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Ever Closer To the Day

By Brian Donovan

The Old Testament history of Israel as a nation began with a special people being called out of Egypt, to become "a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation" (Exodus 19:6). Up to that time, they were only a family, divided into the tribes of the seed of Abraham, with a promise that they would one day be made a nation (Genesis 12:2-3). During the time of the four generations that Israel was in bondage as slaves in Egypt, the Lord was preparing and getting the land of Canaan ready for the Jews to receive on His timetable (Genesis 15:16). This land was promised to them as an everlasting possession (Genesis 17:8), and they would remain there, as long as they obeyed and kept the covenant with the Lord their God (Exodus 19:5). But when they refused to obey, then the Lord kept His promise by bringing Nebuchadnezzar in to clear them out of the land in 606 B.C. (Jeremiah 11:7-11). After seventy years of captivity in Babylon (606-536 B.C.), the Lord raised up the Persian

king Cyrus, to allow the Jews to return to their land (II Chronicles 36:22-23).

As a result of their continued disobedience and idolatry, the Lord first sent the Gentile power of Greece (330 BC), then the Syrian Antiochus (175 -167 BC), and then Rome (63 BC) to rule over them, until they finally rejected their Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ in 33 AD. (John 19). This caused their dispersion throughout the world from 70 AD until modern times.

Even though over one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five years rolled by, the Lord never left His people, nor forgot His covenant, and allowed their return for His holy name's sake (Ezekiel 36:21-22). After fifty years of Zionism (begun by Theodore Herzl in 1897), and backed by only a few Baptist preachers, the nation of Israel was founded in 1948. Speaking from an art museum in Tel Aviv, flanked by the Israeli flag and a portrait of Herzl, on May 14, 1948, David Ben Gurion declared the independence of the nation of Israel. Within less than fifteen minutes, the American President Harry S. Truman signed and approved a document which read, "This government has been informed that a Jewish state has been proclaimed in Palestine, and

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“A Joyful Mother”

By Dr. Peter S. Ruckman

“He maketh the barren woman to keep house, and to be a joyful mother of children. Praise ye the LORD” (Psa. 113:9).

This article is on the “**joyful mother.**” In it, I will be discussing the *need* for joyful mothers, the *Author* of this joy, the *recipient* of this joy, the *nature* of this joy, how this joy is *obtained*, and how this joy is *kept*.

Everyone knows the influence of a mother upon a child is incalculable. The absolute destiny of nations is settled in the *home*. Psychologists say that before a child is five years old, his character is pretty well fixed. I don't know about that, but I am certain that by age ten it is fixed. And of course, the strongest influence on a child's life up until the age of ten is obviously the *mother*. That's why the Bible says, “**a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame**” (Prov. 29:15), because the primary influence on that child is *momma*.

I have said a hundred times that if I could find a way to teach common sense and spirituality, I would put it into the curriculum here at the Pensacola Bible Institute, but you can't teach either formally. No teacher can give you common sense, and no teacher can make you spiritual. But if there is anywhere one can learn common sense, it is from *momma*. That's what a Texan told me one time: you get common sense from your *mother*. And from what you read of those Old Testament kings, there is a pretty good indication that you get spirituality from your mother too. The Holy Spirit will give you the spiritual character of one of those kings;

then He will add, “And his mother was So-and-so.” That's because *momma* helped form the spiritual character of that boy.

Nero's mother was a murderer, so he turned out to be one too. Lord Byron's mother was haughty and proud, and he turned out the same way. Rose Kennedy (the mother of John F. Kennedy) was a spoiled brat, and she turned out nine spoiled brats of her own. I don't care if they were assassinated or died at 95, John, Bobby, and Ted Kennedy were three of the most spoiled brats there were. Sir Walter Scott's mother was fond of poetry, and he became a poet.

The same “storms” that sink nations and states sink families as well. If you have no homes, you have no republic. The basic unit is the home.

A mother said to her daughter, “Honey, would you walk a little bit straighter.” The daughter replied, “Show me how, *momma*.” Mother, you may not be responsible for kids who don't follow your example, but *you are responsible for the example*. You are responsible to be a good example whether your kids follow it or not.

That is the *need* for joyful mothers. *Momma*, if you are disgruntled, discontent, and griping about everything all the time, don't be surprised if you raise miserable children. If you are joyful and happy with a spiritual, biblical outlook on life, that will be reflected in your children.

Now for the *Author* of the joy a mother should have. The *Author* of joy is the One who “**created the heaven and the earth**” in Genesis 1:1. You

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read over in Job 38 that when God **“laid the foundations of the earth”** (Job 38:4) that **“all the sons of God shouted for JOY”** (Job 38:7). Joy is a *God-given* thing.

Joy is a gift from God. In Acts 14:17, Paul and Barnabas told those pagans in Lycaonia that the God who created them filled their **“hearts with food and GLADNESS.”** God brings happiness and joy to unsaved people as a testimony of His goodness to them. If you enjoy a good meal, you got it from God. He made the food taste good and gave you the physical equipment to enjoy it.

All blessings come from God. A *blessing* is something that makes you happy and brings you joy. Do you know what the Declaration of Independence says? It says that “all Men . . . are endowed by their CREATOR with certain Unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.” That means the *Creator* gives you the rights to life and liberty, and the right to pursue happiness; *not the government*. So when you get rid of the Creator from the federal schools and the federal buildings, *you get rid of liberty and joy*, because those are endowments from the One who made you.

Now in the case before us in Psalm 113:9, the *recipient* of joy is a *woman*. She is a *married* woman. God never planned for this “free love” mess where everyone sleeps around with everyone else like a pack of wild animals in heat. In the original creation, it was *one man* with *one woman* for *life* (Matt. 19:4–6). There were no butches, fairies, or double-

breasted finks.

The purpose for marriage is for a couple to bear children. Of course, we know that it is the *Lord* who blesses a couple with a child, and from time to time, for reasons known only to Himself, He decides not to do that. But the “rule” is a couple is to have children.

Children are a joy. Yes, they can be a pain in the neck once in a while. They wear you out and worry you to death. They step on your apron strings when they’re little, and they step on your heart when they’re older. But about the time you wish you had never had them, you can’t imagine what your life would have been like without them. But it is worth having those kids no matter what happens to them.

I always did like kids and dogs. Yes, they both give you trouble; they both cost you money. But they both bring great joy too.

The old saying is, “God gave us memories so we could have roses in December.” When you get up in years, you will want some good memories of those kids. Do you remember the first time that baby smiled, momma? I mean the one that’s grown now, who is causing you so much trouble. Do you remember the kid’s first laugh? Those things come from God.

I feel sorry for people who don’t have children. I ended with ten. I believe the more the merrier. I am glad for every one of my children, even the ones who caused me grief.

There’s a parable about a young man who fell in love with a very wicked woman. That fellow’s mother

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warned him about that woman, and that wicked woman hated that guy's mother. One day that woman talked her boyfriend into murdering his mother. She said, “I won't marry you until you kill that woman and bring me her heart.” So he did: he killed his own mother and cut her heart out. As he was carrying it down the street, he slipped and fell. As he did, his mother's heart spoke and said, “Are you all right, son?” That's a parable that a mother will always love her “baby” no matter how bad he gets.

Now what is the *nature* of this joy that God gives a mother? The nature of this joy for a woman is in *small things*; things like making her children happy and comforting them. Daddies have always had a bad reputation as comforters. A father may *pity* his children (Psa. 103:13), but a mother *comforts* them (Isa. 66:13). A kid will be bawling, and the daddy says, “Whatcha cryin' for?” That kid will just keep on crying, and the daddy will get frustrated and say, “If you don't stop crying, I'll give you a reason to cry.” But the momma will sit down with that kid, hold him in her arms, and coax the answer out of him when he's ready. That's comfort.

