for an end to the violence with terror spreading from nation to nation, then we leave—maybe this year. Are you walking with Jesus?

“For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travay upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape” (1 Thess. 5:3).

“. . . so are the sons of men snared in an evil time, when it falleth suddenly upon them” (Eccl. 9:12).

According to the UN, over 51 million people risked life and limb to escape violence and religious conflict in 2014. We have our own problem with illegals crossing into Arizona, Texas, and California. Refugees from Africa are pouring into Italy, and Pope Francis told the Italian government to relax its restrictions on the illegals. Don’t expect him to open the residences of Vatican City to the Africans.

Sectarian violence will continue to spread across the globe, but will be especially acute in Arab countries.

“And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Behold, thou art with child, and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name Ishmael; because the LORD hath heard thy affliction. And HE WILL BE A WILD MAN; his hand will be against every man, and every man’s hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren” (Gen. 16:11–12).

If President Bush had read his Bible, he would have known that any attempt to bring civility and democracy to Iraq was doomed to fail. As far as I

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can determine, the last American President to take the Bible seriously and spend time in it was Theodore Roosevelt. The tragedies that came upon him in his early years had a lot to do with his seeking help in the word of God.

What will 2015 add to the sum of human wisdom? Well, it will confirm to an even greater degree what Solomon wrote about 3,000 years ago.

“I said in mine heart concerning the estate of the sons of men, that God might manifest them, and THEY MIGHT SEE THAT THEY THEMSELVES ARE BEASTS” (Eccl. 3:18).

How's that for the positive-thinking social Darwinist desperately clinging to the belief in man's ability to manage this planet without God? Why pray, **“Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven”** (Matt. 6:10)? Our world, although run by men, is a kingdom of beasts. **“The god of this world”** is a beast, a dragon (2 Cor. 4:4 cf. Rev. 12:9). His son, who will soon come to manage and restore order to a world torn by violence, is called the Beast in Revelation. Even so-called religious men are described in Jude 10 **“as brute beasts.”** Man's depravity cannot be hidden by polite conversation, the fine arts, and outward forms of godliness. It is on display in the nightly newscasts in every country and every continent, except Antarctica, for all to see.

Those who are not in Christ can expect 2015 to be no different from preceding years—hopeless. Ephesians 2:12 says of these, **“having no hope, and without God in the world.”** Millions of hopeless Americans will wish each other a “Happy New Year” and start the new year with resolutions to improve their lot in life. Isn't that sad?

Thank God I'm saved. I used to be one of them. Now, by God's grace, I realize that to think positively as a lost person is a mental disorder. Jesus, thankfully, became my Jewish “Shrink.” He cured me of various strains of mental illness, the first one being “that all men are created equal.” The only thing that makes men equal is that they are all sinners on their best days and all must die (Tit. 2:13 excepted).

Historians tell us the Twentieth Century was the bloodiest in man's history. World Wars I and II, and various regional conflicts, helped convince many Christians who could not rightly divide **“the word of truth”** that the world was not becoming safer and more civilized because of Gospel preaching and missionaries. Even well-meaning Christians may retain some aspects of mental dysfunction by clinging to denominational heresies not found in God's word.

For sure the Twentieth Century was barbarous, but the Twenty-first Century, with the Great Tribulation, will be the “Texas chainsaw massacre” on steroids. Beheading will make a spectacular comeback, and vampirism, the drinking of blood, won't be limited to old Dracula movies. Blood is going to soak this planet, and Christians are obligated to warn the lost to flee **“the wrath to come”** (Matt. 3:7; Luke 3:7). Have you grown a little weary in trying to do just that in 2014? Encourage yourself in the Lord and ask the Lord to put more gas in your tank for 2015.

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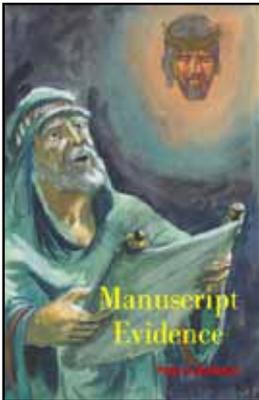
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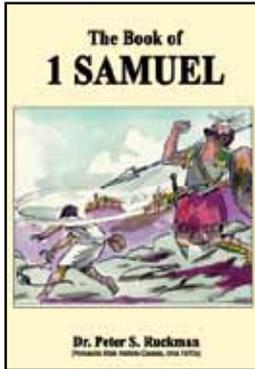
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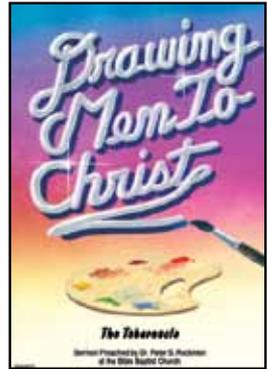
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“And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for NOW IS OUR SALVATION NEARER THAN WHEN WE BELIEVED” (Rom. 13:11).

Christians can look at a clock and say it is a friend, not a foe. A lost person can't honestly say the same. Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 3:2, **“For all things are yours.”** Time is for us, not against us. I have a few solid Christian brothers who are serving life sentences in New York. They know a lot about time. Over the years, their letters have helped me understand just how precious time is to a saint.

“So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom” (Psa. 90:12).

The year 2015 may well bring you a measure of fellowship with the Lord that you have never had. Perhaps the cross you were not willing to take up last year will be put before you again, and you'll react differently this time. This could be a very blessed year for you. I pray it will be. Some things that needed to be dealt with last year, and were not, could be made right this year, if you have a mind to do so. We are all in arrears (not that we could ever repay Him for all He has done for us), amen? Time will work for us, not against us, if we let the Holy Spirit **“teach us”** how **“to number our days.”**

The year 2015 will bring with it other ill omens besides increasing bloodshed and human barbarism. Antisemitism, which saw alarming rises in Europe last year, will continue to grow. Our State Department will continue to press Israel even harder to agree to a Palestinian state. The Vatican will show more and more interest in the status of Jerusalem. In America, the United States Supreme Court will strike down all bans in those states where gay marriage is still illegal. This godless court will cause America's septic tank of moral filth to overflow and consequently bring more judgment upon us. Again, positive thinking regarding the future of the world and our own United States is an acute mental illness brought about by denying God's word.

