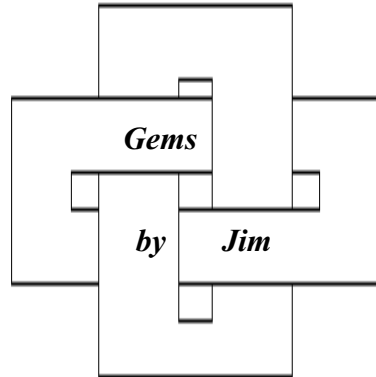


Wise Sayings

A book of
Wise Sayings, Parables, Proverbs, and
Interesting Items That I Collected
From Various Sources



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— *Wise Sayings* —

When you hear something that is so clever that you say,
“Why didn’t I think of that?” that saying is true wisdom.
Wisdom is the ability to present truth in a form that is clearly and easily
understood. It is always short and simple.

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If power corrupts,  
And absolute power corrupts absolutely,  
Then crisis purges,  
And absolute crisis purges absolutely.  
If you pray for power,  
you will get crisis first.

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Some bills coming out of congress don’t make for good government;
But they sure do make good politics!

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Liberation? Does legalization of abortion liberate anybody?  
Yes it does—It liberates mostly irresponsible males!

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In times of prosperity, our friends know who we are.
In times of adversity, we know who our friends are.

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Some groups deny the existence of evil. I wonder why they teach their  
children to do good if there is no evil? They didn’t have to teach  
the children to do bad things, did they?

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Why is it that in today’s society, the ones who are trying to save some
rare species of animals seldom lift a finger to do anything about
the 35,000 children that are dying every day of abuse, neglect,
and malnutrition? (That’s over 12 million a year!)

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You have enemies? Good. That means you've stood up for something,  
sometime in your life. - Winston Churchill

To celebrate Christ’s birth, most Americans:  
Buy things that nobody wants,  
With money they don’t have,  
To impress people they don’t like!

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Our country has:
The best lawyers that money can buy,
The best politicians that money can buy, and
The best preachers and priests that money can buy!

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Sinning is lots of fun  
—Till you find your body eaten up by AIDS.  
Sinning is lots of fun  
—Till you end up in a padded cell, banging your head on a wall.  
Sinning is lots of fun  
— Till you find yourself in an abortion clinic,  
killing the offspring of your body.

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Sinning may be lots of fun,
But godly living brings true happiness.

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One Christmas, a businessman boasted, “Sales were at an all-time high  
this year. This was the greatest Christmas ever!”  
A wise man countered him, “No, the first one was!”

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Many people ask, “Is smoking a sin?”
Answer, “When you smoke, you don’t sin against God,
you sin against your own body.”

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During the Vietnam era, the kids were saying,  
“Make love, not war!”  
During the AIDS era, the kids are saying,  
“Make war, not love—it’s safer!” [Just ask Bill Clinton.]

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Those who hate me are the ones who motivate me to do what is right.

Abe Lincoln once said,
You can fool all of the people some of the time,
You can fool some of the people all of the time,
But you can't fool all of the people all of the time.

Unfortunately:
All it takes to be elected to a political office is:
Fooling some of the people some of the time!

During the 1960's, a teacher said,
"Johnny, get that **gum** out of here."
During the 1990's, a teacher said,
"Johnny, get that **gun** out of here."

You can't prove a symphony's beauty scientifically,
You've got to experience it for yourself.
Neither can you prove God's love scientifically,
You've got to experience it for yourself.

Have you ever noticed that the people who are against killing guilty
convicted murderers are usually the same ones who are backing
the killing of innocent unborn babies?

Ever notice that most Christians get more excited over a financial
blessing than over a spiritual blessing?
Ever notice that most people get more excited over seeing the eyes of a
blind man opened than when they see the eyes of a spiritually
blind person opened?

Most churches are non-profit organizations.
Unfortunately, most churches are also
non-prophet organizations.

Should we be Seventh Day Adventists?
or should we be seven-day adventists [keeping all seven days holy]?

When we have social problems, should we look for political,
psychological, and scientific solutions,
Or should we look for moral, ethical, or spiritual solutions?

Have you ever noticed that the main characters in the Bible were all
vastly different from each other? Moses and Abraham were
totally different; David and Elijah were totally different; Paul
and Samson were totally different; Isaiah and Jonah were totally
different, etc.

But most Christian ministers seem to be carbon copies of each other!

Have you ever noticed that the people who are the most strongly against
censorship are the same one who are the most insistent on
banning Bibles from the schools? (Why don't they recognize that
banning Bibles from schools is a form of censorship?)

Sign on a school bulletin board:

NOTICE:
In case of nuclear attack
The Supreme Court's ban on school prayer
Will be temporarily suspended!

Ever notice that the same people who slander or gossip about some of
the best people, are the same ones who, when they go to a
funeral, find nice things to say about the worst people?

Which will bring true happiness:
Having lots of things or having good relationships?

Bad breath and pride are the same:
Everyone knows that you've got it except for you yourself!

Faith is not about everything turning out OK;
Faith is about being OK no matter how things turn out.

The difference between Genius and Stupidity:
Genius is limited !

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One day two preachers were talking. One was a liberal modernist and the other was a conservative fundamentalist.

The modernist said: "There ain't no hell."  
The fundamentalist said: "The hell there ain't."

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Do you use people to get nice things?
Or do you use nice things to bless people you care about?

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One man said, "You are poor only if you want more than you have."  
If that is true, some of the wealthiest people in the world are poor, and some of the poorest people in the world are rich.

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Most people don't care what you know;
They want to know that you care!

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Do you have a longing for love and affection?  
The best way to get love and affection is to give it away.

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What is the difference between God's love and human love?
Humans love what is lovely,
God loves even the unlovely.
Humans love the ones who love them,
God loves even the ones who hate him.

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Some people want to live under the sound of a cathedral bell,  
Others want to run a rescue shop within sight of hell!

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The Bible compares the true church to a virgin (2nd Corinthians 11:2).
The false, hypocritical church is compared to a whore (Revelation 17).

The only way to recognize a counterfeit
is to thoroughly recognize the genuine.
The only way to recognize a counterfeit prophet,
is to thoroughly recognize the genuine truth-giver.

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The difference between a God, and a father:  
God is one that seems far off.  
Father is one that we are intimately acquainted with.  
Jesus taught us to pray to our heavenly father!

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When something in us says, "I know I shouldn't do this,"
that is our conscience.
When something in us says, "I want to do this,"
that is our human nature.

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One man prayed:  
"God, give me patience, and hurry up about it!"  
The next day he prayed:  
"Hey, God, I prayed for patience yesterday; what's the big hold up?"

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Someone once said:
"It is impossible to defeat an ignorant man in an argument."
— William Gibbs McAdoo
[I wonder if that might also be true about a women?]

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A famous writer once wrote:  
"Some ideas are so stupid only intellectuals could believe them."  
— George Orwell

Mark Twain once said:  
"It is better to say nothing and appear stupid than to open your mouth and remove all doubt."

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Abe Lincoln once said:
"The best way to destroy your enemies, is to make them your friends."

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Jesus is not only the Life.  
He is also the way to the Life.  
(He said, "I am the way,"  
but later he also said, "I am the life.")

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The greatest prayer meeting ever will be in Hell.  
In Hell, everyone will pray,  
and their prayers will never be heard!

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What does "Believing in your heart" mean?  
It is an inner knowing that is so well established  
that it brings with it thrill and excitement!

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The devil is constantly amazed that God's people  
don't know that he is already defeated in them.  
That's the reason that he can do so much harm to them.

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We must accept Jesus as both Lord and Savior.  
We cannot accept him as Savior, and not Lord,  
Neither can we accept him as Lord, and not Savior.

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Three blessings that do not bring God's kingdom:  
1. A happy marriage, 2. Financial prosperity, 3. Excellent health  
But God's kingdom can bring about any of these!

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Jesus said that few would be saved. In Revelation 7:9, John saw an  
innumerable host before God's throne. How can we reconcile  
these two statements? Simple: the ones John saw included the  
millions of babies and fetuses that have been killed or aborted.

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Our human nature is more inclined to the devil's lies  
than it is to God's truth.

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The Holy Trinity: Father, Son, Holy Spirit  
The unholy trinity: me, myself, & I

Recently the news media has been calling homosexuality:  
*an alternative lifestyle.*  
I say that God's kingdom is: *an alternative lifestyle.*

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Man's extremity is God's opportunity.  
Most people call on God only  
when they are in a place of extremity.

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If Mary, the mother of Jesus, had become pregnant in today's society,  
our social workers would have called it a "crisis pregnancy!"  
Probably they would have advised her to abort Jesus,  
or put him out for adoption!

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When Jesus came out of his grave,  
he became the only man ever to be chief executor of his own will.

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God is not concerned with the quantity of our work.  
He is concerned with the quality of our work.  
He decides the quantity himself.

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A man is hanging on to a bush underneath a high cliff.  
He cries out, "God, help me!"  
God's answer: "I can't as long as you're holding on."

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God is not looking for a worshiping organization, a worshiping  
denomination, a worshiping system. He is looking for a worshiping  
heart!

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Someone asked the Lord what was the difference between wisdom and  
understanding. His reply was, "Wisdom is what I speak, and  
understanding is what you get when you do what I say."

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"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that  
matter." - Martin Luther King, Jr

Christians don't die, they just fall asleep.

If you don't believe it,  
just look around in most churches.

It is easier to gain weight than to lose weight;

So it is easier to sin than to live holy.

Some folks say it is hard to live a godly life;

I say living a godly life is a joy.

The Social Gospel says:

Change a man's environment and the man will change.

The Real Gospel says:

Change a man's heart, he will change his environment.

If you think that people in a good environment won't sin,

check out Adam and Eve!

When we look at nature, we see God's

greatness, creativity, and power.

When we look in God's word, we see God's mercy.

Nature tells us nothing about God's mercy

Many Christians are waiting for God to call them.

Most of them don't need a call,

They need a kick in the seat of the pants!

Which mountain was Jesus talking about when he told us that if we  
believed and didn't doubt, we could move mountains?

— The mountainous problems in our lives!

Many people go to Bible college and study how to be Christian leaders.

Jesus told us to be servants—not leaders!

America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose  
our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves.

— Abraham Lincoln

A criminal and a drug addict who spent 17 years in prison said,  
“I paid one hell of a price for turning to drugs!”

A wise man comforted her with these words, “When Jesus died on the  
cross, he paid one hell of a price to save you from your addiction.”

We live in a world of death and taxes,

but I noticed that death doesn't seem to get worse every year.