The home is a *test of character*. You are what you are when no one is around to watch you. You aren't the sweet, kind, congenial person who shakes hands with everyone in church and smiles; you are the person who was fussing with your spouse while getting ready for church, slamming the door on your way out, and sitting in deadly silence all the way to the morning service.

If you're not right, you couldn't get away with in public what you do in private in your home. If you're one of these “big men” who goes around beating up on your wife at home, I guarantee you that you aren't going to go to some bar and pick a fight with the biggest, meanest bruiser in the joint. No, you are going to beat up on some woman who can't fight back on your level. God bless some of you ladies, if you acted out in public like you treat your husband at home, you wouldn't have a friend in the world.

The home is supposed to be a place where you are supposed to be happy and get your blessings. The Roman emperor Diocletian had been forced out of office, and he retired to a country estate. After a while, his co-regent Maximian came to beg him to return to Rome and rule. Diocletian was out puttering around in his garden, and he said to Maximian, “Would to God you saw the cabbages I am raising! You would never want me to be Emperor again!” Diocletian was content with a cabbage patch. He would rather have happiness at home than power in Rome. That Bible admonishes married women “**To be discreet, chaste, KEEPERS AT HOME**” (Tit. 2:5). Somebody who has joy from God can be content with very little (Phil. 4:11; 1 Tim. 6:8; Heb. 13:5). If you have fellowship with God and joy from God, mother, it doesn't take a lot to make you happy.

How do you get this joy? How is it *obtained*? Well, I'll tell you first some ways it is *not* obtained. It is not obtained by just *having a house*. If all you have had is an apartment or a

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 trailer all your adult life, I can understand wanting a house, but just having a house is not going to fix everything and bring you joy. Sometimes having a house just means that much more to clean and fix.

I'll tell you something else, just having *beauty* won't bring you joy. Hedy Lamarr was one of the most beautiful women who ever starred in the movies. She considered her beauty to be a *curse*; she said it “brought me tragedy and heartache for five decades.” If you took all the make-up off some of these Hollywood starlets, you would have someone no prettier than a mud fence.

That Bible says, **“As a jewel of gold in a swine's snout, so is a fair woman without discretion”** (Prov. 11:22).

It says, **“Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised”** (Prov. 31:30).

You won't get joy by *flattery*, either. Men will lie to you, ladies; don't you know that? Men will lie to you to get something out of you. They will lie to you because they figure you expect it. “Honey, you're the most beautiful woman in the world.” You know you're not. I know you want your husband to say good things to you and nice things, but “sweet nothings” are just that—NOTHING!

You won't get joy by *social position*. “Moving up in the world” won't get it for you. “Keeping up with the Joneses” eventually becomes a rat race. You will always find someone with more money, a bigger house, a nicer car, etc. About the time you

figure you're “in” with the “Four Hundred,” someone comes along and bumps you to 401.

Josephine was the empress of France, married to Napoleon, and she was miserable. Elizabeth the queen of England had everything any woman could want; no one would exceed her in riches and finery. She was miserable. Barbara Hutton, the heiress to the Woolworth fortune, was plagued by misery all her life. Her mother committed suicide when she was five; her father neglected her growing up. She went through seven husbands, many of whom abused her or exploited her. She was on drugs and liquor all her adult life. You couldn't get any higher on the social ladder than that woman, and it didn't bring her any joy.

Having joy is not just having a *husband*, sister. It all depends on what kind of husband you get. Someone said, “I used to wonder why so many women cried at weddings until I saw some of the grooms.” You might get something in pants, sister, but that won't necessarily solve the problem.

Another thing, joy is not just having *children*. Like I said earlier, having children is a wonderful thing, but it won't guarantee joy for you.

I have the account of a woman back in the eighteenth century named Ida Tate. Her records and those of her descendants were traced through a period of a hundred years (1780–1880). This one woman, who was a chronic alcoholic, left 700 descendants. A hundred of them were born out of wedlock; 181 were prostitutes; 142 were beggars; 46

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were prisoners; and 76 were criminals. The American government paid out over \$1,200,000.00 to take care of that woman's family. Just breeding kids won't bring joy.

So how do you obtain this joy? I've told you how you won't do it; now I'll tell you how to do it.

One, *a right relationship with God*. If your relationship is not right with God, you won't have joy. Someone has said, “The only thing that can destroy joy is *sin*.”

Two, *praise God for the health of your children*. I can't imagine a woman so depraved or rotten that she wouldn't thank God for her children being in any kind of good health. Good health is a luxury; it isn't given to everybody. Don't believe me? Check out the cancer center at St. Jude's or the burn clinic at the Shriners' hospitals or the children's hospital in your town. If your kids are in good health, it isn't because you deserved it; it is because God was merciful to you.

Bob Jones Sr. used to say, “When gratitude dies in the heart of a man, that man is well nigh hopeless.” When you get to the point where you aren't thankful for all the little blessings with which God graces you—like breath, fresh air, sunshine, clean water, food, etc.—you're in trouble. You're getting to be a hog.

You mommas can be thankful for the clothes your kids have on their backs. Be thankful your children aren't split up from you, running for their lives from someone trying to kill them. That goes on all over this world all the time. Get you some of these mission magazines by groups

helping out persecuted Christians and read about what some mommas are going through in Africa and India and Vietnam and South America. It will give you a whole new perspective on life, ladies. If you aren't thankful for the relative security your kids have here, there is something bad wrong with you, sister. You ought to be thankful.

Now how do you *keep* this joy? Fairy tales always end with: “And so they lived happily ever after.” I've always like those stories, but I know they're not real. Sooner or later, “happily ever after” meets *reality*, and the whole thing blows apart. One day you're up; the next day you're down. That's the way it goes—that is, unless you learn how to keep the joy despite the circumstances.

First of all, you have to *wage a constant battle against depression*. One of the best ways to whip depression is to have fellowship with some folks who are really in trouble. It will make you appreciate how less severe your situation is. If all you do is hang around successful people having a good time, you'll get depressed, because it becomes painfully obvious to you that your situation doesn't measure up to theirs.

I hope no mother reading this ever experiences the loss of a child. Some do, and if you do, I wouldn't blame you if you became depressed. But here's a poem by a momma who lost three of her little ones and overcame her depression and regained her joy.

The Bottom Drawer

“There are whips and tops, and
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pieces of strings,

There are shoes which no little feet
can wear,

There are bits of ribbon and broken
rings,

And tresses of golden hair;

There are little dresses folded
away

Out of the light of sunny day.

“There are dainty jackets that nev-
er are worn;

There are toys and models of
ships;

There are books and pictures, all
faded and torn,

And marked by finger tips

Of dimpled hands that have fallen
to dust.

Yet I strive to think that God is just.

“But a feeling of bitterness fills my
soul

Sometimes when I try to pray,

That the reaper has spared so
many flowers,

And taketh mine away.

And I almost doubt that the Lord
can know,

That a mother's heart can love
them so.

“Then I think of the many weary
ones

Who are waiting and watching to-
night

For the slow return of faltering feet
That have strayed from the paths

of right;

Who have darkened their lives by
shame and sin,

Whom the snares of the tempter
have gathered in.

“They wander far in distant climes;

They perish by fire and flood;

And their hands are black with the
direst crimes

That kindled the wrath of God;

Yet a mother's song has soothed
them to rest.

She hath lulled them to sleep upon
her breast.

“And then I think of my children fair,
My boys that never grow old;

And know they are waiting and
watching there

In the city with streets of gold.

