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## The Great Work Of Foreign Missions

By Brian Donovan

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The 1700s closed with the "Father of Modern Missions" (William Carey) setting up the Baptist Missionary Society in 1792, and then submitting himself to the field of India. The members of the little English Baptist Church that he was pastoring all opposed the decision, his father said he was crazy, and his wife outright refused to go. Carey took his eight-year-old son Felix and left on a ship that headed out with licensing and financial problems, causing it to quickly turn back to port. Realizing her husband meant business when it came to obeying the Lord, Mrs. Carey repented and left with her husband on the next ship to India.

They arrived in late 1793, and Carey spent the next seven years laboring with the language and witnessing without a single native convert. His five-year-old son Peter died, causing his wife to go insane, and she never

recovered despite his nursing of her. In the meantime, Carey translated the whole Bible into Sanskrit, Marathi, and Bengali.

By 1818, along with two others, Marshman and Ward, the trio could claim over six hundred Indian converts. A warehouse fire in 1812 burned his grammar books, a polyglot dictionary, and whole translations of the Bible. Carey put his head down, prayed, and started over. Having compassion on the Indian souls he preached to, Carey fought hard against widow burning and their killing of unwanted infants.

The start of American Baptist foreign missions should be credited to George Liele, a black slave who gained his freedom, founded and pastored the First African Baptist Church of Savannah, GA., before leaving for Jamaica in 1782—ten years before Carey sailed for India, and thirty years before Judson made it to Calcutta in 1812. Liele preached among the African slaves who worked the sugar plantations around Kingston and saw hundreds saved and baptized. He taught these converted slaves that they had a responsibility to also go and preach

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# The Greatest Coward

By Dr. Peter S. Ruckman

**“And king Herod heard of him; (for his name was spread abroad:) and he said, That John the Baptist was risen from the dead, and therefore mighty works do shew forth themselves in him. Others said, That it is Elias. And others said, That it is a prophet, or as one of the prophets. But when Herod heard thereof, he said, It is John, whom I beheaded: he is risen from the dead. For Herod himself had sent forth and laid hold upon John, and bound him in prison for Herodias’ sake, his brother Philip’s wife: for he had married her. For John had said unto Herod, It is not lawful for thee to have thy brother’s wife. Therefore Herodias had a quarrel against him, and would have killed him; but she could not: Herod feared John, knowing that he was a just man and an holy, and observed him; and when he heard him, he did many things, and heard him gladly.”** (Mark 6:14-20)

I call this man “The greatest coward in the Bible”. There might be some controversy about that, but I am going to tell you why I think he was.

Herod heard John the Baptist gladly, and then one night at his birthday party, a dancer got up there and gave a belly dance with the “bumps and grinds”. Herod was so pleased he said, “You ask what you want, and I’ll give you anything unto the half of my kingdom.” She didn’t know what she wanted to ask, so she went to her mom and asked, “What shall I ask for?”. Her mother said, “Get me the head of that Baptist preacher!”. Cut off his head. I want that one that preaches and tells what’s right and

what’s wrong. I want his head! And so Herod had him beheaded.

The history of Herod here in this passage is simple. We find that his conscience is awakened, and he heard him gladly. Then we find that his conscience is seared after this dance, and when Christ finally approaches him, right before He dies on the cross, Christ doesn’t talk to him.

Pilate sends him down to Herod, and Herod says, “Are you John the Baptist? Are you one of the prophets? Let me see you do a miracle.” And the Bible says that Christ never opened His mouth to him.

**“Then he questioned with him in many words; but he answered him nothing.”** (Luke 23:7)

That’s how God deals with a man whose conscience is seared and defiled—He just refuses to commune with him.

Now the world is filled with moral cowards like Pilate and Herod. I don’t know how Pilate would have done in a fistfight or how Herod would have done in a razor blade fight. But I know one thing, they were both moral cowards.

There are two kinds of courage, one of them is moral, and the other is physical. There are men in this country who have all the physical courage they need, but they don’t have any moral courage at all. That’s what Herod’s trouble was.

The world is filled with moral cowards, and there are times when cowardice shows up in everybody. David was so scared he acted like he was crazy in order to prevent getting killed.

Ishbosheth was scared to death of Abner. Abner got to messing around with Saul’s concubines, and Ish-

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bosheth pointed it out to him. Abner said to him, "You find fault with me in dealing with that woman after I put you on the throne?" He said, "God do so more and also to me if I don't give the whole kingdom to David." The Bible says that Ishbosheth couldn't do anything because he was scared of him (2 Sam. 3:11).

The blind man's parents were afraid to testify for their son lest they be put out of the synagogue (John 9:18-23).

I suppose that's why the expression "**Fear not**" occurs so many times in the Bible. It appears over and over again. Men have to be told that. You say, "Why?" Revelation 21:8 says that some of the inhabitants of Hell are "**the fearful**". Did you ever read that passage? Right along with the whoremongers, adulterers, and murderers are, "**the fearful**." Isn't that a strange thing? How could a fellow go to Hell because he was fearful? Well, men are notably cowards when it comes to receiving Christ.

When I sign a Bible, I usually sign it with Joshua 1:9.

**"Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."**

A man needs encouragement. We all get scared after a while. You take Elijah. That fellow killed 400 prophets, and boy, about the time he receives a letter from Jezebel, his lips turned as blue as a gobbler's lips on Thanksgiving morning. He headed out for his life—scared.

Here's old Joshua, a great soldier, flat on his face; "**And Joshua said, Alas, O Lord GOD, wherefore hast**

**thou at all brought this people over Jordan, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us? would to God we had been content, and dwelt on the other side Jordan!"** (Josh. 7:6) He's scared to death!

Those things will come upon you, and the Lord says to those that love Him, "**Fear not**". "Cowardice is epidemic." That's what General George S. Patton said. It spreads and spreads and goes from man to man.

I saw a cartoon of Dagwood Bumstead years ago in the comic strips. He was looking through a family album to find his ancestors, and he said, "I shook the family tree and found a bunch of nuts." You'd find some in mine! I have a great, great granddaddy that was a pirate, and they hung him at Charleston. Well, anyway, Bumstead found out one of his ancestors fought at Bunker Hill in the Revolutionary War. The account said that he wrapped a rifle up in a blanket and ran out between the ranks yelling, "Don't hurt the baby, don't shoot the baby!". A guy probably felt like doing that at times!

Now the first thing Herod feared was his own conscience.