A new year for this rebellious and wicked world is further proof of our God's longsuffering and grace. Does this world realize that a holy God, grievously offended by humanity's increasing tolerance of moral filth, could incinerate this planet in a flash? He doesn't have to put up with one more day of it, much less another year.

“The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is LONGSUFFERING TO US-WARD, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance” (2 Pet. 3:9).

For believers who carelessly squandered much of God's time last year pursuing their own agendas and not being about their Father's business, you ought to be much relieved the day of the Lord has not yet commenced. We will all soon appear at the Judgment Seat of Christ, and there we will see who went to work for the Lord and who went on “administrative leave.”

What does the Adversary (1 Pet. 5:8) have in store for the redeemed in 2015? He'll look to weigh you down with the cares of this life (Mark 4:19),

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wearing you in well doing (Gal. 6:9), while causing your prayer life to grow cold. Prayer is an indispensable weapon, and without it, you are an easy target for all his assaults.

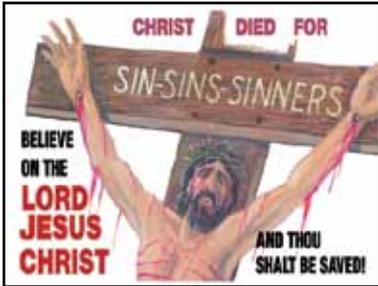
God's grace alone, which brought you through 2014, will carry you through this year, but you must apply it.

“For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, TEACHING US that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ” (Tit. 2:11–13).

May it please our Lord to fulfill the promise of John 14:1–3 in 2015.

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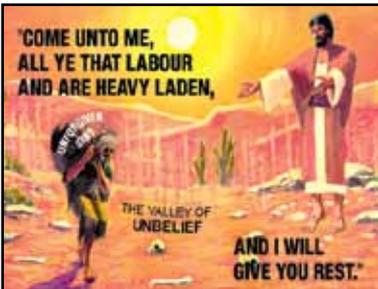
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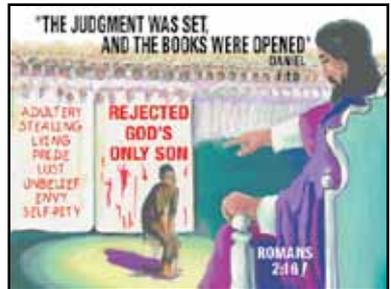
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“Excellent Example”

The Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) has dominated the news lately. The horrific acts of beheading have led naive newscasters to describe the group as “evil.” The reason the “talking heads” are naive is because they are ignorant of the example set for *all* Moslems.

“Indeed in the Messenger of Allah [that’s Mohammed playing “puss in the corner” and talking about *himself*] you have an excellent example to follow for *whoever* hopes in Allah [i.e., *all* Moslems, not just “moderates”] and the Last Day and remembers Allah much” (“*Holy*” *Koran*, Sura 33:21).

“He who obeys the Messenger *has obeyed Allah*” (Sura 4:80).

Here are some excerpts from Dr. Ruckman’s work *Will the Real “Allah” Please Stand Up?* that vividly illustrate why Al-Qaeda, ISIS, the Muslim Brotherhood, and *Saudi Arabia* do what they do. These excerpts are taken from chapters 10 and 12 of *Will the Real “Allah” Please Stand Up?*. [Page numbers are given at the end of each quote.]

“Look at Mohammed’s biographers (Al-Halabi, *The Biography of the Prophet*, Vol. 3, pg. 397). Al-Halabi says that when God gave the sword to Mohammed, people embraced his religion *because of the fear of the sword*.

“The Moslems called upon the Kings of Yemen and called them to accept Islam, and they asked the ambassador that came with them, will you tell us what your tribe did? He told them. They followed Mohammed and “desired the faith” *because they feared the sword*” (pg. 82).

“In a biography about Mohammed, ‘Shiek Al-Khudari writes: a crowd of Arabs came and killed one of Muhammad’s friends. Muhammad sent twenty knights and arrested them. They brought them to Muhammad who ordered to mutilate them [while they were still alive]. Their hands and feet were cut off. Then their eyes were uprooted by nail. Later they were thrown in a stony tract until they died.’

“They begged for water, but Mohammed denied it to them. Mohammed himself ‘heated the nails by fire, put them in their eyes, and uprooted them from their heads” (pg. 82).

“Another biographer (Al-Suhayli, *Al-Rawd Al-Anf*, Vol. 4, pp. 237, 252) writes that Mohammed commanded ‘Zaydn Ibn Haritha to raid the children of Fazar. He killed them in the valley and captured Fatima . . . and her daughter. Then Muhammad ordered Zaydn Ibn Haritha to kill Fatima because she used *to curse Muhammad*. He brutally killed her as he tied her to two camels and made them run until she died” (pg. 83).

“In wiping out all of the Jews, ‘he brought the [Jewish] men in groups of tens and *beheaded them* and threw their heads into the trench.’

“During the massacre, the Jewish women cried, tore their clothes, beat their cheeks, shred their hair, and filled the town with their mourning.’

“ . . . Mohammed and his followers watched the continuing slaughter of the

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Jews, both the young and old, until they were all killed; after that, the Moslems started to divide the Jewish women and children to make them to be concubines and slaves" (pg. 83).

"Mohammed got first choice of the most beautiful of the women prisoners. 'He told her, "Instead of becoming my slave, I'll free you and marry you." She *declined* and told him, "I'd rather you keep me as a slave in your possession, which would be easier for you and for me." She said this because he killed her father and her brother. He treated her as a bond slave and had sex with her whenever he wished'—along with his other fourteen wives and ten concubines" (pp. 83–84).

"And there you have the perfect 'role model' for all of Allah's followers to follow in the next 1,400 years to build up the *'Islamic Nation.'* Here is the male role model for all the males in IRAQ, Arabia, SYRIA, Egypt, Iran, and Lebanon" (pg. 84). *That* is the "excellent example" for ISIS: they are following their "prophet" to a "T."

The "*Holy*" *Hadith* is a collection of the sayings and actions of Mohammed because every Moslem, "radical" or "moderate," is to obey and follow the example of Allah's "Messenger" in order to obey and follow Allah (Sura 4:80, 33:21). Here is the example Mohammedans are to follow in regards to women.

"If you want to see Islam 'in the raw,' then read a hadith quoted by Ahmad Zaky Tuffaha in 1985: 'If a woman offered one of her breasts to be *cooked* and the other to be *roasted*, she will still fall short of fulfilling her obligations to her husband'" (pp. 104–105).

