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What is the Breadth, Length, Depth, and Height?

By Brian Donovan

In chapter 3 of his letter to the Ephesians, the Apostle Paul tells them that he bows his knees to the Father in a six-part prayer for the saved (Eph. 3:14–19). This prayer is that Christians would be:

- 1) **"Strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man"** (vs. 16).
- 2) **"That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith"** (vs. 17).
- 3) **"That ye, being rooted and grounded in love"** (vs. 17).
- 4) **"May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height"** (vs. 18).
- 5) **"And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge"** (vs. 19).
- 6) **"That ye might be filled with all the fulness of God"** (vs. 19).

Although there may be ways to divide up this prayer differently than

these, we know for sure that to force together what the Lord has divided, will result in confusion. For instance, just about every commentary on the passage combines verse 18 with verse 19 to make Paul's prayer that Christians would comprehend the breadth, length, depth, and height of the love of Christ. But both the plain division and the English of the *King James Bible* make this interpretation dead wrong. The saint is **"to comprehend . . . what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ."** **"The love of Christ"** in verse 19 and the four dimensions in verse 18 are two completely different subjects.

Yet any preaching and teaching on the passage today will almost always combine what the Lord has separated. For instance, the comment by Reverend Dummelow says, "The four dimensions represent the vastness of the love of Christ towards us" (*The One Volume Bible Commentary*, pg. 963). The note in Bullinger's *Companion Bible* says, "After height read, of love is, i.e., God's love in Christ" (pg. 1765). T. B. Baker tells us it is "the dimensions of this love," while Alexander MacLaren says it is "the

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The Terrible Word

Part Two

By Dr. Peter S. Ruckman

We have been discussing what the Bible says about *sin*. In the Book, sin is defined thusly:

“Sin is the transgression of the law” (1 John 3:4).

“All unrighteousness is sin” (1 John 5:7).

“Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin” (James 4:17).

“Whatsoever is not of faith is sin” (Rom. 14:23).

“The thought of foolishness is sin” (Prov. 24:9).

“An high look, and a proud heart, and the plowing of the wicked, is sin” (Prov. 21:4).

The dictionary defines sin as “a transgression of divine law, or the violation of the accepted moral, religious, or social code.” Sin is a lack of conformity to the character of God, whether by an act or a state of being. It is the hopelessly incurable disease of the soul. It is a *nature*: the fallen state of man without righteousness. *It is the natural condition of every human being.*

The Bible picture of man is contrary to that presented by every major religious and political leader in the world. Man is not basically good but just does bad things based on his environment and circumstance. The Bible picture of man is *totally negative*. Man is *basically evil* (Matt. 7:11, 12:34), as is the sinful world system in which he lives (Gal. 1:4). Lost humanity is busy trying to live, die, and get along *without Christ*; it must continually try to convince itself it is all right *when it is not*.

Now, what will sin do to you, according to the Book? What are its consequences in your life, your soul, and your body?

First, sin will *destroy your conscience*. The human conscience is the witness God has put in every man, woman, and child as to His Law written in their hearts (Rom. 2:15); it convicts you of sin when you commit it (John 8:9). Whenever you sin against your conscience, you *defile* it (Tit. 1:15). You can defile it so much that you *burn it out* to where it is no longer reliable; the Bible talks about having your **“conscience seared with a hot iron”** (1 Tim. 4:2).

You can even get to the point where your conscience turns *evil* (Heb.



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10:22). At that point, you will consider good to be evil and evil to be good (Isa. 5:20). After a while, you will think it's a sin to go to a Baptist revival meeting, but it's perfectly all right to smoke, drink, and gamble in a Catholic bingo parlor.

That is where this nation is right now. It's a sin to read the Bible, pray, or witness in the public schools; but it's perfectly all right to teach the kiddies how to use condoms and about sodomy and bestiality. **"Unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled"** (Tit. 1:15).

Second, sin *deceives you*. The Bible talks about **"the deceitfulness of sin"** (Heb. 3:13). It says the sin nature in man **"is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts"** (Eph. 4:22). Paul said, **"For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me"** (Rom. 7:11).

Sin will lie to you; it will make promises it can't keep. It will deceive you and lead you astray to the point where you cannot get light on a thing when you need it or want it. It is like bait concealing the hook or the snare (Job 18:5–10).

That brings us to our next point: sin will *trap you* and *enslave you*. The wisest man who ever lived told you: **"His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be holden with the cords of his sins"** (Prov. 5:22); and **"In the transgression of an evil man there is a snare"** (Prov. 29:6). Jesus said, **"Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin"** (John 8:34). The old saying is: "Sin will take you farther than you want to go, keep you longer than you want to stay, and cost you more than you want to pay."

Sin *separates you from God*. Isaiah 59:2 says, **"But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear."**

Billy Graham and the Pope (John Paul II) will tell you that Hell is "separation from God." That's a half truth, or more like a quarter truth. You don't have to be in Hell to be separated from God; if you have never been born again, you are *already* separated from God. You were born into this world **"dead in trespasses and sins"** (Eph. 2:1). You are **"by nature"** a child of wrath and a child of disobedience (Eph. 2:2–3). The reason you will go to Hell someday is because you are under the condemnation of sin *right now* (John 3:18, 36). You are **"without God in the world"** (Eph. 2:12).

Next, sin *kills*. Sin entered this world through Adam, and as a result, death did also.

"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned" (Rom. 5:12).

One of the verses used in the "Roman's Road" is Romans 6:23—**"For the wages of sin is death."** That is not just the physical death brought on the human race because of Adam's sin; that is **"the second death"** in the Lake of Fire (Rev. 20:14, 21:8). If you make it to Hell, it will be because you

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worked for it, you *earned* it, and you will be *paid* for it. Somebody said, “Well, we’re all working to get to the same place.” Yeah, and you’re going to make it too, if you’re not careful.

Sin has a natural progression that ends in death. **“Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death”** (James 1:15).

There was a man in the Old Testament who is the perfect illustration of this verse. His name was Achan. Achan was one of the men who conquered Jericho under Joshua. God told the Israelites that when they took Jericho, they were to leave the spoil alone. The gold, silver, brass, and iron were to go into the treasury of the Lord; and everything else was to be burned. The Lord told those Jews if they took anything for themselves from that first city, they would be killed.

Achan ended up taking a wedge of gold, a bag of silver, and a Babylonian garment. When he got caught, he said, **“I saw . . . I coveted [lust] . . . and took them [sin—theft]”** (Josh. 7:21). Achan ended up being stoned for doing what God told him not to do; his sin led to his death—literally.