**"But when Herod heard thereof, he said, It is John, whom I beheaded: he is risen from the dead."** (Mark 7:16)

His conscience told him he shouldn't have killed John the Baptist. So, when Christ showed up, he said, "Has John risen from the dead?". Conscience makes cowards of us all. A good conscience can sleep in a hurricane. As my Pop used to say, "An honest man's pillow is his peace of mind."

Martin Luther said, "My conscience

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is bound by the scripture; here I stand.” If a man that doesn’t believe in one final authority, his conscience is bound by nothing—he’s an outlaw. If the Book of God cannot control your conscience, you are an outlaw. You are outside the law, and you are your own God. That’s why we teach that you have one final authority.

Paul mentions the conscience many, many times.

**“And Paul, earnestly beholding the council, said, Men and brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day.”** (Acts 23:1)

**“I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost”** (Rom. 9:1).

**“Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron”** (I Tim. 4:2).

Your conscience is that still, small voice in you. One time when a mother was bawling her boy out, who was about ten years old, for doing something he knew was wrong, she said, “What is that still small voice you carry with you?”. He said, “A transistor radio.”

Why did Herod fear his conscience? His conscience told him he wasn’t right, and so he got upset about it.

The second thing Herod feared was John the Baptist. **“For Herod feared John, knowing that he was a just man and an holy...”** (Mark 6:20).

Herod had “Bibliophobia”. He was afraid of the Book, afraid of the truth, and afraid of John the Baptist. So he reformed, **“he did many things, and heard him gladly”**, but he didn’t get saved. That’s reformation without salvation.

If clothes made the man, what was John the Baptist? He was wearing a leather girdle and camel hair clothing. He’d walk a mile for a camel because, for him, it was a suit of clothes! They asked him what he was, and he said, “I’m a voice. That’s all.”

Rulers often run into the truth, and they usually react to it like Herod and Pilate. Did you ever read in the Bible where a Bible-believing preacher runs into a ruler and puts it to him? You ought to hear Micaiah before Ahab. Boy, he’s a good one!

**“And Micaiah said, As the LORD liveth, what the LORD saith unto me, that will I speak.”** (I Kings 22:14)

Ahab says, “Take this fellow and throw him in prison, and when I come back, I’ll deal with him. Micaiah goes off to jail and says, “If you come back, you can forget what I said—you ain’t coming back.”

**“And Micaiah said, If thou return at all in peace, the LORD hath not spoken by me. And he said, Hearken, O people, every one of you.”** (I Kings 22:28)

Did you ever read Amos? The ruler says, **“But prophesy not again any more at Bethel: for it is the king’s chapel, and it is the king’s court.”** (Amos 7:13)

Amos says, “O.K. I want to tell you something before I go. You are going to die in a polluted land, Israel is going to go into captivity, and your wife is going to be a whore—see you later!”

Those run-ins are always like that. When Christ runs into Pontius Pilate, he says, “I have the power to kill you or to let you go.” Christ says, **“Thou couldst have no power at all against me, except it were given**

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**thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin”** (John 19:11).

Did you ever see how Jeremiah dealt with Zedekiah or how Felix and Agrippa acted when Paul got on them? Those fellows don't have enough guts to respond.

Do you know of one president, congressman, or senator that ever talked much about the second coming of Jesus Christ? Why that's the main theme of the Book! There are more passages in the Bible on the second coming of Christ than there are on the deity of Christ, the virgin birth, the resurrection, or the new birth! What's the trouble? Somebody is scared. When they are faced with the truth, they can't take it!

They can't take a preacher that preaches the truth. They like a nice, butter-mouthed, syrup-headed idiot, sharing and caring and impacting the sex-crazy, money-mad, power-hungry, hyper-sensitive humanists who have a heart blacker than the smokestacks of Hell! That's what they like.

They like everything smoothed down for them. You don't find them courting anybody to preach at them like a Billy Sunday, Carl Lackey, or Maze Jackson. They know who to hang out with—a bunch of smooth, slick, compromising people that won't upset them. You say why? It's probably because of the way they live.

A little boy one time was scared of a German Shepherd that licked him in the face. The daddy said, “You have nothing to worry about.” The little boy said, “You'd be scared too if you were as low down as I am!”. That's why these

rulers are scared—they're lowdown!

John didn't win any popularity contest for his sermon on friendship, courtship, and marriage—believe me!

That isn't all; Herod feared his wife. **“For Herod himself had sent forth and laid hold upon John, and bound him in prison for Herodias's sake, his brother Philip's wife...”** (Mark 6:17).

She kept complaining about him, so he had him arrested because he was worried about what she would do if he didn't.

A little boy said to his daddy, “Daddy, are you afraid of a dinosaur?”. He said, “No.” “Well, how about a booger bear?”. He said, “Nope.” “How about a gorilla?”. He said, “Nope.” The little boy said, “Daddy, ain't you afraid of anything but mommy?”.

After a big fight with his wife, a man told a brother, “Well, she finally came crawling to me on her knees.” The brother asked, “Well, what did she say?”. She said, “Come out from under that bed, you coward!”.

Herod also feared public opinion. **“And she came in straightway with haste unto the king, and asked, saying, I will that thou give me by and by in a charger the head of John the Baptist. And the king was exceeding sorry; yet for his oath's sake, and for their sakes which sat with him, he would not reject her.”** (Mark 6:25-26)

He's worried about public opinion; he sees how they respond. One reason why he didn't kill John is because the public thought that he was a prophet.

The Pharisees had that trouble. Christ said, **“The baptism of John, whence was it? from heaven, or of men? And they reasoned with**

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**themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say unto us, Why did ye not then believe him? But if we shall say, Of men; we fear the people; for all hold John as a prophet. And they answered Jesus, and said, We cannot tell. And he said unto them, Neither tell I you by what authority I do these things.**" (Matt. 21:25-27)

Well, Herod is about to have John the Baptist killed. Public opinion has got a hold of him; he's got pressure on him. The reason why he hadn't done it yet is because of what people think. He feared public opinion. Public opinion isn't worth anything. People are fickle—they change.

Did you ever read about Paul in Acts 14? About the time they get through preaching, the people said, "**The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men.**" (Acts 4:11) What are they doing three days later? They stoned him and left him for dead (Acts 4:19)! That's public opinion.

