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TURNING POINTS

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If you want to know how the Lord God deals with the nations, then read the Old Testament; if you want to know how the Lord deals with individuals, then read the New Testament. Early in the book of Genesis (chap. 12), we see the Lord picking out Abraham, and through his seed of Isaac (chap. 26) and then Jacob (chap. 27), a people chosen as special among the nations. After 400 years of servitude in Egypt, Moses leads them out, and in Exodus 19, they finally become that special nation. At that point of their history, they become what no nation before or since can claim to be: **“a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation”** (Exod. 19:6). This tied their religious and po-

litical life into one package, with God as their head and His words as their law (Deut. 4:7–8). This rules out any Gentile nation from ever being a **“holy nation,”** for that is impossible without God being the head and His words being the primary law.

The attempts at making the USA a Christian nation at any point in its history is a rejection of the facts. For starters, the country got its start through rebellion (read Rom. 13:1–3): a rebellion with “thirteen” colonies, led by men who, even though they recognized the Creator God of the Bible, rejected personal salvation in His Son Jesus Christ in exchange for a moral code of religion. With the Battle of Lexington and Concord just minutes away, Sam Adams and John Hancock convinced themselves that they were too valuable to take part in the rebellion they instigated and ran for their lives, just as any good Moslem like Bin Laden or Saddam Hussein. Even with the reams of papers left behind by these men in their own hand (Washington, Adams, Jefferson, Hamilton, Franklin, et al.), you are hard pressed to squeeze a testimony of personal salvation from a single one of them. Thank God that they recognized the need for a moral code of conduct for

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STUDENT'S CORNER

Can a Christian be Demon Possessed?

The question under consideration for this Student's Corner is: Can a Christian be demon possessed? Another way of looking at the question is: What can a Christian lose?

The standard answer given by all Charismatics and "Funnymentalists" to the former question is *no*. The verse on which they base this answer is 1 John 4:4.

"Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: BECAUSE GREATER IS HE THAT IS IN YOU, THAN HE THAT IS IN THE WORLD."

The ridiculous reasoning is that in the human body there wouldn't be room enough for the Holy Spirit and unclean spirits. Of course, that is *not* what the verse is saying at all. It is merely a statement of fact. Of course the Holy Spirit in you (1 Cor. 6:19) is greater than the spirit behind **"this present evil world"** (Gal. 1:4; 2 Cor. 4:4; 1 John 5:19); *the Holy Spirit is God* (Gen. 1:2; 1 Cor. 2:10–11, 6:11; Eph. 4:30). That doesn't guarantee He will always have the upper hand in your body. The Apostle to the Gentiles makes it clear that the Devil can control the Christian despite the Holy Spirit living in him.

"Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?" (Rom. 6:16).

The part of the Bible all of these Biblical illiterates failed to read was the part that deals with how Satan operates (Job 1–2). The Devil can only operate on the Christian under the permissive will of God, but in the case of Job, Satan got permission to take everything Job had except his life. If the Lord had let him, the Devil would have taken that too. Hebrews 2:14 says God gave Satan **"the power of death."**

That is something about which no Charismatic knows anything because he's stupid. If **"he that is in you"** is **"greater . . . than he that is the world,"** then how come no Charismatic is able to overcome the Devil and stay alive? I'll tell you why: because your whole body is still rotten and headed for a hole in the ground because it's sinful. Read Romans 6 and 7; you couldn't miss it if you couldn't hit the broad side of a barn with a bunch of bananas.

There are things a Christian can lose to the Devil. I will tell you what you can lose, and I will be very specific in applying it to the Christian—*any* Christian. If that isn't "demon possession," Satan will be satisfied with what he gets.

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In the Bible, Satan can get your assurance of salvation, your testimony, your rewards at the Judgment Seat of Christ, your inheritance in the Millennium, your health, and your life. If you don't think the Devil can get ahold of you, you have "another think coming." He can get your liver, your kidney, your bladder, your eyes, your ears, your nose, your mouth, your lips, your teeth, your tongue, your jaw, your fingers, your toes, your bones, your nervous system, and your circulatory system. All those things are parts of the *flesh*, and in your flesh "**dwelleth no good thing**" (Rom. 7:18). That's why the Holy Spirit that lives in the Christian circumcised him from that flesh when He saved him.

"In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead" (Col. 2:11–12).

That is the passage the late Curtis Hutson called "Ruckman's ramblings." He said, "[Ruckman] talks about spiritual circumcision—*whatever that is.*" *That's your New Birth, stupid.* That's when the Holy Spirit "**begat**" you "**with the word of truth**" (James 1:18) and used that word as a "**twoedged sword**" (Heb. 4:12) to cut you loose from your skin. Romans 7:1–5, ever read it? Most Christians never did, at least not and pay attention to it. Curtis Hutson certainly didn't.

Now I will tell you what the Devil can get, although the Holy Spirit in you is greater than Satan in the world. First, he can get your *assurance of salvation*.

"And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him. For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God" (1 John 3:19–21).

You can doubt your salvation when it's not doubtable. You can doubt it when you shouldn't doubt it. A bad conscience and living like the devil can cause you to doubt it. The Devil can take your assurance of salvation from you to the point where you don't know whether you're saved or not; the way you live can cause you not to have any confidence in the fact that you are saved. The *fact* of your salvation doesn't *assure* you of salvation unless you *believe* what God said about that fact.

"These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God" (1 John 5:13).

You can lose your assurance. I believe that probably 80% of Christian people have doubted their salvation at one time or another. It never affected their salvation a bit.

Second, you can lose your *testimony*. Satan can ruin your testimony just like he ruined Lot's testimony. By the time he got through with Lot, Lot had no testimony left. Was Lot saved? Absolutely. Second Peter 2:7–8 calls Lot

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a “**just**” and “**righteous man.**” Lot lost his testimony to the point that even his own daughters and sons-in-law didn’t believe him (Gen. 19:14). Lot had no testimony; that’s why the Sodomites attacked his house (Gen. 19:9). Who messed up his testimony? *The Devil did.*

A Christian can’t lose his soul. I mean, the Holy Spirit has him “**sealed unto the day of redemption**” (Eph. 4:30). But he can still lose a lot.

For instance, a Christian can lose *his rewards* at the Judgment Seat of Christ. According to 1 Corinthians 3:11–14, as a Christian, you will be rewarded according to your works, and you can lose your reward because of wrong motives. Look at 2 John 8.

“Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.”

The implication of the verse is that some Christians can lose some of their rewards. The same writer says, “**hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown**” (Rev. 3:11). The Devil can get your rewards; he can get your assurance; he can get your testimony. Pretty good “possession,” wouldn’t you say?

That’s not all, though. Satan can get *your joy*. Haven’t you ever read what David wrote in his penitential psalm? “**Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation**” (Psa. 57:12). He lost the joy of his salvation and needed it restored.

The Devil can get permission to take your joy from you, like he did with David. How did he take David’s joy? By getting him to commit adultery and murder, and bringing the judgment of God on him. You can’t rejoice when God is whipping you.

You say, “Satan can’t get a Christian to do those things.” He got David to do them, and David was a man after God’s own heart (1 Sam. 13:14; Acts 13:22). Are you better than David? Do you know where David is right now? He’s up in Heaven; he got there ahead of you! So don’t waste my time; go talk to somebody with no sense. Satan can rob you of your joy.

The Devil can also get your *health*. Paul says “**many**” Christians are “**sickly**” (1 Cor. 11:30); not a few—MANY! Do you know why “**many**” believers are “**sickly**”? Because they thought that just because Christ was in them and was greater than the world that the Devil couldn’t get in them and get them to do something wrong (1 Cor. 11:27–29, 31–32).