Safe, safe from the cares of the
weary years,

From sorrow, and sin, and war;

And I thank my God with falling
tears

For the things in the bottom draw-
er.”

Second, you keep your joy by *instant prayer*. The Bible says, “**con-
tinuing instant in prayer**” (Rom. 12:12). That means you are ready to pray at the drop of a hat and you drop the hat. Pray through the day. Pray over everything. Pray when frustrations come up.

Finally, “**to be a joyful mother of children,**” you have to *stay in the Book*. That Book deals with *eternal* things that *don't change*. Your situation will change. Your children will change. Where you live will change. Your car will change. All the stuff you see will come and go; the things in that Book will remain constant.

“**While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things**

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which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal” (2 Cor. 4:18).

“For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven” (Psa. 119:89).

“Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away” (Matt. 24:35).

The Book will give you what I call the “long look.” If you have the “long look,” it will give you stability and security, and that will help you keep your joy. If you get shortsighted though, you’re like Peter walking on the water: you begin to sink in the storms of life, and you panic and lose your joy.

Now I never know who reads these articles. Maybe there is some unsaved

woman who has gotten ahold of this and is reading it. Let me say that without Christ, you will never know true joy. You may experience “fun” and some degree of temporary happiness, but joy comes from God. **“The fruit of the Spirit is love, JOY,”** etc. (Gal. 5:22). **“The kingdom of God is . . . righteousness, and peace, and JOY in the Holy Ghost”** (Rom. 14:17). You will only get joy when you come to Jesus Christ and trust Him alone for salvation.

“That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. And these things write we unto you, THAT YOUR JOY MAY BE FULL” (1 John 1:3–4).

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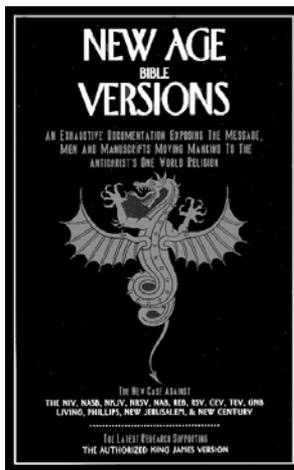
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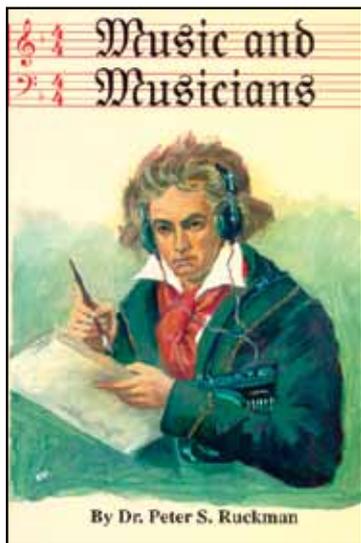


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recognition has been requested by the provisional Government thereof. The United States recognizes the provisional government as the de facto authority of the State of Israel". Truman was a Baptist (albeit a cussing one), with ties to the Jewish people through an old time Jewish friend and business associate from his early days in Kansas City, Missouri named Eddie Jacobson. The Jews used this old friendship as an open door to the American President, and because of it, in March of 1948, Truman agreed to meet with Chaim Weizman, who would later become the new nation's first President. At 6:00 PM Washington D.C. time, the Jewish declaration was made by Ben Gurion, and some eleven minutes later, Truman kept his word to his Jewish friends and recognized the new state. Years later, when being introduced by his friend Eddie Jacobson as being responsible for helping create the Jewish state, Truman joked that he should be given more credit than that and quipped "I am Cyrus!", referring to the Persian king who sent the Jews back to their land to end the seventy-year Babylonian captivity. As a young boy, thanks to his nearsightedness, Truman was unable to spend a lot of time with outdoor sports and recreation and instead spent hours and hours reading, and especially, history books. It would be a comic relief today to hear how Obama, Clinton, the Bushes or Trump, would answer the question if asked who Cyrus was, and what he did. In 1939, the British government (under Winston Churchill) released

the White Paper, which effectively reneged on the Balfour Declaration of 1917 (which supported a homeland for the Jews in Palestine), and prevented the Jews from immigrating to Palestine to get away from the Nazis, ultimately resulting in the deaths of countless more Jews as the death camps grew in Europe. As a senator from Missouri at the time, Harry Truman wrote a condemnation of this British policy to his Arab loving boss, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, and his objections became part of the Congressional record. World historians recognize the anti-Semitic American and British buffoons (FDR and Winnie Churchill) as great men of history, with the King James Bible giving the opinion of the Lord God in Luke 16:15..."**that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.**"

Though recognizing the fledgling state of Israel was a risky move for a US President, since it was against the advice of all of his military and political leadership, it was no risky move for any Christian who believed the King James Bible. As far back as 1878, William Blackstone, the Methodist evangelist and friend of Dwight L. Moody, wrote a book titled, "Jesus is Coming", and it helped awaken other Bible believers to the belief that Israel was to be returned to her land before the second coming of Jesus Christ. Then again in 1891, Blackstone wrote a pamphlet about the Jewish homeland of Palestine, and it received the backing of banker J. P. Morgan, Chief Justice of the US Supreme Court Mel-

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ville Fuller, oil magnate John D. Rockefeller, and many others. This was the same Blackstone who had thousands of pamphlets hidden throughout the rocks of Petra in modern-day Jordan south of the Dead Sea, believing that the Bible was literal and that the Jews would one day be running from the antichrist into that wilderness area (Revelation 12:6, Hosea 2:14, Micah 7:14). The premillennialist author and Bible teacher, Clarence Larkin, already believed and wrote as early as 1911, that the Jews would return to the land before the return of Christ. J. Frank Norris, the independent Baptist pastor in Texas, remained firm in his belief of supporting a Jewish homeland in Palestine throughout the 1930s and 1940s. Norris stood in the minority, and it was not a popular idea to give Palestine to the Jews. Norris stood almost alone and was surprised that fundamentalist preachers were not with him and wrote in 1937, "I confess my amazement that certain intelligent, outstanding fundamentalist pastors have joined in this age-long divinely inspired cursed persecution." Among others, he was speaking of W. B. Riley of First Baptist Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Arno Gaeblein, the well known Methodist conference preacher and author, who promoted the anti-Semitic conspiracy forgery called "The Protocols of Zion". Norris was convinced that the most important consequence of World War I would be the "ultimate return of Palestine to the Jews".

Another seventy-one years have

passed since the Jews re-established their nation, and we are that much closer to the return of the Lord Jesus, as well as that much closer to apostate Israel receiving the wrong christ. Ignoring the hand of the Lord in defeating their Arab enemies of superior numbers in the 1948 War of Independence, the 1956 Sinai Campaign, the 1967 Six Day War, and the 1973 Yom Kippur War, Israel has been moving ever closer to receiving a Jewish-Syrian king, who will **"come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries"** (Daniel 11:21). This great world leader will possess and flaunt the **"power and signs and lying wonders"** (II Thessalonians 2:9) that the Jews require (I Corinthians 1:22), in order to get them to believe that he is God (II Thessalonians 2:4). Connected to the **"kingdoms of the idols"** (Isaiah 10:10), the antichrist will be of the same Assyrian seed that once oppressed the Jews in slavery in Egypt when he was the Pharaoh over the Egyptian kingdom (Isaiah 52:4). Apostate Israel, who is presently without God, will bow down and fall under this false christ, and he will then **"tread them down like the mire of the streets"** (Isaiah 10:4-6).