"The Moslem Egyptian scholar Suyuti's opinion on the subject: 'If blood, supuration, and pus were to pour from her husband's *nose* and the wife *licked it with her tongue*, she would still never be able to *fulfill HIS RIGHTS* over her.' That's your 'rights,' ladies. You have a right to suck your husband's nose. (Don't laugh! That's a hadith quoted *five times* by an expert on Sharia law!)" (pg. 105).

No wonder Moslems practice female circumcision at the *command of Mohammed* (*Reliance of the Traveller: A Classic Manual of Islamic Sacred Law*, e4.3; *Hadith*, Ahmad Ibn Hanbal 5:75 and Abu Dawud, Adab 167). They believe and practice the *mutilation of women* if it will satisfy a husband's perverse lust.

"Those are the *Koranic laws* that come from believing Mohammed was quoting a book he never saw or read. The Sharias say that 'if a man purchases a slave girl, the purchase contract includes his right to have sex (i.e., *fornicate*) with her. This "contract" is primarily *to own her* and secondarily to enjoy her sexually'" (pp. 107–108). That is, Sharia law, based on Islam's holiest book, the *Koran*, not only approves of slavery, but allows *sex slavery*.

"In a work entitled *The True Face of Islam . . .*, the author relates three stories from the first biography ever written about Mohammed: *The Life of Muhammad* by Ibn Ishaq, a devout Moslem Arab . . . All three stories involve Mohammed having someone *murdered* for making fun of him.

"A 120-year-old Jewish man named Abu Afale wrote a poem critical of Mohammed. Allah's 'holy Prophet' had him slain by a 'weeper' named Salim ibn Umayr. When a Jewish woman named Asmaa bint Marwan heard about it, she

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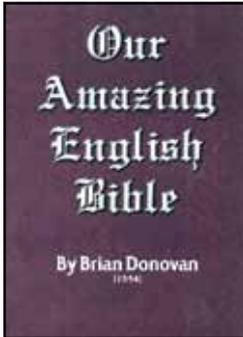
composed her own poem against Mohammed and recited it. When Mohammed said 'Who will rid me of Marwan's daughter?', a Moslem assassin took him up on it and broke into her house that night, to where she was suckling her child on her bed. He snatched the baby away and thrust her through the belly with his sword. The next day he came to Mohammed and told him what he had done. Fearing the consequence of his crime, [the killer] asked Mohammed, 'Will there be any danger to me on her account?' Mohammed answered, 'Two goats will not butt each other about her'" (pp. 113–114).

That's the "excellent example" for ISIS—he would have you *murdered* for making fun of him.

"The real spiritual morality of Mohammed's rotten life is illustrated by the fact that when Moslem assassins cut off the heads of their victims, they would bring them to Mohammed. When Mohammed saw the killers bearing their 'trophies' of Allah's triumph over *Mohammed's* enemies, the 'Prophet' would jump up and holler 'Allah Akbar!' ('God is great!)" (pg. 114).

That's the "excellent example" ISIS is following when they behead reporters, Christians, and children. Why do they do it? Because, "According to Sura 4:80, the great one was Mohammed himself, for if you obeyed Mohammed in cutting off people's heads, you were doing what Allah wanted you to do, so the people who did it for *Mohammed's convenience* were *obeying God*" (pg. 114).

For further study, we encourage you to get Dr. Ruckman's book *Will the Real "Allah" Please Stand Up?* (RK-139 @ \$9.95).



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What Pope Francis REALLY Believes

By Dr. Peter S. Ruckman

Just as they were with John Paul II, the news media has been busy making a “god” out of Pope “Francis.” He is billed as a “Pope of the common man.” Of course, the news media will never tell you what a Catholic Pope really believes. Once more we wish to give you the official beliefs of every Roman Catholic Pope, Cardinal, Archbishop, Bishop, Priest, Monk, and Nun, as given in their official publications and written by their official essayists and apologists. If the Catholic Church never changes in its faith, doctrines, and morals, as it claims, every statement I am about to give you is just as legitimate and true now as it was when first committed to writing.

“In themselves all forms of Protestantism are unjustified. *They should not exist.*” Do you know from where that quote was taken? It was from an official *Jesuit* periodical called *America* (Jan. 4, 1941, Vol. 64, pg. 343). Pope Francis is the first *Jesuit* Pope. According to an official publication of his own order, NO Baptist, Methodist, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Church of Christ, Church of God, Assembly of God, Episcopalian, Congregationalist, Holiness, or Pentecostal church in the United States of America has a right to exist.

Do you know what the Pope would do to your church if his religion were in charge of this country? Well, whatever you do, don’t take the word of a Baptist preacher for what he would do; look at what Catholics say themselves. From *Brownson’s Review* (a recognized Catholic essayist): “Protestantism of every form has not, and never can have *any rights* where Catholicity is triumphant.” From the *Catholic Encyclopedia* (Vol. XIV, pg. 766): “The true [i.e., *Roman Catholic*] Church can tolerate *no strange church besides herself.*”

Make no mistake about it, if the Pope could (and, of course, right now he can’t), he would shut down *every church other than his own*. But not only would he shut down the churches, he would *execute the members* if they did not “recant”: “Heretics may be not only excommunicated, but also *justly put to death*” (*Catholic Encyclopedia*, Vol. XIV, pg. 768).

“You ask if the Pope were lord of this land and you were in a minority, what would he do to you? That, we say, would entirely be dependent upon circumstances. *If it would benefit the cause of Catholicism* (pragmatic humanist, just as it is practiced by every Mohammedan on the face of this earth), he would tolerate you; *if expedient* he would imprison or banish you; *probably he might hang you*. But be assured of one thing, he would never tolerate you for the sake of your glorious principles of civil and religious liberty.”

Do you know who said that? Well, it wasn’t any anti-Catholic writer. It wasn’t any Lutheran or Baptist. It wasn’t “Ruckman.” That was said by the Pope who declared himself (and every other Pope) to be *infallible* when speaking in all matters of faith and morals: Pius IX in the allocution of September, 1851.