Sin *deceived* him: it led him to believe he could get away with it without anybody knowing. That wasn’t true; *God knows*.

That Book says, **“Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance”** (Psa. 90:8). God saw Achan’s sin, and God paid him his **“wages”** for committing it.

That brings us to this point: *you won’t get away with sin*. Numbers 32:23 says, **“be sure your sin will find you out.”** How does it **“find you out”**?

Well, it finds you out in your *face*. Don’t tell me; I’ll tell you. I’m a portrait painter; I have painted over a hundred portraits. I can tell you by experience that sin will “find you out” in your face. When a teenage girl has sacrificed her purity on the altar of a young man’s lust, she doesn’t have to tell a man over thirty years old what she has done; you can read her face like a book.

“Sin will find you out” in your *body*. A medical doctor here in Pensacola once told me that he thought about 90% of all the people in hospitals were there because of some kind of sin. I might not put it that high, but I believe you could say that about 75% of them. Of course, not all disease is due to some sin a person commits, but when it comes to things like cancer, high blood pressure, colon problems, heart attacks, headaches, “acid reflux,” etc., a lot of those things are from the abuse of food, drink, or drugs. The average lifespan of a male queer in the United States is 41 years old. Why is that? It’s because of the excesses of his filthy, sinful “lifestyle.” There is many a person in sanitariums and asylums, and on “anti-depressants,” due to sin and the guilt which accompanies it.

“Sin will find you out” in your *character*. Errol Flynn, the Hollywood “playboy,” died at the ripe old age of *fifty*. Before he died, he wrote a book about his life entitled *My Wicked, Wicked Ways*. He was shacking up with an eighteen-year-old girl at the time. Before he died, he wrote her a letter

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which said, "Tonight there are tears in my eyes, and my heart is full of deep abysmal emotions. I want you to be a fine, decent young 'un." How could she be, hanging out with a skunk like him?

His testimony for a successful life as a movie actor was published in *Time* magazine, January 19, 1939. Flynn said, "You can love every instant of living and wish you were dead." He attempted suicide twice.

When he was forty, Flynn had a question mark embroidered on his dinner jackets. Now a Christian could use such a thing as a witnessing tool. If he is asked what it means, he can reply, "Are you saved?" That gives him an "in" to tell the person about Christ. But that's not what Errol Flynn was trying to get across at all with his question mark. When asked what it meant, Flynn would say, "What is life all about?" He never found out. He lived all his life a sinner and died a sinner just like thousands across this earth do every day.

Finally, sin will **"find you out"** at the *judgment*. *Sin* is such a terrible word that you are not done with it at death. The Bible says, **"it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment"** (Heb. 9:27).

Solomon said, **"For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil"** (Eccl. 12:14).

The Apostle Paul "raised the ante" on Solomon when he said, **"In the day when God shall judge the secrets of man by Jesus Christ according to my gospel"** (Rom. 2:16).

Sinner friend, one day you will stand before God in the **"filthy rags"** of your own self-righteousness (Isa. 64:6). You will be stripped naked of any excuse for your sins; you won't hide anything from Him (Heb. 4:13). You will look up at your Judge and discover it is the One who loved you enough to die for you. Jesus said, **"the Father . . . hath committed all judgment unto the Son"** (John 5:22). That's the one who loved you enough to die for your sins.

"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8).

Paul said you would be judged according to his Gospel (Rom. 2:16). Do you know what part of Paul's Gospel is? **"Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures"** (1 Cor. 15:4).

Sin is a terrible word, but of all the terrible sins listed in the word of God, do you know which one will wind you up in Hell? It isn't murder. Moses murdered a man and hid him in the sand, and he went to Heaven. It isn't adultery. David committed adultery with Bathsheba, and he's in Heaven. It isn't blasphemy. Paul was a blasphemer (1 Tim. 1:13), and he's in Heaven (2 Cor. 5:8).

No, if you go to Hell, it won't be for a little sin like murder, adultery, or blasphemy. The sin that will land you in the Lake of Fire is *rejecting God's Son* (John 10:9, 14:6; Acts 4:12 cf. Rev. 20:15; 1 John 5:13). If you turn down **"the gift of God"** which **"is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord"** (Rom. 6:23), you will be classified with thieves, sex perverts, pederasts, liars, kidnappers, adulterers, idolaters, drug addicts, whores, and murderers; and you will suffer the same fate they do (Rev. 21:8, 22:15). And that is why *sin* is such a terrible word: *it will damn your soul for eternity.*

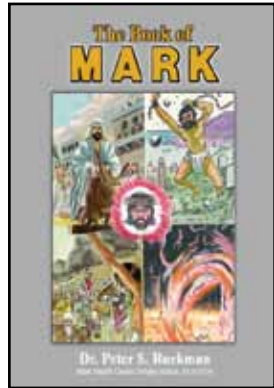
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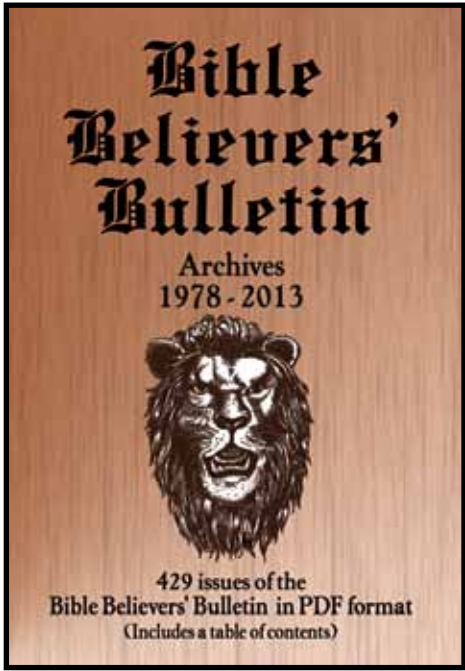
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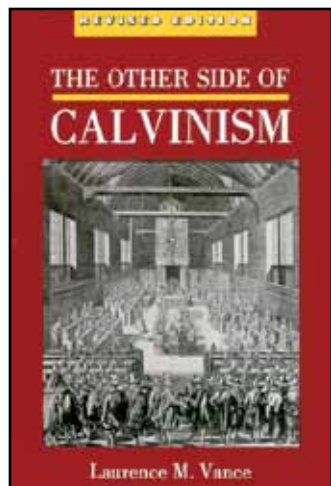
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paradox of love's measure." Charles Haddon Spurgeon teaches it is "the love of Christ" we are to measure. This exposition is repeated over and over. If you really want to "clear things up," go to *The Living Bible*, where the verses read, "may you be able to feel and understand, as all God's children should, how long, how wide, how deep, and how high his love really is."