To succeed, an athlete must discipline himself

To succeed, a college student must discipline himself

To succeed, a scientist must discipline himself

To succeed, a doctor must discipline himself

But many Christians hardly ever discipline themselves,

and still think they can succeed in the Christian life.

Do you want God to work with you in some project?

If it is not impossible, God is not interested in it!

Many people miss an opportunity because it usually comes dressed in  
overalls and look like hard work. — Thomas Edison

What is true Christianity?

Is it a religion?

Is it a church?

Is it a denomination or an organization?

Or is it a love affair between Jesus and each one of us?

One man went to a store and bought a wall plaque with the Lord's  
prayer on it. Each night, before he went to bed, he pointed to the  
wall plaque and said, “Lord, them's my sentiments.”

What does the Bible say about loving God with all of our hearts?

Humbleness? Is Humility a virtue?

One man asked, “How can I be humble when  
I'm absolutely perfect in every way possible?”

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Jesus told us to love our neighbor *and* our enemy.
—That’s because they are usually the same person!
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There is an infinitely fine line between the true anointing and the false anointing—that is because the false always imitates the true!  
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Historians tell us that millions have died a martyr’s death.
Did they make a right decision? Someone said:
He is no fool who gives up that which is temporary
—In order to gain that which is permanent!
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Many people complain that spiritual and heavenly things are not real.  
If you are one of those people, please answer this question:  
Which is more real, that which is temporary or that which is eternal?  
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Some Christians serve one another out of a sense of obligation or duty.
Others serve one another out of love, caring, or compassion.

One man said:
I’d rather see a sermon (lived out)
Rather than to hear one (preached).
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Most people arrange their prayer time around their life.  
Some people arrange their lives around their prayer time.  
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Some people go to a doctor and get just enough of an inoculant to build up an immunity against the real disease.
Some people go to a church and get just enough religion to build up an immunity against the real thing!
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The very thing that we want to run from,  
That’s the very thing that we need to go to God with.  
God wants to meet us at the point of our greatest need!  
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Some people go to Bible College and study theology.
Others go to Bush College and study Kneelogy.
(They go out in the bushes and get on their knees!)
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Jesus was crucified at the third hour (9 a.m.),  
but he did not die till the ninth hour (3 p.m.).  
We are not dead just because we have been crucified.  
He did not come off the cross till he died.  
We won’t lose our cross until we have died to our own will.  
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A Roman philosopher named Seneca the Younger wrote:
Concerning religion:
Common people regard it as true,
Intellectual people regard it as false, and
Rulers regard it as a useful tool in control of the masses.
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1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 13:4:  
Love does not envy.  
It does not boast.  
It is not proud.  
It is not self-seeking.  
It is not easily angered.  
It keeps no record of wrongs.  
It does not ask, “Is it tax deductible?”  
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A lie repeated a thousand times becomes accepted as truth, but
A truth repeated a thousand times becomes an irritation.
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Trusting in our knowledge of God is good,  
but trusting in our relationship with God is better —  
When men claim a knowledge of God, isn’t there  
a subtle spirit of pride working in them?  
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Work is not a spiritual value. Hard work is not a spiritual value.
Commitment to hard work is a spiritual value.

Wise Sayings by Ronald Reagan

President of the United States, 1981-1989

The government is not going to fix the problem;
The government is the problem.

The most terrifying words in the English language are:
I'm from the government and I'm here to help you.

The trouble with our liberal friends is not that they're ignorant:
It's just that they know so much that isn't so.

I have wondered at times about what the Ten Commandment's
would have looked like if Moses had run them through the U.S.
Congress.

The nearest thing to eternal life we will ever see on this earth
is a government program.

It has been said that politics is the second oldest profession.
I have learned that it bears a striking resemblance to the first.

Atheists Challenge God!

What does an atheistic community do on Christmas Eve? The scene is in 1908 in Messina, Italy—a whole community given over to atheism. On Dec. 21st, the town newspaper published a parody defying God and daring Him to make Himself known by sending an earthquake.

On Christmas Eve, the city council passed a number of disrespectful and mocking resolutions, flouting God on behalf of the entire community. After these defaming actions had been accepted by the people, a strange thing transpired in their midst. The animals of the town—dogs, donkeys, horses and oxen dashed about in evident distress, bawling and neighing and trembling with wild eyes. Both domestic fowl and wild birds flew screaming through the air in great alarm. Even the fish of the sea were affected and rose to the top of the surface and floated there where they were caught in large numbers.

Then, nature began to protest as winds began to howl and the sea to roar and toss. Underground noises like thunder were heard. Only three hours after the infamous “Christmas resolutions” were passed by city council, there came the warning signs of the earthquake that the newspaper had dared God to send!

Mountains were thrown down and level fields were raised. Streams gushed forth from dry rocks. Chasms opened in the earth and swallowed alive people, animals, and even whole trees. Some of the chasms closed tightly as a tomb upon their victims. The beautiful city of Messina and surrounding districts were completely destroyed—75,000 inhabitants being wiped out!

Arise Patriots!

Close your eyes and picture in your mind a soldier at Valley Forge, as he holds his musket in his bloody hands. He stands barefoot in the snow, starved from lack of food, wounded from months of battle and emotionally scarred from months away from his family, surrounded by nothing but death and carnage of war. He stands tough, with fire in his eyes and victory on his breath. Looking at us angrily, disgusted and says this to us:

I gave you a birthright of freedom born in the Constitution,
and now your children graduate too illiterate to read it.
I fought in the snow barefoot to give you the freedom to vote,
and you stay at home because it rains!

I left my family destitute to give you the freedom of speech,
and you remain silent on issues, because it might be bad for business.
I orphaned my children to give you a government to serve you,
and it has stolen democracy from the people.

It's the soldier, not the reporter who gives you the freedom of the press.

It's the soldier, not the poet who gives you the freedom of speech.

It's the soldier, not the campus organizer who allows you to demonstrate.

It's the soldier, who salutes the flag, serves the flag, whose coffin is draped with the flag that allows the protester to burn the flag!!!

The above is from a sermon by John Hagee of Cornerstone Church in San Antonio, Texas!

Scientific Instruments Prove God

Dr. N. Jerome. Stowell, a prominent American scientist, was once an atheist. For many years he worked with other scientists on research work into the hidden secrets of atomic science. In doing this he made discoveries which not only benefitted science, but also changed his atheistic view of life. The following account of his life-changing experience, is from "Fellowship Magazine," South Africa.

"I was a cynical atheist who believed that God was only a projection of man's imagination. I was not able to believe in a living divine being, who loves everybody and has power over us.

One day I was working in the larger laboratory of a clinic. I was burdened with a task of measuring the wavelength and force of the radiation of the human brain. I agreed to undertake a delicate experiment with my co-workers. We wanted to examine what occurs in the human brain while passing from life to death. For this purpose, we had chosen a woman who suffered from a deadly brain cancer. In soul and spirit she was perfectly normal and generally known for her loving cheerful attitude. Physically, however, she was in a very poor condition. We knew that she was about to die, and she also knew. We had been informed that we were concerned with a woman who had lived believing in Jesus Christ as her personal Redeemer. Shortly before her death we placed a highly sensitive recorder in her room. This instrument would reveal what was going to happen in her brain during the last moments of her life like this:

-500 -400 -300 -200 -100 0 +100 +200 +300 +400 +500



Above the bed we additionally placed a tiny microphone to enable us to hear what she said, should she at all speak before dying.

Meanwhile we went to the adjoining side chamber. We chose five sound scientists of whom I was probably the most moderate and hardhearted. We stood waiting before our instruments in suspense. The indicator was on 'naught', and was able to move up to 500 degrees to the right in positive registration and up to 500 degrees to the left in negative registration. Not long before, we had measured, with the help of the same apparatus, the output of a broadcasting station which was broadcasting a program 50 kilowatts strong into the ether. It concerned a message which could be carried around the world. During this test we noticed a positive reading of nine degrees.

The last moments of the dying woman appeared to have arrived. Suddenly we heard her praying and praising God. She implored God to forgive all those who had wronged her during her life. Then she gave full expression of her faith in God by saying, 'I know that you are and will remain the only reliable source of power for all Your creatures.' She thanked Him for His strength with which He had supported her all her life and for the assurance that she belonged to Jesus. She proclaimed to Him that in spite of all her suffering, her love for Him had not diminished. In recollection of the pardon of her sins through the blood of Jesus Christ, her words revealed an indescribable bliss. Finally she exulted in the joy and knowledge that she would soon see her Savior.

We stood around our instruments deeply moved. We had already forgotten what we really wanted to investigate. We glanced at each other and were not ashamed of our tears. I was so gripped by what I had heard that I was compelled to weep as I had not done since childhood. Suddenly, while the woman continued to pray we heard a clicking sound from our instruments. Looking at them we found the indicator to be at 500 degrees positive and continually beating against the limitation. The radiation energy must have exceeded the scale of our instruments. Only the small limitation pin hindered the indicator from climbing higher.

Our thoughts raced. We had now, with the help of a technical survey, made a tremendous discovery: the brain of a dying woman who was in contact with God, developed a power which was 55 times

stronger than the output of the world-wide broadcast message. (Here one is reminded of the statement Dr. Alexis Carrel, the Nobel Prize winner, made, that “Prayer is the strongest form of generative energy.”)

To continue our investigation we united ourselves once more in a new experiment. This time we chose an almost insane man. After we had set our instruments again, we asked the nurse to irritate the patient in some way. The man reacted with insults and swearing. As if that did not suffice, he made ill use of the name of God in a blasphemous way. Again our instruments began to click. Our eyes were fixed to the scale in suspense. How shocked we were to ascertain that the indicator was on 500 degrees negative and had been forced against the limitation pin! We had reached the goal of our discovery.

Through instrumental measurements we had established what occurs in the human brain while transgressing one of the ten commandments. We had succeeded in proving scientifically, without doubt, the positive power of God and the negative power of the evil one. Very soon it became clear to us that a person living according to the divine laws and in contact with God radiates the power of God. However, by ignoring God’s command, ‘Thou shalt not .’ one finds as a result a negative radiation, which is satanic force.

At that moment my atheistic philosophy of life began to crumble. The thought overwhelmed me, ‘Could there be a God after all, who is able to receive the message sent to Him in prayer?’ In that case even I was standing before the omniscient God. The foolishness of my unbelief continued to become more clear to me. Since I wanted to be honest with myself, I could not close out the penetrating truth. Thus I became a happy disciple of Jesus and learned to believe in Jesus Christ as my personal Savior. Today, I know that the halo which the artists have often painted around the head of Jesus, is not an artistic fancy, but a divine reality.