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Do you think things have changed in the Twentieth Century? Here's another official Jesuit publication from Rome—the *Civiltà Cattolica*—in April, 1948:

“The Roman Catholic Church, convinced through its divine prerogatives, of being the *only true church*, must demand the right of freedom *for herself alone*, because such a right can only be possessed by truth, never by error [i.e., every other church besides the Catholic Church is in error so none of them should have the right to freedom of religion]. As for other religions [Protestants, Baptists, Hindus, Buddhists, Greek Orthodox, Mohammedans, Sikhs, etc.], the Church will certainly never draw the sword (*although she has forced the civil arm to do so*), but she will require that by legitimate means *they shall not be allowed to propagate false doctrine* [i.e., they'll pass laws and regulations to shut down your church and Christian school, and forbid you from passing out tracts, preaching on the street, and trying to win lost Roman Catholics to Jesus Christ. Don't believe me? Keep on reading]. Consequently, in a State where the majority of people are Catholic, the Church will require that legal existence be denied to error [any church or religion other than Roman Catholicism], and that if religious minorities actually exist, they shall have only a *de facto* existence [i.e., an unrecognized existence, barely surviving] WITHOUT OPPORTUNITY TO SPREAD THEIR BELIEFS.”

You say, “But what about countries like the United States where they don't have the upper hand? Aren't they reasonable, and haven't they changed their beliefs?” Keep on reading from the *Civiltà Cattolica*:

“In some countries [like the United States] Catholics will be obliged to ask full religious freedom for all, resigned at being forced to cohabit where *they alone should rightfully be allowed to live*. But in doing this, the Church DOES NOT RENOUNCE her thesis which remains the most imperative of her laws, but merely *adapts herself to de facto* conditions which must be taken into account in practical affairs [the Whore adapts herself to her “Johns” and gives each one what he wants]. The Church cannot blush for her want of [her *lack of*] tolerance as she asserts it in principle and applies it in practice.”

The Catholic Church believes in freedom of worship and religion for herself alone, and only pretends to believe in it for everybody when her members are in the minority. The *Catholic Dictionary* defines *freedom of worship* as “the inalienable right of all men to worship God according to” Now what do you think the next words are going to be? Will it be “according to the Bible”? Don't be silly; no Catholic believes the Bible to be the final authority where it crosses his church. The Bible is to be judged and interpreted by *Catholic tradition* and the *fiats of the Popes*. According to a Catholic Priest named Muller, “The doctrines of the Catholic Church are entirely independent

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of Holy Scriptures" (*Familiar Explanations of Catholic Doctrine*, pg. 151).

Will it be "according to the dictates of one's conscience"? Don't be foolish. According to Pope Gregory XVI (in *Mirari vos* of August 1832), "liberty of conscience" is "a mad opinion," and the freedoms of religion, the press, assembly, and education are "a filthy sewer full of heretical vomit" (Peter De Rosa, *Vicars of Christ*, pg. 146). Pius XII, on April 6, 1951, said, "Individual liberty, in reality, is only a deadly anarchy."

No, according to the *Catholic Dictionary*, freedom of worship is the right "to worship God according to THE TEACHING OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH." Freedom for one religion only, and no other. You will find the exact same position and practice in *Islam*. "Mary" and "Mohammed"—two peas in a pod.

Here's the conclusion of Professors John Ryan and Francis Boland in their work *Catholic Principles of Politics* (1940, copyrighted by the National Catholic Welfare Conference and published by The Macmillan Company, pg. 320): "Suppose that the constitutional obstacles to proscription of non-Catholics have been legitimately removed . . ." Now isn't that something? Nothing like a College education to raise a smokescreen and *leave you in bondage to a Fascist Church-State*. Do you know what he just said? He just said, "Suppose Catholics were able to get rid of the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights to the Constitution that guarantees freedom of religion, speech, and the press . . ." Remember what Gregory XVI said about those being "a filthy sewer full of heretical vomit"?

If a Roman Catholic who is loyal to his church and Pope could, he would change your Constitution and remove every right you have just as quick as look at you. In a papal encyclical, Pope Leo XIII said, "All Catholics should exert their power to cause the constitution of States, and legislation to be modeled after the principles of the true Church"—that is, the *Catholic Church*. That's your six Catholic Supreme Court judges. That's your 163 Catholic Senators and Congressmen. According to Brownson, "If the Pope directed the Roman Catholics of this country to overthrow the Constitution . . . *they would be bound to obey.*" Why? Because their first loyalty is to the leader of a foreign State—the *Vatican State*.

Back to Ryan's and Boland's comments: "Suppose that the constitutional obstacles to proscription of non-Catholics have been legitimately removed and they themselves have become numerically insignificant [i.e., the Catholics are in the majority and the Protestants and other religions are in the minority]: what then would be the proper course of action for a Catholic State? Apparently, the latter State could logically tolerate only such religious activities as were confined to the members of the dissenting group . . ." Why, that's exactly the case in an Islamic State. Under Sharia law, the "Christians" can only worship within the confines of their own church with no evangelistic out-

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reach to anyone else. What you just read is "Sharia" ala *Roman Catholicism*.

". . . It could not permit them to carry on general propaganda . . ." No tract distribution, no street preaching, no soulwinning, no door-to-door visitation, no television or radio broadcasts, etc. *Only Catholics* would have those "rights." ". . . nor accord their organization certain privileges that had formerly been extended to all religious corporations; for example, *exemption from taxation*."

And there you have it: *no tax exempt status for any church other than Roman Catholic churches*. Right now, because of their so-called "oath of poverty," Catholic Priests don't have to pay the taxes Baptist preachers do on their income and property. If the Catholics could, they would take away all tax exempt status from all the Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, Church of God, etc.

Now that is what Pope Francis *really believes*. The fact that he will never admit to any of it is immaterial. We have what his church believes in black and white. The only defense they can offer is what Karl Keating ("Catholic Answers") offered in his debate with me: "Your material is outdated." He said that right after admitting that *it wasn't wrong*. But don't expect to get any of what I have given in this article in *Time, Life, Newsweek, U.S. News and World Report*, the Gannet string of newspapers, CBS, NBC, ABC, CNN, or FOX. They will cover-up for the Pope every time.

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Tidbits from Here and There

By Dr. Peter S. Ruckman

A lot of the articles in the *Bulletin* are pretty "heavy" fare, so I thought I would give you some "comic relief" I have collected over the years to "lighten the mood" and give you a chuckle. Proverbs 17:22 says, "**A merry heart doeth good like a medicine,**" so I hope these light-hearted sayings will lift your spirits a bit.

You don't break the law of gravity when you jump off a skyscraper; you *break your neck*.

The tomb of an atheist read, "Here lies an atheist; all dressed up and nowhere to go."