As a result, at least one part of Paul's prayer for the great majority of the Body of Christ goes unanswered. The comprehension is connected to the saints being able to know the breadth, length, depth, and height. This knowledge allows the saved to locate himself in a physical creation, and that gives him his bearings. This world has been placed in the center of the Lord's universe, and comprehending that position allows the saved sinner to know he is not anywhere near his home as long as he sojourns on this earth. The men and women who lived by faith, mentioned in Hebrews 11, all "**confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth**" (Heb. 11:13). Though these were saints from the Old Testament times (Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, and Sarah), the same description applies to Church Age saints of the New Testament. As Peter says: "**Dearly beloved, I beseech you as STRANGERS AND PILGRIMS, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul**" (1 Pet. 2:11). The comprehension for which Paul prays requires the Christian to simply believe the Bible about the set up of the Lord's physical creation.

One of the greatest hidden truths in the Bible connects an old tabernacle in the desert of Sinai with a pattern of the heavens (Heb. 9:23–24). Moses was told to make sure he followed the pattern the Lord gave him for building both the tabernacle and the vessels and instruments that would go into it (Exod. 25:9). That pattern was so important that when he finished the job, Moses was commended by the Lord no less than eight times in one chapter for doing "**as the LORD commanded Moses**" (Exod. 40:16, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 32). The Levitical priesthood served their duties in that tabernacle as a "**shadow of heavenly things**" (Heb. 8:5) that included the position of hell (the brazen altar with fire) and the great deep (the laver of water for purification). The Lord Jesus Christ went through both of these in His atoning work. His soul was not left in hell (Acts 2:27) but came back from the dead and then had to cross through the great deep of water, which He purified with His blood (Heb. 9:23) before He finally entered into the holy place *not* "**made with hands**" (He. 9:24), "**by his own blood**" (Heb. 9:12). This pattern shows that between the child of God and his home is the breadth, length, depth, and height of a universe that is topped by a "Red Sea" which the Lord will part to get His children home. With this comprehension and spiritual discernment, the saved should be aware of their position while roaming here on this earth as pilgrims and strangers.

Because the majority in the Body of Christ are unaware of these facts, do

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not think this means that Satan is ignorant of them. As a matter of fact, he is so aware, he attacks the whole idea at every juncture, through a Christian seminary education, making sure that preachers are buffoons when it comes to scripture. For instance, the pattern of the physical universe is given in the very first chapter of the whole Bible (Gen. 1). Before the reader can get ten words into it, a satanic attack occurs in verse 1 through the "scholarship" of the great minds that put together the RSV, ASV, NIV, and the rest of the corrupt translations. Every one of them says, "*God created the HEAVENS and the earth*" (Gen. 1:1). The Bible believer knows that the original creation had a singular "**heaven,**" not heavens.

Then, without let up, the devil corrupts the scripture with his "scholars," who, by this time, are not only able to correct the scripture through their knowledge of Hebrew and Greek, but through their training in "**science falsely so called**" (1 Tim. 6:20). They let us know that there never was a destruction and recreation of the earth in Genesis 1, because the word "**replenish**" in Genesis 1:28 does not mean *replenish*. In continuing the attack, Satan makes sure his "scientific preachers" teach that there is no such thing as a huge body of water between the Christian and his home in heaven by making Genesis 1:6–7 merely a reference to cloud vapors in the atmosphere. To top it off and make sure the Christian is left completely in the dark and unable to comprehend the breadth, length,

depth, and height of his position in this pattern, the deceived Bible teachers are sure to let everyone know that the Israelites did not cross the Red Sea before entering the Promised Land, but only a "sea of reeds."

You see, none of this is lost to "**your adversary the devil**" (1 Pet. 5:8). His attacks are so subtle that most Christians do not even see the problem! Who cares if every Bible map put out by every major Bible publisher shows the Jews crossing a marshy ground north of the western arm of the Red Sea? Does it really matter? It does to the devil, and he is relentless and victorious in his deception. Each of the corruptions mentioned in the previous paragraphs was not a digression that had nothing to do with our subject. Every one of them was a direct connection to the prayer of Paul in Ephesians 3. How would you explain that the commentators and preachers all miss it? What is the reason for such universal agreement if it is not a spiritual attack on the scripture?

The pattern of the physical creation is one of a garment with a hole in the top (John 19:23). This explains why the soldiers cast lots to get their hands on Christ's coat. That coat represented the "**vesture**" with which the Lord God Almighty clothed Himself, and that He will one day remove and fold up as a garment (Heb. 1:10–12) when he fully reveals Himself at the Great White Throne Judgment (Rev. 20:11–12).

Above these heavens is a body of water that is topped off with a frozen

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body of water (Job 38:30) as “**a sea of glass**” (Rev. 4:6). In the very midst of the physical universe, the Lord placed a unique world called “**Earth**” (Gen. 1:10). On this Earth, the Lord created plant, animal, and human life. It is not just “one of millions of planets that hurtle through space,” with the possibility of life accidentally germinating on others like ours. The Earth is not even a planet. The word *planet* comes from the Greek word for “wanderer.” The Earth is wandering nowhere, but is a stationary, unique world that looks out in each direction: breadth, length, depth, and height.

No matter which direction man looks out from his position at the center of the creation, everything is equally spaced out around him; including stars, matter, heat, background radiation, etc. The repeated attempts by modern science to deny and disprove this fact continue to come to nought. The most recent satellite projects all return the same information that must be denied back here on Earth because it proves the Bible record. “**Science falsely so called**” wants man to believe that he is on a planet that is of no significance; that it is only one of many millions of planets, each hurtling through space along with its corresponding galaxy, and each revolving around its own mother sun. The scientific proof for these fantastic fables is zippo. All of it was invented to tear the Bible from its correct, supreme scientific position as the only true record of origins.

To wrap it up, the Bible shows man

that he is not an animal, but a special creation of God, with a soul that will live somewhere forever. The Earth, over which he has been given dominion, is also a special creation that is not just one of many planets, but is situated in the middle of God’s universe. It is stationary as His footstool (Isa. 66:1); it is not revolving around the sun with eight other planets, nor is it rotating on its axis. The Earth is the Lord’s footstool, not His foot mas-sager.