The connection to Syria has mainly been missed by Bible commentators and will continue to be missed, especially given the fact that their information is derived from Fox News and the Internet. The Bible history shows that when Nimrod began his kingdom of Babel (modern-day Iraq), in the land of Shinar (Genesis 10:10), he stretched it

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out north and west to modern day Syria (Genesis 10:11), which was part of the same land of the biblical kingdom of Assyria. The reader should know that the modern borders of the country of Syria are nothing like what they were in Old Testament times, and were arbitrarily formed by a British-French mandate called the Sykes-Picot agreement. It did not even become an independent nation with its present borders until 1945-46. Of course, one thing that men never learn from history is that men never learn from history, so today, the media reports that a Syrian "civil war" is being waged by a group of "democratic and freedom-loving soldiers", who are fighting against a "wicked and mean dictator" named Bashar al-Assad. These poor Syrian refugees are being slaughtered to the tune of over 465,000 dead and one million wounded, as ignorant Americans forget that as soon as the Syrian independence was declared in 1945 and the French left in 1946, "freedom loving soldiers" in Syria have fought at least a dozen wars between 1949 and 1971. The lying media refuses to identify the combatants as Muslim Sunni killers versus Muslim Shiite killers, both wanting their own country. Bashar al-Assad is the killer Shiite Muslim son of the killer Muslim Hafez al-Assad, who slaughtered the majority Sunni Muslim Syrians who refused to buckle to his rule from 1970 till his own death in 2000. This Syrian Muslim set up was similar to the secular Sunni Muslim killer Saddam Hussein in Iraq, who killed thousands of the religious killer

Shiite Muslims in Iraq during the 1980s and 1990s. It is also similar to Muslim killer Saddam's 1980-88 invasion of the majority Muslim killer Shiite population in Iran, in which about one million killer Muslims on both sides were killed. The Muslim Saddam Hussein and the killers of Iraq were backed by the democratic killers of the USA, since the American backed Iranian killer Shah Pahlavi had been previously deposed by the religious Muslim killer Ayatollah Khomeini in 1979. Eisenhower's CIA and Roman Catholic killers (named John and Allen Dulles) not only overthrew the democratically elected Prime Minister of Iran (Mosaddegh), but they placed their own puppet leader (the Shah Pahlavi) in charge. The Shah was a killer of his own Iranian people, but that was no problem, since he was loyal to his friends in the USA, to the tune of spending hundreds of millions of dollars on US military weaponry. Jimmy Carter would later get to wring his hands in complete futility and helplessness for 444 days as the Iranian killers paid back the American killers by taking hostages and daring them to do anything about it. The Ayatollah Khomeini took over in 1979, with the American media continuing to hide the true history of what caused the Revolution.

We understand that the last paragraph is far too explicit and truthful for the average reader, but that is the truth of the so-called Syrian "crisis" of today. The Syrian war is just one more example of the Bible truth about Ishmael's seed, **"And he will be a**

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wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren" (Genesis 16:12). The Bible believer knows that nothing can be done with Muslim killers and no amount of posturing, placating, and giving up land can ever take care of the problem. The Israelis have tried hard to believe the Muslim killer's words when Arafat said in the Oslo Accords of 1993 that the PLO "accepted Israel's right to exist and rejected violence and terrorism". Within no time, the Muslim killer Arafat reneged on the agreements and remained loyal to his calling, which he clearly defined in March 1970 as, "We shall never stop until we can go back home and Israel is destroyed... the goal of this violence is the elimination of Zionism", and then again in August 1980, "peace for us means the destruction of Israel...we will not bend or fail until the blood of every last Jew, from the youngest child to the eldest elder is spilt..."

The Muslim killers in Israel today (led by Abbas) are beginning to give backing to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's opponent, Benny Gantz, whose platform is to give up the Israeli land of Judea (called the "West Bank" by media liars), calling for a plan that would have to remove 350,000 Jews from their homes. Netanyahu warns that the 2005 Gaza pullout of Jewish settlers should be an example of how well this plan will work. When Ariel Sharon's ridiculous Gaza pullout was enforced, and the land was given to

the Muslim killers, the result was the desecration of two dozen Jewish synagogues, the looting, and burning of greenhouses built by the Jews, and the raining down of rockets from Gaza into the civilian areas of southern Israeli towns. Gaza has been turned into a dump, and the same is true for any place that the Muslim killers now control in Israel. The same kind of results would take place if the land of Judea were to be turned over to the Muslim killers, only increased fivefold. Netanyahu has a tough battle to face and the media will be 100% against him. He is the only leader left who seems to understand the enemy and what NOT to do with them. It is hard to know which way to pray for the coming election in Israel, whether the Lord will keep in office the last Israeli Prime Minister who is holding off the inevitable end, or whether He will allow the end to come quicker and get His church out of here and oust Netanyahu.

The Syrian antichrist will enter as the perfect politician, understanding exactly how to play the Washington D.C. game, using "**flatteries**" (Daniel 11:21), "**he shall work deceitfully**" (verse 23), and "**come in peaceably**" (verse 21). The Roman Catholic Fox News team will love this man since the following "fair and balanced" Fox anchors are Roman Catholic: Sean Hannity, Jeanine Pirro, Brett Baier, Dana Perino, Greg Gutfeld, besides the deposed favorites, former Chairman Roger Ailes, and Bill O'Reilly, not to mention founder Rupert Murdoch

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who was knighted by Pope John Paul II into the order of the Knights of St. Gregory. Christians pride themselves these days in the fact that they only get their news from the right wing, conservative media channels. But the antichrist will also be loved by the left wing news anchors at CNN and MSNBC as well since the following were also raised Roman Catholics: Brian Williams, Lawrence O'Donnell, Chris Hayes, Carol Costello, Erin Burnett, Chris Cuomo, Anderson Cooper, and Piers Morgan to name just a few. Nothing like getting the truth from the dolly worshipping, pagan media, whether "conservative, Republican right-wingers", or "liberal, Democratic left-wingers", they all bow to the same Jesuit Pope. As the wisest man I ever met used to say, "The news media will get you killed" (Dr. Peter S. Ruckman).

When the antichrist enters the world scene, the Roman Catholic false prophet will cause **"the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast"** (Revelation 13:12), until **"no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name"** (Revelation 13:17). This world leader will place his mark as a black "spot" (Revelation 13:2 **"the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard"**), either **"in their right hand, or in their foreheads"** (Revelation 13:16). It is interesting to note that in the Syriac language (originating about 3500 BC in Aramea, or modern-day Syria), the name Nimrod translates to mean "spotted". So the Bible traces

the kingdom of Syria as coming out of Babel (Genesis 10), with a Syrian ruler whose name means "spotted", to finally rule over Israel in the last days, even coming from outside the land. The implication is that he will be bold enough to **"come in his own name"** (John 5:43), and that name is Judas Iscariot, being the only apostle chosen from outside the land (the literal meaning of his name is "a man of Kerioth"). It hardly seems possible that the world would receive a man coming in the name of Judas, who is known as the traitor, yet that is exactly what the world is being prepared for in these last days. One of the false writings of the early church period is called "The Gospel of Judas", in which he is portrayed as a misunderstood, well-meaning disciple of Jesus. Judas was the only apostle chosen who was **"a devil"** (John 6:70), and as he went out to betray Jesus Christ, **"Satan entered into him"** (John 13:27). The Muslims will be ready to receive this part Syrian antichrist as their coming "Mahdi", or messiah who will set himself up as ruler in the Temple Mount, while the Jews will be ready to receive this part Jewish antichrist possessing the "signs and wonders" that they require (I Corinthians 1:22, II Thessalonians 2:9). Of course, all of this is bringing the Christian ever closer to the day which will take place before Israel will receive the wrong Christ and that day is the day of Jesus Christ (Philippians 1:6), when He calls His bride, the church, out of this world to her wedding day.