What a delivering force radiated from Jesus and is still doing so today! The same power should be revealed in the life of the redeemed, for Jesus said, ‘You shall receive power after the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be my witnesses.’ (Acts 1:8) How much we all need this strength of God in the battle against the forces of darkness. As a former atheist I thank God that He filled me with His Spirit and His power. The above was copied from:

http://www.theseretoeternallife.com/god_guards.html

The Atheist’s Prayer

A famous atheist once pronounced a curse on himself: “If there is a God in heaven, I call on him to see to it that my grave is infested with snakes forever.”

Fifty years after he died, someone read this self-condemning curse, and decided to check out this man’s grave. After finding out where he was buried, he traveled to that location. There he found so many snakes around the grave that he could not even get close to it.

God help those who take God lightly!

America’s Two Gods

A friend named Judy told me the following dream:

I don’t think that I am somebody special, but a few years ago the Lord God of the heavens showed me in a dream that America is worshipping two gods, and he told me the names of those two gods.

This dream came in three parts, or covered three events; the first event caused the second, and the second caused the third. This is what I saw:

— 1st Event —

In my dream, I looked up into the sky and saw an opening in the clouds that looked like a perfect circle. Coming through the opening I saw the figure of a man or an angel or some kind of heavenly being. In my spirit, I knew that an event of great spiritual significance was about to take place. I thought that this was the return of the Lord Jesus Christ. However, this heavenly being did not descend to the earth. Rather, he had a cup in his hand, and began to pour something out of the cup down onto the earth. As I looked intently into his face, I realized he was Jesus Christ. As I watched, he moved around the edge of the circle pouring out the contents of the cup while moving around the circle. I looked to see where the contents of the cup were being poured out, and I saw that the cup’s contents were falling on the whole of the United States.

— 2nd Event —

Next I saw two huge statues that appeared to be bronze. They were soldiers dressed in what I believed to be ancient Babylonian uniforms. Both were identical, and had their arms folded across their chest. As I looked, one fell face down in mud, and was broken to pieces. Then the same happened to the other.

— 3rd Event —

Finally, I saw a naked woman swimming very rapidly across a river. She seemed to be trying to escape something, but I did not see anyone pursuing her.

— Interpretation —

When I woke up that morning, I was perplexed by this dream, but I felt in my spirit that it must be from the Lord God in the heavens. Rather than trying to understand it, I prayed, “Lord, if the dream is from you, then please give me the interpretation and some Bible verses. I want to understand it in the light of your word.”

Yes, he did give me an understanding of most of the dream. The cup in the Lord’s hand represents God’s wrath, and its contents are his judgments on the United States. The Bible verse he gave me for this is Psalm 75:8

In the hand of the Lord is a cup
full of foaming wine mixed with spices.
He pours it out and all the wicked of the earth
drink it down to its very dregs.

The pouring out of the cup caused the statues to topple—God’s judgment. I asked the Lord, “Who are they, what do they represent?”

He answered me, “These are the two gods which this nation worships day and night before me.”

Again I asked, “What are they, Lord?”

His answer was, “Look around, and you will see.” Immediately I knew that these two gods were *sex* and *money*.

The sex god toppled first. The Lord gave me this understanding: the judgement would consist of a disease for which there would be no cure. It would be poured out on all sexual immorality and perversion, but the primary target would be the homosexuals. (In 1984 when I had this dream, I had never heard of AIDS or HIV. About six months later I heard about these diseases through the news media, and was astonished to learn that there is no cure for these diseases—a fulfillment of my dream.)

Also the Lord gave me to understand that his anger burns toward this sin because it is being flaunted. Modern society does not call it *sin*, but *an alternative lifestyle*, and a large number of Americans accept, justify, and/or practice it. Worst of all, many innocent children have been seduced by this sin, and its perpetrators. Our God gave me to understand that the homosexuals would be judged just as they were in Lot’s day [Sodom & Gomorrah—Genesis 19:1-29 and Romans 1:27]. The Lord

also gave me to understand that there would be a proliferation of other sexually-transmitted diseases which would become increasingly resistant to treatment.

The toppling of the second god, the god of money, represented God’s judgment on the economy of this nation. I believe that ultimately, the economy of the United States will fail, leaving her in an unprecedented state of vulnerability before her enemies. To this, the Lord said, “I AM your place of provision and protection!”

I asked the Lord why the two gods were dressed as soldiers. He answered, “Because they constantly wage war against me and my people. Their weapons are temptation, persecution, and slander.” These are the three weapons God spoke to my spirit. Although slander can be considered persecution, I think this is the distinction the Lord is meant: tactically, persecution is overt (open to the public) while slander is covert (covered, hidden, done secretly).

As to the third event, the naked woman swimming rapidly across the river, I asked the Lord for scripture. He only said, “Isaiah 47.” He did not give me any detailed interpretation of this event, but I believe its full significance lies in Isaiah’s 47th chapter. This chapter seems to speak symbolic of all the proud leaders or oppressors who have conspired to subdue all of the little people of the world and rule over them with iron-clad authority—even using occultic powers against them. Those leaders will all fall in one horrendous moment of time.

Judy

Some people arrange their prayers to fit their schedule. Those who put God first in their lives, arrange their schedules to fit around their prayer time.
Do Christians have discernment of spirits? When it comes to discerning the spirit of hypocrisy, atheists seem to have more discernment than the Christians.

The Pilgrims on the Mayflower

“The Untold Story”

Spirits were high among the little group of pilgrims as they gathered for their last meeting before embarking for the new world. It is true that they were leaving comfortable homes, jobs, friends, and families, and they were going to a harsh and barren wilderness to scratch out a living, but the oppressions of the king and priest were so bad, that they could hardly wait for their journey to begin. “Let us thank God again for opening up a way for us to leave these oppressive laws we are having to endure,” said their leader, and they all bowed their heads and whispered a prayer of thanksgiving. Neither were they unaware that the hardships they would face in the next 12 months were such that a number of them might well be dead. Nevertheless, with hearts burning brightly, they looked forward to stepping on the fragile little ship that was supposed to take them to the new world the next day.

Now, several weeks later, despite many horrible hardships, the passengers of the Mayflower were looking over the ship’s brow at a cold, windy, and barren land. Suddenly a most unexpected thing happened. “Behold,” a mighty voice fell down from heaven. “Look and learn. These are newspaper headlines from the end of the 20th century. If you establish a new colony here, these things will be the horrors that will be in 370 years.”

Immediately, a huge vision was seen by everybody on the Mayflower, children included. As the group of pilgrims looked, they were astonished beyond measure as they read the headlines from the newspapers of the 1990’s:

25 PERCENT OF ALL CHILDREN BORN
LAST YEAR WERE ILLEGITIMATE

THE NATION’S CAPITAL IS ALSO
THE WORLD’S CRIME CAPITAL

PRISONS ARE RELEASING VIOLENT
CRIMINALS BECAUSE OF OVERCROWDING

ILLEGAL DRUGS ARE THE BIGGEST
INDUSTRY IN SEVERAL STATES

DRUG-SNIFFING DOGS BEING
USED IN SCHOOL HALLWAYS

HUNDREDS OF TEACHERS ATTACKED
BY THEIR STUDENTS LAST YEAR

HUNDREDS OF TEACHERS CARRY GUNS
TO SCHOOLS FOR SELF-PROTECTION

NEW YORK CITY HAS AN ESTIMATED
2 MILLION ILLEGAL FIRE ARMS

HUNDREDS OF MINISTERS INDICTED FOR
CHILD MOLESTATION LAST YEAR

FEDERAL DEBT REACHES
UNMANAGEABLE PROPORTIONS

RIOTS IN CITY STREETS
LEAVE HUNDREDS DEAD

25 PERCENT OF AMERICA’S
CHILDREN LIVE IN POVERTY

CITY SCHOOL BOARD INSTALLING
METAL DETECTORS AT SCHOOL DOORS

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SUPER POWERS HAVE ENOUGH WEAPONS  
TO DESTROY EARTH 100 TIMES  
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STATES ARE GETTING EVER-INCREASING PORTIONS
OF THEIR REVENUE FROM GAMBLING (LOTTERY)

The vision stayed visible for half an hour. Everybody on the Mayflower had time to read it several times, and scribes copied it down. After the vision disappeared, the leader turned to the group, and with an ashen look on his face, asked, "How many think we should go back to Europe?" The number of hands that went up was....

Dear reader, ask yourself, "Would I have raised my hand?"

A Nickel's Worth of Difference

① When the Democrats are in power, the first item on their agenda is to stay in power. When the Republicans are in power, the first item on their agenda is to stay in power. *Is there a nickel's worth of difference between the Democrats and the Republicans?*

② When the Democrats are not in power, the first item on their agenda is to get in power. When the Republicans are not in power, the first item on their agenda is to get in power. *Is there a nickel's worth of difference between the Democrats and the Republicans?*

③ When the Democrats have the presidency and the Republicans have the congress, if the economy is booming, the president claims the credit, and if the economy goes down, he blames Congress.

When the Republicans have the presidency and the Democrats have the congress, if the economy is booming, the president claims the credit, and if the economy goes down, he blames Congress. *Is there a nickel's worth of difference between the Democrats and the Republicans?*

④ When Congress does a hearing on a misbehaving congressman, if the congressman is a Democrat, the Democratic congressmen tend to protect him, and the Republicans try to destroy him. If the congressman is a Republican, the Republicans tend to protect him, and the Democrats try to destroy him. *Is there a nickel's worth of difference between the Democrats and the Republicans?*

A Nickel's Worth of Difference in the Churches

Once when a group of Catholics got together, their discussion turned to certain corrupting influences that had crept into their church. Some of them expressed horror at this spiritual corruption. However, when an outsider slandered their church, they all defended their church as if it were practically the only one holding light out to the world.

Once when a group of Baptist got together, their discussion turned to certain corrupting influences that had crept into their church. Some of them expressed horror at this spiritual corruption. However, when an outsider slandered their church, they all defended their church as if it were practically the only one holding light out to the world.

Once when a group of Pentecostals got together, their discussion turned to certain corrupting influences that had crept into their church. Some of them expressed horror at this spiritual corruption. However, when an outsider slandered their church, they all defended their church as if it were practically the only one holding light out to the world.

Once when a group of Episcopalians got together, their discussion turned to certain corrupting influences that had crept into their church. Some of them expressed horror at this spiritual corruption. However, when an outsider slandered their church, they all defended their church as if it were practically the only one holding light out to the world.