Just because Christ in you is greater than the Devil doesn’t mean anything by itself. That just means Christ is greater than Satan. Who didn’t know that? You are supposed to judge your sins and tell God about them (1 John 1:9) and get them covered with the blood. If you don’t, the Devil will mess up your health. If Satan has your health, he “possesses” a pretty good chunk, doesn’t he?

The crazy Charismatics forgot something: they forgot they are still in *Adam’s likeness* bodily.

“The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also

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bear the image of the heavenly” (1 Cor. 15:47, 49).

You don't get **“the heavenly”** until the Rapture. *Right now*, you still have that old **“earthy,”** Adamic nature, and that nature is **“corruptible”** (1 Cor. 15:53) and perishes (2 Cor. 4:16). It perishes even with Christ in it.

The Devil can get permission to work on any part of “old man Adam” (Col. 3:5–9). He did Timothy: he had to take medicine once in a while for his tummy (1 Tim. 5:23). He did Trophimus: Paul had to leave him **“at Miletum sick”** (2 Tim. 4:20). He even did to the Apostle Paul: he was sick most of his ministry (2 Cor. 12:7–9) and had to travel around with a medical doctor (Col. 4:14 cf. 2 Tim. 4:11). If the Devil can get permission to get you sick, you'll get sick; he can take your health from you.

The Devil can also get your *life*. He got the lives of Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:3–10). The passage says Satan filled their hearts just like the Holy Spirit is to fill the believer (Acts 5:3 cf. Eph. 5:18). That resulted in their *deaths*. If that isn't being “possessed of the Devil,” what do you call it? He may not be able to get your soul, but he will settle for *everything else*.

The Devil can take your life. The born-again child of God with the One living in him who is greater than the one living in the world can **“live after the flesh,”** and if he does, he will **“die”** (Rom. 8:13). That Bible says that in your flesh **“dwelleth no good thing”** (Rom. 7:18). That being the case, the Devil has all the room he needs to get in you.

That believer over there in 1 Corinthians 5 who was fornicating with his stepmother was turned over to **“Satan for the destruction of the flesh”** (1 Cor. 5:5). He was *saved*; he wasn't lost. The Apostle John told you, **“There is a sin unto death”** (1 John 5:16). That wasn't written about a lost person; it was written about a **“brother.”**

That shows you the danger of “positive thinking,” like the Charismatics practice and preach in their “health and wealth” and “prosperity” “gospels.” Their whole foundation is rotten, and comes from an abortion of Scripture.

Finally, the Devil can get *your inheritance*. That's what happened to Esau in Hebrews 12:16–17. Twice in your New Testament you read about somebody not inheriting the Kingdom of God (1 Cor. 6:9–10; Gal. 5:19–21); in neither case is Paul talking about someone not making it to Heaven. The subject is *inheriting a kingdom*.

Bob Jones III never did get that straight. He thought the lists given in 1 Corinthians 6 and Galatians 5 were proof that those who committed those sins were lost and going to Hell. There wasn't an unsaved person in either list. Those were **“works of the flesh”** (Gal. 5:19)—the same flesh about which Paul talks in the believer (Rom. 6–8). Old Bobby III said that if you believed the *King James Bible* is the Holy Scriptures, you are causing division among the brethren and are guilty of witchcraft and adultery. You are therefore lost because you couldn't be a Christian and commit those sins. Bob Jones III was full of beans.

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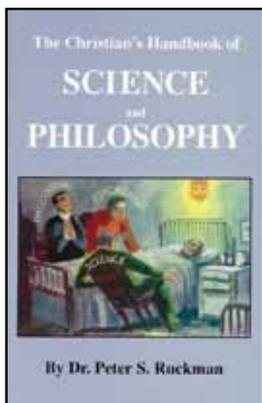
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The sins of the flesh can keep you from getting an inheritance. That is not the inheritance of the New Jerusalem that's reserved for you when you get saved (1 Pet. 1:4). That's an inheritance in Christ's Millennial kingdom (2 Tim. 2:12). You are like the **"wicked servant"** of Luke 19:22 who lost a reign because he didn't do anything with the pound his master gave him.

Those are the things a Christian can lose, and he loses them to the Devil. If a Christian can't be "demon possessed," I'll tell you what the Devil can "possess" from the Christian. He can take away the Christian's assurance of salvation and cause him to doubt his salvation. He can mess up a Christian's testimony. He can steal a Christian's joy. He can cause a Christian to lose rewards at the Judgment Seat of Christ. He can get permission from God to take away a Christian's health or even his life. And he can cause a Christian to lose his inheritance in Christ's Millennial kingdom. If that ain't "possession," sonny, it sure is a whopping big power of his to control your life and prevent you from serving your Lord during your earthly sojourn.

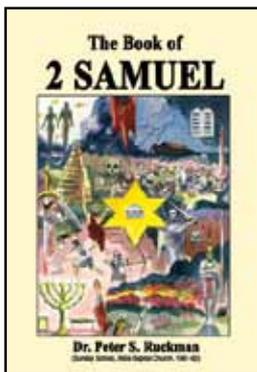
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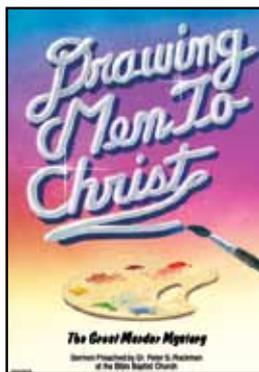
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liberty to work in this country, and thank God they acknowledged the Creator God of the Bible, but to equate that with New Testament salvation is heresy.

I have read where the children of the Revolutionary War chaplain named John Gano said he baptized Washington as an adult. A great grandson of Gano also repeats the story in 1899. There is no personal testimony in any of Washington's volumes of letters and correspondence of the baptism, let alone of his personal salvation. If your only testimony of conversion to Christ comes from someone speaking about your water baptism fifty to one hundred years later, you have a problem.

Our second president, John Adams, had to deal with some North African Moslem killers who were capturing Americans and selling them into slavery if ransom demands of up to one million dollars were not met. A Connecticut politician named Joel Barlow drafted a peace treaty with the Moslems called the Treaty of Tripoli in 1796. President Adams signed it and presented it to Congress for passage in 1797. Article 11 of the treaty stated, "As the government of the United States of America is not, in any sense, founded on the Christian religion . . . 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." In other words, Adams was publicly making sure that everyone, especially Moslems, knew that they were not dealing with men willing to stand up for Jesus Christ and the Christian faith. This was not even 25 years into our country's history!

Our third president, founding father Thomas Jefferson, took over in 1802 to find that these "peaceful Moslems" were continuing to hijack American vessels on the high seas and were being paid to the tune of over one million bucks a year. This was at a time when a million bucks was a lot of money (about one sixth of the total American budget). When Tommy went to London with Adams to meet with the Moslem ambassador from Tripoli and put an end to this nonsense, they were told that their *Koran* taught them that it was okay to plunder, kidnap, and enslave every non-believer, with a promise of Paradise to those who died in this war. Rather than continue these payments, Jefferson waged war against the Moslem Berbers of Tripoli. But this was the American president who was sure to let everyone know publicly what his thoughts regarding Jesus Christ were. Tommy said that Christ was not God, was not virgin born, was unable to perform a single miracle, and could not rise from the dead. On top of that, his opinion of the book of Revelation was that it was "the ravings of a maniac, no more worthy or capable of explanation than the incoherence of our own nightly dreams." So much for the founding of a Christian nation. We won't even speak of big Ben Franklin and his satanic buddies.