The Evangelical vs. the Atheist

By Dr. Peter S. Ruckman

Nobody realizes more than I do the redundancy with which I deal with the problems of the Alexandrian Cult, but that is because the Alexandrian Cult are the most repetitive, redundant people in the world. They repeat their outworn, unholy, godless clichés so many times that if they were all accumulated, they would overflow the Grand Canyon. So to “liven things up” a bit, I thought it would be interesting to compare how an evangelical operates to get rid of the words of the living God as to how an atheist does.

First there is the “evangelical.” This is the prison ministry started by Chuck Colson: Prison Fellowship Ministries. Evangelist Harold Leake wrote the ministry asking where it stood on the King James Bible. Here are the salient points of the answer.

1. “The King James has been the most beloved translation.”

That may be so, but what of it? Christians can love the world (1 John 2:15 cf. 2 Tim. 4:10). Does that change the fact that it is “evil” (Gal. 1:4)? The Christian can love money (1 Tim. 6:10). Is that a quality to emulate?

The question is not whether the King James Bible has been the most beloved translation. The issue is whether it is loved for *the right reason*. We Bible believers don't love the King James Bible for its beautiful language or poetic cadences. We love that Book because it is *the very words of God in our own tongue* (Psa. 119:48, 113, 127, 159, 165).

2. The King James Bible has

“beautiful language.” Again, so what? Those lost scribes and Pharisees during the time of Christ were like **“whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness”** (Matt. 23:27). Beauty in and of itself is meaningless if it is not connected with the fear of God (Prov. 31:30) and His holiness (1 Chron. 16:29; 2 Chron. 20:21; Psa. 27:4, 29:2, 90:17, 96:9). The Devil can deceive with **“good words and fair speeches”** (Rom. 16:18). What makes the words of that Book beautiful is not the “language”; it is the fact that they are *words of life* (John 6:63, 68; Phil. 2:16) which are *pure* (Psa. 12:6; Prov. 30:5) and *uncorrupted* (2 Cor. 2:17). Like the old song says: “Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful WORDS OF LIFE.”

3. “However, the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls and the comparisons of the Greek and Hebrew manuscripts reveal numerous previous unknown errors in the King James translation that occurred from using later manuscripts.”

Example? None given. They never do.

The only thing worth knowing about the Dead Sea Scrolls is that the scribes at Qumran knew the correct Hebrew text when they saw it (as is evidenced by the famous Isaiah scroll), but they still copied off a bunch of junk along with it (as is evidenced by the so-called “proto-Samaritan” text of the Pentateuch found among the manuscripts). Just like in the New Testa-

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 ment manuscripts, in the Dead Sea Scrolls you will find the *correct* text (one matching the Masoretic text), the *wrong* text, and a *mixed* text. Leave it up to the scholars to cover up the facts and choose the readings that go against the text the Holy Spirit has honored through the centuries. No "error" in the Masoretic text or the text of the King James Bible has ever been proven by any manuscript in the Dead Sea Scrolls. All you have are some scholars who spend "**their time in nothing else, but either to tell, or to hear some new thing**" (Acts 17:21), and of course, the "**new thing**" in regards to the Dead Sea Scrolls is not new at all. It is as old as sin (Gen. 3).

Moreover, comparison with "early" Greek and Hebrew manuscripts (Vaticanus and Sinaiticus) reveal

nothing except some early Greek and Hebrew manuscripts were messed with by the Devil and his crowd (see 2 Cor. 2:17). The "earliest and best" manuscripts, according to the members of the Scholars' Union, contain books as part of the Old Testament which were rejected by every orthodox Jew (see Luke 24:44). That is why, though Martin Luther and the King James translators thought there was some merit in the study of the apocryphal books, they both took them *out of the Old Testament canon* and stuck them *between the Testaments* because *they were not inspired scripture*. That is what the "good, godly" professors of conservative and fundamental colleges, universities, and seminaries *won't* tell you when they tell you the King James Bible "contained the Apocrypha." Not as any

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scripture **“given by inspiration of God,”** no. The King James translators no more thought the Apocrypha was the words of God than a Bible believer thinks the notes in a Scofield Bible are “scripture.” The editors of the RV, ASV, RSV, NASV, NIV, and ESV don’t dare print the contents of the “earliest and best manuscripts” because if they did, the body of Christ would *know* that Vaticanus and Sinaiticus weren’t Bible manuscripts at all.

4. “The King James Version has undergone many updates.”

What kind of “updates” would those be? The writer for Prison Fellowship Ministries doesn’t say, but the sly fox will lead you to believe that they are the same kind of “updates” as those made by such Alexandrian corruptions as the NASV and the NIV: that is, remove 36,000 (NASV) to 64,000 (NIV) words and change any key verse defining a “fundamental of the faith” (see below).

5. “If you prefer the King James Version you would probably enjoy the NASV. The NIV is also highly recommended.”

Why in the world would we enjoy a version (either one; take your pick. They both come from the same corrupted manuscripts listed above, via Nestle’s Greek text) that attacks the deity of Christ in 1 Timothy 3:16, the Trinity in 1 John 5:7, the virgin birth in Luke 2:33, the incarnation in Acts 4:27, 30, the blood atonement in Colossians 1:14, and which teaches there are *two separate Gods* in John 1:18? I suppose you would “enjoy” such a mess if you

were a rank liberal (or a “godly fundamentalist!”), but not if you were a *Bible believer*.

6. “It provides the clearest meaning of the original or early manuscripts of the Holy Scripture.”

Now that was a craftily worded statement, wasn’t it? Like all good apostates, he started with the party line of “the original manuscripts.” But knowing perfectly well that no such thing exists on the face of this earth *right now* (there have been no “original manuscripts” since A.D. 120, and perhaps even sooner than that), he threw in “or early” before “manuscripts” hoping the reader would make the assumption that instead of having a choice of *two* (original or early) that “early” was just another description of “original.” Slick, ain’t it? But the “earliest and best manuscripts” were not written until *200 years* after the last “original manuscript” had crumbled to dust (circa A.D. 325). These birds couldn’t stop lying if their souls depended on it.

Now, we don’t have time or space here to go into all the problems with the “early manuscripts” or the corrupt modern versions. We have covered these matters thoroughly in the following works, which we recommend you get, read, and study: *The Christian’s Handbook of Manuscript Evidence*, *The Christian’s Handbook of Biblical Scholarship*, *Satan’s Masterpiece*, *the NASV*, and *The NIV: An Indepth Study on Apostasy*.

Now that is the “evangelical”; here is the atheist. This fruit loop comes out of Madison, Wisconsin.

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Her name is Annie Laurie Gaylor, and she is co-president of the "Freedom From Religion Foundation." The following was reported by the American Center for Law and Justice (*not* the ACLU).

While speaking at North Illinois University, she and her husband stayed at the Holmes Student Center Hotel. They were "shocked," "horrified," and "dismayed" to discover the Gideon Bible in the nightstand.

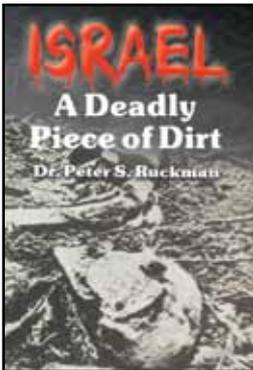
Aw, cut it out, Marty; you're breakin' my heart. People like Gaylor wouldn't be "shocked" or "horrified"

one minute by a daily newspaper provided by the hotel, and that has things as "obnoxious" as anything you read in the Bible. The difference is, *there are no moral judgments on the obnoxious material found in the newspaper.* Atheist groups don't hesitate one minute to defend the most perverted types of pornography (such as *child* pornography) as "freedom of speech," and yet they will throw a fit over a hotel owned by a state university allowing Christians to exercise their freedom of religion by placing a free Bible in the nightstand of a room.