Once when a group of Muslims got together, their discussion turned to certain corrupting influences that had crept into their religion. Some of them expressed horror at this spiritual corruption. However, when an outsider slandered their religion, they all defended their religion as if it were practically the only one holding light out to the world.

Is there a nickel's worth of difference between these churches and religions? Ask yourself: is my church holding out light to the world, or have corrupting influences crept into it and caused its light to be dimmed?

And this one: Leaders of democratic nations usually become extremely rich. Leaders of dictatorships usually become extremely rich. Leaders of theocratic [Islamic] nations usually become extremely rich. Leaders of Communist nations usually become extremely rich [Fidel Castro is one of the richest men in the world]. Is there a nickel's worth of difference between the leaders of democracies, dictators, theocracies?

Is This True Wisdom?

So many of our social problems today seem to defy solution. But, shouldn't God's children have wisdom and be able to solve them? Following is a story of an eighth-grade teacher in California who ran into one of those "unsolvable" problems, but, being full of God's spirit, she knew just what to do:

Two students brought a "stink-bomb" to school one day, and "detonated" it in class. The whole class was disgusted, but no one told on the guilty party—they were afraid they would be beaten up if they told. The teacher also knew which students in her class was capable of doing such a thing. However if she accused them, she could be sued for defamation of character—unless she had some witnesses or proof.

What could she do? What should she do? Listening to God's spirit in her, she knew exactly what to do: She asked each student in the classroom to write on a piece of paper their account of the incident—and not sign it! When she took up the papers, she had more than enough witnesses or evidence to determine who the guilty party was.

How important it is that each of us have God's spirit in us, and learn to listen to him when unsolvable problems arise.

And Is This True Wisdom?

One day four high school students decided to skip school and goof off. They hopped in a car and just drove around. Around noon, they decided to go back to school and they told their teacher that they were late because they had a flat tire. The teacher immediately suspected them of lying to her, but because of the wisdom that comes from many years of experience, she knew just what to do. She said to them, "Oh, you're just in time for a writing assignment." Their assignment was to write a description of which tire it was that went flat! Then she immediately separated them and made sure that they stayed separated till the writing assignment was over so that they could not consult with each other as to which tire they should say went flat!

And Is This True Wisdom?

A soldier who was given to a lifestyle of drunkenness and whore-mongering, went up to another soldier who followed God's wisdom. He said to the godly soldier, "Let me hold \$10 till payday. I've got some clothes in the cleaners that I need to get out."

Because he had God's wisdom in him, the other soldier answered him, "I'll go with you to the cleaners."

"Well, I...I...I... can't go right now," was the reply, and the would-be borrower left.

A few weeks later, the same soldier again approached the wise soldier, "Let me hold a dollar till payday."

The soldier who had God's wisdom answered, "I won't let you borrow a dollar, but, I'll tell you what I'll do, I'll give you a dollar if you will promise me one thing."

"What's that?" asked the borrower.

"Promise me that you'll never ask me for another one," was the condition. The borrower left and never asked that soldier for any money again—and he didn't even take the dollar that was offered to him freely!

And Is This True Wisdom?

Once a king had a young general who was very successful, handsome, and popular. The king became jealous of his popularity, and was afraid that the general would take over the throne. He decided to get rid of him.

To get rid of him, he used a method that was gaining in popularity in those days: Testing a person's loyalty by asking the him to pick up a red-hot iron. "If the iron does not burn your hand," the king said to the general, "that proves you are loyal to me, and you will be given a promotion. If it burns your hand, it means that you have been disloyal." No doubt he would have been executed for disloyalty." (Before reading the next paragraph, ask yourself, "What would I do if I were in that situation?")

When the day for the trial came, a huge crowd gathered and watched as the general stepped up to the judge (who happened to be a bishop), and said, "I'm not the kind of person who works miracles. I'm sure that if a red-hot iron falls on anybody's hand, it would be burned. However, if you would care to pick up the hot iron and hand it to me, I will accept it from your hand." The judge declined. The general's cool mockery of barbaric justice caused the crowd to applaud him and the trial broke up in a round of applause for the accused.

Date: Autumn 1253 AD. King John Vatatzes, Emperor of the Byzantine Empire. The general's name was Michael Palaiologos. Within a few years, the emperor was dead, and Michael Palaiologos eventually became emperor.¹

¹ Adapted from Imperial Twilight by Constance Head.

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And Is This True Wisdom? (This story came from the Bible.)

A thousand years before Jesus was born, there was a king named Solomon who had a reputation for being the wisest man in the world. One day, two prostitutes came before him for judgment. One said, “My Lord, this woman and I live in the same house. A few days ago, I gave birth to a baby, and three days later she gave birth to a baby.

During the night, this woman rolled over her son in her sleep and her baby died. She got up in the middle of the night and took my son from my side while I was asleep and put her dead son by my breast. The next morning in the light I looked carefully at the baby lying by my side and realized that it was not my son.”

The other woman interrupted, “No, the living one is my son, and the dead one is yours.” Before king Solomon, both women argued that the living baby was hers, and the dead one was the other’s.

King Solomon ordered his attendant, “Bring a sword and cut the baby in half. Each woman will get half.” One woman was filled with compassion for the baby and said to the king, “Please, my Lord, give her the baby. Please don’t kill him,” while the other said, “Neither I nor you will have him. Let the baby be cut in two.”

The king said, “Give the baby to the woman who wanted to save it. She is the real mother.”

Sayings by Albert Einstein:

I don’t know what weapons will be used to fight the Third World War, but I know what weapons will be used to fight the Fourth World War: sticks and stones!

Great men have always found violent opposition from mediocre people. These people cannot understand a man who does not thoughtlessly submit to hereditary prejudices, but honestly and courageously seeks for truth and justice.

¹(...continued)

Nelson-Hall Publishers: Chicago, 1977, pages 7-8.

Who is a False Prophet?

In ancient times, in the early years of the Christian church, the churches had a code or standard which they used to judge who is a false apostle or false prophet. This is what this teaching stated:²

An apostle or prophet who asks for more than bread for the road—especially one who asks for money or one who asks to be put up for more than two days—is false.

By these standards of the primitive church (that is, asking for money), virtually every one of our ministers, priests, bishops, pastors, and evangelists are false apostles or prophets.

It Sounds Good!

When a group says they are only seeking a woman’s right to choose, it sounds good. But in the name of “a woman’s right to choose” over 50 million unborn babies have been killed in 50 years!

When a group says they are only trying to help people find love, wealth, and happiness, it sounds good. But in the name of “helping people find...happiness,” many have used occult practices to submit their clients to the influence of the devil!

When a group says they are only trying to preserve racial purity, it sounds good. But in the name of “racial purity” Hitler and many others have killed uncounted millions!

When a group says they are only asking for acceptance of their “alternative lifestyle,” it sounds good. But God calls their “alternative lifestyle” —homosexuality— an abomination or a perversion!

When one group decided to get rid of a rabble-rouser, it sounded good. But in the name of “getting rid of a rabble-rouser,” the Pharisees crucified God’s son!

² The name of this document which was used in ancient times is Didache, which is a Greek word that means The Teaching or The Doctrine. It was taken from Faith and Wealth by Justo Gonzalez, page 93.

When a group decided to organize the latest move of God, it sounded good. But in the name of “getting this move of God organized,” Christ’s body has been split into hundreds and thousands of denominations and independent churches/ministries!

When we decided not to offend any religious group by expelling religion from our schools, it sounded good. But starting with the very same year that Bible reading and prayer were forbidden in our schools, discipline problems have sky-rocketed.

When our federal government decided to establish the National Endowment for Arts, it sounded good. But the NEA has promoted the most repugnant and loathsome exhibitions imaginable in the name of “art” and “freedom of expression.”

The Pigs Don’t!

One day a poor backwards farmer went to a big city. He sat down in a restaurant close to a group of young men who looked at him as though he were an alien from outer space. When his meal arrived, he bowed his head and thanked his heavenly father before eating.

One of the young men decided he would have some fun with the old farmer. He spoke loudly (so everybody could hear him) with a sophisticated voice (so he could impress everybody with his own suaveness) and said, “Hey, Pop, does everyone do that where you come from?”

The old farmer also spoke up with a big booming voice so that everybody could hear him, and said, “No, son, the pigs don’t.”

Scientific Research

When scientific and educational researchers find a high correlation between two things, they conclude that one causes the other. Example, when researchers found a high co-relation between smoking and lung cancer, they concluded that smoking causes cancer.

However, when some people noticed that there is a high correlation between crime levels in the school, and the amount of Bible reading and prayers in the school, the educational researchers refused to accept that there is any cause and effect relationship between these two. (The

Supreme Court Decision outlawing prayer and Bible reading in school came in 1963. According to police and educational statistics, there has been a large increase in criminality and rebellion since 1963.)

Dear reader, please ask your representative on the school board why educational researchers don’t accept this evidence of a cause and effect relationship between prayer and Bible reading in our schools, and the amount of criminality and rebellion among our youth. His answer will give you some insight and wisdom as to what is going on in this world.

Putting Things in Perspective

If you kill one person, — You’re a murderer.

If you kill a million people, — You’re a great general!

If you rip off somebody, — You’re an armed robber.

If you rip off millions of people, — You’re a great politician!

If you turn a kid into a street gangster, — You’re a reprobate.

If you turn millions of kids — You’re a great movie director!

Pro-Choice

A teenage girl was walking down the street to an abortion clinic when two ladies approached her, a pro-lifer, and a pro-choicer.

The pro-lifer started first and enumerated several reasons why she should have her baby, and her options.

After she finished, the pro-choicer started in with all of her rationalizations why the girl should get an abortion. After listening to her for a few minutes, the pro-lifer interrupted, “Hey, wait a minute,” she said, “I thought you were pro-choice, not pro-abortion.”

Is that plain enough?

Are you pro-choice? You should be. The fetus should have a choice.

Is God in the Earthquakes Business?

On January 17, 1994, there was an extremely powerful earthquake centered about 25 miles from the center of Los Angeles. After the quake, someone noticed that every pornographic business in the area was damaged and nine abortion clinics were closed as a result of quake damage. Do you suppose that God, the heavenly father, was somehow involved in those arrangements?

The Trinity

The doctrine of the Trinity has caused millions to stumble—especially Muslims and Jews—as well as plenty of Christians. Isn't this explanation simple and yet complete: We are spirit, soul, and body. Does that make us three people, or one person? So it is with God; he is a spirit, he has a soul (a will), and he lived his life in the body of Jesus. Does that make him three or one?

