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The U.S. Congress Meets With God

By Brian Donovan

The United States of America has a scheduled meeting with the Lord God of the Bible, and it is not for prayer and certainly not for "revival." This meeting has been scheduled by the Lord; and He is demanding the President, his Cabinet, the Supreme Court Justices, the Senate, and the House of Representatives all attend. No one will kick the Lord off the panel, nor refuse to allow His words and commandments to be brought up (as they are now refused in American schools and courts). The Lord Himself will be doing the talking, judging, and condemning, without asking a single politician for his opinion (Republican or Democrat, liberal or conservative).

This meeting is scheduled overseas, and ALL nations will attend. The USA is not an exception, contrary to the ideas of "patriotic" and "conservative" professing "Christians." The Lord has called this meeting to

settle a personal controversy with all the nations (Jer. 25:31), which He says "**are counted to him less than nothing**" (Isa. 40:17) and "**as a drop of a bucket**" (Isa. 40:15). This international meeting can be found in Joel 3:2, and when the Lord says "**I will also gather all nations,**" your so-called "Christian" USA is not exempted.

Whether it is "Bush's Road Map," "Clinton's Legacy," or "Obama's Pipe Dream," the Lord is going to settle the controversy, and it is over the only nation He ever loved or ruled (Isa. 34:8). Israel is the exception to the rule of nations, not the USA (Jer. 30:11). The rule of nations is that they all "**make a noise . . . like the rushing of mighty waters**" (Isa. 17:12-13). That noise has always been against God and His holy Book, and that noise includes the good old USA from its inception, as we will prove.

When the Lord called out Abram in Genesis 12, it was to make of him "**a great nation**" (Gen. 12:1-4). That nation began when she was called out of Egypt to be "**a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation**" (Exod. 19:6). Israel's greatness did not come from her political leaders (though she had some great ones

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The Man Who Became an Animal

By Dr. Peter S. Ruckman

In Daniel 4 is a story about a fellow who temporarily becomes an animal. It is an account about Nebuchadnezzar. God gave Nebuchadnezzar a mental condition the psychiatrists call “lycanthropy.” It’s a form of madness where the person takes on the characteristics of a *beast* (usually a wolf, which is from where the legend of the *werewolf* comes); it is a form of “acute mania” (a major mood disorder involving enduring periods of persistent irritable moods). That’s what Nebuchadnezzar has in Daniel 4. Nebuchadnezzar has a “persistent” mood change where he acts like an animal all the time, and it “endures” for *seven years* (Dan. 4:32).



In the story, God sends “**a watcher . . . down from heaven**” (Dan. 4:13). Evidently, the Lord has specific angels whose job it is to check up on things. He calls them “**watchers,**” and apparently, they are very *jealous* for the Lord (Dan. 4:17): they resent it when they see someone taking God’s glory for himself.

That watcher sees Nebuchadnezzar strutting around his palace, bragging about his holdings, saying, “**Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty?**” (Dan. 4:30). No, as a matter of fact, *it wasn’t*. God Almighty was the One who had turned all those nations over to Nebuchadnezzar for him to conquer (Jer. 27:1–8), and if He hadn’t, Nebuchadnezzar would have had *nothing*.

That watcher sees Nebuchadnezzar taking credit for what God had done, and he and his buddies all agreed that God should give that fellow “**a beast’s heart**” for seven years until he learned his lesson (Dan. 4:17). And that’s exactly what happened. Nebuchadnezzar started acting like a wild animal. He had to be put out to pasture and eat grass. His hair grew so thick that it looked “**like eagles’ feathers,**” and his fingernails and toenails grew so long they were just “**like birds’ claws**” (Dan. 4:32–33). God let him live like that for seven years until he learned that the Lord ruled over the kingdom of men. He was the One who put a fellow in charge over a nation, and when He did, the rule of thumb was the ones He set up were “**the BASEST of men**” (Dan. 4:17). That’s Adolf Hitler, “Slick Willie” Clinton, Obama, Pope “Francis,” Mao Tse-Tung, Mussolini, both Bushes, Churchill, FDR, JFK, and the rest of

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them. They weren't the good men or the big shots in God's sight; they were the "lowlifes," the rotten men.

There are some great spiritual lessons to be learned from this chapter, and I would like to draw your attention to them.

First, *the greater the man, the greater the humbling process*. Daniel 4:37 says, "**those that walk in pride he is able to abase.**" The saying out in the world is: "The bigger they are, the harder they fall."

Take a man like Hitler: he was a big man politically and militarily. He managed to become dictator of Germany, even after being voted down by the German people *twice*. He managed to conquer nearly all of continental Europe. A great man, a famous man; so the humbling process had to be great.

One by one the Allied forces took back everything he had conquered. He finally ended up in a bunker in Berlin. When it was evident to him the Russians were coming in to take him, he finally married the woman with whom he had been living for something like sixteen years. After they got their marriage license and went through a ceremony, she killed herself by popping a pill, and he put a bullet through his head. Then their bodies were burned. That fellow was out to conquer the world, but my, my, my, what a humbling.

Take Napoleon. That fellow rose up through the ranks from Second Lieutenant to the General in charge of all the armies of France. That old boy thought so much of himself that he *crowned himself* Emperor of France. He fought *sixty battles* across Europe, leaving the bloody deaths of Europe's finest young men in his wake. How did he end up? Out on an island in the Mediterranean all by himself. No wife, no children, no family, and only a small cadre of followers. Down at the rocks with the wind blowing in his face with not a dime in his pocket, grumbling about his living conditions. He finally died alone in his bed, a nobody. Quite a humbling process, wouldn't you say?

Secondly, *brute passions take over when higher authority is rejected*. Daniel 4:16—"**Let his heart be changed from man's, and let a beast's heart be given unto him.**" When God is left out and ignored, and when something else besides God controls the conscience of a man, brute passions take over and control him. The Bible calls such men "**brute beasts**" (2 Pet. 2:12; Jude 10). That's things like foxes (Luke 13:32), snakes (Matt. 3:7, 12:34, 23:33), bulls (Psa. 22:12), dogs (Psa. 22:16; 2 Pet. 2:22), hogs (2 Pet. 2:22; Prov. 11:22; Matt. 7:6), and jackasses (Job 11:12). That is not me "dehumanizing" people; that is the Lord's view of the Adamic nature.