From God's hand to my mouth.

Rags make paper; paper makes money; money makes banks; banks make loans; loans make poverty; poverty makes rags.

I wondered why women did so much crying at weddings until I took

a closer look at some of the grooms.

No one believed Paul Revere because he was always horsing around.

I'm very class-conscious: I have no class, and everybody is conscious of it.

A fellow had 50% depreciation on his income tax form because his wife claimed he was only half the man he used to be.

Nowadays it takes more brains to make out your income tax than it takes to make an income.

He had a split-level home, but the foundation settled, so now he has to go upstairs to get to the cellar.

If Thomas Edison had not invented the light bulb, we would all have to watch television by candlelight.

I have always been so negative that when I went to horror movies, I always rooted for the monster.

I found something that will take ten
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strokes off my golf game: it's called an eraser.

It was her silver anniversary: she had been married 25 times.

That actress has been married so many times that she's the only woman in Hollywood with a wash-and-wear bridal gown.

He's not a ramblin' wreck from Georgia Tech; he's a total loss from Holy Cross.

My car is so old it has bifocal headlights; the last time I took it in for an oil change, I was told, "Change the car; keep the oil."

His act went over like the Pope doing an imitation of Adolf Hitler at a bar mitzvah.

Smoking cigarettes won't send you to Hell; it will just make you smell like you've been there.

My English teacher says I must write more legibly; I'll sure be in a fix if I do because then she'll find out I can't spell.

Stamp out old age: smoke cigarettes.

Help end violence or I'll kill you.

If I play the stock market, whether it be bull or bear, I'd just be a jackass.

He was so dumb that he went to the zoo to see what a Christmas seal looked like.

A man took one look at his baby and then went down to the zoo to throw rocks at the stork.

You know you're getting too fat when someone gives you a new belt for Christmas and you have to use it as a wristband.

If your wife really needs sea air, fan her with a mackerel.

That blond was so dumb it took her an hour to cook minute rice.

Eat, drink, and be merry; and you'll

wind up a big, fat, grinning drunkard.

That girl is so fat that she won't go swimming in the ocean because she's afraid of being harpooned.

That fellow wears the pants in his house—under his apron.

That fellow is so old that his birthday cake looks like a prairie fire.

A guy told his gal that if she didn't marry him he'd die; she didn't, and sure enough he died fifty years later.

Ten years ago that couple joined in holy deadlock.

That girl has the kind of face that grows on you—if you're an ape.

That girl has a face like a cauliflower: it's like she stepped out of *Vogue* magazine and fell flat on her face.

All preachers are miracle workers: it's a miracle if any of them do any work.

A man said, "I've kept a five dollar bill in my wallet for years for sentimental reasons because Lincoln's picture looks like my wife."

The reason Las Vegas is so crowded is because no one has the plane fare to leave.

Just ten more hotels, and the whole coast of Florida will sink into the ocean.

The Medicare I received last year is really helping: it's helping a lot of doctors.

An easy solution to fixing the economy is to let Michigan and New York secede from the Union and then apply for foreign aid.

If you want to commit suicide in Los Angeles, just stand in a safety zone.

Sure we had science fiction back when I was a boy in the early 1900s: a cow jumped over the moon, and Chicken Little predicted the end of the world.

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That boy was so dirty that after his momma gave him a bath she didn't know whether to clean the tub or dredge it.

A man gave each of his kids something for Christmas that was worth \$7.00 a piece: it was a hundred dollar bill.

A man said to his wife as he was getting up from dinner, "Wonderful supper, my dear; my compliments to the microwave."

A man said to his buddy one time, "If our electric can opener ever blew a fuse, we'd all starve to death."

The only thing from my old army uniform that fits is my tie.

Do you know what's on the dark side of the moon? People who don't pay their electric bills.

That rock band is performing a song that will live forever—if the world blows up tonight.

That woman sings with her heart, her soul, and the very core of her being; that's because she has no voice.

Would Alexander Graham Bell have invented the telephone if he had had a teenager at home?

We should be thankful for daytime television; just think of how many women drivers it keeps at home.

Fighter jets are so fast these days that the Air Force is working on a sound that can travel faster than the jet.

After working with his parrot for a month to get the bird to talk with no success, a man cried in desperation, "Can you talk; can you talk?" The parrot replied, "Of course I can talk; can you fly?"

Sally Salter was a teacher who taught; Charlie Church was a preacher who praught. But some of his

members thought he screeched and he scaught.

After traveling thousands of miles to Tibet and scaling a high mountain to find the wisest guru in the world, a man asked the cross-legged figure before him, "O wise one, what is the best advice you can give me?" The guru replied, "Buy low, sell high."

Razors pain you; rivers are damp; guns are noisy; drugs cause cramps. Acid stains; nooses give; gas smells awful; you might as well live.

I've never seen a purple cow; I hope I never see one. But I can tell you this for sure, I'd rather see than be one.

And finally, mother said there would be days like this; only she never told me *there would be so many of them.*

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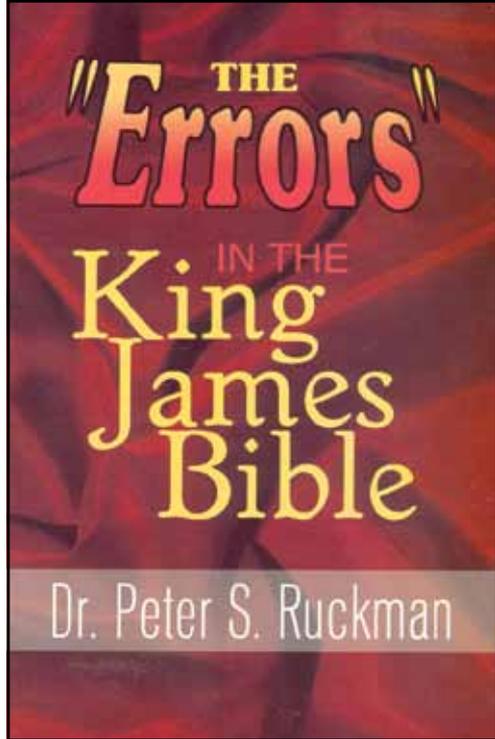
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The Truth of the Matter

By Dr. Peter S. Ruckman

The above expression will be found again and again in the literature of the Alexandrian Cult—that vast body of Bible critics who are always trying to “explain” their position. We thought you might like to know “the truth of the matter,” in simple third-grade English that anyone could understand. This is the truth about a non-existent “heresy” called “Ruckmanism” by apostate Fundamentalists.