These are scientific, Bible facts, disproven by no one, including the “greatest” physics minds, such as Einstein and Hawking. These are facts that all Bible believers once believed, but from which they have now turned and are lined up with “**science falsely so called.**” The teaching of evolution was not possible without first getting man to throw out the Bible record of the pattern of the heavens. This foolishness was foisted on mankind through Copernicus almost 200 years before Darwin. The Bible view of both man and this Earth being unique creations had to be thrown out in order to get man to believe he is an animal.

The head chimpanzee of the Roman Catholic Church, Pope Franny, teaches that “evolution in nature is not inconsistent with the notion of creation,” and that if we are not careful when reading the Genesis creation account, we “run the risk of imagining God was a magician, with a magic wand” (from his remarks before the Pontifical Academy of Sciences, Oct. 2014). This comes

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from a hooded dolly worshiper who thinks he has a magic wand that can change Ripple into the blood of Jesus Christ and a cookie into Christ's body. And you, dear reader, think I am irreverent? You have absolutely no respect for the word of God if you are offended right now. If only the constant attacks on the pure words of God would get you as upset as my language.

The modern science world is obsessed with the Bible and the God of the Bible because they know He is their enemy (Rom. 5:10). On a recent trip to the Science reading section at a Barnes and Noble Bookstore, I found the following titles: *The God Delusion*, *The God Particle*, *Beyond the God Particle*, *God and the New Physics*, *God and the Folly of Faith*, *God and the Atom*, *God, the Failed Hypothesis*, and *God and the Multiverse*. I had to double check to make sure it was the Science section. Every one of those books tries to do away

with Genesis 1 and the God revealed in the very first verse of the Bible.

The correct Bible pattern of the physical heavens makes sense of the Apostle Paul's prayer that we would **"comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height."** It is because the Earth is centered in the Lord's physical creation that these four dimensions go out from that centered position. It is because of that same reason that when man looks out from his unique position in the universe, he sees the sun, moon, and stars moving around him in the sky.

My Father dwells in the third heaven directly north of our position. Between Earth and the third heaven is a huge body of water (height), and to the direct south is another huge body of water (depth). Completely surrounding the Earth from any position to the east (length) or to the west (breadth) are the sides of this finite universe. The prayer of Paul is that you **"comprehend"** this **"with all saints."**

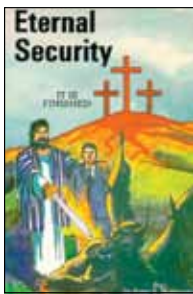


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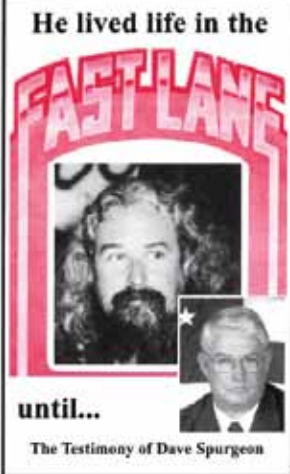


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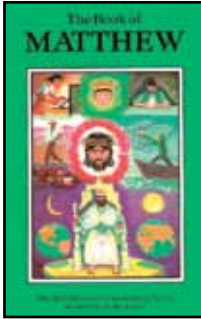
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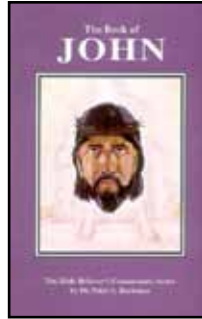
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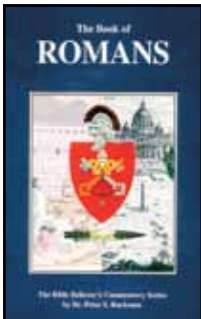
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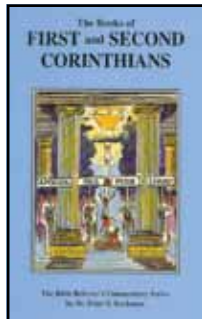
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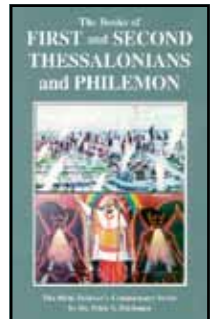
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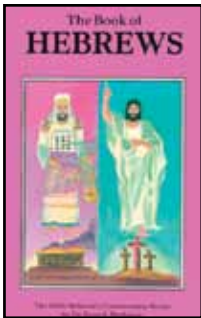
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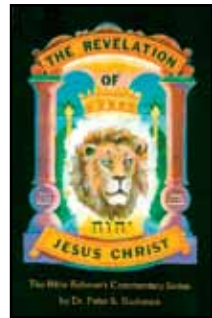
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PEOPLE WHO WOULD NOT LIKE HEAVEN

By Dr. Peter S. Ruckman

If you read the Bible carefully as you should, one of the things you would see would be the tremendous gap between what modern American Christianity professes and what the Book says. You couldn't get across it in an X-15 flying for six hours. Part of that gap is what the Bible says about *Heaven*.

People have all kinds of funny ideas about Heaven. There used to be a song popular back in the fifties and sixties that went: "In Heaven there is no beer. That's why we drink it here." Well, that won't do you any good, because as far as that goes, *there is no beer in Hell either*.

Now according to that Book, there are many things that are missing in Heaven. There is no whiskey there. There's no money, no old age, no rock music, no taxes, and, thank God, NO POPE! Revelation 21:4 says, "**there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain.**" John said there is "**no temple therein**" (Rev. 21:22); neither is there any sun or moon (Rev. 21:23) nor artificial light of any kind because there's "**no night there**" (Rev. 22:5). The Bible says, "**There shall be no more curse**" (Rev. 22:3), which means there won't be any thorns or sweat or pain in childbearing or death or the Devil (Gen. 3:14–19).

Sex perverts parade their filthy lifestyle in public and hold up signs that say, "God loves sex perverts too." (The sign says "gay," but that word is news media "double-speak." They are *sex perverts*, not "gay." *Gay* means "happy," and sex perverts are some of the most bitter, touchy, miserable people you will ever encounter.) But no sex pervert could stand Heaven for two hours. That Bible says, "**And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that DEFILETH, NEITHER WHATSOEVER WORKETH ABOMINATION**" (Rev. 21:27 cf. Lev. 18:22–28).