Did you read about Paul coming out of the shipwreck in Acts 27? He throws some wood on the fire, and a viper comes out and bites him. They said, "Uh-huh! Vengeance has finally caught up with that fellow." They watched for him to drop dead, and he takes that thing and flips it off into the fire, and an hour later, he's doing just fine. They "**changed their minds, and said that he was a god.**" (Acts 28:6) That's public opinion. That's your newspaper and Gallup poll.

You guys that are called to preach, let me give you some good advice. First, don't believe every bad thing people say about you. Don't let it get you down, don't pay any attention to

it. Number two, don't believe every good thing they say about you.

When I first got saved, those dear old sisters would come around and shake my hand and say, "Bro. Ruckman, I heard Billy Sunday preach, and that's the best preaching I've heard since Billy Sunday." Don't believe all that stuff, and if you hear anything bad about yourself that's true, try to fix it up. If it isn't true, forget it!

When Jesus Christ came into Jerusalem, they cried, "**Hosanna; Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord**" (Mark 11:9). Three days later, they were saying, "**Crucify him, crucify him.**" (Luke 23:21)

Alright, the final thing he feared was his companions. "**And the king was exceeding sorry; yet for his oath's sake, and for their sakes which sat with him, he would not reject her.**" (Mark 6:26)

He was worried about what his buddies would say.

**"Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners."** (1 Cor. 15:33)

Do you have the courage to stand against the crowd you hang out with? Some of you have the courage, and some of you don't. Most Christians don't!

When Saul came back from battle with the Amalekites, Samuel came and said, "How come you disobeyed the Lord?" Saul said, "I didn't disobey the Lord. I've killed the Amalakites." About that time, Samuel says, "**What meaneth then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?**" (1 Sam. 15:14)

Saul said, "**the people spared the**

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**best of the sheep and of the oxen.”**  
 Coward! He should have killed them whether the people wanted to keep them or not. You can't make decisions by mob rule.

The fellows who put out new bibles and criticize your King James Bible fear ridicule more than they fear God or the judgment seat of Christ. Those fellows don't dare take an open stand for that King James Bible because of what their buddies will say about them. That's the problem; they fear their companions. Cowardice is epidemic!

If you had bad companions before you were saved, you need to get rid of your old companions. Glenn Shunk, a good friend of mine, used to meet weekly with a bunch of fellows and gamble. After he got saved, they were going to have one of their regular card games, and he went. He had just been saved a couple of days; he didn't know anything. He couldn't have found the book of John with an index! About six of them playing poker, and right in the middle of that thing, the Holy Spirit got a hold of him. He was so full of joy that he couldn't keep his mouth shut. He said, "You know what happened to me last week, fellows? I got saved! You guys ought to get saved." You talk about putting a damper on the jolly hour, man. They looked around at each other, and the oldest guy there said, "Don't you think maybe that if you are a Christian, you are in the wrong place right now?". He looked around and said, "Yep. I guess maybe I am." He cashed in his chips and left. Smart move!

Right after I got saved, I wondered how to get rid of some of my old buddies. I found out real quick how to get rid of them—you just witness to

them, and they go. Remember, **“evil communications corrupt good manners.”**

In 1983, they took a poll of 2,000 eighth-graders. They asked them to write down who their heroes were. There wasn't one artist, musician, doctor, general, soldier, writer, martyr, or preacher in the whole list. Who are heroes of middle school kids? They are punks and sluts—actors!

How could somebody that pretends to be something he isn't be a hero? A guy gets a script, memorizes lines, and stands up in front of a camera. Do you think that takes guts? Boy, what a generation we are raising!

**“He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.”** (Prov. 13:20)

A lot of men are subject to peer pressure from their buddies. Boy, have I seen that in the prisons. That is why it's so hard to get some of those fellows saved. There are Muslims all over the prison. They are the strongest force in prison and can be a source of protection. I've known many of them that weren't even Muslim to change their name before they get to prison just for that purpose. I've seen 5 of those fellows get up and come right down and get saved right in front of their buddies. Now that's not an actor; that's a hero! That takes courage.

We lost a division in WWII called the "Golden Lions". That was up near Bastogne, on a ridge called "Schnee Eifel". One man threw down his rifle; then the squad did, the platoon, the battalion, the regiments, and then the whole division. Just gone! Patton said, "Cowardice is epidemic." It's epidemic

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in the military, and it's epidemic among Christians. When these backslidden, yellow-bellied, chicken-livered, cowardly, half-effeminate, teachers in these schools begin to correct that Bible because they are afraid of being called something, it teaches the whole body of Christ to follow their lead. It's epidemic!

Joab goes into battle outflanked and outnumbered 4 to 1, and he gets through. That's courage!

Courage is armor  
A blind man wears;  
That calloused scar  
Of outlived despairs;

Courage is Fear

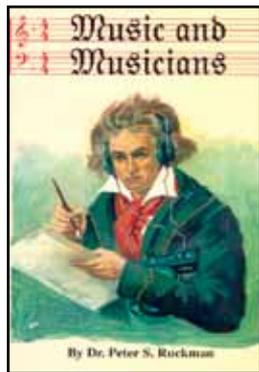
That has said its prayers.

Let us play the men—that is our job. And let the Lord do that which seemeth to Him good—that's His job (Whether it seems good to me or not.). I don't go into battle to win; I go into battle to fight. Who's going to determine the outcome of the battle? The Lord. What if He wants me to lose? Well then, tough apples, I lose my shirt! If He wants me to win, I win.

**"Be of good courage, and let us play the men for our people, and for the cities of our God: and the LORD do that which seemeth him good."** (2 Sam. 10:12)

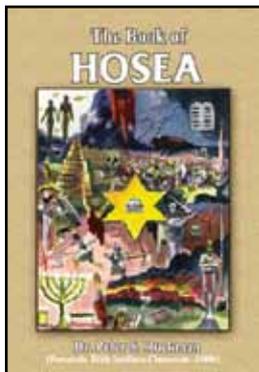
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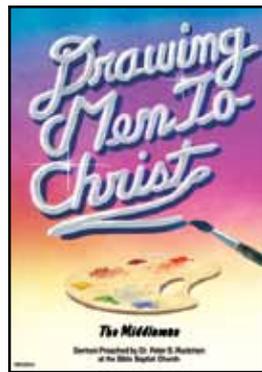
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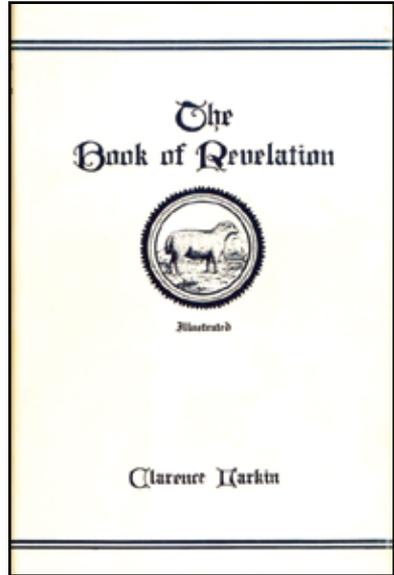
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to the lost in foreign lands, and his converts went to Nova Scotia, Sierra Leone, and the Caribbean islands.