For the sake of clarity, in this article, we will refer to “Ruckmanism” as the teaching that the AV Holy Bible is both inerrant and infallible, and is the final authority for the Christian in all matters of faith and practice. We will not say the AV is “verbally inspired,” because that is a hackneyed cliché used by all destructive critics of the Bible when they deal with 2 Timothy 3:16. They use the expression to refer to “verbally inspired original autographs.” We say that the AV is the “**scripture**” in English and, therefore, is “**given**” to us “**by inspiration**”; that is, God *breathed* on it (see Gen. 2:7; Job 32:8; Ezek. 37:4–10 for the Scriptural definition of *inspiration*, as used in the Scriptures, without reference to some theological opinion of someone who never read the SCRIPTURE).

Now back in 1989, a nut from the land of fruits and nuts (R. L. Hymers out in California) asked who, before 1950, believed what “Ruckman” believes about the *Authorized Version*. We gave him *seven cases* (see our article “Ruckmanism in 1919” in the May 2013 *Bulletin*). Christians back in the Seventeenth Century did; DeWitt Talmage in 1890 said he did; John Bunyan back in 1680 said he did; Peter Philpot back in 1880 said he did; Baptists in Kentucky back in 1830 said they did; William Lyons Phelps in 1919 and 1923 said he did. Hymers posed the question because he, like most modern Christian educators and Fundamentalists, DOES NOT BELIEVE IT. His reasoning is that the *KJV* can’t be infallible, inerrant, “**given by inspiration of God,**” and the final authority for the believer because “good, godly men” like Torrey, Spurgeon, and Riley sometimes *went back on what they said they believed*. That is, Hymers takes the statements of the *Adamic nature* in the believer as “the truth of the matter.”

What is the *real* trouble, though? What is the actual “truth of the matter”? “The truth of the matter” is that since 1880 there has been at work in America an *educational conspiracy* to take the Christian’s authority from him and invest it in *Christian scholarship*. The movement among Christians educators has been to rob you of your authority and bring you into subjection to men who want dominion over your faith so they can “lord it over” a Book they hate to use but have to in order to get control over the Body of Christ. “The truth of the matter” is they agreed “with one consent” to *steal your Bible from you* and replace it with the *opinions of educated apostates*; they all joined together for that purpose.

With the advent of the Westcott and Hort text (1880), the educated crowd among the Conservatives and Fundamentalists fell into “lockstep.” Whenever an educated believer among them was confronted with SCHOLARSHIP, he denied his “birthright” and pretended he didn’t believe what he had been preaching. Whenever he preached, he said, “Let us turn in the Scripture,” without ever thinking about what 2 Timothy 3:16 actually said. When “called on the carpet,” he admitted he had only *accommodated himself* to his audience (who *believed*

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they had the Scripture that “**is given by inspiration of God**”). Time and again these birds would say publicly, “This IS the word of God,” “This Book doesn’t just contain the word of God; it IS the word of God.” But when faced with *Christian scholarship*, they would admit it was only “a reliable translation of God’s word” and that “only the originals were ‘inspired.’”

It is an educational conspiracy which continues to this day. The long-tenured apostates on the faculties of Christian schools are just like Congressmen and Senators: *they want to stay in office*. Power is the sole object of their life: power over the common Christian (*Nicolaitanism*). They will use their institutions as an alibi for their sins and will go to *any* length, resort to *any* expediency, use *any* person at *any* time, and say *anything* to retain their hold over the minds and consciences of Bible believers in the Body of Christ. They will not tolerate ONE BOOK usurping that power and authority.

The move since 1880 has been to get rid of ONE BOOK. Sometimes it will be dumped by using the *Textus Receptus*; sometimes by using the “Majority Text.” For nearly a hundred years it was dumped by using the Alexandrian text of Westcott and Hort. But whatever is used, the goal is to get rid of the AV text just as quick as they can.

Higher Christian education is built on the premise that *there is no absolute written authority anywhere on this earth*; therefore, any educated person (one of their *own crowd*, always) can sit in judgment on *any* authority the child of God presumes is “absolute.” That is the first “historic fundamental of the faith” for the entire system of education in America, whether it is Baptist, Fundamentalist, Evangelical, or Conservative. By sheer “coincidence,” it also happens to be the position of every *secular* institution of higher learning in America where the NEA, the international Socialists, and the humanists and atheists are in charge. Whether “Christian” or secular, *they are the same system with the same goal*: the destruction and replacement of the believer’s authority.

Do you really want to know why “Ruckman” is a “heretic”? I’ll tell you why: he is a *thief*. He stole the power and authority from these apostates and reinvested it in ONE BOOK, where God intended it to be. They will never forgive him for that.

“Ruckmanism” is the teaching that no scholar or group of scholars—no matter how “godly” or how “recognized”—can correct God’s final authority. *That* is why they hate “Ruckman” and his teaching. “Heresy” has nothing to do with it. They are just like their Catholic forebearers who saw the Reformers steal the authority of Rome from her and place it in a Book. The Catholics wanted the Book burned, and the Reformers along with it.

Now that is all there ever was to it to start with. It’s not complicated; it’s that simple. All the gas about “older and better manuscripts,” “where was a perfect version before 1611,” the variations in the editions of the KJV, the “good, godly” men who disagree, the translations on the foreign field, “where was the TR before 1633,” etc., is all just a smokescreen to cover up a ghastly truth.

“The truth of the matter” is the Christian educators, along with their faculties and staffs, had been making a living—they were genuine “professionals”—off

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a Book they DID NOT BELIEVE, though professing to do so. "Ruckman" came along and *proved* they were only *using* it because they "preferred" it, *without believing it*. They were fakers.

Unlike the converts of Wesley, Booth, Whitefield, Sunday, Moody, Norris, Spurgeon, Sam Jones, and Bob Jones Sr., they didn't believe in any authority higher than *their own opinions*. These apostates don't stand against "Ruckman"; they stand against something like forty million Christians who have lived since the Sixteenth Century, and whom they will someday face at the Judgment Seat of Christ. In 800 congregations to whom I have preached, I never found more than a tenth of the people who came to believe the AV as the inerrent, infallible authority through my influence or teaching—directly or indirectly.