Now we understand that many times when we speak of Heaven, we are actually speaking of the New Jerusalem. Technically speaking, New Jerusalem is not Heaven; it is a city that comes down "**out of heaven**" (Rev. 21:2). But like Heaven, New Jerusalem is the home of God the Father and God the Son (Rev. 22:1), and the destination of the redeemed child of God (Rev. 22:3). I heard some woman once on James Dobson's program (Focus on the Family) "preaching" for thirty minutes on Heaven to a group of women, and she never once mentioned it was a *city* (Gal. 4:26; Heb. 12:22–23).

Brethren, what you have in America today is a total rejection of the Biblical account of Heaven. It's strange, isn't it, how the Body of Christ has forsaken everything in the Bible they don't understand. They threw out what the Bible said just like the atheists and humanists; they just threw out a different set of things.

There's not a place in Heaven where the "family circle" sits unbroken with grandma still knitting and your favorite coon dog lying by the fireplace. Oh

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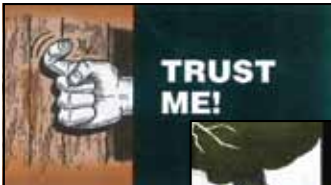
yeah, man, I have heard preachers talk about coon hunting in Heaven and fishing in Heaven. That's kind of a "Grand Old Opry" picture of Heaven, where someone sings hymns like "Peace in the Valley" and then turns around and sings "Cigarettes, Whiskey, and Wild, Wild Women." *That ain't Heaven.*

Now I thought you might be interested in a list of people who would not like Heaven at all if they got there. The first is a *Moslem*. If a Moslem got to the Heaven about which you read in Revelation 4–5 and 21–22, he would be miserable and would want to be somewhere else.

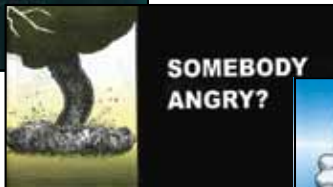
You see, in the *Koran*, when Moslems get to their Heaven ("Paradise"), they don't spend any time praising Allah. *They spend it shacking up with 72 virgins.* In New Jerusalem, there are 144,000 "**virgins**," but they are all *male* (Rev. 14:1–4). All the Moslems who died in "jihads" would have to be *sex perverts* to shack up with 144,000 male virgins.

That's not all. Those 144,000 male virgins are singing and praising *Jesus Christ*. How do you suppose a *Mohammedan* (see Sura 4:80) would react to the "**name which is above every name**" (Phil. 2:9–11) being praised 24 hours a day, and it *not being Mohammed or Allah*. Why, Mohammed was supposed to be Allah's messenger (prophet, apostle, whatever) that told him how to get

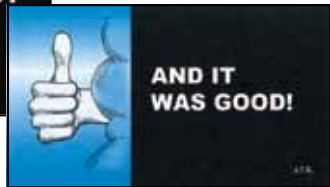
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to Paradise, and when he gets up there, all he hears is: **“Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, AND UNTO THE LAMB for ever and ever”** (Rev. 5:13). Who’s **“the Lamb”**? Well, it sure ain’t Mohammed. That’s **“the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world”** (John 1:29); that’s **“the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world”** (Rev. 13:8); that’s the One who **“died for us” “while we were yet sinners”** (Rom. 5:8). Mohammed taught that Jesus Christ didn’t die on any cross (Sura 23:50 note 1723, 3:54, 5:75 note 724).

Wouldn’t that be a mess? In Heaven, nobody talks about “the god” (the word *Allah* means “the god”) or “the god’s” “prophet” (apostle, messenger, whatever). They are busy **“saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing”** (Rev. 5:12). How in the name of Mohammed’s beard (“peace be on him,” of course, of course) would any Moslem be happy in an environment like that? Why, he’d want to get out quick or *kill everyone there*.

When the Turks were busy killing Christians and Armenians right and left (a million and a half in 1915), one blind Moslem said, “Bring one here where I can kill him and get my reward in Paradise.” What do you suppose someone like that would want to do if he got up to “Paradise” (which is now in *New Jerusalem*—see 2 Cor. 12:4; Rev. 2:7, 22:1–2)?

Do you know what you would find (among other things) if you got up to “Paradise” right now? You would find Jesus Christ preparing to return to the earthly Jerusalem in Palestine to sit down on David’s throne and reign as King over Israel and the entire world. When He does, He’s going to tell every Arab and Moslem in the Middle East where to “head in” or knock him clean out of this world for a thousand years. You can read the passages in Isaiah 60–61; Jeremiah 30–31, 33; Joel 3; Matthew 25; Psalm 2, 68, 110; Zechariah 14; and many other places in the Scriptures. Why, a Moslem couldn’t stand a place like that.

An *unsaved Jew* would have the same problem. The Bible says, **“He came unto his own, and his own received him not”** (John 1:11). Those Christ-rejecting Jews in the Gospels took Jesus and turned Him over to Pontius Pilate to have Him murdered (and that is the right word—see Acts 7:52) because He claimed to be **“the Son of God”** (John 19:7). What do you suppose someone like that would do if he got up to Heaven and found the whole population there falling down at the feet of Jesus Christ and worshiping Him (Rev. 5:8–14)?

Do you think an unsaved Jew would be happy bowing down to a *bastard*? There isn’t a Christ-rejecting Jew on this earth who believes that Jesus Christ was God’s Son or that He was born legitimately (John 8:41). Do you think such a Jew would be happy bowing down to a *blasphemer* (Matt. 9:3, 26:65; John 10:33) and forced to worship an *image* (Jesus Christ is said to be **“the image**

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of God” —2 Cor. 4:4; Col. 1:15; Heb. 1:3).

There are Christians in America who don't even know what's in Heaven. They can't imagine anyone not being in Heaven or not wanting to be there. But we are talking about certain people who would not enjoy the Bible Heaven because of what they would find there that goes against everything they have been taught.

What would a *Campbellite* do in Heaven? He would want to talk about being saved by *water* (by quoting *part* of 1 Pet. 3:21), and in Heaven no one recognizes any water. Peter, James, and John are up there; and they weren't baptized according to Acts 2:38. Martin Luther, John and Charles Wesley, Sam Jones, George Whitefield, and Augustus Toplady (the author of "Rock of Ages") are up there; and they were *sprinkled*. Up in Heaven, they're not concerned with water; they're preoccupied with *the blood of Christ*.

"Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins IN HIS OWN BLOOD" (Rev. 1:5).

"Thou art worthy . . . for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God BY THY BLOOD" (Rev. 5:9).