The word Trinity is not found in the Bible; neither is the expression “God in Three Persons.” These are theological terms that were mis-conceived by men.

Why are we Sick?

1. Long ago, doctors discovered that worry causes stomach ulcers. The problem is that this was just about the only cause/relationship between spiritual forces and the body that medical doctors have discovered.

Notice these four verses in the Bible:

2. Fear causes heart failure —Luke 21:26
3. Anxiety...causes depression — Proverbs 12:25
4. Envy causes rotting of the bones—Proverbs 14:30
5. A broken spirit causes drying of the bones—Proverbs 17:22

One spiritual researcher discovered that:

6. Unforgiveness causes arthritis and
7. Stress causes diabetes

Another person³ learned that these negative spiritual forces also cause disease:

8. Anxiety [number 3 above]
9. Fear is devastating to the physical well-being of the body.
10. Anger throws poison into the body that no anti-biotic can counteract.
11. Resentments bring about arthritis. [Above it is written that unforgiveness also causes arthritis.]

³*Come Away my Beloved* by Frances J. Roberts.
 Publisher: King's Farspan, Inc., Ojai, California 93023,
 1973, pages 92-93.

12. Ill-will also causes arthritis. Poor diet causes some arthritis, but most is caused by spiritual forces.
13. Repressed fury causes more asthma than pollen or cat fur.
14. Unbridled temper—Ten minutes will use more strength than a half day's wholesome work.
15. Self-pity
16. Remorse
17. Evil-suspicious [KJV: surmisings]

So, if these things cause many diseases, what spiritual forces promote good health?

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| 1. Keeping your mind in an attitude of praise and faith | |
| 2. Love | 6. Generosity |
| 3. Kindness | 7. Gratitude |
| 4. Charity | 8. Hope |
| 5. Forgiveness | 9. Praise |

If these things are true, what causes cancer or AIDS? Might it be hatred or pride?

<p>So long as there is dis-ease in the mind <u>there will also be disease in the body.</u></p> <p>Put another way: It's not what you eat, but what's eating you that causes ulcers.</p>
<p>When you were born, you cried and the world laughed. Live your life so that when you die, the world will cry and you will laugh!</p>
<p>Does God look for “professional” prayers, or Does he look for “passionate” prayers?</p>
<p>Life's challenges are not supposed to paralyze you, they're supposed to help you discover who you are! -- Bernice Johnson Reagon</p>

A Prayer That Provoked Outrage

Some of the lawmakers were furious when they heard the words that Pastor Joe Wright prayed as a guest chaplain in the Kansas State House of Representatives on January 23, 1996. The whole prayer was a confession. These are the words that he prayed:

Dear God, we confess that:

We have ridiculed the absolute truth of your word,
and called it *moral pluralism*.

We worshiped other gods
and called it *multi-culturalism*.

We have endorsed perversion
and called it *an alternative lifestyle*.

We have exploited the poor
and called it *the lottery*.

We have neglected the needy
and called it *self-preservation*.

We have rewarded laziness
and called it *welfare*.

We have killed our unborn babies
and called it *choice*.

We have shot abortionists
and called it *justifiable homicide*.

We have neglected to discipline our children
and called it *building self-esteem*.

We have abused power
and called it *political savvy*.

We have coveted our neighbor's possessions
and called it *ambition*.

We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography
and called it *freedom of expression*.

We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers
and called it *enlightenment*.

Pastor Wright closed the prayer with a plea for God's forgiveness, blessing, and wisdom.

One lawmaker walked out. Representative Delbert Gross (who refused to stand during the prayer) called it *divisive, sanctimonious, self-serving, and overbearing*. Evil knows how to give itself pretty names!

Finding True Happiness

Once there was a woman who had two daughters. She taught each of her daughters all of the ways of love. One daughter used her mother's teachings to please herself. The other daughter used her mother's teachings to please her husband. Which of the two daughters do you think found true happiness?

What is God's Way?

In the days when Jesus was still a little baby, he was helpless to do anything to save the world. But in those days there were people who wanted to save the world, tried to save the world, and prayed for the world to be saved. Did their efforts do any good? Read on.

One was a man named Judas the Galilean.⁴ This man became upset with the way the leaders of Judea were submitting to their Roman conquerors. He talked publicly about it and many who heard him were persuaded. He made statements like: "I intend to do something about this situation. I'm not going to take it laying down. I'm not going to be a door mat for those Romans, like that high priest, in Jerusalem. How many of you men will join me?" Many were persuaded, and in a few months he had hundreds of followers.

In the meantime, there was a very old lady in Jerusalem named Anna. She too wanted to save her nation. Everyday she went to the temple and cried out to God. "Oh, God of Israel, save us," she would cry out from her heart. "Have mercy on us, and look down on our afflictions, our sufferings, our oppressions, our shame. You, Oh God, did very great things in the days of our forefathers in Egypt, and in the days when our forefathers were in Babylon. You raised up Moses, and you raised up Ezra to lead your people out of captivity. Oh Lord God, do the same thing in these days."

Grandma Anna did not see any results, but she went back to the temple the next day, and the next, and many days, even for many years. She not only prayed, but she fasted as well.⁵ Her family used to say to her, "Granny, you don't eat enough to keep a bird alive, you're going to

⁴ Acts 5:37

⁵ Luke 2:36-38

die. Besides, you're wasting your time crying in the Temple all of the time. When God gets ready, he will raise up a deliverer. Do you think God will listen to one crazy old woman?" But none on these things moved her. She wept over the sins of her people, and tears coursed down her cheeks as she wept over the sins of her own family.

One day, Anna heard about Judas the Galilean. "Is this the one that will lead us to victory, Lord?" she asked in her hour of prayer. She did not get an immediate answer, but daily she heard news about Judas' struggles, victories, tactics, and accusations against the priests who had submitted to the Roman overlords. Hope rose up in Anna's heart. Did she dare believe that he would not only chase out the Romans, but also those priests who had submitted to the Romans? Her heart yearned for God's victory, but she wondered if this were the one.

Then news of defeat came. Judas was taken, and his men were scattered. Anna prayed, "Oh God, is this not the man you have chosen to be our savior? Will you raise him back up and re-gather his men? Or will you raise up another?" Then for the first time in her 84 years, she heard a voice from another world. It was a soft voice, and spoke kindly and gently, but firmly. "No, my daughter Anna. This is not the man I have chosen to save my people, but I have chosen another."

"Who is it, Lord?" Anna asked.

"He will be in the temple at noon tomorrow," was the answer.

"And how will I know him, Lord?" was Anna's question.

"Tomorrow you will see a young couple bring a baby boy to the temple to consecrate him to me. When you look at the baby, the baby will look you right in the eyes, and he will smile at you. A thrill will immediately rise up in your heart, and you will know in your heart that this is the one."

At that moment Anna was once again conscious of her surroundings, and noticed that people were staring at her like she was crazy. With tremendous joy and assurance in her heart, and with embarrassment on her face because people were staring at her, she hurried away to her home.

"The Messiah, the Savior of the world is coming to the temple tomorrow," she told her family.

"How do you know?" they asked her, "Did the high priest make an announcement at the temple today?"

"No, but the Lord God of the heavens revealed to me that the Messiah would be there at noon tomorrow."

"Granny, how can that be? You're just an old woman. If God

wanted to make such an announcement, wouldn't he give the message to the high priest, instead of an old woman?"

Anna saw that her family still did not believe, and she did not say anything else. But hope and anticipation were raging in her heart. That night she made sure to get plenty of sleep, bathe, and eat a bit more for breakfast. She wanted to be ready for the Messiah.

On her way to the Temple the next morning, she passed a herald who was announcing the news of the day: "Judas the Galilean has been sentenced by the governor. He will be hanged at sunrise tomorrow."

Down through the ages, many have tried to serve God, but have not done so according to his rules. Today, Anna's story is recorded in the pages of our Bible, and billions of people have read it, and named their children after her. Judas is also mentioned in the Holy Bible as one of many who tried to fight God's battles for him, but did it in his own way. He did not consult God about what he wanted him to do.

Back to the title of this story: What is God's Way? Does he want us to take up armaments and destroy his enemies, or does he want us to fight a spiritual battle, in prayer, in obedience, in submission, in faith?

The Knowledge of Good and Evil

An interesting thing about the forbidden tree in the Garden of Eden is that it was not called The Tree of the Knowledge of Evil, but The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. So, is God telling us that evil is so evil that we would be better off not knowing good, rather than having to know both good and evil? The answer to this question seems to be Yes; however, this answer leaves questions in the minds of many people. Perhaps this explanation will help:

There is no way we can know good without knowing evil; after all, goodness implies that evil exists, and the concept of evil implies that there is such a thing as goodness. A parallel example is the existence of light. Since light dispels darkness, the concept of light presupposes the existence of darkness. If there were no darkness, there would be no need for light. Good and evil are the same way. Following are some examples of men who refused to use the knowledge of good and evil:

God told Abraham to offer his own son as a burnt offering to God. If Abraham had used his "knowledge of good and evil," he would have rebuked the voice that spoke to him thinking that it was the devil

speaking. Rather, Abraham used simple child-like trust in God instead of the knowledge of good and evil. God also spoke to Abraham that his descendants would be slaves for 400 years. Did he rebuke God or argue with him?

In Moses day, God told Moses that when the Israelis went to battle certain nations, they were to “kill everyone—including women and children and cattle.” If we were given such a command, would we have accepted it as from God, or from the devil?

One time God told Isaiah to take off his clothes and walk naked (Isaiah 20). How many in the modern church world would obey that statement without using their knowledge of Good and Evil?

Another example: Simeon prophesied to Mary (Luke 2:35): “A sword will pierce your own soul.” Mary, if she had been like much of the modern church world, would have said, “I don’t accept that, you’re an angel of Satan!” Rather, Mary used simple, child-like trust in God rather than using the knowledge of good and evil.

Jesus told his disciples that they would be persecuted, chased from town to town, and be killed. If they had used their knowledge of Good and Evil, wouldn’t they have forsaken him?

Here is an example of someone who did not use his knowledge of Good and Evil: Once Peter rebuked Jesus for saying that he was going to Jerusalem to die. Peter was using his knowledge of good and evil. He considered dying on the cross to be an evil thing—not understanding God’s purposes. Another time Peter forbid Jesus to wash his feet. Again Peter was using his knowledge of good and evil.

However, in Acts 21:10-14 is the story of the man who tied himself with Paul’s belt, and prophesied to Paul that he was going to prison. Did Paul use his knowledge of good and evil, or did he accepted his imprisonment as being God’s will?