It should be obvious to every Bible-believing reader that there cannot be any such thing as a Christian nation. The Lord deals with individuals in the New Testament, and He forces no one to accept Him as Lord, King, or Saviour. Every sinner can choose to receive or reject the Lord Jesus Christ, and it is not until the judgment that he will be forced to acknowledge Him on bended

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knee. Politicians cannot do their jobs and live as disciples of Jesus Christ at the same time; they must choose one or the other. They must compromise the Bible to pass laws and win votes. Consider the following two quotations, one by Adolf Hitler and the other by George Washington: "Almighty God we make our earnest prayer . . . that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government"; and the second quote, "That strength the Almighty has given us to use . . . the others in the past have not had the blessings of the Almighty . . . Lord God let us never hesitate to play the coward." You probably cannot even guess which one is George's and which one is Adolf's.

Here we are, some 200 years after Jefferson, Washington, and Adams, with a current president who says, "I consider it part of my responsibility as president of the USA to fight against negative stereotypes of Islam wherever they appear . . . We have done more in the two-and-one-half years that I have been here, than the previous 43 presidents to uphold a principle . . . making sure that gay and Lesbian partners can visit each other in hospitals . . . making sure federal benefits can be provided to same sex couples." "God bless America, land that I love"? Take America back; vote Republican?

Do you know how God deals with nations? America is just one more "**drop of a bucket**" (Isa. 40:15), along with 191 other Gentile nations; and "**The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God**" (Psa. 9:17). Americans are so proud that they continue to view the Bible as if it is an American Book. Many American Christians believe they have a right to freedom, bearing arms, and the pursuit of happiness. If you are saved, you have the right to suffer for Christ and die for Him; that is about it (Phil. 1:29).

In spite of Israel's great beginning, they came to a turning point. One of the most important chapters in all of the Old Testament is found in 1 Samuel 8. It marks the turning point for the nation when they corporately rejected God as their King. Samuel the prophet became old, and Israel asked him to give them a king, just like all the other nations. But Israel was never to be like the other nations; she was to be "**a peculiar treasure**" (Exod. 19:5) to the Lord. But they rejected God the Father at this point, and it changed their whole history. Much later, they would reject God the Son (John 19:15), and then finally, God the Holy Spirit (Acts 7:51). The major and most important time for the nation of Israel is how they respond to God and His Book. The desire for conformity to be like everyone else overshadowed their calling to be different. The Lord told Samuel that the people did not reject Samuel as their prophet, but God as their King (1 Sam. 8:7).

Yet the Lord tells Samuel to hearken to their voice, showing something important about the nature of God. If you are not careful, He will give you what you ask for. Some Christians think that if God did not want them having something or doing something, He would stop them. But the Bible reveals a different God. He claims to be ready to deceive a people and their leaders if they have an idol

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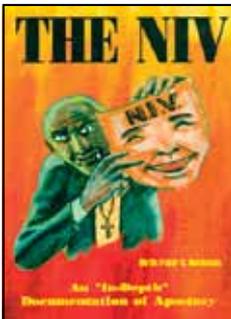
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in their heart ahead of the will of God (Ezek. 14:1–11). A nation may choose its own way, in spite of what the Lord has already revealed, but not without warning. In 1 Samuel 8:9, the Lord tells Samuel to protest and show them what their wrong choice would cost them, knowing that they would not listen anyway. That is a great verse for a reason to preach on the street. Some pastors will say, "Well, street preaching does not help build the church." There are lot of things in the Christian life that will not bring folks in, but that isn't why you should be doing them. Samuel is told to let them know the truth, and the fact that they will not listen has no bearing on whether it should be done or not.

Right now in the USA, the Lord wants some men to go into the streets and tell people what they do not want to hear. The Lord God of the Bible is not trying to "win America back"; He is interested in saving individual souls. The Lord never was the King of this country. Granted, the USA has degenerated a long way from where she was morally in 1776 and, as a result, has the anger of a righteous God on her head. The Lord is finished with this country, and all that is left is some protesting and prayer that some individuals will come out of her. There will be no crusades to correct national sins. There is no America to "win back," unless it is the Deist, political America of Adams, Jefferson, and Franklin; unless it is the America that refuses the Bible, the Ten Commandments, and the Saviour, Jesus Christ; unless it is the America that is afraid to offend some Christ-hating Moslems. The Lord is speaking personally to the few individuals who may want the truth. You do not have to go to Hell with this wicked country. Based on response to the word of God, Israel experienced a turning point in her history. Right now, as an individual lost sinner, you can experience a turning point in your history by receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour. Right now, as an individual saved sinner, you can experience a turning point in your life by obeying the scriptures. Your response is critical. The Lord will often give you what you want.

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By Dr. Peter S. Ruckman (Part One of Two)

Many years ago, now, I debated a Catholic lawyer out in California named Karl Keating. For years the Catholic Church had been losing members due to the efforts of soulwinners exposing the false doctrines of Romanism. This was done despite the efforts of the Catholic Priests, the Conference of Catholic Bishops, and the Knights of Columbus. Keating stepped forward as a sort of “St. George” (or Sir Galahad or Sir Lancelot) to slay the dragon of “Fundamentalism.” He started an organization called “Catholic Answers” to provide “apologetics” to Roman Catholics so they would take what their church said *over the Scriptures*.

In his “tracts” (now published “online”) and his work *Catholicism and Fundamentalism* (in which he attacked Bible believers and accused them of being *ignorant, rash, unlearned, rude, tactless, and deceived liars*—see his chapter on “Salvation”), Keating’s basic thesis is that no one but a Catholic *understands* Catholicism, no one but a Catholic can *criticize* Catholicism intelligently, and no one but a Catholic can *explain* Catholicism. The strong suit with Catholic apologists has always been being “misunderstood.” No religion on the face of this earth has been more “misunderstood” than Roman Catholicism, if we are to believe people like the Roman Catholic lawyer Karl Keating. Nowhere is this “misunderstanding” better illustrated than the doctrine of Papal Infallibility. According to Keating, no one but a Catholic can present the Catholic position on Papal Infallibility.

Fortunately, we have much more historical sources in dealing with an “infallible” Pope. The first is the Scriptures themselves, which Keating, as all heretics, has to *add to, subtract from, or take out of context* to make them say what he wants them to say. Keating gives three passages as “proof” of “the infallibility of the Pope.”

The first is Matthew 16:17–19, the famous passage on “**upon this rock I will build my church.**” Of course, Keating not only ignores the infallible statements by his “first Pope” and the Apostle to the Gentiles, who actually wrote to the Roman church, as to the identity of that “**rock**” (1 Pet. 2:6–8; 1 Cor. 10:4), he also ignores the *context* of his “prooftext.” Just five verses down from “**upon this rock,**” Jesus Christ calls the first “infallible Pope” “**Satan**” (Matt. 16:23). How’s that for being “infallible in all matters of faith and morals”?

The second passage where “the doctrine of infallibility is implicit” is John 21:15–17, where Christ commanded Peter to “**Feed my sheep.**” Aside from the fact that the word *infallible* appears nowhere in the passage is the fact that the command was to *every* elder (Acts 20:28 cf. 1 Pet. 5:2), and that Peter counted himself as only “**an elder**” among other “**elders**” (1 Pet. 5:1); *never* a “Bishop of Bishops.” If “infallibility is implicit” in the command of John 21:15–17, then *every pastor of a New Testament church is infallible*, not just some wino over in Rome.

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Keating's third "prooftext" for papal infallibility is Luke 22:32, where Jesus said, "I have prayed for thee that thy faith fail not." Why, that prayer wasn't just for Simon Peter; it extended to every apostle in the room (John 17:9), and to every born-again believer (John 17:20). That's the intercessory work of Jesus Christ for every Christian (Rom. 8:26–27, 3:1; Heb. 7:25; 1 Pet. 1:5; 1 John 2:1–2), not just some "infallible Pope."