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baptized in water. Nobody in Heaven gives a flip about water. To whom would the Campbellite talk?

What do you suppose a *Roman Catholic* would do in a Heaven where *nobody recognizes Mary*? I mean, isn't she supposed to be the "Queen of Heaven" (by stealing the passage in Rev. 12:1–2)? Well, what would a Catholic who believes that do when he got up to Heaven and found out that nobody up there gives her the time of day?

The Mary of that Bible died just like any saved sinner before the Rapture does. Her body was buried, and her soul went up to Heaven where it waits for what *any* saved man or woman awaits: the glorified body of a 33-and-a-half-year-old *male* at the Rapture. You'll find that in Philippians 3:20–21; 1 John 3:2; and Romans 8:29. (You probably won't find ten Christians in your town who know anything about what I just said—including the preachers. It's not just lost people living in the darkness and blackness of Biblical illiteracy these days; it's the *saved* people.)

Let me ask you something: how would you recognize Mary in Heaven if you saw her? Nobody would be praising her, and no one would be talking about her. Paul was caught up to the third heaven (2 Cor. 12:2), and he doesn't mention her. John was caught up to the third heaven and was given the details of Heaven and the New Jerusalem, and he doesn't even mention her name anywhere in the book of Revelation.

That woman in Revelation 12 doesn't turn out to be Mary at all; she turns out to be *Israel* (compare Rev. 12:1 with Joseph's dream in Gen. 37:9–10). In Revelation 12, that woman runs off into the wilderness where God feeds her for three-and-a-half years. No one ever chased Mary into the wilderness for three-and-a-half years. What are you talking about, man?! You're talking about Roman Catholicism; you're not talking about the Bible.

No Catholic who believes that rubbish would want to spend fifteen minutes in a Heaven where there was no "Mary" to whom he could pray and call the "Queen of Heaven." He wouldn't know the thirty-three-and-a-half-year-old male that was Mary if he met her. She's not the "Queen of Heaven" and never has been. That Catholic picked the wrong "Queen" (read Jer. 44).

Now those are some people who would not like Heaven, and, of course, you could add to that list. No sinner who rejects God's Son, after what God allowed His Son to go through for that sinner's sins (read Psa. 22; Isa. 53; Rom. 5; Heb. 10), would be able to put up with seeing the Substitute for his sins—the One *whom he rejected*—for eternity. He would always be trying to interject that his own works got him there, when all those works were nothing but "**filthy rags**" (Isa. 64:6).

If you want the *names* of specific individuals who would be miserable in

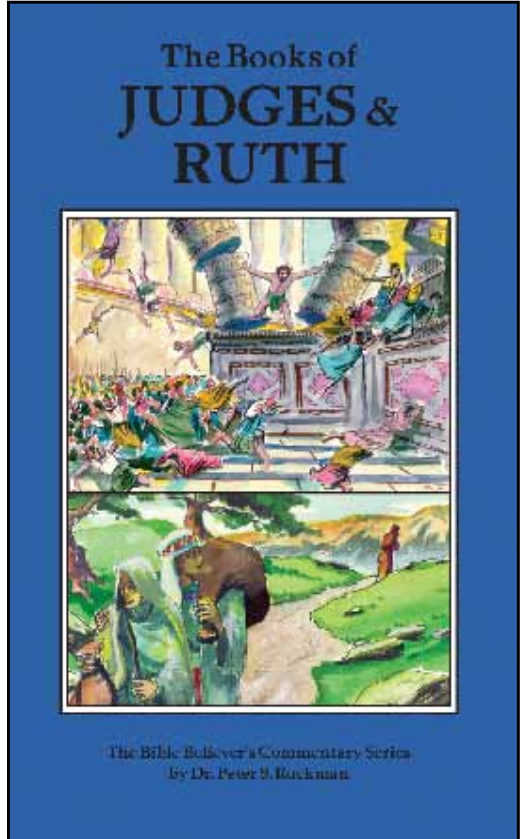
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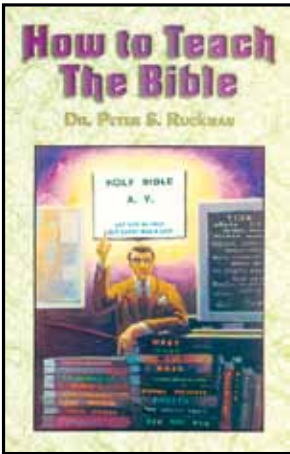
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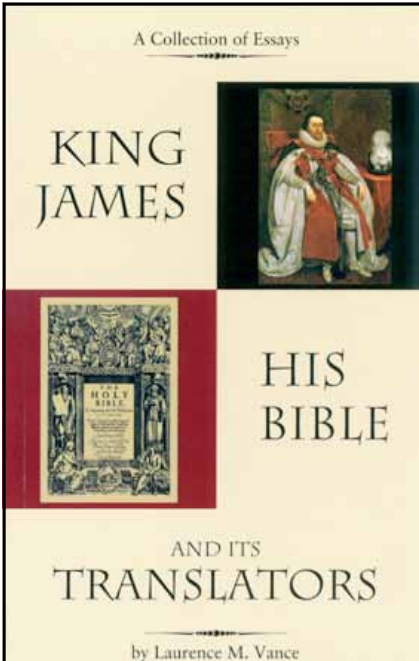
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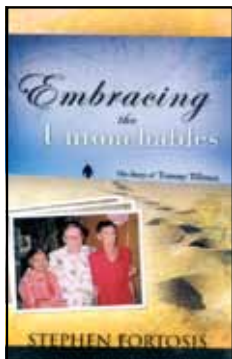


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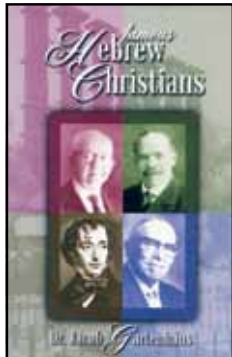
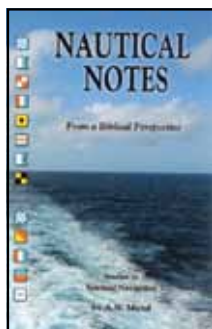
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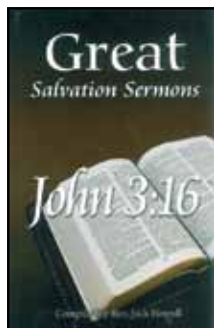
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“And they said every one to his fellow, Come, and let us cast lots, that we may know for whose cause this evil is upon us. So they cast lots, and the lot fell upon Jonah” (Jon. 1:7).