Those who scream the loudest about "Ruckman" and "Ruckmanism" are trying to cover up their *unbelief* in the word of God. "The truth of the matter" is those power-mad apostates cannot stand *God's authority*. They want to steal it from you, and they will say anything toward that end. They might even call you a "Ruckmanite" in the hopes you will be intimidated into believing *them* instead of God's authority, the Holy Bible. That is "the truth of the matter"; the rest is just "tripe and chitlins."

The thing which infuriates them about "Ruckman" is the dirty dog never backs down with "good, godly, recognized" scholars. Occasionally, Spurgeon and Torrey did; on rare occasions even Norris and Bob Jones Sr. leaned that way. But that blankety-blank "Ruckman"! He took the position John Bunyan took back in 1680, *and he stuck with it*. When he said what Spurgeon and Torrey said when they exalted the *King James Holy Bible* as God's perfect word, he stuck with it and *never slipped once*.

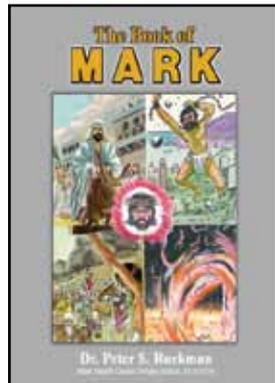
"Oh! The ungodly heretic! How could he do this to us?!" Easy: *I believe the Book*, and I have no more respect for its critics than I do for Michael Jackson.

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Bad News for Modern Science (Again)

By Brian Donovan

Recently, volumes of data returned from space through the Planck satellite, again confirming, as the WMAP satellite did about ten years ago, that the universe is NOT a Copernican model, but instead shows a special place for the earth at the center of everything God created. The scientists will simply brush the observations away as if they do not exist, since their option is to admit to the ridiculous idea that the earth is NOT just one of many planets on which life can evolve, but a special creation that is one of a kind in the center of the universe. They have known that the evidence has pointed to a central earth for many years, but to admit that would be an admission of colossal and purposeful ignorance of facts, not to mention that the Bible is correct in its cosmology.

Other disturbing news for today's "**science falsely so called**" (1 Tim. 6:20) is the "new theory" that the speed of light was once faster than it is today. This monkey wrench fouls up all of Einstein's relativity theory that holds to the speed of light being an absolute constant. For the last eighty years, if any scientist dared imply that the speed of light was not an absolute, he would be considered ignorant, for everyone knows that Einstein, as Darwin, is one of their gods, and relativity rests or falls on this one absolute. Along with the crash of his theory goes all the stupid illustrations of one twin aging on earth while the other, traveling through space at the speed of light, returns at the same age he left, as well as the stories of the trains that could be standing still while the observer at the station goes blazing by (old Albert never could get off those trains). Then there is the brilliant idea that it really doesn't matter if you say that you fell or that the earth came up and smacked you in the face: it's all relative.

On my bookshelves, side by side, I have two "science" books. One is titled *Why Nothing Can Travel Faster Than the Speed of Light*, and right next to it another one called *Faster Than the Speed of Light*. Nothing like absolute science to guide the student to the truth. If the speed of light was much faster at the beginning of creation and then slowed down, it would foil any equation to measure the age of things based on "**all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation**" (2 Pet. 3:4). At least four times just in the book of Isaiah (40:22, 42:5, 45:12, 51:13), our scientific textbook tells us that the Lord "**stretched out the heavens,**" and Jeremiah 10:12 says that the Lord did this "**by his discretion,**" not the laws of physics.

Evolutionary physicists and astronomers have been scoffing at Bible believers for years with the idea that we are seeing starlight on earth coming from stars that are millions of light years away. That is one of their proofs that the universe must be millions, not billions, of years old. But the Lord stretched out His heavens without any regard for distances and light speeds, and to negate His power to instantly stretch space and matter, as well as light over vast distances, will be corrected at your judgment when you give an account before Him for "**every idle word**" (Matt. 12:36).

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Recently, a lab experiment slowed the speed of light to something like 38 miles per hour by passing a beam through extremely cold (almost absolute zero) sodium atoms. These “great” scientists are allowed to play with and change the speed of light, but not light’s Creator? The Bible shows that the solar year used to be 360 days (Gen. 7:11 cf. Gen. 8:3–4). Sometime after the flood of Noah’s day, the Lord slowed the motions of the universe, and it is now 365 days. In agreement with the Bible, the ancient calendars of the Sumerians, Egyptians, and Babylonians recorded the 360 day year; and it wasn’t because they were stone-age, barbarian ape-men. They knew how to track eclipses and the movements of the stars. Sometime after the flood of approximately 2348 B.C., they all added another five days to keep up with the solar year change of our present 365 day year. In the near future, the Lord is going to speed up the motions again to return to a 360 day year, at least for the great tribulation period (see Rev. 12:6, 13:5), when 42 months will equal an exact 1,260 days.

The actual observations of our physical world line up with the Bible and no Christian should ever acquiesce to the anti-scriptural, evolutionary theories of **“science falsely so called.”** These two recent news items will be passed over, and the “scientific” community will ignore the facts that point them to the Bible. The only true scientific text book for origins and purpose of the material universe is the 1611 *King James Bible*. By reading and believing this great Book, a man can find out from where he came (a garden in the east of Eden near the confluence of the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers in present day Iraq), when he was created (almost 6,000 years ago), and more importantly, why he is here (for the pleasure and fellowship of his Creator—Rev. 4:11). In spite of the fact that physical observations point to these truths, they are considered lunacy by **“science falsely so called.”**

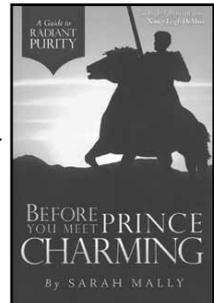
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Thirty Days Under the Crescent Moon

*(Editor's note: The following is a book which we are publishing here in the *Bulletin* in serial format. The work consists of a preface and seven chapters, some of which have had to be divided between two issues due to length.)

By Andrew Saucier

CHAPTER 7

THE JUSTIFICATION OF GOD IN HIS ETERNAL WORK IN AND FOR THE REDEMPTION OF MAN TO THE GLORY OF HIS SON JESUS CHRIST.

Let me say that I am truly glad that we were not found guilty, and I am sure that I speak for Bro. Garcia and the rest of the brethren who were involved in this incident. Our release indicates that we are still to be used by the Lord in His eternal work. God's saving the individual is part of His eternal plan. Not that our execution could not have been to that same plan, but the fact that we were allowed to live proves that He intends to use us yet.