When it came to infallibly interpreting *the Scripture* or *doctrine* (2 Tim. 3:16), the Catholic Church and the Pope never could get it right. The only infallible interpreter of Scripture is *God Almighty Himself* (2 Pet. 1:20–21; Luke 24:25; Gen. 40:8; Dan. 2:27–28, 5:12–14). Far from implying "papal infallibility," the Scriptures promise the Holy Spirit reveals His infallible truth (John 16:13, 17:17) to those who search the Scriptures (John 5:39; Acts 17:11), believing and receiving them as God's word (1 Thess. 2:13), and rightly dividing them (2 Tim. 2:15), as Scripture is compared with Scripture (1 Cor. 2:13). An infallible Pope speaking "*ex cathedra*" and an infallible church with "supreme teaching magisterium" have nothing to do with it.

The "infallible Pope" with his "infallible church" completely *missed* the following infallible teachings of the "first Pope":

1. The *Scriptures* are the final authority (1 Pet. 1:23–25, 2:2; 2 Pet. 1:19–21, 3:16); not any "tradition," church, or Pope.

2. *Every saved person* is a priest (1 Pet. 2:5–10), not a bunch of black-robed bachelors.

3. *Jesus Christ* is the "Rock" on which the Church is built (1 Pet. 2:4–7), not Simon Peter.

4. *Jesus Christ* is the Bishop over all other bishops (1 Pet. 5:4), not some egomaniac over in Rome who usurps the title of God the Father (John 17:11—"Holy Father"), the position of God the Son (the "Vicar of Christ"—see 2 Cor. 5:20), and the job of the Holy Ghost (speaking "*excathedra*" on "doctrine"—see 2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:20–21). All Archbishops, Cardinals, and Popes claim ranks higher than the Lord Jesus Christ; completely contradicting the infallible teaching of the "first Pope" (1 Pet. 2:25).

5. *Salvation is by grace through faith apart from water baptism and communion* (Acts 15:11).

If Peter were a Pope, he certainly was not like Pius XI, Pius XII, John XXIII, Paul VI, John Paul II, Benedict XVI, or "Francis." He wasn't concerned with *geo-politics*. Peter was concerned with *the preaching of the Gospel* (1 Pet. 1:25, 4:17) and *the return of the Lord Jesus Christ* (1 Pet. 1:3–7, 4:13, 5:1–4; 2 Pet. 1:16–18, 3:3, 10–14). No Pope ever told any sinner how to be saved apart from Roman Catholic water baptism and the Roman Catholic Mass, and *Popes don't look for the return of Jesus Christ*. In something like 104 papal trips to 129 countries, John Paul II never opened his yap about it; *neither have Benedict XVI or "Francis."*

If you want to see how "infallible" Rome can be, get a book by a Campbellite elder from Winfield, Alabama, named O. C. Lambert. Way back in 1956,

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Lambert published a two-volume work entitled *Catholicism Against Itself*. Lambert's work destroys the idea of papal infallibility or supreme majisterium.

You see, Lambert picked up 57 of Rome's most official, important publications, all written by Catholic authors and all bearing the imprimatur of the Bishop and declared to be "*nihil obstat*" (nothing objectionable to Catholic teaching). Using Rome's own official publications, Lambert proved "beyond the reasonable shadow of a doubt" that there are two sides to every issue, and *Rome takes both sides*.

Rome will take either side of an issue—officially—as long as *she comes out on the winning side*. She can then claim to be the Church Christ founded because "the gates of Hell aren't prevailing against her." All she is doing is "testing the winds" and "going with the flow" by accommodating herself to the prevailing opinion at the time. You never saw a greater *politician* than a *Roman Catholic Pope*; Clinton, Bush, and Obama can't even compete.

Any Catholic Pope or Bishop can prove anything he wants to prove by finding *somewhere* in official Roman Catholic literature some statement, "decree," or belief that justifies what he wants to prove at any particular moment, in any particular circumstance. That is exactly how a Catholic apologist like Karl Keating operates.

The "Biblical standards" of Rome's theological "profession of faith" are nothing but *humanistic pragmatism* and *political expediency*. If one Catholic source won't say or prove what you want, just pick up another. Switch au-

thorities just as fast as you can shuffle the deck. Use ten different standards for determining "facts" and the "truth" if necessary, and then pull out the one that supports the lie you are trying to get across. That is how all Catholic Popes, Priests, Bishops, Archbishops, Cardinals, "Knights of Columbus," and Catholic apologists operate—just like that. They are all *practical atheists*. That is "papal infallibility" and "supreme magisterium" in action.

In our next article, we will pick up the historic evidence on how the Pope became infallible that Karl Keating and the Knights of Columbus won't touch.

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Sharia for dummies

Imam Feisal Abdel Rauf claims that Islamic Sharia Law is compatible with the US Constitution. Let us examine a few actual Sharia laws to see how well that claim stands up under scrutiny:

1. It is obligatory for a Muslim to lie if the purpose is obligatory. That means, a Muslim is obliged to lie if it is for the purpose of fulfilling Allah's commandments such as jihad. No guilt or shame should be associated with this kind of lying, which has become an instinctive defensive mechanism among most Muslims to protect Islam.

2. Jihad defined as "to war against non-Muslims to establish the religion" is the duty of every Muslim and Muslim head of state (Caliph). Muslim Caliphs who refuse jihad are in violation of Sharia and unfit to rule.

3. A Caliph can hold office through seizure of power, meaning through force.

4. A Caliph is exempt from being charged with serious crimes such as murder, adultery, robbery, theft, drinking, and, in some cases, of rape.

5. A percentage of Zakat (alms) must go towards jihad.

6. It is obligatory to obey the commands of the Caliph, even if he is unjust.

7. A Caliph must be a Muslim, a non-slave, and a male.

8. The Muslim public must remove the Caliph if he rejects Islam.

9. A Muslim who leaves Islam must be killed immediately.

10. A Muslim will be forgiven for murder of: 1) an apostate 2) an adulterer 3) a highway robber, thus making vigilante street justice and honor killing acceptable.

11. A Muslim will not get the death penalty if he kills a non-Muslim but will get it for killing a Muslim.

12. Blasphemy of Islam, Muslims, Sharia, Quran, or Hadith is punishable by fines, imprisonment, flogging, amputation, or beheading. Use of derogatory remarks about Mohammed is punished with death.

13. Sharia never abolished slavery or sexual slavery and highly regulates it. A master will not be punished for killing his slave.

14. Sharia dictates death by stoning, beheading, amputation of limbs, and flogging even for crimes of sin such as adultery.

15. Non-Muslims are not equal to Muslims under the law. They are given three choices: convert, live as debased third-class citizens, or be killed.

16. Non-Muslims are to comply to Islamic law if they are to remain safe. They are forbidden to marry Muslim women, publicly display wine or pork, recite their scriptures, or openly celebrate their religious holidays or funerals. They are forbidden from building new churches or building them higher than mosques. They may not enter a mosque without permission. A non-Muslim is no longer protected if he leads a Muslim away from Islam.

17. Non-Muslims cannot curse a Muslim, say anything derogatory about Allah, the Prophet, or Islam, or expose the weak points of Muslims. But there

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is no law prohibiting Muslims from cursing non-Muslims.

18. A non-Muslim cannot inherit from a Muslim. It is a crime for a non-Muslim to sell weapons to someone who will use them against Muslims.

19. Banks must be Sharia compliant, and interest is not allowed.

20. No testimony in court is acceptable from people of low-level jobs, such as street sweepers or bathhouse attendants. Women in low-level jobs, such as professional funeral mourners, cannot keep custody of their children in case of divorce.