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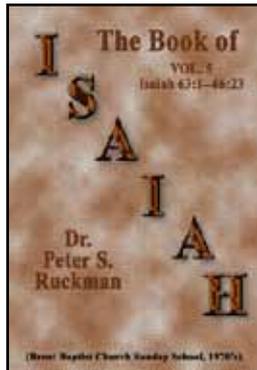
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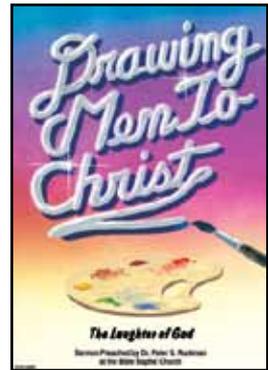
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Gaylor goes on to say: "Providing Bibles to Holmes Student Center Hotel guests sends the message the North Illinois University endorses the religious texts. Including Bibles sends the message to non-Christian and non-religious guests that they should read the Bible . . ."

Well, not any more than having a TV in the room sends the message that teetotalers "should" drink liquor or that moral guests "should" fornicate like a pack of wild dogs, no. No more than local pizza joints leaving coupons in the room means that the guests "should" have pizza to eat or get their pizza from those specific restaurants. If you don't like having belly dancers or cussing in your hotel room, don't turn on the glass toilet. If you want fried chicken instead of pizza, don't use the coupons provided. And if you don't want the **"patience and comfort of the scriptures"** (Rom. 15:4), don't take the Gideon Bible out of the nightstand and read it. It's that simple. No one need be offended by the mere presence of a Book unless he has a sneaking suspicion that it is a living Book that can cut him to shreds (Heb. 4:12) and read him before he reads it (Heb. 4:13).

This woman atheist wants the Bible banned because she says it is "obnoxious." Well, we Bible believers have to put up with a lot of "obnoxious" stuff too. We don't appreciate a one-eyed monster sitting on the dresser counter with drunks, cannibals, queers, cross-dressers, lesbians, dope heads, witches, naked men and women, murderers,

rapists, blood-sucking vampires, etc. available 24 hours a day. We don't appreciate one bit hearing our Saviour cussed, mocked, and blasphemed "on air." But if we can put up with all that, then bless God, that woman can put up with a Gideon Bible in a drawer.

If the Bibles remain in the rooms of hotels, then this fruit loop wants a sticker put in them (which she will sell to you—\$\$\$): "Warning: Literal Belief in this Book May Endanger Your Health and Life," with the skull-and-bones "poison" symbol on it. Now isn't that a flip? There's a ding-a-ling without the bell. After taking the Bible out of schools so it won't influence the kiddies to pay attention to it and follow it (see the Stone vs. Graham decision of the Supreme Court—1980), do you know where the government put it? In the penitentiaries! Evidently it doesn't endanger the health and life of "twenty-to-lifers." Evidently, it is good and even desirable for those in the "slammer" to read and follow the Bible when it isn't for kids being brainwashed in the public schools.

"Literal belief in this book may endanger your health and life"? Really? It didn't endanger D. L. Moody's life and health, and he believed it literally. It didn't endanger Billy Sunday or Billy Graham or John Wesley or George Whitefield or General William Booth or Peter Cartwright or Charlie Fuller or M. R. DeHaan or Dr. Walter Wilson or Theodore Epp or Hugh Pyle or John R. Rice or Bob Jones Sr. or Oliver B. Green, et al. What this woman has done is

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find a few people “whose elevator didn’t go all the way to the top floor” (who were “one taco short of a fiesta platter,” whose “lights were on but nobody was home,” etc.) and use the exceptions to overthrow the rule. The rule is belief in the Book gives one **“a sound mind”** (2 Tim. 1:7).

Believing that Book didn’t “endanger my health and life.” It took a 27-year-old young man, who had been drinking himself to death and was ready to “check out,” and saved him, dried him up, cleaned him up, provided him a purpose in life, and gave him 63 more years of life. If I had followed up with what I had originally planned the night I stole a King James Bible from a flophouse (suicide), I would have been burning in hell for 63 years now. As it stands, I enlisted in the Lord’s army and have had the “ride of my life.” And the best is yet to come: my “retirement program” is “out of this world.” That story can be repeated literally hundreds, if not thousands, of times. If you want the documentation, just listen to any broadcast of “Unshackled” put out by the Pacific Garden Mission.

Now there you go: the views of a “good, godly” “evangelical” on the Book and those of a flaming atheist on the Book. They seem to be worlds apart, but they have a lot more in common than meets the eye. *Both are against the Book* (AV 1611); they only differ in the *approach* and *degree* of getting rid of it. The evangelical still “blows kisses” at the Book *while not believing it*, while the atheist will have overt

hatred for the Book *while not believing it*. The evangelical will sit in judgment of the word of God based on archaeological findings and corrupt manuscripts, while the atheist sits in judgment of the word of God based on feelings, but *both sit in judgment of God’s words as recorded in a Book*. The evangelical may only get rid of 36,000 (NASV) to 64,000 (NIV) of God’s words while the atheist dumps all 788,258 of them; but *both get rid of something God said*. The atheist (in this case a woman) operates with *no regard for any authority higher than her own opinion*; ditto the evangelical. Hence, the atheist has a god (contrary to her profession): it is *herself*. *She decides what God did and did not say*. Ditto the evangelical.

That is the current state of “evangelicalism” in America, Great Britain, Canada, and Australia. It is a state of *practical atheism*: operating with no authority higher than *man*. It is being “exported” to Mexico, Central America, South America, Europe, Asia, the Pacific islands, and Africa via fundamental, conservative, and evangelical Christian colleges, universities, and seminaries. Its whole purpose is to divest you of any belief in the Book it can and replace it with belief in a sinner like yourself. If Satan can’t take away your belief in the *whole* Book (like the atheist), he will content himself with taking away *some* of your belief in the Book (like the evangelical). Either way, the Devil is the winner because he has gotten you to *doubt what God said*; that has been his “game plan” since Genesis 3:1.

Where Are The Men?

By Robert Militello

“Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, QUIT YOU LIKE MEN, be strong” (1 Cor. 16:13).

“Act like a man.” How many boys in my generation heard their dads say that to them? Fathers are blessed when their sons look up to them. What son doesn't want his father to be proud of him? We strive to please our heavenly Father and are privileged to boast about His Son. It's more than an obligation to serve our Lord; it's an honor to do so, and that with joy and thanksgiving. Most men desire to follow a man's man, but because of spiritual blindness, they fail to see in Jesus Christ the personification of real manhood. Paul had to tell Christian men in Corinth to act like men—sad isn't it? Men that have God's Holy Spirit in them, the Spirit of power (2 Tim. 1:7), conduct themselves like babies and remain children because they can't handle correction. Plain-speaking preachers are getting harder to find these days, and there are congregations that are ill served by pastors who fear their wives more than God.

Some months ago, the American Psychological Association put out a 36-page report entitled, “Guidelines for Psychological Practice with Boys and Men.” This paper appeared in the January edition of *Monitor*, a widely distributed magazine for counselors. It was developed by a team of “experts” between 2015 and 2018, and concluded that traditional masculinity as understood by most is harmful. This is the same bunch that in 1975 changed its characterization of homosexuality from a mental disorder to an alternate lifestyle. Now, we

are told that offering guidance based on what generations held to be the way boys become men is damaging. In other words, “alpha males” need to be softened. The word *alpha* in Greek is used to describe men who are not afraid to look someone in the eye and declare their beliefs plainly. God used such men to build His church. An alpha male named Martin Luther told the head of the most powerful institution in Europe where he could go.