Don't tell me; I'll tell you. I have seen of what men are capable when their conscience is turned over to a church, sex, television, money, etc., instead of God. I have preached in juvenile facilities where a kid had to commit three felonies before he was thirteen to get in. I preached to one sixteen year old who had *killed three people*. I preached to a fifteen year old who had shot his

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daddy four times with a shotgun, and he had tried to kill his mother too. She locked herself in the bathroom. That boy fired through the door to get her, but she managed to survive by laying flat on the floor. That kid was acting like a wild animal out of control.

Thank God, though, the Lord can tame a brute like that. I preached to that kid. He didn't get saved that day, but a week later, he trusted Christ. He won the drawing I had done while I was there and hung it up on the wall of his cell. Whenever new delinquents would come into the facility, he would take them to that picture and preach to them from it. What happened to that kid? He got born again; he became a new creature in Christ (2 Cor. 5:17). He came under a higher authority and got changed from the brute beast he was.

The third thing we learn from this story is that *a test doesn't end until it has accomplished its purpose.*

Verse 25: **“seven times shall pass over thee, till thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.”**

If God is testing you on something, the testing will end when God's purpose with you is accomplished and not before. God turned Nebuchadnezzar into a beast for him to learn something. The test doesn't end until you find out what God wants you to know. That means there is *hope* in the midst of the trial. The quicker you can fulfill the Lord's purpose for the test, the sooner the end is in sight.

The fourth thing we learn from the text is: *the greatest prosperity is no security against adversity.* Nebuchadnezzar had a palace, he had a kingdom, he had might, he had power, he had honor, and he had majesty (vss. 29–30); He ended up in the field eating grass with the oxen (vs. 33). I don't care how rich you are, how smart you are, how handsome or beautiful you are, or how talented you are; you are not exempt from trouble.

Trouble can reach into the lives of the greatest, most powerful people in the world. A good example of that is the Kennedy family. From grandmother Rose down to the last grandson, that family has been filled with drunkards, fornicating, crippled, killed, assassinated, sick, helpless people. God has taken that family and just about beaten it to death, but none of them seems to “get it.” The beating goes right on until God's purpose comes about.

The terrible thing is, some people never learn from the beating. When it comes to the lost, the purpose of the whipping is clear: God lets the unsaved suffer to wake them up and show them their need of a Saviour. I can't imagine a more horrible thing than to go through this life with God whipping you every time you turn around and never get the message, and then to wake up in Hell on top of that.

That being the case, the fifth lesson is applicable to the child of God but

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not applicable to the unsaved who don't take correction at the hand of God. In the context of Daniel 4, *although the punishment is severe, it is not hopeless*. Verse 26: **"thy kingdom shall be sure unto thee, AFTER [there's "the rub"] that thou shalt have known that the heavens do rule."**

Like I said, that is true of the child of God. No matter how bad things get down here, after this life is over and done, you have Heaven and your Saviour to which to look forward for all eternity. The psalmist wrote, **"The LORD hath chastened me sore: but he hath not given me over unto death"** (Psa. 118:18). You aren't going to Hell, and that's something.

The sinner **"without Christ"** is **"without God"** and therefore *has no hope* (Eph. 2:12). No matter how good or bad things get here on earth, the only thing to which he has to look forward is an eternity in the Lake of Fire. That Bible says, **"Where their worm DIETH NOT, and the fire is NOT QUENCHED"** (Mark 9:44, 46, 48). It says, **"And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up FOR EVER AND EVER"** (Rev. 14:11). The lost person who dies without Christ *never* gets out of Hell, and his torment *never* ceases or diminishes.

The thing that makes Hell so hellish is the utter absence of hope. In his *Inferno*, Dante pictured this with a sign over the entrance to Hell that read: "Abandon all hope ye who enter here." If you knew you were only going to burn for, say, 150 million years, you would start counting down your time. You would have hope, because you would look forward to the day when it would all be over. But as you just read, that won't happen. "When you've been there 10,000 years in fire hotter than the sun, you've no less days to weep and wail than when you first begun." As long as the saints enjoy Heaven and the New Jerusalem, that is how long the damned suffer in Hell and the Lake of Fire. So if you want hope, NOW is the time to get it (2 Cor. 6:2). Don't wait till you're dead, because then it's too late.

Now Christian, as you go through the trials and testings down here, don't give up. There is hope. If you get knocked down, get up and go on again for God.

The first man ever to win the heavyweight championship in boxing with gloves was a guy named James Corbett. He wrote this:

"Fight one more round.

"When your feet are so tired that you have to shuffle back to the center of the ring, fight one more round.

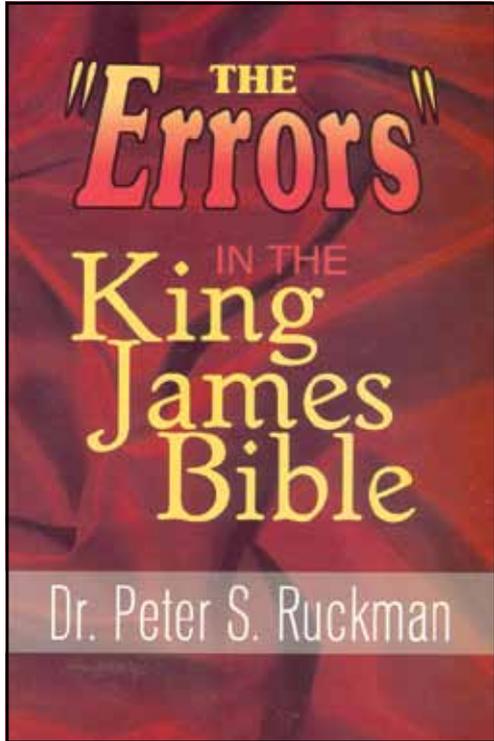
"When your arms are so tired that you can hardly lift your hands to come on guard, fight one more round.

"When your nose is bleeding and your eyes are black, and you are so tired that you wish your opponent would crack you on the jaw and put you to sleep, fight one more round—remembering that the man who always fights one more round is never whipped."