21. A non-Muslim cannot rule even over a non-Muslims minority.

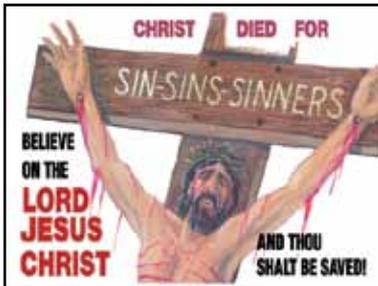
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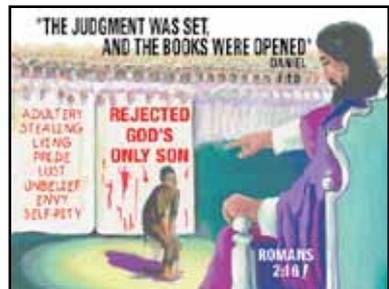
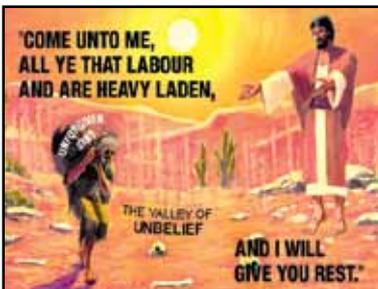
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23. There is no age limit for marriage of girls. The marriage contract can take place anytime after birth and consummated at age eight or nine.

24. Rebelliousness on the part of the wife nullifies the husband's obligation to support her and gives him permission to beat her and keep her from leaving the home.

25. Divorce is only in the hands of the husband and is as easy as saying "I divorce you," and it becomes effective even if the husband did not intend it.

26. There is no community property between husband and wife, and the husband's property does not automatically go to the wife after his death.

27. A woman inherits half what a man inherits.

28. A man has the right to have up to four wives, and she has no right to divorce him even if he is polygamous.

29. Marriage is a buyer/seller contract where by the dowry is given in exchange for the woman's sexual organs.

30. A man is allowed to have sex with slave women and women captured in battle, and if the enslaved woman is married, her marriage is annulled.

31. The testimony of a woman in court is half the value of a man.

32. A woman loses custody if she remarries.

33. To prove rape, a woman must have four male witnesses.

34. A rapist may only be required to pay the bride-money (dowry) without marrying the rape victim.

35. A Muslim woman must cover every inch of her body which is considered "awrah," a sexual organ. Not all Sharia schools allow the face of a woman to be exposed.

36. A Muslim man is forgiven if he kills his wife at the time she is caught in the act of adultery. However, the opposite is not true for women since he "could be married to the woman he was caught with."

37. There is no retribution for one who slays his offspring. Even though Islam abolished killing infant girls, this law, even though mostly unused, is significant in supporting honor killing of daughters.

38. Sharia severely punishes free speech when it comes to any criticism of Mohammed, the Quran, Hadith, and Sharia itself. Free speech is unprotected in the Islamic State.

All of the above deprives people of freedom of speech, freedom of conscience, equality of all people before the law, and equality of the rights of women with men. The above points are all well-established Sharia laws in Islam, decided by great Imams through years of examination and interpretation of the Quran, Hadith, and Mohammed's life. Will the learned Imam Rauf please tell us what part of the above is compatible with the US Constitution?

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The Replacing of the Constitution

Now that the American people have traded their *European* culture for an *African* culture, the new problem they face is the installation of *African laws*. The largest religion in Africa is *Islam*; and as anyone knows, Islam is not only a religion, it is a *political system* as well. Mohammed was not just a “prophet,” he was a *military dictator*. Up until the dissolution of the Ottoman Empire, Moslems had rulers (*Caliphs*) who were *both religious and political leaders*.

The system of laws practiced in whole or part in Moslem countries is called “Sharia.” It is based on the *Koran* and the “Sunna” (the life and sayings of Mohammed as found in the *Hadith* and the “Sira,” Mohammed’s biography). No country or State controlled by “Sharia” is anywhere near a *democracy* or a *free republic*.

Sharia is a collection of *religious laws*, enforced by Imams (Islamic teachers) and Ulamas (Islamic lawyers conversant in the *Koran* and the *Hadith*). The Bible refers to such a system as Nicolaitanism (Rev. 2:6, 15); it is the rule of the *clergy over the laity* (the common man). Like the Dark-Age Roman Catholic Church, Sharia is implemented by “clergy” who control all judges, legislatures, and law enforcement. Islam is a Dark-Age “church” which is *100% political*. *Sharia is evasive of every facet of human life*.

The accepted, standard code of Sharia is given in a work from the Fourteenth Century (we weren’t kidding or “overstating” anything when we said Islam is a *Dark-Age* system) entitled *Reliance of the Traveler* (referred from here on as *ROTT*). What I am about to give you was translated by “Sheik” Nuh Ha Mim Keller, an American Moslem scholar, in 1991. He “edited” it to make some of the more outlandish and despicable “rulings” (like *mandatory female circumcision*) “palatable” to thin-skinned Western liberals who talk about Mohammedanism (see Sura 4:80 in the *Koran*) being a “religion of peace.” Here is how Sharia regulates every aspect in the lives of “the Prophet’s” disciples.

1. In a child custody settlement, no non-Moslem (what the *Koran* calls “*kafir*,” unbelievers who are to be despised by true Moslems) has any right to authority over a child born to a Moslem parent (*ROTT*—m 13.2,c). That means that when a Moslem man comes over here and marries a non-Moslem woman, who then bears his child, if he returns to his native country (which many of them do in such cases), that mother has no right to her child at all.

2. There is no punishment or retaliation *if a Moslem kills a Christian or a Jew* (*ROTT*—o1.2, 2).

3. “Jihad means to WAR against non-Muslims” for the purpose of establishing the Islamic religion (*ROTT*—o9.0). Did you get that? We’re not talking about what some Moslem on TV or National Public Radio says about an “inner struggle” so he can dupe a bunch of stupid Americans. According to the most authoritative source on Islamic law, “jihad” is *armed warfare*, and it is *obligatory* (absolutely required) of every Moslem (*ROTT*—o9.1). That is, it is the *duty* of every good Moslem to *take up arms* and fight—or financially support those who do—Christians, Jews, atheists, Hindus, Buddhists, and *anyone who is not a Moslem* until those people either convert to Islam or, in the case of Christians

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and Jews, live as third-class citizens (lower than women in Moslem society) in a state of *subjugation* and *humiliation* (ROTT—o9.8; the Koranic reference here is Sura 9:29).

4. No Christian can witness to a Moslem; no Christian can carry or quote his Bible in public; no Christian can build his house higher than a Moslem's; no Christian can praise God with singing, prayers, or instruments loud enough to be heard by a Moslem; no Christian can build a new church building or repair an existing one; and every Christian (and Jew) has to wear a wide cloth belt that will identify him to a Moslem (like Hitler's yellow star for the Jews) [ROTT—o11.4].

5. If a person is caught stealing, his right hand is cut off; if he's caught a second time, his left foot is cut off; for a third offense, he loses his left hand; etc. (ROTT—o14.0). Now don't get mad at me; I'm not making this stuff up. This is what your good "moderate," nice Moslem neighbor is supposed to believe and practice. That fact that he can't get away with it *right now* means nothing. Forty percent of Moslems in the United States say they want to live under Sharia, and fifty percent of them say they want you jailed or executed if you "insult the Prophet" ("40 percent of U.S. Muslim voters want Islamic Law," *Frontpage Mag*, Nov. 5, 2012).