Adoniram Judson is often credited with being America's first Baptist foreign missionary. Born in Maiden, MA., in 1788, he attended Brown University and, wanting to become a playwright, traveled to New York City. He became earnest about eternity when he heard a college friend dying in agony overnight in the room next to him at an inn. He dedicated his life to Christ and, in 1812, went with his new bride to India. Having problems with the East India Company's opposition to missions, they were forced to Burma and arrived in Rangoon in 1813.

Judson was not content living in a compound with other missionaries, who had almost no spiritual life to them, and he moved inland to be amongst the native people. Studying their culture, Adoniram decided to live as the native people and built a zayat (a raised open shelter on poles). This move opened the doors for him to start preaching to the many visitors that came, and within a month, he finally had his first native convert after six years on the field without one.

When the English-Burmese war broke out, he was summoned before the emperor and imprisoned as a spy. He was hung from ankle fetters with only his head and shoulders touching the ground each night, and endured filthy conditions. Shortly after being released, his wife and infant daughter died, causing Judson to go into a deep

depression and reclusion. Living in a jungle hut, he dug his own grave and wished for death, but the Lord brought him out through the scriptures, without psychoanalysis or drugs. He finished his complete Burmese Bible translation in 1840, and at his death in 1850, the Burmese churches totaled 7,000 members, with 163 missionaries serving on that field.

In the "White Man's Graveyard", Robert Moffatt went to South Africa and spent fifty-three years on the field with only one furlough. Raised on stories that his mother read to him about the Moravian missionaries to Greenland and the East Indies, Robert was later apprenticed to a gardener, unaware how valuable that knowledge would be when he got to the African bush. It was not until he was twenty years old and heard a Methodist preach the gospel, that Moffatt realized his need for the new birth.

Moffatt arrived in Capetown, South Africa, in 1817 and went hundreds of miles inland, in spite of the warnings that "Afrikaner (a Hottentot chief) will use your skin for his drums and drink from your skull". Moffatt's love for his soul won Afrikaner over and, they became friends. Robert had problems trying to learn the language and attempted to get by for a time without it, using the little bit of Dutch that the Bechuanas (in modern-day Botswana) used for commercial dealings in Capetown. But he realized there was no other way to reach them, so he went into the bush for eleven weeks to learn

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the Setswana language.

Moffatt eventually translated the whole Bible into Setswana and printed it on his own hand press, being the first entire Bible printed in Africa. He also built a stone church in Kuruman in 1838 that was still standing as of thirty years ago, though the work now is an ecumenical mess of Methodist, Presbyterian, and United Congregationalists. The church never grew above 200, but Moffatt's influence carried weight throughout all of the northwest region of South Africa. Despite warnings not to go, Moffatt traveled to preach to a fierce Zulu chief, who was startled when he saw a wheel for the first time when Moffatt drew near. The tribal chiefs respected Moffatt, and he taught them the "Bible and the plough".

David Livingstone married Moffatt's daughter and became more well-known, even though Moffatt was the real missionary, with Livingstone being more of the explorer. During Moffatt's only furlough, Livingstone was inspired to go when he heard Moffatt preach that the "African morning sun reached the smoke of a thousand villages where no missionary ever walked".

After eleven years in Africa and having four children, Livingstone sent his wife and children back to England, where they lived in poverty while he was free to do his explorations of the interior of Africa. He was the first white man to cross Africa east to west on the Zambezi River, "discovered" Victoria Falls, and returned to Europe as a

hero. The Lord used his speaking tours to inspire many more missionaries to answer the call to Africa, amidst fairy tale descriptions of his life as a missionary. His wife returned with him in 1862, but she died within the year.

Livingstone spent seven years searching for the source of the Nile, and for years, no one knew if he was even alive. The New York Herald sent Henry Stanley to find Livingstone, dead or alive, and they finally met up near Lake Tanganyika, where Stanley claimed his conversion to Christ was because of the testimony of Livingstone. A year later, African servants found Livingstone dead in his hut, kneeling in prayer. They buried his heart under a Mpundu tree, let his body mummify in the hot African sun, and then carried him 1,500 miles across the continent to a ship that carried his body to England, where he was buried in Westminster Abbey, with his seventy-eight-year-old father-in-law (Moffatt) walking in front of the casket.

American Christian men are put to shame by the work in Africa of a woman by the name of Mary Slessor. Raised by an alcoholic father in Scotland, who threw her onto the streets at an early age, she helped raise her sisters and brothers, working 14 hours per day in a textile mill. At 27, she sailed for Calabar (Nigeria) in 1876, where she was disillusioned by the comfortable lifestyles of the missionaries who lived in a compound. She went into the interior alone, lived in mud huts, taught children, and witnessed to the

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natives one on one. She prayed that some men would follow her openings into the interior and pastor churches, but most refused to live in that kind of culture.

Though missionary stories of her depict a Victorian woman in high collared lace dresses, the truth was that she had rotted teeth, boils on her face and head, lived among rats, ants, and roaches, with little concern for hygiene. She wore dresses so torn and tattered, one visiting, potential missionary, turned his head at the "indecentcy of it". She worked among the Okoyongs for twenty-five years and then the Ibo tribe, saving children from an orphan's life, while preaching the gospel to them. Slesor died in a mud hut at sixty-six years old in 1915.

The south sea travels of Captain Cook in the late 1700s showed the need for the gospel to get to the Pacific islands. After living a typical self-serving life as a teenager in London, John Williams was saved and submitted to the call to preach to the natives on the island of Raiatea, where he spent a number of years, seeing a congregation grow to about 2,000 saved natives. From there, he went to Rarotonga, where he experienced similar successes of the gospel. Williams wrote of natives getting saved who used to bury infants alive, hold human sacrifices to their god Oro, and engage in incest and immorality among all ages.