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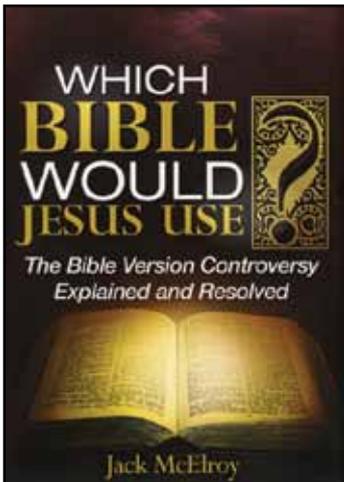
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Back in 1975, in Manila in the Philippines, Joe Frazier fought Cassius Clay. They went fifteen rounds, and by that last round, both of them were so worn out that neither one could get off his seat. When the bell rang for the start of the fifteenth round, Cassius Clay said to his trainer, "I'm not going to make it, I can't get up." "You have to get up," said his trainer. "I'm so tired that I can't get up. I want to quit," said Cassius. "You can't quit," said the trainer, "Frazier is just as tired as you are, and he wants to quit too." "Well how come he can quit, and I can't?" asked Clay. "Because you're the champ," said the trainer. That motivated Cassius Clay to get up, and because he did, he won the fight.

You saved people may not think you are "the champ," but I'll tell you what you are: **"Ye are the salt of the earth . . . Ye are the light of the world"** (Matt. 5:13–14). Unsaved people are watching you, Christian, to see if you'll quit. You have got to get up and go one more round, even if all you can do is shuffle forward.

The sixth lesson we learn from the story of Nebuchadnezzar in Daniel 4 is *when deliverance comes, it is time for praise and thanksgiving*. Verse 34: **"At the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever."**

When the Lord finally gets you out of your mess, don't forget to thank Him. Nebuchadnezzar did what even a lot of Christians in America fail to do: he gave *public* thanks. When Nebuchadnezzar got back his reason, his glory, his kingdom, his honor, his brightness, his counsellors and lords, and his majesty, he didn't slide back into his pride and arrogance (Dan. 4:36). He didn't take credit for regaining his sanity. He wasn't like John Wayne, who said, "I licked the Big C (cancer)." He praised, extolled, and honored the God of Heaven (Dan. 4:37).

Nebuchadnezzar learned his lesson: **"those that walk in pride he is able to abase"** (vs. 37). He learned when you get stuck on yourself and lifted up, God can knock you down and make a fool out of you. When he took that lesson to heart, the Lord restored him to his kingdom. When that happened, Nebuchadnezzar gave thanks to God and praised Him.

One of the preachers we had in for one of our Bad Attitude Baptist Blowouts told this story. He was in a tree, about 25 feet up, and was trimming branches with a saw, when he cut through a 14,000-volt electric line that had been covered up in the leaves and branches. He immediately threw the saw away, but he could feel the electricity flowing through that tree. In fact, as he sat on the branch from which he had been cutting, he could feel himself getting stuck to the tree by the electricity. Every time he brushed up against a leaf, he would get a shock.

Right away he began to count his blessings and prepare to die. As far as he

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could tell, he was a goner. That's when the Lord impressed him to slide down the other side of the tree. What he discovered as he did was that anywhere there was an exposed spot on the tree (like a stub from a branch he had cut), he would get a shock. The current was in the sap, not the bark.

Well, he ended up falling the last eight feet. As he lay there on the ground, he said, "Lord, I want to thank you for being a friend." That's a good time to give thanks.

Now Christian, I can't say for certain why God lets you go through some of the trouble He does. The lesson He wants you to learn may not be the same as the lesson He wants other believers to learn. But if you are lost, I can say with absolute certainty why you go through trouble: to get you to come to Jesus Christ so you don't wind up in a bigger mess for eternity.

Even a great monarch like Queen Victoria wondered if she could be assured of eternal life. She asked her chaplain if anyone could be "absolutely sure in this life of eternal safety." That lost Episcopalian had no assurance of eternal life as a present possession and couldn't offer the Queen any.

Well, the incident was published in a paper called *Court News*, and it came to the attention of an evangelist named John Townsend. After praying about what to do, Townsend sent the Queen a very short but respectful letter asking her to read John 3:16 and Romans 10:9-10. After a couple of weeks he got back a letter from Her Majesty that read:

"To John Townsend: I have carefully and prayerfully read the portions of Scripture referred to. I now believe in the finished work of Christ for me, and trust by God's grace, to meet you one day in that place He has prepared for us in Heaven. Victoria Guelph."

Once she got saved and got assurance of salvation, she would always carry a tract with her entitled "Safety, Certainty, and Enjoyment," and she would give those tracts to folks she met. My sermon "Fact, Faith, Feeling" is based on that tract.

Queen Victoria wasn't exempt from trouble. She lost a husband after only 21 years of marriage. Seven attempts were made on her life. She had health problems, family problems, and political problems. But whatever problems she had were solved the moment she trusted Christ. They weren't *resolved* right then, but they were *solved*. Right now, Victoria doesn't have a care in this world; she has been in Glory for 114 years now, with the One whose finished work on Calvary she trusted so long ago.

D. L. Moody made a profound statement once. He said, "This earth is all of Hell a believer will ever see, and it is all of Heaven an unbeliever will ever see." If you have never trusted Christ, your troubles are just beginning. Why don't you turn to Him in faith and let Him change you from the natural brute beast you are to a child of God.

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in Moses, Joshua, David, Josiah, et al.), but from her ultimate Leader and His laws (Deut. 4:7–8). Israel, not the United States, is the only nation ever to have the Lord as King, Judge, and Lawgiver (Isa. 33:22). National revival for Israel was possible, and attained at times, because of this. A Jewish king or judge could demand that the whole nation follow the Lord God and His laws, and the result was national revival. Not only has an American president never tried to do so, he could not, based on the setup of Gentile nations from the beginning of Genesis 10 with Nimrod.

The history of the United States, as we will point out with facts, has never, and could never, acknowledge the Lord God as her King, Judge, and Lawgiver. As a matter of fact, the founding of the USA was the exact opposite, contrary to the lies of “patriotic,” “conservative,” professing “Bible-believing Christians.” Before giving the facts of history, let me say that I am thankful I was born in the USA. I am not “proud to be an American”; I am thankful. The rhetoric against this article will not be based on facts or the Bible, but on the emotions of those “proud to be Americans.”

The beginning of this country was born of a rebellion of thirteen colonies against Romans 13. “No taxation without representation” may be a good battle cry for an American, but not for a Bible believer. A Christian is taught repeatedly in the New Testament to submit, pay taxes, and pray

for their wicked leaders (Rom. 13:7; 1 Pet. 2:13; 1 Tim. 2:2). Even the Lord Jesus Christ told a bunch of hypocrites to pay their taxes to a wicked Roman Caesar (Matt. 22:21).

Christians are taught today that the greatness of our country came from the “great Founding Fathers” who were all Bible-reading men who gave honor to God. There is no doubt that some were Bible readers (Washington and John Adams), while others were Bible rejectors (Jefferson and Franklin). The words of our Saviour deny that they honored God.