The phrase *alpha male* was coined by ethologists (a college word used to describe those who study animal behavior). Studying the behavior of wolves led to the practice of labeling certain men as “alphas.” If you are puzzled as to why humans should be characterized by the behavior of beasts, turn to Ecclesiastes 3:18.

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

Well, the record of human history proves the truth of what men without Christ are—beasts. No doubt, the report put out by the “experts” in psychology will be used by the gay lobby to gain more influence over guidance counselors in our nation's public schools. This report fits in perfectly with their desire to destroy traditional masculinity. Because so many of God's people do not study the word, the real danger this report poses to the church will not appear plainly. Worldly thinking finds its way into the body of Christ on many levels. Social media has put the process of Christian mental decay on

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steroids. We were warned about this (2 Tim. 3:1).

“Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the RUDIMENTS OF THE WORLD, and not after Christ” (Col. 2:8).

Wherever you turn, those things considered traditional are under ferocious attack. There has never been a time in America when Christians themselves have allowed the thinking of the world to exert so much influence on their thinking. Electronic gadgets, social media, and a growing dependence upon government to provide for their needs have become the oxygen of millions of Laodicean Christians. A renewed mind is a key by-product of the new birth. There's little evidence of the work of the Holy Spirit on the thinking of too many brothers and sisters. Politicians resort to opinion polls to guide them on policy choices. God's people have a Book. “What saith the scriptures?” should be the only thing that influences or determines the position a saint should take on any issue. When I hear a believer say, “I keep an open mind,” my estimation of that Christian drops immediately. Keep a closed mind filled with the word of God, and the peace of mind you coveted won't be so elusive, amen?

What is this new masculinity that the learned psychologists would have in place of “toxic traditional masculinity?” How about a culture where sodomites could recruit freely without having to fear males who look upon their perversion with utter revulsion? Train boys to be passive

and accepting of all kinds of cultural differences—show love! That's it. God loves everyone, right? We're all children of God. “Judge not lest ye be judged,” and there is no absolute truth. Let's bring in world peace under the banner of the brotherhood of man. This wicked, God-hating world spirit will continue to war against God's word until the anointed of Satan, a sodomite, puts the kingdoms of this evil world in his hands. His hour, the hour of darkness, is at hand. Thank God for Jesus Christ. Who among us could hope to escape the juggernaut of filth and perversion that is now rolling over us and stamping out all attachment to traditional values?

While reading through what psychologists believe constitutes an alpha male, one characteristic stood out among all the rest. They are seen as risk takers. That's important in the life of faith. If you never do anything but play it safe, and go with the crowd, you're not alpha. You can't win if you're not willing to risk losing. To win Christ, you should put all at His feet, amen? “Faith is the victory,” and God's men in both Old and New Testaments were far from wilting violets. They stepped up to the plate at crucial times and made sure the Lord's view on things was clear and not open to interpretation. Where are they today? I thank God, Bible Baptist has two such men—Pastor Donovan and his assistant, Zack Colvin. They have followed with distinction in the footsteps of that notorious alpha, Dr. Peter S. Ruckman of blessed memory.

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BE COUNTED WORTHY OF DOUBLE HONOUR, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine" (1 Tim. 5:17).

Where there is a hunger for pure truth and a desire to walk in it, the Holy Spirit will supply an alpha male—count on it!

"As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them" (Isa. 3:12). When beta males multiply rapidly and alpha males start to "go along to get along," the results are predictable. There are now 102 women in the U.S. House of Representatives and 21 females in the U.S. Senate. I told a Jewish friend to consider opening a high-end ladies shoe store in Washington, D.C. He told me that I thought like a Jew. What is so surprising about a Jewish book giving any Gentile who embraces it a bunch of good ideas from time to time, amen? Our nation became strong because of a Jewish book. Men who preached the Book had clear understanding of what a man and a woman's role should be. That's gone now and it will never come back. Our public education system will increasingly blur the differences between male and female until transgenderism will be as American as apple pie. May it please our Saviour to tarry no longer and snatch us out of the amoral septic tank America is fast becoming. Memorize Titus 2:13. It's a much needed comfort.

Years ago, the United States Marine Recruitment Center had big ads saying, "We're looking for a few good men." In the age of politically correct speech, those signs are now

sexist and offensive. Also, thanks to the research done by the American Psychological Association, we now know that traditional masculinity is harmful. My dad left for heaven four years ago at 94. Before he left, he said to me after watching a news report, "What has happened to my country?" I said, "Pop, the Lord is flushing the toilet on us. We have turned our faces away from His words." The entrance requirements for our armed services have had to be lowered because of various social factors. Finding good men is no easy chore today. The pool of those who are potential officers has shrunk dramatically. Sodomites now serve aboard U.S. submarines (at their own risk), and men who wish to become women are insisting that the medical cost be born by the U.S. taxpayer because they are serving Uncle Sam. We are not becoming one; we are a madhouse today.

"For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD: They would none of my counsel; they despised all my reproof. Therefore shall they eat the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices" (Prov. 1:29–31).

What has contributed enormously to the feminization of our social order is the ungodly emphasis on the importance of self-esteem. **"For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) DWELLETH NO GOOD THING"** (Rom. 7:18). Even so-called Christian psychologists stiffen up when having to deal with the power of Paul's statement on the human condition. Protecting one's self-es-

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teen has become a defense mechanism against the intrusive power of Holy Spirit conviction. God's word has no regard for your or my self-esteem, and that's a blessing whether you realize it or not. There is a real difference in how males and females see the importance of protecting one's self-esteem. In case you haven't noticed, females are significantly more sensitive than males. Some years ago, I made the mistake of commenting on my niece's weight. I hadn't seen her in a while, and she looked heavier than I remembered her. Well, the slip of the tongue caused my sister and my niece to shun me for a year. "Why must Uncle Bob say such horrible things?" Why did the Apostle Paul have to be so brutally frank? Doesn't he know that people have feelings? Flattery is the key to successful interpersonal communication, not bluntness. If you haven't learned that by now, sign up for charm school—get help.

Alpha males tend to be confident and not double minded. Their speech can be considered rude, especially these days when hypersensitivity has run amok. Paul confessed to being "**rude in speech**"—see 2 Corinthians 11:6. That's the only time the word "**rude**" appears in God's word. Because the apostle to the Gentiles used "**great plainness of speech**" (2 Cor. 3:12), he was thought of as being rude by baby Christians in Corinth. Laodicean preachers are deathly afraid of being considered "**rude in speech**" by their congregations. "**Good words and fair speeches**" (Rom. 16:18) get wallets to open more freely.

Megachurch pastors are repulsed by crude words appearing in a King James Bible. They prefer beta-male Bibles that undermine the deity of Christ. Today's attack on traditional masculinity is spiritual at its root. It goes back to 1881, when the authority and power of the King James Bible led two beta-male wimps, Westcott and Hort, to publish a piece of trash and call it a "Bible." Attempts to further feminize God's word have intensified over the years. Visit a modern "Christian" bookstore and examine the "Bibles" on the shelves. What they all need is a nice, pink bow around the covers. Wimpy "Bibles" make for wimpy Christians. So wimpy pastors, who need a shot of spiritual testosterone, should insist on their congregations using an AV 1611 and face the blowback, even if it splits the church. Alpha males take risks.