His vision was to visit every island

with the gospel within a thousand-mile radius, and he used a fifty-ton ship called *The Messenger of Peace* to fulfill his dream. He never stayed long enough to build a church or train a native pastor, but he evangelized everywhere he went, and when he returned to England in 1834, many were moved by his stories of the need to go.

Returning to the South Pacific in 1839, Williams went to the island of Erromango, where he met onshore with some natives in order to open the gospel door, but they suddenly attacked, clubbing him to death and dragging his corpse into the vegetation to cook and eat him, with some native converts watching from the boat offshore. His martyrdom inspired a man by the name of John Paton to submit to the same mission field of the New Hebrides islands.

Paton was born in Scotland in 1824 and worked city missions and street work in Glasgow for ten years. In 1858, he was married, ordained, and set sail for the New Hebrides islands. Within the year, his wife and infant son died of fever, and John sat in great despair, having to dig the graves with his own hands and bury his dead, claiming that only the fellowship of the Lord Jesus Himself prevented his own death on that same spot.

His autobiography is thorough and describes both the horrors and the victories of the missionary life. With very little results to show in his early years, Paton trained native men to preach

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and pastor their own people. On the island of Aniwa, he saw great gains in the work, building a huge church, two orphanages, and schools. Eventually, the native trained evangelists numbered over three hundred, and in one case, the whole island population was converted to Christ.

Paton cried when in older years, he saw cannibal hands once stained with blood, now partaking of the Lord's supper in church services. Paton closed his stirring autobiography with this: "should the record of my poor and broken life lead anyone to consecrate himself to mission work at home or abroad that he may win souls for Jesus, or should it deepen the missionary spirit in those who already know and serve the Redeemer...I shall, unto the endless ages of eternity bless and adore my Master and Saviour and Lord".

The modern-day missions movement has different obstacles than the Philadelphia church period experienced, but the real need remains the same, which is men and women who are willing to first hear, and then answer the call. There have always been obstacles to missionary work, but the same Lord is still calling and not willing that any should perish. Requiring deputation, visas, passports, support money, vaccinations, and quarantines, today's missionaries have their hands full, but **"Is anything too hard for the Lord?"**

What a blessing to watch the Lord continue to call young men and women

to get into this great work of foreign missions. He will continue to call men and women into foreign missions, right up until the day of the rapture, looking for a heart that is willing to submit to reach lost souls around the world.

This past year, amidst the opposition of governments and a media health scare, a few more missionaries

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left Bible Baptist Church and went into their foreign fields. A few more await their paperwork to get into Spain, Israel, and Papua New Guinea. We continue by the grace of God to train them at the Pensacola Bible Institute, with an emphasis on the time being short and the need being great, while the Lord continues to call.

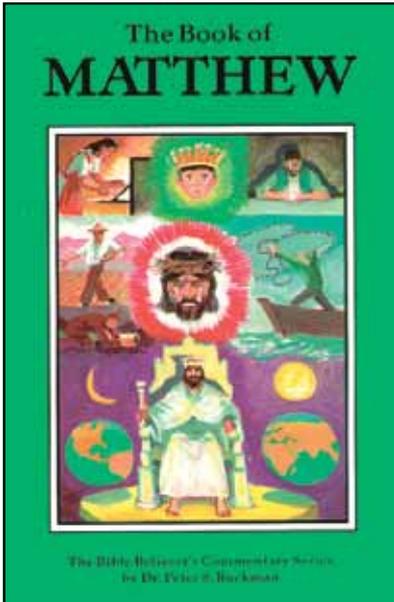
The younger students have some great examples of some veterans who have stayed by the stuff and held their positions. Many have stayed on the field for over twenty and thirty years, in spite of hardships and loneliness and sickness and even the death of loved ones. The following have been on the foreign field for at least twenty years, with some being thirty and forty-year veterans: Aviles in Mexico, Brigham in Japan, Christofferson, Demopoulos in Ukraine, Dickens in England, Fluech in Africa, Hines in Canada, Jones in Mexico, Mazzaferri in Italy, Miller in Scotland, Roberts in Vietnam, Rue in Ukraine, Verginio, Vournas in the Philippines, and Welch in Bulgaria. Others went home from their fields after finishing their course and being found faithful to their calling: Smith from Honduras, Sykes from South Africa, Jones from Mexico, Wheat from Australia, Higgins from Ukraine, Perez from Columbia, and Smith from Scotland.

The apostle Paul had a continual, great burden to see his Jewish brethren saved (Rom. 9:1-4; Rom. 10:1), but he was called to be the **“apostle of the Gentiles”** (Rom. 11:13). He was

led by the Holy Spirit of God through the scripture, as well as open and closed doors, into his calling. As any Christian submits to the general will of God in his life (1 Thess. 5:17-18; 1 Thess. 4:3; Rom. 12:1-2; 1 Pet. 2:13-15), the Lord will lead into his specific and individual calling for his life. Will you ever be able to hear the still, small voice of God amidst all the buzz of the Internet, YouTube, and such? Will you be willing to answer that call—if and when it comes?

Here is a challenge for any child of God—pray every day for the next month that the Lord will send forth labourers into His harvest (Matt. 9:37,38). As you pray, look at a world map and consider the millions still bound in the darkness with no answers. Be ready to go, and ready to stay. Be willing to sacrifice, whether it be your time in prayer, your money for missions, and even your life to go. Get your mind off yourself, and ask the Lord to give you a compassion for the lost who have never heard the gospel of Jesus Christ and have never been given the great opportunities that you have had.

He may not call you to go overseas and give up America, but He will definitely give you a leading to have some part in the work of missions. It will be to pray, and to give, or maybe even be the one to go yourself. Even if you are not called to go, consider making a trip to see the work of a foreign missionary and be of some kind of help to him while there. It will sure beat a trip to Disney!



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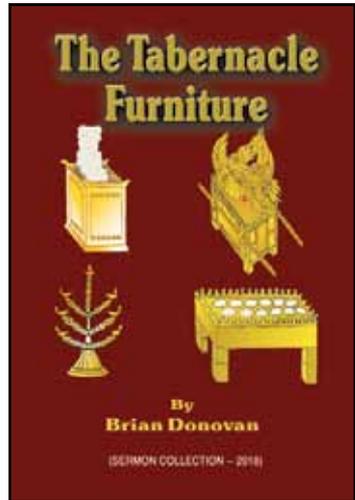
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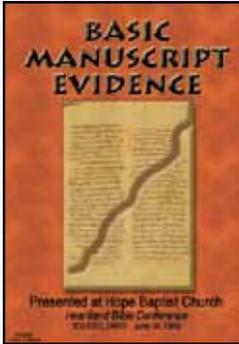
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Then still another strange thing happened. He said, "Don't you understand? I am in hell. . . Don't let me go back to hell!"