John 5:23—“**That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.**”

The Founding Fathers were Deists, and the reams of extant writings of Washington, Jefferson, Sam Adams, Franklin, et al., all bear this out. We have personal letters and political speeches, and even the death-bed testimony of George Washington (see *The Life of Washington* by Anna Reed), that are all devoid of a personal testimony of salvation in Jesus Christ. Washington speaks of “Providence,” “Heavenly Father,” and “God,” but never the Lord Jesus Christ. Some historians stretch for George being saved through a story repeated by the sons and grandsons of a chaplain (John Gano) who baptized him, but not a personal testimony of it either from George or the chaplain.

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in tumults and rebellion during the 1770's, but he ran for his life when the fighting started because of his "important position" as a politician. In the meantime, one of the real heroes of this country's founding, by the name of George Whitefield, came in to town to preach the gospel in Boston Common. But thanks to the patriotic, political rebels, Mr. Whitefield did not see the souls saved as he saw earlier around the rest of the country. One historian (Benjamin Franklin Morris, *Christian Life and Character of the Civil Institutions of the United States*, 1864, pg. 338) unknowingly told the truth when he said the New England patriot clergy "did not confine themselves to a dissertation on doctrinal truths or mere exhortation to godly behavior." Instead, "they grappled with the great questions of the rights of man, and especially the rights of the colonists in their controversy with the mother-country."

Imagine thinking your rights are more important than godly behavior and Bible doctrine. But that is exactly how American Christians like Huckabee and those in politics think today. They are modern-day Patrick Henrys, crying, "Give me liberty or give me death." Instead of reading the Bible, Christians today think that is a noble idea.

The Apostle Paul said, "**where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty**" (2 Cor. 3:17), and "**For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death**" (Rom. 8:2). Paul had

his liberty in Christ even when he was in a jail cell.

The heroes in the founding of this country were not the politicians or the "God-fearing" Minute Men of Boston, but the Bible-believing preachers who were persecuted and banished from the Massachusetts Bay Colony; such as Roger Williams, John Clarke, and Thomas Painter. Painter was whipped at a post for refusing infant baptism for his son, while Williams was banished to the "sewer of New England" (Rhode Island), where the Lord saw fit to use John Clarke to set up a haven in that colony for Jews, as well as found the first Baptist church in America in Newport. These men were followed by others; such as Shubal Stearns, Isaac Backus, and many unknown and unsung Christians who did not care about anything but preaching to lost souls and living by the Book. Continental Congresses, Bills of Rights, Constitutions, and politics were left to the lost, Gentile kingdom-builders.

While John Adams blamed Baptists for not going along with the Philadelphia Congress, the new governor of the Massachusetts Bay Colony declared any Bible believer who denied infant baptism was "worthy of death." As Bible believers, we should be thankful for our spiritual forefathers who stuck with the Book against the "great founders" of this nation. Those street preachers were charged with being "grossly ignorant and illiterate"; certainly not up to par with the level of the politicians. Even

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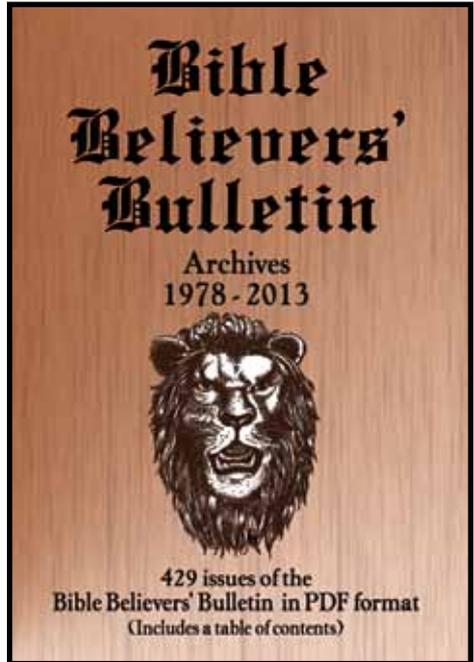
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when Patrick Henry defended some street-preaching Baptists in court, he could not figure them out, as he offered them government help, which they refused.

Probably the capper to all of this for you "Christian patriots," who are fuming right now, is found way back at the very start of this country with our second president and "great Founding Father," John Adams. In 1797, Mr. Adams presented to the U.S. Senate, for its approval, a treaty with the Moslems of North Africa, who had been kidnapping and demanding ransom for Americans they had captured on the high seas. The booty being paid to those killers was over one million dollars per year, about one-sixth of the American government budget at the time. Adams laid before the senators, for their approval, "a treaty of perpetual peace and friendship" between the good old USA and the Moslems.

Article II of the Treaty of Tripoli stated: "As the Government of the United States of America is not, in any sense, founded on the Christian religion; as it has in itself no character of enmity against the laws, religion, or tranquillity, of Mussulmen [Moslems] . . . it is declared by the parties, that no pretext, arising from religious opinions, shall ever produce an interruption of the harmony existing between the two countries." This treaty was signed by the U.S. Senate, agreeing with the "great Founding Father," and then president, that this country distance itself from being identified with

Christian beliefs.

Do you think the Lord God was listening? And you want God to bless America because you think you are going to save it? Go to the polls and put your candidate in office; that should really help.

This unknown history has continued throughout the last 250 years, with Bible believers realizing that this country is not, nor ever has been, a Christian nation. It has been a nation, like all the others, that has been against the word of God and the Saviour, Jesus Christ. Bible-believing street preachers in America since 1650 have always known this to be true.

Politicians have never had anything to do with souls getting saved or "revival," if you could call it that. Who would think that a Republican or Democrat in office could have anything to do with spiritual revival, unless it is to bring about enough persecution to bring the saved to their knees? Not only American history, but church history has proved that **"The nations shall rush like the rushing of many waters"** (Isa. 17:13) against the Lord and against the preaching of His Book.

A Bible believer would not ever look to a U.S. president or to saved senators or saved representatives to be a help in bringing about a spiritual awakening. As a matter of fact, the Bible reader already knows what to expect when it comes to revival for this nation, because he is paying attention to what the Lord said (2 Tim. 3), instead of FOX News.