6. In a Moslem court, *no non-Moslem's* testimony can be accepted; only the testimony of *Moslems* is considered honest testimony (ROTT—o24.2, e).

7. It takes two women to equal the testimony of a man in an Islamic court

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(*ROTT*—o24.7, o24.10). How do you “women’s libbers” feel about that? How’s that for “women’s rights.” A wife can’t leave the house without her husband’s permission (*ROTT*—m10.4); if she does, she is “fair game” to be *raped with impunity*. If a woman says she is raped, she is confessing to *adultery* unless four male witnesses testify to the fact that she was raped (*ROTT*—n11.1,d). Back in 2008, in Somalia, a thirteen-year-old girl was *stoned to death* before a thousand people for “allowing” three men to rape her. Under “Sharia,” a woman or girl can be raped by her father, her uncle, her brother, her husband, or even a stranger; and there’s nothing she can do about it.

8. A man is allowed to marry four wives (*ROTT*—m5.2, 6.10), and he can dump any one of them at a moment’s notice simply by saying to her three times: “I divorce you” (*ROTT*—n1.3, n2.2, n3.2).

9. A Moslem is to report any other Moslem he knows is shirking the five daily prayers (*ROTT*—p 4.1, 4.2 cf. *Fatawa Arkanul-Islam* [Islamic Verdicts on the Pillars of Islam], Vol. I on Creed and Prayer, Sheik Muhammad bin Salih Al-Úthaimen, DarUsSalam, 2001, pg. 387).

Those are just some of the decrees of “Sharia”—Islamic, Koranic law. They illustrate why all Moslems are born into terror and remain in an atmosphere of terror throughout their entire lives. At any moment, they can be “turned in” to the authorities (i.e., if they aren’t killed by an unruly mob first) for any number of offenses that end in *death*. They are in continual fear of being labeled an “apostate” from Islam. If at any time they should defect from such a terrorist environment to become a Christian, Jew, Hindu, Buddhist, etc., they can be murdered with impunity (*ROTT*—o1.2.3, o8.4).

You see, there is no such thing as a “radical” or “extremist” Moslem; Sharia is what *every* Moslem is taught to observe. “The fastest growing religion in the world” is not a *religion* at all; it is a set of *governmental regulations* requiring *capital punishment* if you drop your “religion”: *stay Moslem or be killed*. That is the terror in which all Moslems live from birth to death; to a Moslem, “terrorism” is simply *obeying Mohammed*, who said if you *obeyed him*, you *obeyed Allah* (Sura 4:80, 69), and if you *disobeyed him*, you *disobeyed Allah* (Sura 72:23). If you abandon Mohammed’s sayings and example, you are *cursed by Allah* (*ROTT*—p37.2,2). So if a cartoonist satirizes “the Prophet,” or if someone points out the fact that Mohammed received verses of the *Koran* that were *inspired by Satan*, that person is to be *executed*. All Moslems are to accept that as *perfectly normal*.

That is Sharia. That is what the Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR) and the Islamic Circle of North America-Muslim American Society thinks is superior to your Constitution. That is what some of your judges want to use on Moslems who break our laws: Sharia trumps the United States Constitution. You arrest the street preachers in Detroit and Dearborn, Michigan when they try to hand out the Gospel of John to Moslems going into an “Arab festival.” Why? *Because that’s what Sharia dictates*. You dismiss charges of a Moslem assaulting an atheist because he dressed up like a “zombie” Mohammed in a

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Halloween parade. That is insulting the "Prophet"; it is against Sharia.

Now, when it comes to instituting Sharia in Western nations, the modern "invasions" by Moslems are carried out according to the pattern laid out by Martin Luther King Jr.'s "civil disobedience" doctrine (news media "double speak" for *law-breaking*). No longer do the Mohammedans attack Western countries like they did between A.D. 650 and 1683 (Ottoman Siege of Vienna). Oh, they still operate that way in Kenya, Ethiopia, Sudan, Somalia, Pakistan, Afghanistan, India, and other parts of Africa and Asia; but England, France, Spain, Italy, Germany, Russia, Canada, Mexico, and the United States are "something else," as the saying goes.

Back in the "good old days," Moslems were much braver than they are now. They would *openly* do battle with "infidels" and attack them with *armies*, like they did in Spain, France, Austria, Hungary, Poland, Greece, Asia Minor, etc. Now, Martin Luther King Jr. is their pattern. The process is:

1. Violate laws, claiming they deny Moslems' "civil rights."
2. Declare that certain laws which the Moslems consider "unjust" (i.e., the ones that "cramp their style" as laid out in Sharia) are not lawful.
3. "Demonstrate" (i.e., *protest*) publicly and get the news media to take the Moslem side and promote its viewpoint.
4. As certain areas come to be dominated by a Moslem populace, enforce Sharia over the laws of the country that has been invaded. (There are now areas of Paris which have been taken over by the Moslems into which the police will not enter. In London, whole streets are shut down during the Moslem times of prayer, and the police do nothing.)
5. Threaten *violence* if a nation's laws aren't exchanged for Sharia and make good on those threats with increased violence until the invaded country gives in and lets the Mohammedans have their way. England, France, and Australia have already caved to these tactics and are now actually taxing their citizens to support Sharia judiciaries in those countries. Canada and America are about to follow suit.

America took its first step towards Sharia under Obama. The Obama administration has gotten your banking system ensnared with what Moslems call "Islamic finance." Islamic finance guarantees that all transactions do not support anything forbidden under Sharia law (e.g., art and pork) and do not charge interest to Moslems. It also guarantees that money goes to Moslem charities (the "zakat" to support *Moslem* poor and needy *only*) and to support the advance of Islam by "dawa" (proselytization) and *jihad* (Islamic war against unbelievers). Obama has given billions of dollars to bail out AIG, which supports Sharia law in its financial dealings ("U.S. Marine Fires Back Over Sharia Laws," World Net Daily, June 8, 2010). Back in 2008, the Department of the Treasury held a conference on "Islamic Finance 101" (Ibid.). "Wall Street" now has all kinds of institutions set up to comply financially with Sharia. The idea is to adopt financial policies ruled by the *laws of a foreign religion* set up by *its religious leaders* from their "holy scriptures" (the *Koran*, the *Hadith*, and the

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Sira) in order to get the money (see 1 Tim. 6:10 in a *King James Bible*). In the meantime, the money you pump into that system is going for the purpose of *killing you* if you are not a Moslem.

This is how the “post-turtle” (a Texas expression for Obama) in the White House is trying to bring a population of a republic set up under the Constitution and the Bill of Rights into subjugation to a religion that is actually a *political power*. The “separation of Church and State” that was used to throw the Bible and prayer out of the public schools and all federal buildings has been set aside to hook you up financially to a Dark-Age religion to which “terrorism” is just as *normal and constant* as breathing air.

Thus ends Bush’s “War on Terror.” The terrorists didn’t have to fire a shot on our shores (although they just couldn’t resist in places like Ft. Hood). All they had to do was get their “boy” in the White House to see to it that his Democratic buddies in the Senate and “on the bench” (court judges) passed bills and made rulings in favor of those whose “civil rights” are denied. In that way, Islam can be installed as the “guiding light” for America’s future. *That* is the “change” Obama promised. It’s the change from laws taken from the Bible which guaranteed personal freedom to the despotic ravings of a demon-possessed madman.

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The Mind of the Masses

(By Robert Militello)

“And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil” (John 3:19).

Forget air pollution, climate change, and the greenhouse effect from too much carbon dioxide; what is destroying our environment is spiritual pollution. Our society and the world have been exposed to a deadly stream of anti-biblical propaganda since television sets were made part of the living room furniture over a half century ago.