On May 15, 1948, the day after Israel declared its independence, it applied for admittance to the United Nations. The UN admittance committee said no. Israel applied again on December 17 and was refused again. On the third try, admittance was granted, and the new nation took its seat in the General Assembly on November 5, 1949. Israel should never have taken that seat; it didn't belong in that Gentile club.

“ . . . lo, the people shall dwell alone, and SHALL NOT BE RECKONED AMONG THE NATIONS” (Num. 23:9).

World War II ended with such horror and loss of life, that the Allied nations were determined to replace the old League of Nations which failed to preserve the peace. All hope for a stable world order was placed in the UN. With the dawn of the Atomic Age, a mechanism to keep nations from going to war had to be established immediately. “World Peace,” the great desire of unregenerate men (Hag. 2:7), had to be achieved so nations could prosper and men could reach the stars without Jesus Christ. Allowing Israel to join this body and help achieve man's dream was the beginning of the end of that modern-day “Tower of Babel.” **“Jonah”** was now in the boat, and all hell would eventually break loose.

There have been more wars in the seventy-year history of the UN than at any comparable time in human history. Israel's presence in the UN will only bring more storms, and like Jonah, little Israel, asleep spiritually while running from the Lord, will be tossed overboard. In four short chapters, the book of Jonah pictures Israel's path to the Great Tribulation; only the **“great fish”** that swallowed Jonah (Jon. 1:17) will turn out to be Antichrist.

“So they took up Jonah, and cast him forth into the sea: and the sea ceased from her raging” (Jon. 1:15).

In the belly of the beast, Israel (what is left of her) will cry out, and the Lord will cause a remnant to be vomited out. That small, faithful remnant will then do what Israel was created to do: serve as priests.

“And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation” (Exod. 19:6).

Jonah rejected his call to preach to Nineveh, a great Gentile city steeped in darkness and about to be judged. The Jew is to be a light in this world, testifying to the one, true God. Jonah is representative of the Jew running from God's command. This has been Israel's history since before the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob sent Nebuchadnezzar to destroy temple worship and cut off the link to the priesthood and the sacrificial system.

In 1949, Israel secured passage on a boat, sailing with nations that knew not the God of Israel. The men on Jonah's boat had their own gods.

“Then the mariners were afraid, and cried every man unto his god . . .” (Jon. 1:5).

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UN members don't seem to have a problem with Allah or the Pope of Rome or the Dalai Lama, but the God of the Bible; well, He's another story. When it suits the UN to use His word, it does so. The Isaiah Wall at First Avenue and Forty-Third Street, across from the UN, reads:

"They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more" (Isa. 2:4).

In the plaza in front of the Isaiah Wall is "Peace Form One," a stainless steel obelisk fifty feet high, erected in 1980 and dedicated to Ralph Bunche, the first African American to win the Nobel Peace Prize (in 1950). Guess who was the next—Martin Luther King Jr. in 1969 and then Barack Obama in 2009. There's a trinity that did nothing to bring peace to the cities of the United States or the nations of the world.

How eagerly the UN seeks for those who champion peace so they can be honored. You'll never find Jesus Christ on a list of Nobel Peace Prize winners. How could you honor someone who said:

"Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword" (Matt. 10:34)?

Now, here is how the Lord overthrows **"the wisdom of this world"** and turns so-called wise men into fools (1 Cor. 1:20). If the UN knew that allowing Israel into their select club would bring about the annihilation of their assembly, Israel would have never been admitted. Israel is the Lord's snare to bundle and burn the family of nations laboring to bring about peace (Matt. 13:30, 40–42).

"Therefore wait ye upon me, said the LORD, until the day that I rise up to the prey; for my determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy" (Zeph. 3:8).

Is there one diplomat at the UN who believes God and would be willing to fund a "Zephaniah Wall" across from the "Isaiah Wall"? What about the Israeli ambassador sent to New York City by a nation that ignores the Torah and pretends Numbers 23:9 was never written? No greater farce exists on earth today than the United Nations. Now, this month, on the morning of the twenty-fifth, the "Great Imposter" himself, "His Holiness," Francis the First, is scheduled to give a political speech exhorting the various ambassadors and dignitaries to redouble efforts to bring in world peace before nuclear war destroys the planet.

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Lord Jesus” (Rev. 22:20)?

This satanic church of Rome, which turned its back on the Jews of Europe and supported Hitler, will offer itself as peacemaker between Israel and the State of Palestine. Little Israel, spiritually asleep and wanting badly to be like the Gentile nations, will no doubt be seduced by Francis. The Great Whore of Revelation 17 will welcome Israel and Palestine into her bedroom.

“For her house inclineth unto death, and her paths unto the dead. None that go unto her return again, neither take they hold of the paths of life” (Prov. 2:18–19).

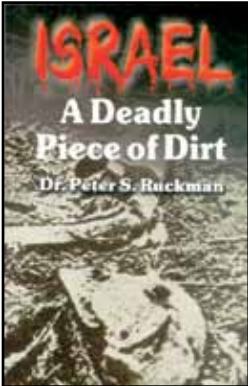
Jonah admitted he was fleeing **“from the presence of the LORD”**—see verse 10, chapter 1. Israel will admit no such thing. Jonah also admitted that the storm threatening the boat he was in came about because of his disobedience. The rebellious prophet offered the Gentile mariners a way out of their dilemma.

“And he said unto them, Take me up, and cast me forth into the sea; so shall the sea be calm unto you; for I know that for my sake this great tempest is upon you” (Jon. 1:12).

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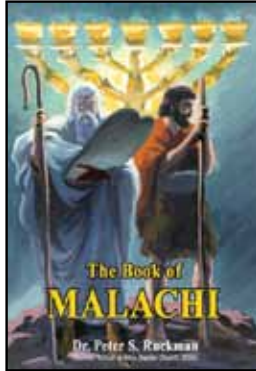
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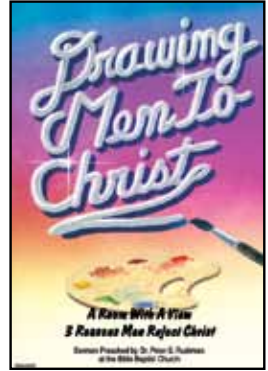
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Israel's unwillingness to get right with God and recognize Jesus as their promised Messiah doomed the work of the UN before the first session commenced in San Francisco in June, 1945. The world cannot get right until the Jew gets right. When the Jew finally gets right, the Gentiles will know the Jew is something very unique, very special.