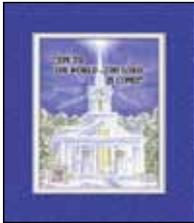
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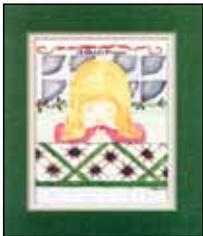
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Alexandrians Old and New

By Dr. Peter S. Ruckman

For years and years, we have published in every issue of the *Bulletin* what we call "The Creed of the Alexandrian Cult." The Alexandrian Cult is by far the largest cult in the world, outnumbering even Joseph Smith's cult (the Mormons) and the Marian Cult (the Roman Catholic Church), for it cuts across all denominational and sectarian lines. The Alexandrian Cult is as active among Baptists, Fundamentalists, Conservatives, Evangelicals, Presbyterians, Methodists, Assembly of God, etc., as it is among Catholics, Liberals, Modernists, agnostics, atheists, Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses, etc.

The basic premise of the Alexandrian Cult is that there is NO FINAL, ABSOLUTE, WRITTEN AUTHORITY from God anywhere on earth. We coined the term "ALEXANDRIAN Cult" because for years the prevailing "opinion" of the Scholars' Union was that the corrupt manuscripts from Alexandria, Egypt (*Sinaiticus* and *Vaticanus*) were the basis for changing the Holy Bible (AV 1611). Hence, when you wrote one of the members of the cult and asked him where you could get a copy of the Holy Scriptures in English (since "ALL scripture is given by inspiration of God"—2 Tim. 3:16) or which Bible is the final authority for the believer, you would usually get back an answer like: "the ASV is the most accurate translation" or "we prefer the NASV (or the RSV, NIV, etc.—same garbage)." Every corrupt version recommended was from the Alexandrian Greek text of Westcott and Hort. No cultist would ever claim any version was the final authority or the Holy Scriptures, because the cult believes

only the "originals" were inspired.

Here is a typical Alexandrian. This is Bill Krewson. He is a typical Alexandrian clone from Bob Jones University, writing to a saved, soulwinning Christian in South Lyon, Michigan. He writes, "The whole idea of an inspired *KJV* is heresy. God only inspired the originals (2 Tim. 3:16), not their translations."

Fifty thousand dollars to anyone who can find the word *originals* in any Greek manuscript or text in 2 Timothy 3:16. You say, "You don't have \$50,000, Ruckman." I can get it just as quickly as you can find the word *originals* in 2 Timothy 3:16, because *it's not there*. It will be a hot day on Mt. Everest before you prove 2 Timothy 3:16 is only a reference to the "originals" because there isn't one word about any "originals" in the verse.

Krewson was very careful not to say *Scripture* when talking about what God "inspired." You see, Paul told you exactly what he meant by "**all scripture**" in the context.

Second Timothy 3:15—"And that from a child thou hast known the HOLY SCRIPTURES, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

Do you think Timothy had the originals written by Moses, David, Isaiah, Jeremiah, et al.? "I trow not." All Timothy had were *copies* (and probably copies of copies of copies on top of that). Yet what he had was "**given by inspiration of God.**" Krewson made sure you didn't get the context.

Spouting the typical cultic line as taught at BJU, he says, "The very existence of textual variations proves we

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do not have 100% certainty about the originals. It is close to 99%." Krewson "backslid" from Westcott and Hort; they said it was 98%.

If our "certainty" is "99%," then why are there 36,000 changes between an NASV and the AV, and 64,000 changes between the NIV and the KJV? Why is the 1% all the passages that deal with key fundamentals of the faith like the Virgin Birth (Luke 2:33; Acts 4:27, 30), the Incarnation (1 Tim. 3:16), the Trinity (1 John 5:7), and the Blood Atonement (Col. 1:14)? If you want to see what these apostates mean by 98% and 99% fidelity to the "originals," get a book we sell here at the Bookstore entitled *The Bible Translation Test* by James Son (KJ-1735 @ \$5.95). The Alexandrian Cult tries to remove a translation as far from the "originals" as possible.

Now what is the purpose of the Alexandrian Cult? It is to take the final authority from the Christian and give him *conflicting* authorities so that a third party has to step in and tell the Christian what the Bible "really" says. That way the *cultist* is the final authority.

Here are two lawyers in court. One says, "I'm right"; the other says, "No, I'm right." The judge in the courtroom says, "I'll be the one to tell you who's right." That judge is the final authority in that courtroom because he settles the disputes.

When the AV says one thing and the NIV says another, which one is right? Well, the scholar, professor, faculty member, or Bible teacher who steps in and says, "I'll tell you which one is right" is setting *himself* up as the final authority because he is set-

ting the dispute. He becomes "God" because he can tell you what God actually said or didn't say. Can't you get that?

Now here is a letter from a Bible believer in Saco, Maine. It illustrates perfectly the typical Alexandrian Cult member.

"Dear Dr. Ruckman, I am compelled to write a note in which I share my joy in being a Bible believer with the AV 1611. Your admirable stewardship of God's word has given me a deeper faith and trust in our Lord and His perfectly preserved word. In a recent discussion with one of the leaders of the New England Baptist Bible College in South Portland [Maine] I was told, 'Ah ha, we do have the word of God IF YOU CAN READ GREEK.'"

Kiss my foot, fella. "We do have the word of God IF you can read Greek." Which means what? Which means you DON'T have the word of God if you *can't* read Greek.

In typical apostate fashion, that staff member at the New England Baptist Bible College did several things in one fell swoop. First, *he eliminated three-quarters of your Bible*. Three-quarters of the Bible wasn't written in Greek; it was written in *Hebrew* (Old Testament). Probably not being too proficient in Hebrew himself, he limited what God wrote to the part he was trained to read. That is, he removed 39 books from your Bible *to reduce you to his level of ignorance*.

Second, he eliminated all 323 plus English versions, along with the AV, from being the word of God; that included all the versions he recommended as "reliable." That means when he gets up in a pulpit and waves

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his English Bible around and says, "This Book doesn't contain the word of God; it is the word of God," that he's lying through his teeth to his congregation. The lousy hypocrite won't tell his congregation what he really believes, and he won't preach to them from what he believes to be "the word of God."

"We do have the word of God if you can read Greek." Which "Greek," professor? There are over 24 different Greek texts. To which one are you referring?

He doesn't say. He doesn't say because he wants you to have to come to *him* to get *his* preference and opinion as to which reading is correct and which translation of a Greek word is correct. *He is "God";* he can tell you what God said because you can't get God's word unless you have been

trained in the Greek language and Greek texts and Greek manuscripts like he has. He follows a "God" like himself, whose opinions and preferences he "prefers."