Brethren, there is only one purpose to life after salvation, and that is to serve God. It is all about what God is doing, not what we are doing in relation to our families or our ministries in this or in any other country. Those things are merely objects to use to bring about the will of God and to glorify Jesus Christ through our devotion to Him through love and good works in respect to family, ministries, and country. For to me to live is for His benefit; for me to die is for my benefit and to His purpose (Phil. 1:21).

We did rejoice in that we were found not guilty, but had we been found guilty, we should have rejoiced still, considering we were found worthy to suffer for Him (Acts 5:41). Since God will not tempt a Christian beyond that which he is able to bear (1 Cor. 10:13), perhaps we were not able to meet the challenge of having to die for Him or to suffer any more than we had; God knows. I have always heard that dying for Christ would be easy, but living for Him is what presents a challenge. Maybe we would not have carried our cross as He carried His when He took our reproach and shame. Then again, the grace of God in this affair could be that we have other things to do to glorify Him. Whatever the case may be, it is He that works in us **"both to will and to do of his good pleasure"** (Phil. 2:13), and it is for us to abide in Him that we might, in whatever state we find ourselves, bring forth good fruit to His glory.

Not many Christians in this day and time suffer reproach for the name of Jesus Christ; not that there is not opportunity to stand for Christ, righteousness, and the word of God, but rather because the believer in Christ will not venture into the areas of warfare in everyday life. The battle is not necessarily in the ghettos of Chicago or New Orleans, but in supermarkets, work places, and restaurants. Those are areas where a stand for Christ, righteousness, and the Bible will produce reproach. Not that reproach is the objective, but **"All that will live godly in Christ Jesus SHALL suffer persecution"** (2 Tim. 3:12). Giving out Gospel tracts, carrying the Bible to work, walking away when dirty

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jokes are being told will reveal how few friends Christians really have. **“What fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?”** (2 Cor. 6:14).

I once heard Dr. Peter S. Ruckman say, “You can’t do right and get away with it.” The truth of that statement is that living for God and making Christ the center of one’s life causes the unsaved world to hate Christians. Another man once said, “Peace at any cost costs too much.” God doesn’t need anyone to defend Him; He’s quite capable of doing that on His own.

Standing for Him at some time is an opportunity given by God for us to abide in Him for strength to oppose all that are against God, Christ, and righteousness. It is an opportunity for us to show on whose side we stand. Joshua said, **“as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD”** (Josh. 24:15). In various places Paul said that he had **“fought a good fight”** (2 Tim. 4:7), run a good race (1 Cor. 9:24–27), and pressed **“toward the mark”** (Phil. 3:14). It was a way of life that offered the pleasure of knowing that he was serving God as a laborer together with Him (1 Cor. 3:9) to save souls, edify saints (Eph. 4:12), glorify Christ, and vindicate God from judgment (Rom. 3:4; Psa. 51:4; Job 34:23; Ezek. 14:23).

A great truth is that God allows to play out in time what He already knows in fact. He is justified in condemnation and in salvation. Paul knew that it was better for him to be with the Lord than to be here, but he also knew that it was expedient for others that he remain, exhibiting the mind set of Christ (Phil. 1:23–24). Jesus left the glory of Heaven and accepted the reproach of this world that others might be the beneficiaries of His suffering. One of the evidences of love is measured by the extent to which one is willing to suffer for another.

The work of missions is to emulate the work of Christ. According to Hebrews 10:9, Jesus came to do the will of God. The will of His Father was that Christ should suffer on our behalf so that we sinners would not have to receive the **“wages”** of Romans 6:23. The **“death”** of Romans 6:23 is *eternal* death because the offense is against an eternal God. All sin is against God, and God being eternal requires the payment to be eternal so that it might be a just and equal recompense. There was no other answer for mankind but for the eternal Son of God to pay the eternal price for the eternal redemption for any and all that would receive that payment by faith.

Jesus was constrained by His devotion to His call; Paul was constrained by his love for Jesus Christ. No one will ever be a witness either here or in Africa for anything outside of himself until he first dies to self. We (i.e., all believers in Christ) shall stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ to see what we have done with what we have inherited in Him, and since His grace is sufficient for us to meet the challenge of the call to serve Him in spirit and truth (whatever

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that might represent in each individual case), there will be no room to challenge His judgments regarding our service.

Dear brethren, it is incumbent upon us to give Him our lives in service because he gave His life in service to us, and now we are DEBTORS. We are indebted to Him because we have been bought with the price of His own blood (Acts 20:28). Now we are not our own; therefore, we are to glorify God in our bodies (1 Cor. 6:9–20) which is our “**reasonable service**” (Rom. 12:1). Our missionary work in Africa was merely God using His property to accomplish His will to glorify Himself and His Son Jesus Christ. Amen and amen!

THE CREED OF THE ALEXANDRIAN CULT

1. There is **no final authority** but God.
2. Since God is a Spirit, there is **no final authority** that can be seen, heard, read, felt, or handled.
3. Since all books are material, there is **no book on this earth that is the final and absolute authority** on what is right and what is wrong, what constitutes truth and what constitutes error.
4. There **WAS** a series of writings one time which, **IF** they had all been put into a BOOK as soon as they were written the first time, **WOULD HAVE** constituted an infallible and final authority by which to judge truth and error.
5. However, this series of writings was lost, and the God who inspired them was **unable to preserve their content** through Bible-believing Christians at Antioch (Syria), where the first Bible teachers were (Acts 13:1), and where the first missionary trip originated (Acts 13:1-52), and where the word “*Christian*” originated (Acts 11:26).
6. So God chose to **ALMOST** preserve them through Gnostics and philosophers from Alexandria, Egypt, even though God called His Son OUT of Egypt (Matthew 2), Jacob OUT of Egypt (Genesis 49), Israel OUT of Egypt (Exodus 15), and Joseph’s bones OUT of Egypt (Exodus 13).
7. So there are two streams of Bibles. The most accurate—though, of course, there is **no final, absolute authority** for determining truth and error; it is a matter of “preference”—are the Egyptian translations from Alexandria, Egypt, which are “almost the originals,” although not quite.
8. The most **inaccurate translations** were those that brought about the German Reformation (Luther, Zwingli, Boehler, 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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