Now let’s look at another area in which many are using the knowledge of good and evil: When the churches start setting up laws and by-laws, aren’t they setting up standards of good and evil? Aren’t they eating from the tree of knowledge of good and evil? One church sets up a dress-and-make-up code. Another insists on worship on a certain day of the week. Another bans all Bibles except their favorite version or their own translation. Another insists on commitment to a certain man, pastor, priest, or pope. Another insists on participation in certain rituals. Another sets up laws about divorce, drinking wine, participation in

sports, dances, movie going, and an infinity of other by-laws. Are all these examples of church leaders eating from the tree of knowledge of good and evil?

Some will ask: How can we have a church without standards of holiness? If we did that, anything would go in our churches. God’s answer is that if we are in the true anointing spirit of God, that spirit would convict those who do not maintain standards of holiness in their lives, or come into our churches immodestly dressed. Such people would repent or leave until they are ready to submit to God’s standards—not the church’s standard. This statement implies that churches that set up their own standards have lost the true anointing that convicts of sin, and they have substituted their own standards to cover up the fact that they have lost the true anointing.

When Adam and Eve ate from the tree of knowledge of good and evil, they were shut out from the blessedness of the garden of Eden. Men are still eating from this same tree, and they are still shut out of the blessedness of the garden of Eden. There is a difference: We should know better because we have the Bible which tells us what happened when Adam and Eve sought the knowledge of good and evil. Therefore, we are more guilty than Adam and Eve!

Before Adam and Eve disobeyed, they were in a condition of innocence. Apparently they did not know good or evil. It seems that this is the condition that God wanted us to live in. We can compare that to the condition of new-born babies. They do not know what good and evil are. The Bible also tells us that babies do not have the knowledge of good and evil; check out Deuteronomy 1:39. They trust their parents ultimately. They trust their parents to give them good things. They don’t have any ability to judge things, whether they are good or evil. An example is when a young child runs out in the street to play, not knowing that there is danger of being run over by a car. Notice that Jesus once said that we must become as little children. He was speaking of the innocence of little babies and their simple, child-like trust in their parents. Can we live like that, not judging between good and evil things, but trusting our Father God to give us good things?

Beloved, let’s learn to trust God implicitly as a little child trusts its father or mother to give him good things.

Who is 666?

The book of Revelation chapter 13, verse 18, says this about the beast, the false prophet:

...the number of the beast is man's number: and his number is 666.

Down through the centuries, many have speculated as to who 666 is, and have declared many world leaders to be 666. But one man asked the Lord who 666 is. The Lord's answer to him was, "Look in the New Testament, in the sixth book, in the sixth chapter, in the sixth verse, and you will see who 666 is. This verse reads:

We recognize that our old self was crucified with Christ, so that the sinful body might be destroyed, so that from now on we should not be servants of sin.

—Romans 6:6 (translated from the modern Greek)

So, 666 is *our old self*—our human nature before we committed it to Jesus Christ.

Now, consider the vastness of the above statement: When Paul wrote this letter to the brothers in Rome, he had no idea that in the future it would be included as a sixth book in a holy volume—and read by millions of people. And neither did he know that hundreds of years later another man would divide the New Testament into chapters and verses. What is the mathematical probability that this verse would be 6:6:6?

A Question: While Jesus was hanging on the cross suffering, his mother was at the foot of the cross watching him suffer. Question: Which of them suffered the most, Jesus or his mother? Hint: Most women would have laid down their lives to save their child

As It Was In Noah's Day

Recently, we have all noticed the gross rise in immoralities all over the world, and I am reminded of Jesus' words that the end and the coming of the son of man will be "...as it was in Noah's days" (Matthew 24:37), and the only thing that Jesus said about Noah's day was that they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage. Of course there is nothing wrong with eating, drinking, or getting married. "Marrying and giving in marriage" was probably the way they said, "Marrying more and more wives or husbands" in their language. "Eating and drinking" is probably the way they described wild parties in their language. Perhaps the right translation would be 'sex orgies'.

Looking in the account of the Flood in Genesis, we read that the earth was full of violence. Isn't the world today full of sexual obsession and violence? Could the end be near? Perhaps some readers are not informed about the things that are happening all over the world. Let me point out a few facts:

— Fact —

There are 100 million street and/or extremely underprivileged children struggling for existence in the big cities of today's world. Most of these children exist by begging, stealing, eating out of garbage cans, and prostituting themselves. Most of these children are filthy, diseased, flea-and-lice-infested, undernourished. Many are scar-faced, shifty-eyed, suspicious, and fearful.

— Fact —

7 million children are refugees of famine and war.

— Fact —

150 million underprivileged children are working in slave-type labor in extremely unsafe and unhealthy conditions.

— Fact —

From 1985 to 1995, there have been two million children killed in wars all over the world. Adding the ones who have been maimed, orphaned and/or emotionally scarred, that figure rises to 27 million.⁶

Aren't these all signs that this is about to be fulfilled: "...as it were in the days of Noah, so will it be at the coming of the Son of Man"?

Serving God in the Sunshine

It was the worst storm anybody could remember! It sounded as though the lightning bolts were striking in the front yard and the back yard! Already the power was off. Everybody was huddled in a corner shaking with fear—that is, all except for grandmother who sat in her usual rocking chair by the front window reading her Bible.

⁶ These facts taken from an news editorial by Ann McFeatters, published by the Knoxville New-Sentinel, Monday, December 18, 1995, page A7.

Finally the storm was over. “Grandma,” little Johnny asked, “weren’t you scared during the storm?”

“No, son,” she answered, “I served God when the sun was shining!”

They Say

They told us that if we’d relax about sex, and take our clothes off, and not get all up-tight about it, there would be no more sex crimes; so, we let it all hang out, and the incidents of sex crime increased.

They told us we’d been too tough on criminals, that we should go easy on them, so we went easy on them; and the rate of crime increased.

They told us to be more generous with poor folks, so we were; now the census bureau says there are more poor folks than ever.

They said that churches were old fashioned, that they needed to modernize, compromise, liberalize, rationalize; and those that compromised most are shrinking fastest.

So, if it’s appearing here that they gave us some awfully bad advice, they did! They insisted that our schools must boot God out and rely on enhancing junior’s intelligence; so, we graduated a generation of juniors with refined intellects and undisciplined emotions. Result: school-age suicides are pandemic, and firearms in the classroom are rapidly becoming the same way.

They told us that alcoholism and drug addiction were sicknesses, not crimes or sins. Now we’re gagging, choking, on this forbidden fruit!

They said that informal marriage was good enough, so now the odds are five to four that your rapture will be ruptured, and two in seven that the next baby will be born illegitimate.

Now, who are the “They” who have thus been misleading us? Well, they are the materialists who are blind to spiritual values. Though they meant well, they were putting up sign posts on the road that leads to Hell! Is this the correct way to say it: “They were guided by their emotions rather than their intellects.”

Space ship earth came with a book of instructions. Why don’t we see what it says! That book of instructions says, We should not be slothful in business. In fact it says, If a man will not work, don’t let him eat. It says Women should wear modest clothing. It says, Don’t steal anything—anything. It says Don’t get drunk—period. It says Sleep only with your own wife. And it says, Don’t do what you want; do what you

ought. And for those whose consciences are anesthetized, it specifies the difference between what you ought and what you want!

Isn’t this true: if that book were not divinely inspired, wouldn’t it still be the best guideline for an for a happy life? If it did not promise life hereafter, wouldn’t it still contain the best formula for a good life here?

Who Is David’s Son?

Imagine this: you’re living back in the days when David was king of Israel. Your father is of a priestly family and you are a student in one of the schools where priests study the law. Now, your Rabbi (professor) gives you an assignment: you are to do a term paper on this subject: **Who is David’s Son?**

Because David is over 60 years old, and because he has several sons who are possible candidates for the throne, the whole country is abuzz with talk about who **David’s Son** is. This is the prime subject of discussion among the tribes of Israel, in the royal palace, in the local taverns, and among the old men sitting under their grapevines. Who can take David’s place? Will anyone ever be able to replace David? Will God raise up someone outside of the sons of David, as he did in the case of Saul and Moses and Eli and all of the judges mentioned in the Book of Judges? Though Israel was 500 years old, she had never had a leader who took over his father’s place. Would David’s successor be the first?

These are the questions your professor wants you to address. However, the professor also asks you to answer these questions:

1. Will David’s son be rich or poor?
2. Will his son have many wives or will he live a chaste, celibate life?
3. Will he live a long, peaceful life, or will he meet a violent death while he is in the prime of life?
4. Will he be popular with the leaders of Israel, or will they plot to overthrow him?
5. Will he ride in the finest of chariots, or will he ride a little donkey?

Now lets skip down about 1000 years. The scene is in a town near Jerusalem. Jesus is coming to town. A blind man shouts, “JESUS, **DAVID’S SON**, HAVE MERCY ON ME.” The crowds go wild with astonishment and adulation as they see Jesus do what no other man has

ever done: he opens the blind man's eyes. Someone shouts, "Not even, Solomon, **David's Son**, did this."

A few days later, sitting on a young donkey, Jesus enters triumphantly into Jerusalem. Once again crowds are wildly praising him, shouting: "Hosanna to **David's Son**," and "Blessed is the one who is coming in the name of the Lord."

Now, let's go back into the Rabbinical school. You're still sitting at your desk mulling over in your mind the questions put to you by your rabbi. You are thinking: "It is unthinkable that **David's Son** would be a poor man; however, it is quite certain that Jesus, **David's Son**, had no earthly possessions.

Similarly, you would have thought it unthinkable that **David's Son** would not have had a wife, or many wives; but, Jesus, **David's Son**, was the epitome of purity and chastity.

Also, it would have been unthinkable that God would not have given **David's Son** a long, peaceful life; yet, Jesus, **David's Son**, met a violent death when he was at the very prime of manhood, 33 years old.

Again, you would have imagined **David's Son** to be extremely popular with the leaders of Israel; however, it was the religious and the political leaders of his own nation that put Jesus, **David's Son**, to death.

And of course you would have been sure that **David's Son** would have ridden in the finest of chariots; however, with thousands around him cheering for him, worshipping him, and shouting his praises, Jesus, **David's Son**, entered triumphantly into Jerusalem RIDING ON A LITTLE DONKEY!

If you had been talking about David's son Solomon, you would have been right; but if you had been talking about **David's true Son**, how wrong you would have been!

Kiss Me

There are several references in the Bible where a kiss is mentioned; however, these passages have completely different meanings.