A worldview that has no regard for God's word has been carefully nurtured by a trinity of opinion makers: academia (the educational establishment), Hollywood, and the mass media. The masses have become jaded by a steady flow of moral filth that has moved from theater screens and TVs to personal computers and hand-held devices. Alongside the stream of wickedness appearing on screens, the NEA (National Education Association) has flooded the minds of students with moral relativism and self-esteem idolatry. Human nature always accommodates itself to sin, but perfumes itself with religion when a bad conscience refuses to go to sleep. Men love darkness—so said our Saviour.

Helping to destroy independent thinking and scoffing at the notion of fearing God is the currency of mass media today. Television and radio stations, newspaper and magazine publishers, literary agents, book clubs, and, now, internet search engines like Google are all bundled by the Prince of Darkness to massage the mind of the masses and destroy what is left of biblical understanding and wisdom from above.

“My soul is among lions; and I lie even among them that are set on fire, even the sons of men, whose teeth are spears and arrows, and their tongue a sharp sword” (Psa. 57:4).

Propaganda and its power to brainwash the masses was well understood by Chancellor Hitler. In 1933, he put Dr. Paul Josef Goebbels in charge of molding eighty million Germans into a single-mindedness that would believe lies without question. Our nation is getting ever closer to the day when genuine, spirit-filled Bible preachers will be persecuted and chased out of the pulpit. We are witnessing the initial preparations for a police state. Many in the Body of Christ have been given over to wolves who preach a prosperity gospel, word of faith, and love-gospel theology that will be a bridge to the state-controlled church now being prepared by the Devil. Propaganda can achieve amazing results once sound doctrine has been thrown overboard (see 2 Tim. 4:3–4).

“It is time for thee, LORD, to work: for they have made void thy law” (Psa. 119:126).

Our leadership in Washington and our highest court have made void the God-given definition of marriage. The floodgates have been opened. Paul wrote, **“that in the last days perilous times shall come”** (2 Tim. 3:1). No Christian should be surprised.

We once had a government that was sympathetic to God's word and Christianity. We even put “In God We Trust” on our coinage. That relationship has

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turned sour. This didn't happen overnight. Years of anti-Christian propaganda (not anti-Catholic) coming from Hollywood and the media and the public school system, along with college professors married to evolution and so-called science, have softened the masses to think of themselves as the only authority that matters.

"In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes" (Judg. 21:25).

Isn't it amazing how folks that are lost think that they are making up their own mind about things when they are unconsciously being manipulated by **"the prince of the power of the air"** (Eph. 2:2). The airwaves and cyberspace are now the most efficient way for the father of lies to spread his spiritual Ebola. How near are we today to the time when the Lord's cup of fury must finally be emptied (Jer. 25:15)?

Years ago in Brooklyn, I asked an old Jew about how he would know that the time of Messiah was near. This Jew dismissed my contention that earthly upheavals would signal **"the day of redemption"** (Eph. 4:30). He said before that, there will be widespread rotting in the hearts and minds of men. He said the desire to restrain evil will weaken and that the psalmist, King David, wrote of this time to come.

"When the wicked spring as the grass, and when all the workers of iniquity do flourish; it is that they shall be destroyed for ever" (Psa. 92:7).

This bumper crop of evildoers will be the harvest of filth that is now fertilizing the minds of the masses. Dr. Goebbels was a master at taking the most literate and cultured nation in Europe and turning their minds to receive Hitler as messiah. Goebbels was Catholic-educated as a youth and received a Ph.D. from Heidelberg in Nineteenth-Century Literature. Soon after Hitler took power, Goebbels ordered the burning of all books deemed decadent by the Nazis. Here's his justification for crushing independent thought:

"We Nazis intend a principled transformation in the worldview of our entire society, a revolution of the greatest possible extent that will leave nothing out, changing the life of our nation in every regard."

Such a transformation is happening in America these past twenty years. A society once solidly in favor of traditional marriage was bombarded day and night until perverted marriage gained credibility in the minds of over 50% of our population. Obviously, the work of the Holy Spirit in restraining evil is ceasing in our day. The "Lawless One" sees his day coming on.

"The LORD hath made all things for himself: yea, even the wicked for the day of evil" (Prov. 16:4).

Christian parents having to raise their school-age children are going against a tide of evil that their parents and grandparents did not confront. So much of what the Bible teaches is undermined in our fast rotting popular culture. Spanking your children when they need it is now child abuse. Divorce is now justified by something called "verbal abuse." Male authority has badly eroded while female assertiveness has been given a glorified status by Oprah Win-

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frey and women televangelists like Joyce Meyer. Capital punishment is now considered cruel and unusual.

Alcoholism, drug addition, and filthy-mindedness are addictions and not sins. It sounds better to say, "I have a disease." Folks will be led to feel sorry for someone who has contracted a disease. Calling someone a "wicked lush" is so uncharitable.

What happened to sin in America? It died in the swamp of political correctness. If you can't control yourself and you act like a child, you're bipolar. That sounds better.

"All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; there is nothing forward or perverse in them. They are all plain to him that understandeth, and right to them that find knowledge" (Prov. 8:8–9).

Lying and politically correct speech have become so blatant that trust in government is at an all time low. Even lost people know they are fed lies and half truths by the news outlets. As people around the world lose confidence in their leaders, they'll look to someone who is believable. This someone must be above politics, above national interests, someone with a strong attachment to the weak, the poor, the powerless, and the unborn. Now who on God's earth is going to be able to fill that role speaking as a father to all men wanting to live in peace without being oppressed by their governments and their rich patrons.

"A true witness delivereth souls: but a deceitful witness speaketh lies" (Prov. 14:25).

Dr. Goebbels, for all his skill at lying and deceiving a great nation, was an amateur compared to that wolf in sheeps clothing, Pope Francis. This Jesuit pope has the goodwill of almost the entire world and the international press corps. Since his election in March 2013, he has worked tirelessly at repackaging

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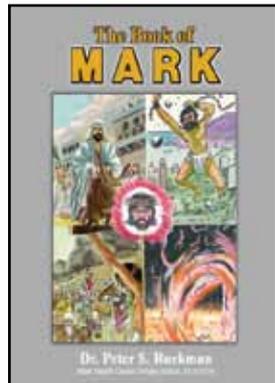
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the image of his church, which suffered a torrent of bad press because of the priest-child abuse revelations. The cardinals had sought for a man that would stop the bleeding. Pope Francis is a man on a mission, and that mission is so important that a sitting pope, Benedict XVI, was forced into retirement. Francis must do on a worldwide scale what Goebbels did in Germany. As the international situation worsens, Francis must prepare the world to receive a "savior."

"And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie" (2 Thess. 2:11).

Lying about God's word is the stock and trade of the Roman clergy. I know, for I was in that system for over thirty years. After receiving the new birth, I told a priest that I had assurance of salvation and would be in heaven when I died. He told me that I was committing the sin of presumption because no one could know where his soul would go until after he had been judged by God. This poor man wearing a religious costume wanted me to embrace the same deception and lie that he swallowed since his youth. The fact that I was reading the Bible for myself without "priestly counsel" was dangerous. God forbid I should learn to think independently and not have my mind made up for me by "godly authorities."

"The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way" (Psa. 25:9).

As man experiences more "progress" by means of technology, and his pride begins to swell like a peacock in heat, God's word and those who cling to it will feel more and more alienated from this present world. That's very good, at least for those who have set the Lord on the throne of their hearts. For those who have not, the Spirit warned you in Revelation 3:19–22. If you have allowed the world spirit to infect your thinking, your condition is described in verse 17 of that same chapter. Read it. According to the Holy Spirit, you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked (Rev. 3:17). You have a disease of the eyes and don't know it.

"Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD" (Jer. 23:24).

Germany in 1933 was ready for deception on a grand scale. Criticism of the Bible was rampant in German universities and seminaries throughout the Nineteenth Century. Luther's Reformation Bible was torn apart by German rationalists. A great nation had hid itself from the Lord. Judgment had to come just like it has to come here. Nations reap what they sow, just like people.

My mom, as a schoolgirl in Germany, was fed a steady diet of propaganda in the classroom, over the radio, and on the movie screen. She told me how the Saturday movies showed newsreels of Germans being abused by the Czechs in an area called Sudetenland where many ethnic Germans lived. The German masses, filled with anger, eagerly backed Hitler, who threatened war unless Czechoslovakia allowed that part of their nation to become part of the Reich.

Night after night our televisions show images of horrible injustices being

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done to people around the world. America must police the world, at least that is what the UN expects. Images can mobilize a nation and move people to action even when it is not warranted. Eyes get infected when they are estranged from the words of God.

“I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food” (Job 23:12).

Is this the case with you, dear reader? How will you be effectively able to resist the growing wickedness of the world spirit if your *King James Bible* is reached for only when trouble and confusion come? There was a tribe in Israel that had a noteworthy and admirable characteristic.

“And of the children of Issachar, which were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do” (1 Chron. 12:32).

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“For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret. But all things that are reprovèd are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light” (Eph. 5:12-13).

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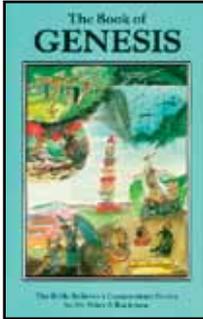
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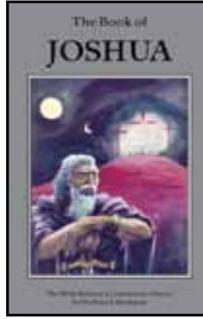
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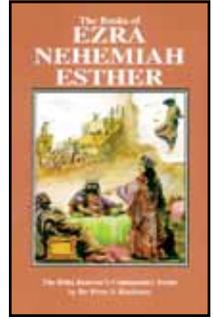
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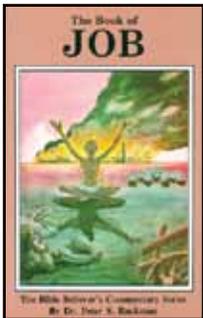
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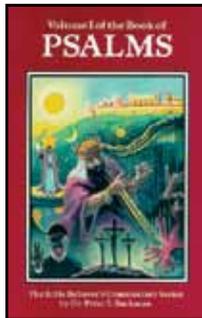
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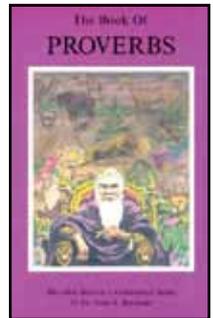
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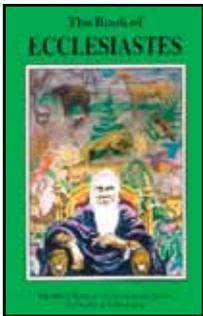
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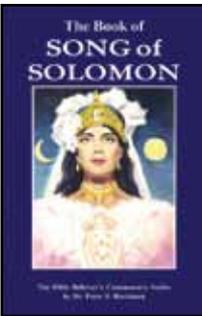
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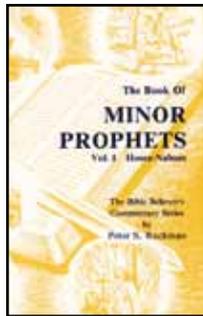
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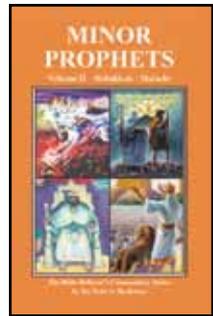
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Thirty Days Under the Crescent Moon

*(Editor's note: The following epilogue was added after the completion of *Thirty Days Under the Crescent Moon's* publication in the Bulletin.)

By Andrew Saucier

EPILOGUE

What about this missionary story? Why write it? Well, I enjoyed telling what God did for me and others in this difficult situation. Who doesn't enjoy telling what great things God has done in his life? Telling such things has a way of reassuring us that the Lord is in the matters of life that have His best interest at heart, and that for some reason, He would think enough of us to use us to do His will, although, really, He doesn't need anything. He is able to raise up stones to do what we do (cf. Luke 3:8).

To think that we are connected with eternal matters through Him makes eternity present and heaven just a step away from where we are at present. Just think, in a moment, **"in the twinkling of an eye"** (1 Cor. 15:27), you could be standing at the Judgment Seat of Christ, revealing the work you have done on His behalf. All the hallelujahs of heaven in chorus will shout because God has been glorified by what you have done.

But apart from that, this story of missionary work has an intent behind the telling of it that is not to the edification of the teller or of those who were involved, but to the glory of God. *He* did a work through the life of a mortal, and *He* will also do a work in the life of *anyone* that has such an intent.

However, I don't mean to imply that was the entire purpose for my going to Africa, because it wasn't. God's glory was what I was seeking, but in a personal way, I was desiring to see the hand of God at work that I might be strengthened in my faith. I wanted to see something!

I suppose there is a little "Jew" in all of us, wanting to see something (1 Cor. 1:22). I know that **"without faith it is impossible to please him"** (Heb. 11:6), but oh, when we see His hand in the fulfilling of our desires, how helpful it is to our faith (Mark 9:24). It was a joy and a great experience to see so many get saved, but the greatest enjoyment was in knowing that God, the Maker of all things, had considered me, in spite of the fact that my compassion was not equal to His concern and love. What more would He do for us who have a deep desire to see the souls of men come to Christ for salvation?

I am not burdened as I would like to be; too many years of trouble, I suppose. David had that problem, of a sort: he was not allowed to build the temple, but he was glad to be king. I am just glad to be saved; I've never gotten over it. Some of you are good men with a good heart, with the compassion that is equal to the will of God (**"not willing that any**

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should perish, but that all should come to repentance”—2 Pet. 3:9. A combination that would sure fit the need in Africa.

Africa is in need of Christ, and Christ will never reach them until someone is moved by compassion to meet the need. I have found that the compassion of a man's life, if not fulfilled by the passion of his endeavors, will go to the grave unfulfilled. If the souls of men are the compassion of your life, Africa is the place that will meet your need. It is the greatest place on the face of the earth to fulfill the heart that needs to win souls to Christ.

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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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I know this as well: that church planting, tract distribution, and building a local ministry may or may not bring glory to the name of Jesus, because much of it doesn't. But when a soul is won to Christ, it is a glory to His name. Many things in life can do many things, but only the name of Jesus can deliver a soul from hell.

“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved” (Acts 4:12).

“He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him” (Psa. 126:6).

The compassionate soulwinner needs Africa, and Africa needs the compassionate soulwinner. You need not promise them a better life, just a better eternity. They'll take it and rejoice in it, because it will be all that they have. It will be enough to satisfy their souls and enough to enable them to endure the sufferings of their conditions through the regeneration of their spirits in hope of eternity. They'll come to know, without you telling them, that **“the sufferings of**

this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed in [them]” (Rom. 8:18).

Go to Africa, brother, sister! It's a place to do a lot of good and a place to get a new perspective on life; not to mention the spiritual benefits that God has in store for them that love him.

(Editor's note: For further information about Bible-believing missionaries in Africa, please contact Bible Baptist Mission Board, 1173 JoJo Road, Pensacola, FL 32514; phone number—(850) 474-6970).

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