(Maurice Rawlings, *Beyond Death's Door*, p. 3)

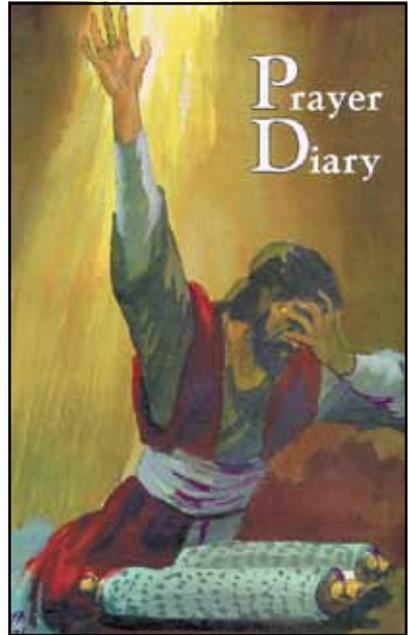
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Mr. Mueller said, “Never once did I regret taking that step.” Tests of faith were soon to come, and they continued throughout Mueller’s long Christian career. But he leaned heavily on the Master’s word that if God clothed, fed, and housed the sparrows, He would not forsake him (Matt. 5:19-34).

Mr. Mueller loved the name Jehovah-Jireh, for it means **“the LORD will provide”** (Gen. 22:14).

When asked, “How shall I give?” Mr. Mueller responded:

1. “Seek to keep before you that the Lord Jesus Christ has redeemed you and that you are not your own: you are bought with a price.” Mr. Mueller believed that everything we have belongs to God and that we must be faithful stewards.

2. Concerning giving, he said, “What you give should not be



**George Mueller**

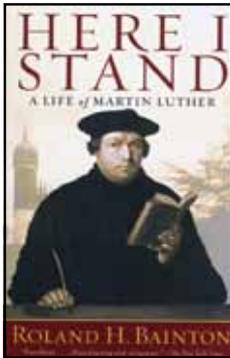
done in a legal spirit, but from love and gratitude to the blessed One who died for you.”

Though we should not give for the sake of being repaid by the Lord, it is God’s own declaration that it will be so. **“Give and it shall be given unto you.” “He that hath pity on the poor lendeth to the Lord, and that which he hath given will he pay him again.”** (Luke 6:38; Prov. 19:17)

When Mr. Mueller died (1898), he was a poor man, though the Lord had entrusted to him several million dollars. God literally gave him a fortune—a fortune which he shared with those in need.

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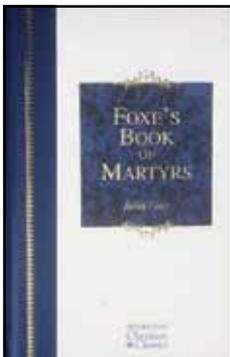
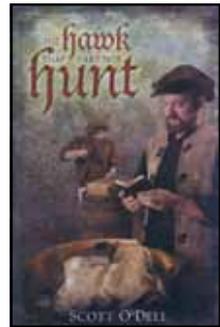
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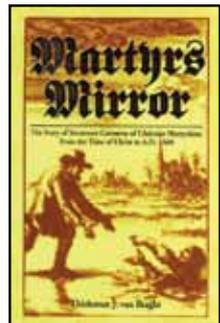
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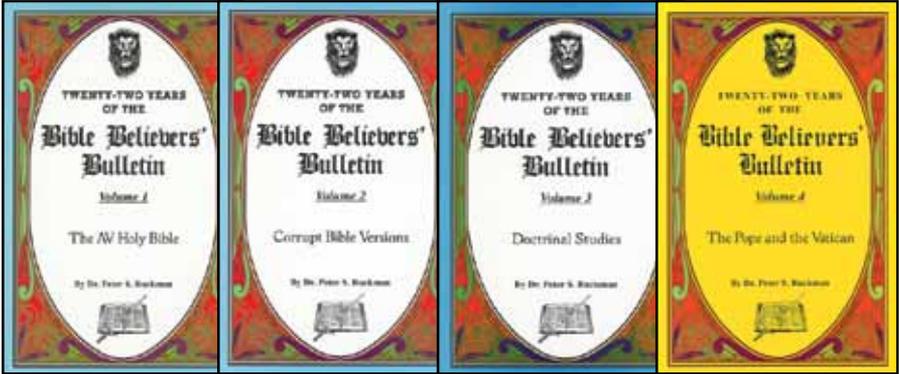
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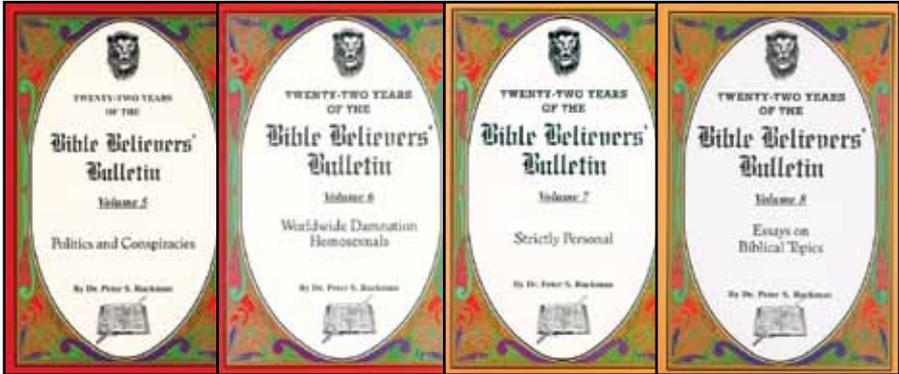