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In Luke's seventh chapter, there is a story of a woman whom the Bible calls a sinner, and who fell down at Jesus' feet and kissed his feet while washing them with her tears. Now this kiss shows a sinner's repentance, a person's conversion, or his being born again. This kiss is completely different from....

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Judas' kiss on Jesus' cheek (Matthew 26:47-49). How many of God's servants have been betrayed by their close friends, family members, and brothers or disciples in the faith. This we call a Judas kiss. Judas' kiss was even prophesied in the 41st Psalm. Verse 9:

My own familiar friend, one that I trusted and one that
ate my bread, has risen up against me.

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Still a different type of kiss is referred to in Romans 16:16: "Greet one another with a holy kiss."

When we are full of God's spirit, we can have a spiritual love for one another, a Godly love that the world doesn't understand. Many Christian brothers have laid their lives down for one another. When we see people, even Christians, greet one another with a hug and even a kiss, how many are willing to lay down their lives for one another? However, some have already proved that they are willing. If we are truly in the spirit, such a hug and kiss can be purely spiritual love without any human emotions involved. If this be true, we will reach out to the one who is most full of God's spirit—regardless of whether they are beautiful or ugly, old or young, male or female, black or white, native or foreigner, fat or skinny. God's love doesn't look at the outward man, it looks at the inner man, the man of the heart, the spirit or character of the man.

This love is greater than the sinner woman who kissed Jesus' feet, for that kiss comes first, and brings us into the first phase of the spiritual life. As we mature, then we learn to love by the spirit, not with human emotion.

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But the highest kind of kissing is brought out in the Song of Solomon (in the Old Testament, just after Psalms and Proverbs, and just before Isaiah). This book starts out with the words:

Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth,

For your love is better than wine.

To appreciate this book, the reader must realize that the whole book is symbolic of the relationship between Jesus Christ and his church. In this book, King Solomon, the lover, the groom, symbolizes Jesus Christ, and his beloved, the girl, the bride, symbolizes the true members of Jesus' church. Only a person who is following after spiritual

things can read this book and get its true meaning. The natural man will see only human love or romance in those pages.

I say that this is the highest kind of kissing because at first the believer does not seek the Lord alone, he seeks forgiveness of sin (the woman who washed his feet with her tears). Later, after he has matured some, he seeks the fellowship of other believers (the holy hug and kiss of Romans 16:16). But the girl, the bride in this song, seeks the king alone. She asks nothing for herself, and does not seek the fellowship or company of other believers.

Anyone can come to this place in his spiritual life, but few ever attain it. There will be times in our spiritual life when we will have a desire to draw away from the world and be alone with our beloved Lord. When those times come, a few people will begin seeking his intimate fellowship; fewer still follow on through, shutting themselves off from other people for a time of aloneness with their Lord. In the aloneness of their prayer closet, they cry out, “Come, my Lord, and kiss me with the kisses of your mouth,” meaning, “I want to have a really intimate relationship with you, I want to really know you.”

Those who are still babies spiritually, run from one meeting to another meeting, seeking spiritual nourishment and fellowship. The mature ones shut themselves off for a time of seeking and intimate communion with their Lord.

Where are you? Have you given the Judas kiss? Go into deep and hearty repentance; perhaps there is hope for you. Are you like the sinful woman who kissed his feet? Don't seek him for what he can do for you; seek him for his presence alone, and what you can do for him. Are you in love with “fellowship”? Do you love to sit in the company of your brothers and sisters in Christ? Good, but now let him draw you to the higher realm, a realm where you will leave the brotherhood, even though you will be misunderstood by them. Then your heavenly father will start preparing you for the resurrection and ascension life—an intimate relationship with him—receiving kisses directly from his mouth.

My Dream

In my dream, I was a bad man, a very bad man, and every body else was good, very good. I tried to change myself, but it seems the more I tried, the worse I got. I was no good. My life was a failure. I saw no purpose for my life. I lost all hope and did not want to live anymore. “What’s the use,” I would say, “I’ve tried long enough, my life is over the half way mark and I’ve spent my whole life trying to reform. Every single effort to reform has failed. I have wasted my whole life being bad and kidding myself that I could reform.” I had failed at everything, education, business, marriage, even suicide. I was a total failure—a hopeless failure. Many tried to help me and encourage me, give me hope; but somehow, they weren’t getting through to me. Now, the “good” people were not perfect, but compared to me they were. All of them told me that there was only one man who was perfect, and only he could save me. They said his name was Jesus of Nazareth, and he would be coming soon—all of them said the same thing. I wondered, but I could not understand these things either.

One bright shiny day, I heard everyone shouting, “He’s coming! Jesus is coming!” The sky brightened, and the next thing I knew, a tall, handsome man was standing among us and everyone was praising him, worshipping him, and thanking him. I felt like a dummy, an outsider, one who didn’t belong there, but there I was.

Suddenly, I saw Jesus raise his hands for silence. All the people around him quietened down expecting some important words to come out of his mouth. It was then that he looked at me, and with everyone watching, he said, **“I came to die for you, it is the only way you will ever be saved from your sins.”** At that he turned and started walking toward a hill on which there were some crosses for bad men to be crucified.

I ran up to him in my dream and said, “No, Lord, you’re not going to die for a no good bum like me, are you?”

Again he said, **“There is no other way,”** and he kept on walking to the hill. But I ran after him and grabbed him, and said, “No, Lord, there must be some other way.” He stopped, looked at me, and started to say something; but I interrupted, “Lord, there must be some other way. Let me try again to reform. I’ll pray harder, I’ll even fast. That’s it, I’ll fast. Yes, I’ll fast forty days like I heard you did. I’ll devote my life to serving the poor. I’ll do anything.” He just let me finish talking and then

he said, **“None of those things will save you,”** and again he turned to walk to the cross. Again I ran after him, grabbed him, and said, “Lord, I’ll read the Bible. I’ll read it every day. I’ll read it through a hundred times, but please don’t go to the cross and die.”

Again he said, **“That will not save you either, and there is no other way,”** and again he turned to walk to the cross.

Again I ran up to him and said, “Lord, if none of those things will save me, let me be lost eternally, but please don’t go to the cross.” At that he looked at me with such compassionate eyes and said, **“My son, you mean everything to me, I wouldn’t think of not dying for you. I count it a privilege to die for you.”** And again he turned to go to the cross. That last statement was more than I could take. I could not comprehend that kind of love. I sat down, or rather collapsed on the road, overwhelmed by this man who loved me so much that he **“wouldn’t think of not dying for me.”**

Why So Much Evil?

Why does God allow all the evil in the world? Check this out as an answer:

In the past 40 years, I have frequently noticed that most people who ignore God or relegate him to some place other than first in their lives, are often those who are comfortable, healthy, prospering, satisfied with life, or content.

Most of those who seek God desperately and have the most outstanding miracles and blessings, are usually those who are sick, in trouble, poor, failures, or heartbroken.

Doesn’t this give us a clue as to God’s purposes for permitting all of the evil that is in the world?

The Real Issue

The issue is not what God is going to do for us or through us; the issue is knowing who God is.

When we know who God is, then what God does is only incidental.

Plagued by Evil Thoughts?

If so, these four should help you:

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Please answer this question: When an evil thought [an adultery] comes into your mind, isn’t that a temptation rather than a sin? And if it is only a temptation, then you haven’t sinned, have you?

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And, answer this question: When a true Christian man sees a beautiful woman, shouldn’t he be able to admire her beauty without lusting for her body?

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When an adulterous or pornographic thought comes into a man’s mind, it might take him a few minutes before he realizes he is being tempted and expels that thought. However, as he continues down through the years drawing closer and closer to the Lord Jesus, it takes him less and less time to expel the evil, tempting thought. That is called spiritual maturity. It should not take a mature believer more than 2 or 3 seconds to expel such a thought.

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Once a man who had been in prison several times for sexual crimes, asked me: “Since sexual desires are natural, how can a man be free from sexual lusts or temptation?” At that moment, the spirit of God gave me a reply which really helped him. I explained to him that healthy sex is normal; but when a man is obsessed with sex so that he is a slave to his own sexual lusts, that is a demonic stronghold. The demonic stronghold can be broken and the normal sexual desires remain. He accepted that answer, earnestly sought to live a good, clean Christian life, and within the next few years, he grew into a good, strong believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, and married a lady of a similar mind set.

The Prophet’s Reward

Anyone who receives a prophet for who he is,
will receive a prophet’s reward,
and anyone who receives a righteous man for who he is,
will receive a righteous man’s reward. Matthew 10:41

Like so many verses in the Bible, I read it many times before it came to me what it meant. Our heavenly Father showed its meaning to me while I was at the funeral of a very old man. This man had been a good man all of his life. He had worked hard, taken care of his family, etc. Also, he was a deacon in his church. One incident from his life will illustrate what I want to say: One time he got out of his car, fell down, and injured his leg. Later, while filling out an insurance claim, he wrote on the insurance form that he was outside of the car when he was injured. If he had put down that he was inside the car, he could have collected a large sum of money from his car insurance. However, being an honest man, he put down that he was not inside the car, and he did not collect anything from the insurance company. However, he testified that he had a clear conscience.

While I was attending his funeral, my heavenly father reminded me of this incident and of the above verse. In my spirit, I heard these words: "He received a righteous man's reward." However, I also heard these words: "There is a vast amount of difference between a righteous man's reward and a prophet's reward." Let's take a look at some people who received a prophet's reward.

In the Bible, there is a story of a widow who was so poor that she was down to her last meal. Because she received Elijah as a prophet and fed him when she had only enough flour left to make a few biscuits, he worked a miracle and she had food to eat throughout the famine. She had received a prophet's reward. (1 Kings 17:7-16)

Later, this same woman's son died. She ran to Prophet Elijah and fell on her knees begging for help. Elijah went and resurrected the dead child. So this woman received a prophet and a prophet's reward a second time. Had Elijah been a righteous man rather than a prophet, he would have tried to give her a few words of comfort (how can you comfort someone who has lost a child?), and his words would have done little to sooth the anguish of her soul. She would not have received back her child. (1 Kings 17:17-24)

Another person who received a prophet's reward was the man who came crying to Jesus that his son was possessed by a demon that had often thrown him into water or fire, trying to kill him. Jesus commanded that demon to come out of the child, and the child was immediately set free from the influence of that demon. This man also received a prophet and received a prophet's reward. (This story is recorded by three writers in the Bible: Matthew 17:14-18, Mark 9:17-27, Luke 9:38-43.)