Now, up until about thirty years ago, the Greek text with which all the apostate Alexandrians would correct your Bible was the Alexandrian Greek text of Westcott and Hort or Nestle-Aland. Then, after being bombarded with the evidence on the corruption found in *Vaticanus*, *Sinaiticus*, and the rest of the Alexandrian manuscripts—as given by David Otis Fuller, Edward Hills, J. J. Ray, and Wilbur Pickering—Thomas Nelson and Sons, along with the help of Jerry Falwell and the professors at Liberty University, decided to change the Bible (AV 1611) based on the *Textus Receptus*, the Greek text on which the *King James* was based.

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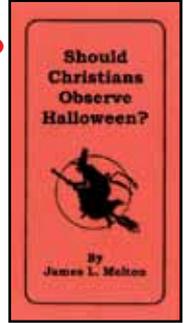
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This is the new approach of the Alexandrian Cult, and it is perfectly illustrated from this piece of correspondence from a born-again, saved, soulwinning, once-married Bible believer up in Alberta, Canada.

"Recently I've been surrounded by so-called Bible believers who are actually *Bible perverters*. I'm getting so tired of all this Greek nonsense. These pastors are tearing down the faith of young Christians." How are these Bible-perverting pastors tearing down the faith of young Christians? This Christian up in Alberta, Canada is about to tell you.

"I referred my sister and her husband to this church thinking they were Bible believers, when all the time they were *Textus-Receptus believers*." There you go; there's Gary Hudson, R. L. Hymers, and Donald Waite. Instead of perverting the Bible with the Alexandrian Greek, they are perverting it with the *Textus Receptus* Greek. Now they're not even "TR"; they say now they are "Majority Text" believers. Typical, apostate Alexandrians: shifting authorities to make you come to *them* as the final authority. In actuality, *they don't believe anything*.

"My husband and I just spent hours

trying to restore their faith in the word of God. Just last week, a good friend attended a church north of us, and the pastor sat her down and showed her all the mistakes in the *King James Bible*. He gave her a book written about you, and it wasn't a good one. They actually have a Bible they say is the *Textus Receptus*, and they study it with *Machen's Greek book*."

There's your Alexandrian—two authorities: a "TR" (they don't tell you which one; there are at least seven of them) and *Machen's Greek book*. I warned you years ago that one day people like Waite, Hudson, Hymers, Sumner, Kutilek, et al., would correct the *AV* with the *Textus Receptus* just like A. T. Robertson, Kenneth Wuest, Stewart Custer, Marshal Neal, et al., corrected it with the Alexandrian text.

Pensacola Christian College is now on the "TR" bandwagon. Back in the '90s, they sent out a video where Dell Johnson and Theodore Letis talked about how God preserved His word through the "TR" but that the *KJV* was not perfect. All PCC did was change from correcting the *AV* with the Alexandrian Greek to correcting it with the "TR" Greek. *They still changed it*.

That is the "new" Alexandrian Cult. It is uniform no matter what text is used to change the Scriptures. They will tell you they believe the Book when they don't; their intent is to correct it with whatever they can get their hands on.

Alexandrians are perfectly predictable. In the end, their authority is not Hort or Nestle or *Machen* or Robertson or the "TR" or the "Majority Text." When all is said and done, the highest authority for the Alexandrians is *themselves*; they are their own "God."

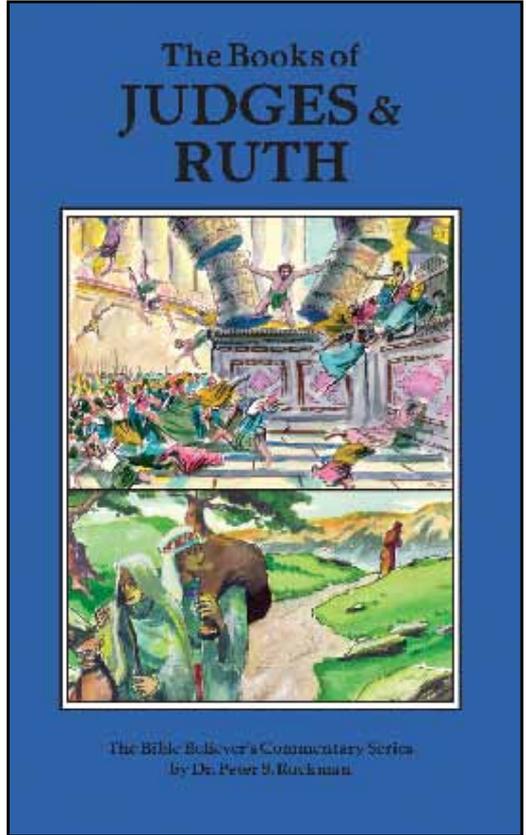
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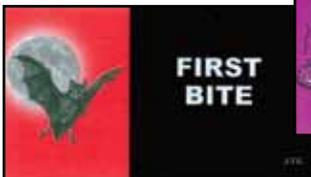
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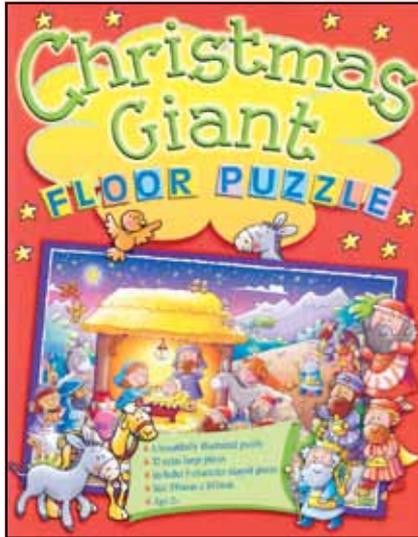
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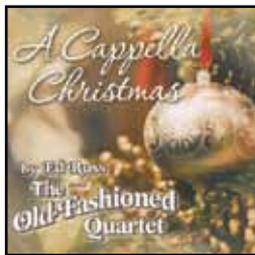
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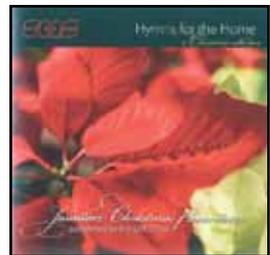
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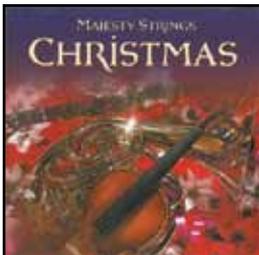
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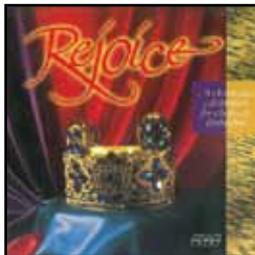
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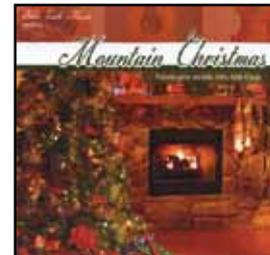
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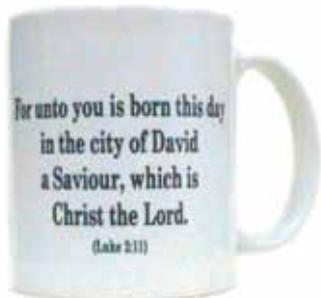
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By Robert Militello