There was a man who won the gold medal in the 1976 Olympics decathlon event in Montreal. The winner of the Olympic decathlon is traditionally given the title of "World's Greatest Athlete." Bruce Jenner married three times and had six children. There was never a doubt that Bruce was a real man. Still, something in Bruce's mind and heart caused him to question his sanity. Finally, in April 2015, Bruce revealed that he was now Caitlyn, a transgendered woman. At 66, he/she confessed that for years he pretended to be a woman by cross-dressing. God alone knows how many men there are who are presently confused about their gender. America's quickening descent into moral depravity received a shot

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in the arm when the “World’s Greatest Athlete” joined the pervert community and appeared on the cover of *Vanity Fair* magazine in September 2015. She went on to tweet, “I’m so happy after such a long struggle to be living my true self. Welcome to the world, Caitlyn. Can’t wait for you to get to know her/me.” Our once great nation is now filled with devil-possessed weirdos who parade their filth without shame. Can judgment be far off?

Every congregation of saints should be led and fed by a man that is bold and sold out to God. That man should fear God’s word more than his family, his wife, and the ridicule and opposition that results from holy boldness. Just recently, the outdoor preaching on the corners of Pensacola started again. Scores of men from Bible Baptist and students at Pensacola Bible Institute position themselves on strategic intersections with Bibles in hand calling sinners to repent. Pastors who don’t encourage and lead such activity in their own communities fear man more than God. The desire to appear respectable keeps many pastors behind the safety of a desk where they “counsel,” or in the friendly atmosphere of their church building. I prefer men who visit sinners in the public square while assigning nursing home visitation to deacons and ladies of reputation.

Some men project authority; most do not.

“For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes” (Matt. 7:29).

Jesus caused those Jews who

heard Him and read their scriptures to categorize Him with three of the most negative preachers that ever opened their mouths.

“When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I am? And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets” (Matt. 16:13–14).

How does a Joel Osteen batting his eyes every second call himself a preacher of the gospel of Jesus Christ? Put a dress on him and bring him to the nearest ballet school. Pulpits in America are loaded with Bruce Jenners—men who would be more comfortable in panties rather than pants. No wonder “Onward Christian Soldiers” has been dropped from the newer Christian songbooks.

Our Saviour **“is a man of war”** (Exod. 15:3). His saints make up an army. Men who are willing to lose their lives in battle inspire others. My dad greatly admired General George S. Patton. He was no armchair general. German and Italian soldiers in North Africa saw General Erwin Rommel in the lead tank advancing toward the British lines. Those men knew they had a fighting general leading them, and a man needs to know that when he is called to put his life on the line. Why should Bible Baptist be the only church sending men out to combat on Saturday afternoons? Our Saviour told his soldiers to go out **“and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled”** (Luke 14:23). Where were they sent? Truth is not served by be-

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ing locked up in a church building on Sundays. It is fit for the highways and byways of a nation wallowing in sin and hopelessness. I wonder if Jesus were here and called for every pastor in New York City to meet Him in Times Square on a Saturday afternoon to confront sinners with His message of repentance and forgiveness, how many "men" would show up?

"And they all with one consent began to make excuse" (Luke 14:18). "You can't build a church that way" and "It turns people off"—this stuff comes from men who were told to endure hardness as good soldiers (2 Tim. 2:3). Bruce Jenner had more guts declaring himself to be a female than these cub scouts called to battle against sin with the word of God. What a shame it is to see the Lord's bride in this condition just before she is to be taken up into glory. God only knows how many Christian women with fire in their souls have had to step up and declare to loved ones and neighbors the truth of God because their men preferred to watch TV. Embarrassment, shame, and regret will overwhelm countless Christian men at the Judgment Seat of Christ. It is a terror God has reserved for those who heard the sound of battle and ran away.

"The children of Ephraim, being armed, and carrying bows, TURNED BACK IN THE DAY OF BATTLE. They kept not the covenant of God, and refused to walk in his law; And forgot his works, and his wonders that he had shewed them" (Psa. 78:9–11).

Gethsemane is the place where

fear was defeated, and many pastors need to visit that place in their hearts before Jesus returns. See Proverbs 28:1, and if you have a Ruckman Reference Bible (you should), look at his note on that verse. It speaks for itself—no comment need be added.

Traditional masculinity will never die among men who hear from the Lord and walk by faith. The Holy Spirit knows the hearts of men and where there are some who have the potential to be Elijah-like in their zeal for God. The wind blowing against God's word is a gale now, but will be a hurricane as soon as sodomites and their lap dog, psychologists, use the media and schools to indoctrinate our population. You will soon hear more of what one university professor recently stated, "We need to stop telling young men to 'man up.'" Now, I suppose detectives and others in law enforcement must learn to interrogate suspects using only politically correct speech. Mental decay, which I've written about in past articles, is now manifesting itself in all segments of our society. Again, I will say without apology that Facebook and other social media outlets will further the process of this decay and turn many Christian men into useless busybodies.

Jesus chose real men to build His church. Two of them were called **"sons of thunder"** (Mark 3:17). When they opened their mouths, you knew where they stood. God's church in America is suffering from a severe case of anorexia, thanks to the use of wimpy "Bibles" and pastors afraid to upset thin-skin saints. Incidentally, there are some King

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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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James Only pastors that have no stomach for spiritual combat, yet dress up every Sunday as soldiers hoping the congregation will like their saltless sermons. Paul told Timothy to **“do the work of an evangelist”** (2 Tim. 4:5). A pastor who strives for God’s approval must regularly leave his office and his pulpit, and engage sinners, or else the burden for lost souls will gradually disappear. The military recruits, colleges recruit for promising high school athletes, and

homosexuals recruit. We are expected to produce after our own kind. For us, the book of Acts is not finished. Men fired with the Holy Spirit are given that anointing to fish for souls. There are men, and there are those who think they are men. God knows the difference, and in His time, the work of every man born of God will be thoroughly examined. You know where that will happen.

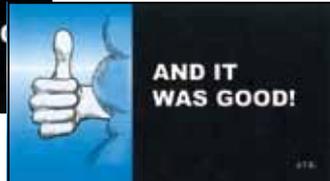
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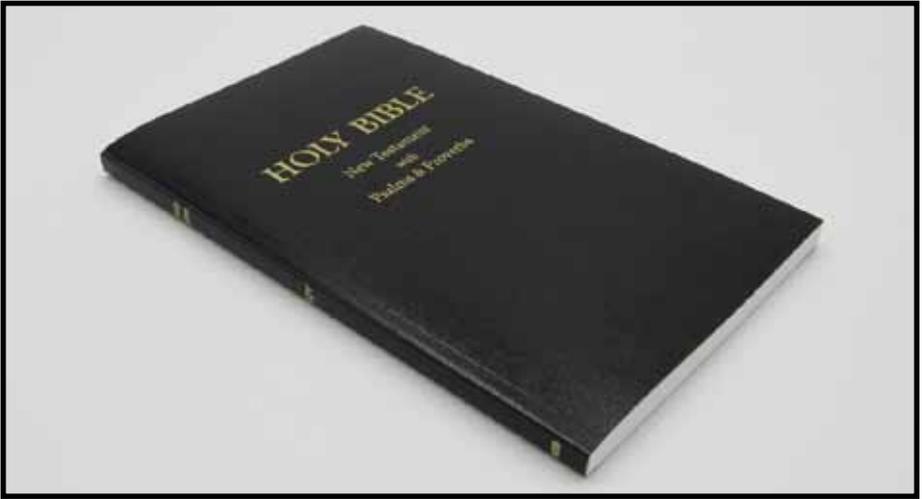
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