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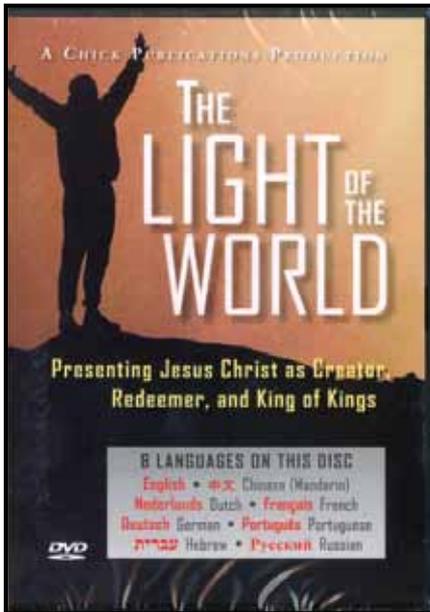
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# Keep Working

By Robert Militello

**“Not of works, lest any man should boast”** (Eph. 2:9).

When on a spiritual retreat in October 1961, a Jesuit Priest told me and the rest of the third-year class at Brooklyn Prep that getting to Heaven was no easy matter. “The road is narrow”, he said, “and few will make it.” I was fifteen, and with about fifty other boys, we were listening to lectures on serving Jesus. The Mount Manresa Jesuit Retreat House in upstate Monroe, New York was like a picture postcard with the golden autumn leaves falling about the stone compound. We had left Brooklyn Prep. on Carroll Street getting on a bus after half-day classes that Friday. We would return to Brooklyn after the 12:15 P.M. Sunday mass ended.

Some of us looked forward to the lectures we would hear, while others could care less. Getting to Heaven is a reward for working hard at all the virtues that make for excellent character—or so I was told. The Church and its sacraments would take me to Heaven eventually after an appointed time in Purgatory. Those who were sent straight to Heaven at death were saints. Would I make it? Probably not.

After turning fifteen that summer of '61, I was becoming more and more girl conscious and fairly certain that the stuff that makes one fit for the priesthood was not in me. Many who become priests find this out only after the horse has left the stable. My Jesuit instructors were doing a good job of preparing me for college, but to lead souls to Jesus Christ for eternal salvation, they were powerless.

**“There is nothing better for man, than that he should eat and drink, and that he should make his soul enjoy good in his labour.”** (Eccl. 2:24)

Hedonism has real appeal to the base nature of man. Without the indwelling Holy Spirit, how can one escape the relentless pursuit of vanity? God has set the world in our hearts—see Ecclesiastes 3:11. Moreover, in New York City, the world is set at your doorstep. It was at that retreat that I realized that going to confession to tell a priest your sins would become more and more uncomfortable. So, I threw in the towel and decided to tell my sins to God alone. I was finding grace in God's sight back then, but the gift He wanted me to have would not come until years later. Jesuit sermons did not fail to convince me that I was a sinner and that unrepentant sinners went to Hell. For that, I thank God. The fear of going to Hell would lead me in 1978 to trust only in the blood atonement of Jesus Christ. I believed in a literal, burning Hell.

**“As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country.”** (Prov. 25:25)

By 1978, I desperately needed good news and not more religion. After I understood how that faith alone saves apart from works, I asked a priest to tell me what was the good news of the gospel I had gotten from Catholicism. His “good news” consisted of keeping the ten commandments, attendance at Mass and receiving the sacraments, performing your Easter duty yearly,

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and loving your neighbor as yourself. "Doing all that will put my soul in Heaven?", I asked. "Not automatically, my son." "So, that's the good news of the gospel. Correct?" "Don't be discouraged. Christ will show you the way." Well, he was right about that, thank God!

That priest was in darkness, and he performed a satanic ritual every time he said Mass. Religion is a concoction cooked up by the devil and sold as a salve to ease one's conscience over sin until death comes. The Roman Church knows how to keep its prisoners in fear as death approaches. A heavy emphasis is put on receiving the last rites—the sacrament of Extreme Unction. How many dying soldiers who were Catholic received a false comfort when a Catholic chaplain leaned over their bodies and prayed while anointing them with holy water and oil? What a demonic sendoff to Hell for those who trusted in a Catholic priest and the Church rather than the finished work of Jesus Christ.

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

"Yes," I said to Catholics at various times when it needed to be said, "Catholicism is a false way, and I hate it." Why should I apologize for what the scripture declares? Pulpits in America are filled with wimps—men possessed of female spirits.

**"Cursed be he that doeth the work of the LORD deceitfully, and cursed be he that keepeth back his sword from blood."** (Jer. 48:10)

When you speak plainly today, you

are considered toxic.

**"Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?"** (Gal. 4:16)

Paul was no shrinking violet, and that's why the Holy Spirit used him to write so much scripture. America doesn't like a book that shines a light on its devilment, so we fill the U.S. Congress and state legislatures with men and women who are skilled in politically correct speech. Turn from the truth, and you get turned over to liars who have a special ability to lie with a pious expression on their faces. God bless America—amen?

My Jesuit instructors carried with them *The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola*, their patron. This they read continuously. I didn't see the Bible around anywhere. They gave lip service to the Lord Jesus Christ, but never mentioned the new birth.

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

Did I not sit under such erudite instructors for four years and not had the least inkling that I was being spiritually poisoned? Yes! Those were formative years (13-16); my mind was like a sponge.

Could there be a shortcut to Heaven? I looked for one. In those pre-Vatican II years, there was a Catholic tradition that got my attention. It taught that if you went to Mass for nine consecutive first Fridays of the month and received communion, you would be given grace at death

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to escape Hell. Nevertheless, there was still no certain way to avoid the Catholic Church's cash cow, namely, Purgatory. So, I got up extra early to make those nine first Fridays. I cannot explain how I retained a genuine feeling that one day, the Lord would smile on me. I went on to find pleasure in sin, but a tiny ray of light managed to shine through the darkness in my heart. Oh, the longsuffering of our God!

On the first night of the spiritual retreat at Mount Manresa, we had to watch a film on the "Holy Shroud of Turin", believed to be Christ's burial garment. The Church does not yet officially recognize this relic, yet it does nothing to discourage gullible congregants from venerating this "magic" artifact. That film was spooky, and I had trouble later falling asleep. The Jesuit Retreat Center must have been infested with devils. Shortly after receiving the new birth, the Lord showed me John 20:4-8. There I saw that a napkin had been around the Lord's head, and it was not lying with the linen clothes (plural) in the empty tomb. God's word was at work, cleaning my heart and mind of a truckload of religious superstition and lies that had become a fungus in me since my first Holy Communion at age seven in 1953. The King James Bible is a cold shower for a religious drunk.