“Thus saith the LORD of hosts; In those days it shall come to pass, that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you: for we have heard that God is with you” (Zech. 8:23).

What a turnaround that will be, because, right now, the UN believes God is with the man from Rome who is speaking peace and telling everyone that we all are children of God.

Whether Israel will be booted out of the UN before the 42-month Great Tribulation or after it begins is open to conjecture. According to Numbers 23:9, Israel will be thrown overboard by Gentiles seeking to stay afloat and build a world of peace and prosperity without Jesus.

“So they took up Jonah, and cast him forth into the sea: and the sea ceased from her raging” (Jon. 1:15).

Getting rid of Jonah may have calmed the sea for Gentiles in 862 B.C., but it won't work for the UN. The modern “Tower of Babel” must be thoroughly destroyed and its builders trampled under foot by the avenging Jewish Messiah. Then will the world experience the calm it so desperately seeks to manufacture in the meeting rooms of the UN. The Jews must repent, for that is the key to world peace.

“Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord: And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began” (Acts 3:19–21).

If only a “Peter's Wall” with the scriptures above could be placed next to the famous Isaiah Wall. No doubt, New York City's Jews would be up in arms. Riots might break out. Imagine Peter's “successor,” “Francis the Farce,” being asked to expound on Peter's Pentecost sermon. What could Francis possibly say to his UN flock, aghast at Peter's boldness? He could say that Peter unfortunately drank too much Catholic wine while saying Mass on that first Pentecost morning, and thus spoke a vision of his own heart and nothing more. Don't ever underestimate the ability of a Jesuit to slither out from any rock under which he finds himself.

“Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober” (1 Thess. 5:6).

Jonah had a problem with the Gentiles. If they were going to perish, what concern was that to him? The Lord's desire to extend mercy to a notoriously wicked city was a puzzle to Jonah. After all, Gentiles were dogs. Not only that, but if the Assyrians (Nineveh was their capital) were spared, they could later be used to punish backsliding Israel. So why rescue a potential threat to your peace? It is

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1. There is **no final authority** but God.
2. Since God is a Spirit, there is **no final authority** that can be seen, heard, read, felt, or handled.
3. Since all books are material, there is **no book on this earth that is the final and absolute authority** on what is right and what is wrong, what constitutes truth and what constitutes error.
4. There **WAS** a series of writings one time which, **IF** they had all been put into a **BOOK** as soon as they were written the first time, **WOULD HAVE** constituted an infallible and final authority by which to judge truth and error.
5. However, this series of writings was lost, and the God who inspired them was **unable to preserve their content** through Bible-believing Christians at Antioch (Syria), where the first Bible teachers were (Acts 13:1), and where the first missionary trip originated (Acts 13:1-52), and where the word “*Christian*” originated (Acts 11:26).
6. So God chose to **ALMOST** preserve them through Gnostics and philosophers from Alexandria, Egypt, even though God called His Son **OUT** of Egypt (Matthew 2), Jacob **OUT** of Egypt (Genesis 49), Israel **OUT** of Egypt (Exodus 15), and Joseph’s bones **OUT** of Egypt (Exodus 13).
7. So there are two streams of Bibles. The most accurate—though, of course, there is **no final, absolute authority** for determining truth and error; it is a matter of “preference”—are the Egyptian translations from Alexandria, Egypt, which are “almost the originals,” although not quite.
8. The most **inaccurate translations** were those that brought about the German Reformation (Luther, Zwingli, Boehler, Zinzendorf, Spener, et al.) and the worldwide missionary movement of the English-speaking people: the Bible that Sunday, Torrey, Moody, Finney, Spurgeon, Whitefield, Wesley, and Chapman used.
9. But we can “tolerate” these if those who believe in them will “tolerate” US. After all, since there is **NO ABSOLUTE AND FINAL AUTHORITY** that anyone can read, teach, preach, or handle, the whole thing is a matter of “**PREFERENCE**.” You may prefer what you prefer, and we will prefer what we prefer. Let us live in peace, and if we cannot agree on anything or everything, let us all agree on one thing: **THERE IS NO FINAL, ABSOLUTE, WRITTEN AUTHORITY OF GOD ANYWHERE ON THIS EARTH.**

This is the Creed of the Alexandrian Cult.

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not hard to nationalize and justify one's disobedience when one thinks that God's path for him will bring troublesome consequences.

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD" (Isa. 55:8).

Notice also that when a believer refuses the call of God upon his life, he is willing to pay to avoid answering the call: **"and he found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid the fare thereof"** (Jon. 1:3). I remember hearing of a young man who shot his big toe off in order to avoid being drafted and having to fight in Vietnam. Jonah was a Jewish draft dodger whom the Lord later used as a sign of His resurrection (Matt. 12:39–40). There's no book like our Bible, amen?

Observe carefully the three-step progression involved in Jonah's disobedience: run, hide, and sleep. Muhammad Ali, former heavyweight champion boxer, used to taunt his opponents with the phrase: "You can run, but you can't hide." There's no place to hide in a boxing ring, and running in circles leads to early exhaustion. "Taking a dive" is the term used for losing the fight on purpose. Sadly, there are many today among the Lord's blood-bought saints who have "taken a dive." Like Jonah, those saints have preferred sleep to fighting.

Knowing this would be the case with many in the Body of Christ at the end of the Church Age, Jude writes, **"it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints"** (Jude 3).

Every Christian is given a charge by **"the captain of their salvation"** (Heb. 2:10) to fight a **"good fight"** (1 Tim. 6:12), while keeping the faith (2 Tim. 4:7). If the Lord is **"not willing that any should perish"** (2 Pet. 3:9), how do we justify the lack of effort in trying to win the lost? Understandably, there are times when we give in to frustration and quit witnessing. Rescue work can be tedious, especially when those who need to be rescued would rather die in their sins. Jonah's "why-should-I-care" attitude is a cancer in the Body of Christ. It spreads and kills the living tissue near the cancer.

If you keep the right company, it will be difficult to lose your burden for souls. **"Iron sharpeneth iron"** (Prov. 27:17). As to the company you should seek, David has some advice in Psalm 119. Look at verses 63, 74, and 79. When you lose the fear of the Lord, you go to sleep spiritually, and unlike Jonah, the Lord may allow you to sleep on until you are suddenly brought into His presence.

"Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light" (Eph. 5:14).

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