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In 1511, when Martin Luther first saw the papal capital of Rome, he reportedly shouted, “Hail, holy Rome!” That spiritually blind Augustinian monk, Father Martin, was later given grace to see “holy Rome” for what it really was, and is—a spiritual whorehouse.

It has been fifty years, this month, that our beloved “land of the free and home of the brave” welcomed the pompous pimp (AKA “Holy Father”) to “preach” his “gospel” here. Pope Paul VI (Giovanni Battista Enrico Antonio Maria Montini) gifted America with his spiritual poison, given to any nation willing to go to bed with Rome. Vatican venereal disease works slowly at first, but over time it causes blindness. Look at this nation’s spiritual condition today; it proves my point.

I make no apology for the way I write and characterize **“the great whore”** of Revelation 17. If you love God’s word, you ought to have genuine righteous hatred for what God hates.

“Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I HATE EVERY FALSE WAY” (Psa. 119:104).

“Therefore I esteem all thy precepts CONCERNING ALL THINGS TO BE RIGHT; and I HATE EVERY FALSE WAY” (Psa. 119:128).

Are we on the same page, or do you feel it is uncharitable to attack someone’s religion?

“Great peace have they which love thy law: and NOTHING SHALL OFFEND THEM” (Psa. 119:165).

Is this the case with you, or has the fear of man kept you in a spiritual straightjacket since you first noticed the negative aspects of much of God’s word? If you love that which is pure—God’s word—you will **“Abhor that which is evil”** (Rom. 12:9). Sadly, many of God’s people are slow to forgo the worldly mindset that saturates our society.

For example, I am often told that I should see the good in something or someone, and not give in to the tendency to be critical. Doesn’t speaking piously make you feel good about yourself? What it tells me is that those who wish to present themselves that way hardly ever open God’s word.

Your Bible doesn’t just call the Roman church a whore, your Saviour speaks plainly, and His Holy Spirit told the Apostle John to label that institution as **“the great whore”** (Rev. 19:2). Surely **“the great whore”** must have some good in her, right? After all, Hollywood often portrays fallen women as having “hearts of gold.” You know, the kind, understanding, worldly-wise lady who works for an escort service at night; can she really be that bad? Really now, isn’t the pope a man of God representing a faith tradition somewhat different from ours?

Have you ever noticed that folks who enjoy speaking in broadminded gen-

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eralities and pious-sounding platitudes smile a lot? They remind one of the TV preachers fleecing the flock when describing their latest offering, "The Seven Steps to Spiritual Wholeness." If speaking plainly, like John the Baptist and the prophets of old, were made on national TV, Rome would have the FCC take that station off the air.

What you will never hear from a priest of Rome is: **"and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin"** (1 John 1:7). That simple statement of truth puts Rome's religion of fear and uncertainty in the toilet where it belongs.

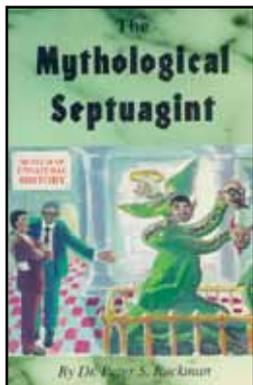
"Whoso boasteth himself of a false gift is like clouds and wind without rain" (Prov. 25:14).

On October 4, 1965, Pope Paul VI stepped onto our soil at JFK airport in New York and said, "The first pope to set foot on your land blesses you with all his heart." Fifty years of the most devilish seduction now climaxes with a Jesuit pope addressing a joint session of the U.S. Congress. Rome no longer conquers through military force. She conquers by peace and, in so doing, has put a once great Protestant nation to bed.

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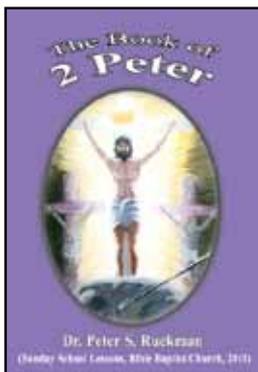
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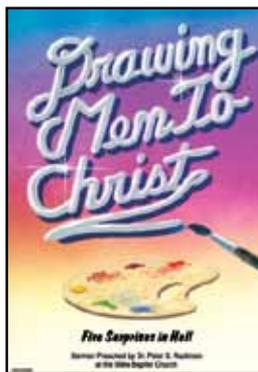
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Pope Paul VI had a whirlwind, fourteen-hour stay in New York City. His visit dominated the news channels. There were lots of clouds and wind in his speeches, but “showers of blessings” can’t come from a man without the Holy Spirit, even one dressed in a religious costume.

Pope Paul VI wore a white, gleaming robe and a red cape lined with gold thread as he got into a limousine taking him to St. Patrick’s Cathedral. There, he bestowed his blessing on New York’s cardinal, Francis Spellman; known as “Cardinal Moneybags” at the Vatican. This was a momentous occasion, and 100 million people watched it on TV. The first pope to leave Italy since 1809 was being seen by over one million New Yorkers as he drove through Manhattan. I was a nineteen-year-old lost Catholic, soaking this all in like a sponge. What a day to be Catholic. Fifty years later, my heart sings praises to God. What a day to be a Christian!

What made Paul VI so bold as to come to America, where knowledge of the word of God would expose him and his church as strangers to salvation by grace alone? The Vatican had brushed aside the concerns of some American Catholics who thought the pope’s visit would ignite historical anti-Catholic feelings. Still, what happened five years earlier seemed to indicate a lessening of Bible influence among America’s Protestant denominations, for in November of 1960, the voters broke a long standing taboo and put a Catholic in as president: John F. Kennedy.