When I got home from the retreat that Sunday evening, my dad asked me how it went. I remember saying it was O.K., but I wanted to know the scores of the NFL games that day and how the New York Giants fared. Did

I feel any closer to God? Not really. Religion has no power to cleanse from sin. Paul wrote in 2 Timothy 3:5 that in the last days (Church Age), men will have a form of godliness but deny the power thereof. Then he writes, "...**from such turn away.**" That's because, in Galatians 1:9, he says these men are accursed. How ironic! The Lord curses these purveyors of a false gospel while the Roman Church curses (Council of Trent, 1545-1563) all those who believe salvation comes by faith alone. Rome curses what God blesses, but who earnestly searches for truth these days? Yes, Dr. Ruckman, you were right as usual when you said most Americans are "as dumb as a box of rocks." This is especially so for Catholics who prefer to be spoonfed by priests instead of opening the Bible (even their own) to see what God has to say.

Bible believers should know their warfare is not secular; it is spiritual. To fight against liberal Democrats or Republicans in name only, is fruitless. Americans, for the most part, believe Heaven (if it exists) must be earned by living a righteous life.

Rome, greatly encouraged by the election of our second Catholic President, is working behind the scenes to flood the United States with as many Catholics as possible from Mexico and Central America. Ninety-nine percent of the illegals crossing our border are baptized Catholics raised on the gospel of works. The Vatican hopes they will go to Mass and replace the millions who left the Church. They can be reached, especially if the Lord raises

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more Bible believers who speak Spanish to go harvest these souls. For many Latinos, coming to the United States will be their salvation in more ways than one. The Lord does not necessarily see things through our political lenses. Nations are a drop in the bucket to Him, and He's not willing that any should perish.

For many saints, "saving America" has replaced saving souls. When I get a solicitation in the mail from the Republican Party, I automatically think of giving to missions. That adds to my account in Heaven. There's a lot of stuff that we don't give much thought to that will be examined closely at the judgment seat of Christ. Remember, among other things, Jesus is a bottom-line accountant. Jews do very well at money management, or haven't you noticed?

**"A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit." (Matt. 7:18)**

After I got saved, I struggled with the idea that even a good Catholic dies lost. Romanism is a corrupt tree. God's word, which is precious seed, can (and does) produce good fruit in honest hearts. I received a good education in Jesuit school. My mind was stimulated, but I needed precious seed, which Brooklyn Prep. had none of. Romanism is poison. Here's England's Prime Minister Gladstone in 1888, "No more cunning plot was ever devised against the freedom and happiness and the virtue of mankind than Romanism." How about this? "Catholicism is not primarily a religion, but a political body, and the most unscrupulous

and the most deadly of all political bodies."—Ruy Barbosa, author of the Constitution of Brazil. "One second of obedience to John 1:10-13 will do more for your soul than fifty years of sacraments and rituals."—Peter S. Ruckman.

I authored this myself after reading O. C. Lambert's *Catholicism Against Itself*, "Catholicism's greatest strength lies in its ability to present itself favorable and keep hidden its outstanding and notorious record of failure—both spiritual and practical wherever it is practiced."

Does religion have any measurable, practical value? Little, if any, when one looks at the Muslim world and the religions of Asia. Someone wrote, "Religion quiets the conscience of men by using outward forms, ceremonies, and smooth speech to absolve its adherents from the duty of searching God's word and yielding to it." Catholicism was not able to make itself attractive to the Asian masses. Buddhists and Hindus are bound in works seeking enlightenment and reincarnation and so have little use for black-robed priests promoting a magic show (the Mass) as a means of gaining eternal bliss. In this, the descendants of Shem surpass the wisdom of Japheth by far.

There is soon coming a time when working your way to God's favor and eternal life will test one's ability to remain faithful to Jesus Christ like nothing else has since the gospel of grace was first proclaimed. Things will change drastically after the body of Christ is taken. You might say that

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religion will make a great comeback. Heaven will be earned by refusing to take the mark of the beast, and having your head cut off to avoid the damnation of your soul will testify to your religious fanaticism. Salvation by grace alone is a real bargain, like one you might find at a going-out-of-business sale. Titus 2:13 will end that sale, and what was freely offered will

then cost way too much for most to buy.

**“But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.”** (Matt. 24:13) In other words, “Work and keep working!”.

Looking back, I had many good teachers in the classes that I sat in. None of them showed me what I needed most. The greatest

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

This is the Creed of the Alexandrian Cult.

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schoolmaster of all was the one referenced by Paul in Galatians 3:24, **“Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.”**

Taking the ten commandments off the walls, whether in school buildings or in front of public courthouses, was an act of anti-Bible psychosis that this nation has and is paying for dearly. Knowing God is holy and that He hates sin is the key to all knowledge that is worth having. We threw the key away, and the construction of prisons and mental health facilities skyrocketed. There's a price to pay when children are taught that their ancestors were apes. Jesus is for folks who see that they are far from the holiness of the law. Thank God I saw that. I needed a law keeper and not religious traditions, sacraments, and men in black robes who believe they have the power to forgive sins. How delusional.

There is a place where Paul tells us to work. It is exercising oneself in holiness, not to be saved or stay saved, but to fare well at a place where we shall shortly appear, the judgment seat of Christ.

**“Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.”** (Phil. 2:12)

God must have put that in His word to remind ex-Catholics like myself that there is work to do. So being already seated in heavenly places (Eph. 2:6) doesn't allow for spiritual retirement. Every believer has a race to run. Many quit and decide to hang out at the refreshment stand,

watching others run by. That's where the church is in these last days.

How many souls will go into eternity this year, counting on their religious efforts to save them from damnation? I worked with nuns and priests for five years (1968-1973), teaching sixth grade at St. Thomas Aquinas grammar school in Brooklyn. There I interacted with some of the sweetest souls I've ever known. It pains me to think that most of them probably died lost. They worked hard at pleasing God according to the beliefs of their church.

**“Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.”** (Matt. 7:21)

These poor souls called Jesus, “Lord”. Their church forgot to tell them that the will of God was to receive the second birth. They knew nothing about that—what a tragedy!

**“Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye MUST BE born again.”** (John 3:7)

Note, this was spoken to a devout, Torah observing Jew with a seat on the Sanhedrin, the council of Jewish elders. Nicodemus must have been shocked at hearing something he knew nothing of, or why would the Lord say, “Marvel not...”? Eliminate every doubt you may have had on this matter. The Roman Catholic Church was hatched in Hell.

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



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