Spiritual winds were blowing in new directions, the seductions of **“the great whore”** were becoming harder to resist. Billy Graham, although a close friend of Vice-President Nixon in 1960, did not endorse him in the presidential election. Senator Kennedy of Massachusetts and Boston’s Cardinal Cushing felt very good about that. Catholicism was no longer a political handicap.

“For a whore is a deep ditch; and a strange woman is a narrow pit. She also lieth in wait as for a prey, and increaseth the transgressors among men” (Prov. 23:27–28).

Mass attendance and religious vocations have been on a downward spiral for over forty years. The one powerful hold that Catholicism had upon the minds of millions of Catholics in the United States has largely vanished. If you were to step into a Catholic church on Sunday morning throughout the large cities of the northeast, you would find a smattering of the old and the very young, with very few who are teenagers or in the twenty to sixty-year-old bracket. This is the major reason behind the U.S. Bishops Conference’s call to legalize the Latin American illegal immigrants.

Ironically, while Catholicism has declined as a religious force, it has grown in political power through the advantageous placement of Catholics in key political positions. Six of the nine Supreme Court Justices are Catholic, and the other three are Jewish. There is not one Protestant Justice representing a Protestant nation. Why?

“The mouth of strange women is a deep pit; he that is abhorred of the LORD shall fall therein” (Prov. 22:14).

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Fifty years ago, Pope Paul VI found President Lyndon Johnson to be a willing accomplice in the Vatican's strategy to maintain a strong Catholic presence in Vietnam. Johnson proved to be more "Catholic" than Kennedy. Lyndon and "Lady Bird" saw their two daughters go on to convert to Catholicism after marrying Catholic men. Catholic influence on foreign policy continued to grow enormously under Clinton, Bush, and Obama.

Some months ago, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the birth certificate of a child born in Jerusalem to American citizens could not list Israel as the nation where the birth took place. The U.S. State Department does not recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. This is a direct violation of the U.S. Embassy Act of 1995, which called for the U.S. embassy in Israel to be moved from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, Israel's proclaimed capital. The will of people expressed by that congressional vote in 1995 meant nothing to the Supreme Court. In the opinion of the Court, only the president has the right to determine U.S. foreign policy, not Congress.

The decision drew strong protests from every major Jewish organization in America. Jews felt badly wounded and betrayed by this refusal to acknowledge Jerusalem as their capital, and who could blame them? After reading over a dozen articles in the Jewish press lamenting the Court's decision, I shook my head in disbelief. Not one Jewish writer or commentator connected the Court's decision with Vatican policy concerning the status of Jerusalem. A Catholic-dominated Supreme Court and a strongly pro-Catholic U.S. State Department will do nothing to prevent the UN and Rome from determining Jerusalem's fate. As we get closer to the day of our departure (Tit. 2:13), the mother of all geopolitical issues will be the status of Jerusalem; namely, who has legal right to it?

"And in that day will I make Jerusalem A BURDENSOME STONE for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it" (Zech. 12:3).

It is crucial that this Jesuit pope thwart the will of the American people and Jews all over the world by promoting the idea that Jerusalem must be "shared" or "internationalized" under UN auspices. Our foreign policy is set in Rome, not in Washington, D.C. This is the fruit long sought after by **"the great whore."** Fifty years of diabolical seduction has reduced our government **"to a piece of bread"** in the hands **"of a whorish woman"** (Prov. 6:26).

The seducing of a nation is a high-stakes game to be played by only the shrewdest of men. This explains why Pope Benedict XVI was "asked" (i.e., *told*) to step aside and make way for a new pope. Jesuits knew how to control Washington, D.C., skillfully using their Georgetown University postgraduate School of Foreign Service to place its people in key positions in the government. With the Palestine-Israel-Jerusalem issue receiving more and more attention, Pope Benedict XVI had to be retired. Had he balked, he would have gone to bed, leaving this physical world by morning, having suffered a "heart attack" while sleeping. The Mafia has nothing on the Jesuits, to be sure!

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“But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief” (1 Thess. 5:4).

Practically speaking, how does the seduction of America by Rome affect my walk with the Lord? First, I rejoice because I see clearly how far spent the night is and how near we are to the great resurrection morning. Living in a day when the end of all things is at hand motivates me to do all I can to “rescue the perishing.”

When the captain of the Titanic was told by the ship’s chief engineer that the giant vessel would sink, he was shocked. Our nation is filled with people ignoring obvious signs of impending catastrophe, hoping we will magically stay afloat. The unsaved have no home in heaven. This world is all they have, and

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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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they are desperate to hold onto it, even if it involves abandoning all rational thinking. America's fifty-year-long love affair with Rome has put it in the path of a giant iceberg, the mass of which lies mostly hidden under water. How quickly we have fallen into Rome's embrace. There is no recovery; God help us.

“And I find more bitter than death the woman, whose heart is snares and nets, and her hands as bands: WHOSO PLEASETH GOD SHALL ESCAPE FROM HER; but the sinner shall be taken by her” (Eccl. 7:26).

Please God and you shall escape the snare. **“But without faith it is impossible to please him”** (Heb. 11:6).

I escaped Rome's net in 1978, when God gave me grace to trust the finished work of Jesus Christ to save my soul. Faith in that work, the blood shed for my sins, replaced faith in the Mass, my Jesuit instructors, and the religious traditions that bound my conscience in superstition and darkness. The bold witness of a Christian, a former Catholic himself, put the fear of God in me. I was told I would go to hell unless I was spiritually born again. Catholics don't hear stuff like that from TV and most radio preachers. Boldness is something about which God's people talk, but exercising it is often another matter.

“And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: But this man, after he had offered ONE SACRIFICE FOR SINS FOR EVER, sat down on the right hand of God” (Heb. 10:11–12).

These were the words the Holy Spirit used to break Rome's power over me. I was cut to the quick, and saw the futility and blasphemy of the Roman Mass. Scales fell from my eyes (cf. Acts 9:18). Romanism now appeared to me as some kind of sophisticated, religious quackery that can only thrive where there is little or no knowledge of the word of God.

How is it that Romanism is so respected among our political leadership? President George W. Bush, a professing born-again Christian, was enthralled by Benedict XVI when he visited the White House in 2008. Jimmy Carter, another professed born-again Christian, thought John Paul II walked on water.

My hatred for Romanism is personal, besides being spiritual. I know some men screaming in hell right now who weren't able to escape the snare of **“the great whore.”** They died believing a “gospel” laced with poison.

“But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, LET HIM BE ACCURSED” (Gal. 1:8).

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