Again: while I was at the old man's funeral, my heavenly father showed me that there is a vast amount of difference between the righteous man's reward and the prophet's reward. The old man, though he was a deacon in his church, said that he did not consider Jesus to be a divine Son of God. He considered him to be an ordinary man, just as you and I. He did not receive Jesus as a prophet, and he did not receive a prophet's reward. The righteous man's reward was a good life, old age, a nice home and family. These he received. If he had received Jesus for who he was, he would also have received eternal life.

Now let's look a little closer at the prophet's reward: The prophet can, under God's direction, feed hungry nations (as God did with Moses), heal the sick, drive out devils, raise the dead, and many other miraculous things. However, the prophet's lifestyle includes persecution. Our Lord Jesus was viciously persecuted and killed. All of his disciples were persecuted and most were killed because of their prophetic message. Many people will receive a righteous man's lifestyle and reward, but few will choose a lifestyle that includes much persecution and possible martyrdom. Yet in the prophet's lifestyle, a person is able to do great things, to do in one moment what a thousand righteous men could not do in a hundred years!

Why do some people choose a righteous man's lifestyle and others choose a prophet's lifestyle? It seems to boil down to this one point: Most people do not believe in the miraculous or the supernatural. So it boils down to one word: faith. Some people do not have faith, or they do not believe. However, others say that they believe, but they are not willing to accept the persecutions, trials, and temptations that go along with the ministry of a prophet. Our Lord Jesus told us that if we follow him, we would be persecuted. He was persecuted because he denounced the people's sins and exposed the hypocrisy of the religious leaders. One verse makes this plain. Jesus said: "The world hates me because I testify about it, that it, that its ways are evil." John 7:7

If we follow Jesus, we will get into situations where, if we keep our mouths shut, we will be condoning evil. We will have to denounce the people's sins, or testify that the activities of the people around us are evil. Then we too will be hated, persecuted, and ostracized.

(There is one place in the Bible where Jesus said we would be persecuted for being righteous. We must understand he was talking about divine righteousness, not righteousness judged by human standards:

Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness—theirs is the kingdom of heaven. — Matthew 5:11)

The righteous people may receive some persecution, but the prophets and their followers will receive a thousand times as much persecution. But in that persecuted lifestyle, they will be able to bless many people with real, substantial blessings, and they will receive the eternal reward: a bliss that is far beyond our understanding in this life. We do not receive it because we understand it; we receive it only because we believe it. The righteous man receives a temporal reward; the prophet receives an eternal reward. Let's consider what lifestyle we are following!

Believing Without Understanding

Once there was a man who was a top-notch automotive engineer, but his wife knew nothing about automotive engineering. In the morning, they each got up, got in their cars, and drove to work. Question: Why did they start their individual cars? Was it because they understood the mechanical principles, or was it because they believed that their individual cars would get them to work? Only the man understood the mechanical principles, but the wife got to work just as well as her husband. Was her car any less able to get her to work because she did not understand the mechanical principles? Didn't they both get into their cars and use their keys to start their cars because they believed that their cars would get them to work?

This is exactly how we receive from God. We receive only because we believe, not because we understand. Millions have said, "But I don't understand that." Understanding has nothing to do with it. We receive blessings from God only because we believe.

Another illustration to show the same principle: A parent said to a child, "Turn on a TV and watch a cartoon." Why did the boy turn the knob? Was it because he understood electronic principles, or was it because he believed his parent? Isn't it the same way when you go to a doctor? Isn't it true that you buy your doctor's prescription because you believe the doctor, and not because you understand the principles of chemistry involved in that medicine?

Are you struggling with faith? Please consider this: You need not concern yourself with how much faith you have, or what kind of faith

you have; you only need to concern yourself with the object of your faith. The people in the above stories had faith in their cars, in his parent's word, and in their doctor's words. The object of our faith is the promises that God has given us. I repeat: the faith is the same. The only difference is the object of our faith. Is your faith weak? Examine yourself and see what the object of your faith is. Is it a "feeling" that some preacher is right, or is it in the eternal promises that God has given us?

Doing Greater Works Than Jesus Did

Perhaps one of the most astonishing statements in the Bible is the one when Jesus said that if we believed, we would do greater works than he did (John 14:12). How can we do greater works than raising the dead, opening the blind eyes, feeding hungry crowds, and coming out of one's own grave? Weren't the following works greater than the ones Jesus did?

▶ 1 ◀

Under Moses' ministry, God fed several million people for forty years. Jesus fed only a few thousand only one meal. Which is greater?

▶ 2 ◀

Elijah also fed a widow through a miraculously replenishing jar of oil. Again, all of her needs were supplied for a long time, not just one meal as in the case of Jesus.

▶ 3 ◀

Through Moses' ministry, God healed the whole nation—several million people—and the whole nation stayed healed for 40 years! On several occasions, Jesus healed whole crowds—perhaps a few thousand, and he told them not to sin again or a worse disease might come on them. Probably some of them sinned, and some worse disease came on them. Who did the greater works?

▶ 4 ◀

Luke 7:36-38 tells about an ill-reputed woman who had such love for Jesus that she washed his feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. She also tenderly and lovingly kissed Jesus' feet. John 13 tells us that on the last night before Jesus died, he washed his disciples' feet. He used water instead of tears, and dried them with a towel instead of his hair. Apparently he did not kiss his disciples' feet. Who (outwardly) displayed the greater love, Jesus or the ill-reputed woman?

Jesus taught us that if we have faith and do not doubt in our hearts, we could move mountains by our faith. Can anyone top that? Consider this teaching by Apostle Paul: In 1st Corinthians 13:2, Paul wrote: “Though I have complete faith and can move mountains, if I don’t have love, it doesn’t do me any good.”

We have seen men use faith to move mountains (mountainous problems), but it was all a waste of time because they were not motivated by godly love. Bigger mountains arose in their place. Didn’t Paul bring out a deeper insight into the true nature of mountain-moving faith than Jesus? (The only reason that Paul was able to bring out greater truths is because he was writing to people who had already received God’s spirit. Jesus spoke only to people who had not yet received God’s spirit.)

Jesus died, was resurrected, and ascended to heaven. However, in the Old Testament, Enoch and Elijah were counted worthy to ascend into heaven without having to suffer death, a privilege that even Jesus did not have!

When Jesus was arrested, he faithfully endured his suffering for less than 24 hours. Many (especially under the Communists) have endured the most horrible tortures, some even for many years.

Let’s believe and do the greater works!

The Poor Rich Man

One day, the father of a very wealthy family took his son on a trip to the country with the express purpose of showing him how poor people live.

They spent a couple of days and nights on the farm of what would be considered a very poor family.

On their return from their trip, the father asked his son, 'How was the trip?'

'It was great, Dad.'

'Did you see how poor people live?' the father asked.

'Oh yeah,' said the son.

'So, tell me, what did you learn from the trip?' asked the father.

The son answered:

'I saw that we have one dog and they had four.'

We have a pool that reaches to the middle of our garden and they have a creek that has no end.

We have imported lanterns in our garden and they have the stars at night.

Our patio reaches to the front yard and they have the whole horizon.

We have a small piece of land to live on and they have fields that go beyond our sight.

We have servants who serve us, but they serve others.

We buy our food, but they grow theirs.

We have walls around our property to protect us, they have friends to protect them.'

The boy's father was speechless.

Then his son added, 'Thanks Dad for showing me how poor we are.'

Want God To Speak To You?

Millions of people want God to speak to them. But, consider this:

- ① When God spoke to Abraham, he told him to slay his own son and offer him up as a burnt offering. Do you still want to hear God’s voice?
- ② When God spoke to Jonah, he told him to do something that was so abhorrent to him, that he bought a boat ticket going to the end of the world—in the opposite direction. If God spoke something like that, you would probably end up in the belly of a huge fish!
- ③ God spoke to Isaiah to take off his clothes and walk naked. (Isaiah 20) He walked naked for three years! Still want God to speak to you?
- ④ God told Jeremiah not to marry or have children (16:2). If God spoke that to us, I’m sure most of us would say, “Oh no, God! No way!”
- ⑤ When God spoke to Moses, he gave him a job assignment that involved big-power court intrigues of the most powerful nation in the world! He had spent the last 40 years living a peaceful, idyllic, and satisfying shepherd’s life. No way did he want to go back to Egypt and get involved in political wars and lead a nation of rebels. He gave God excuses! Do you want God to speak to you to get involved in such a major project when you are 80 years old?
- ⑥ What did God say to Paul? God said this about Paul: “I will show him how much he will have to suffer for my name’s sake.” (Acts

9:16) Now, I'm sure you wouldn't want God to say something like that about you! For Jesus' name sake, Paul was stoned five times, imprisoned many times, and once he was shipwrecked and spent 24 hours floating on the sea!

⑦ Once Jesus said to Peter, "When you are old, someone else will strap your clothes on you, and will take you to the place where you do not want to go" (to the place of execution). Do you still want God to speak something like that to you? (John 21:18)

God is probably doing you a favor by not speaking to you. Thank him for not speaking to you!

Actually, you have plenty of company. In Exodus 19:17, the Bible tells us that Moses led the whole Hebrew nation out to meet with God. But when the people saw the lightning and thunder, and saw God come down on top of the mountain in fire, and saw the fire belching out smoke like a huge furnace, and saw the whole mountain trembling violently, they said, "Do not have God speak to us or we will die." (Exodus 20:19)

What Does the Future Hold?

Does the future hold blessings, prosperity, and peace; or does it hold problems, needs, wars, crimes, and abominations?

Many preachers, pastors, evangelists, and priests are preaching a message of peace and prosperity. In Matthew's 24th chapter, Jesus said that the future would include:

1. The destruction of God's temple and the whole city
2. Wars
3. Revolutions
4. Many earthquakes
5. Famines
6. Epidemics or plagues
7. Terrorism
8. Great signs from heaven

(Here Jesus said that the above are just the beginnings of torment or tribulation. He told his followers they would first):

9. Have hands laid on them (be arrested or taken into custody)
10. Be persecuted
11. Be beaten
(They would be beaten by rulers and in synagogues or churches)

12. Be imprisoned

13. Be betrayed—even by their own parents, brothers, relatives, and friends, and that they would be betrayed to death by parents and children

14. Be hated by all men

15. Be led astray (caused to stumble or backslide)

He also said:

16. Many of his followers would eventually come to hate one another.

17. Many false prophets would arise among them who would lead many astray.

18. Lawlessness (criminal activity) would increase so much that...

19. Many people's love would grow cold (in following the theme of the rest of this passage, it seems that he is talking about his own followers).

(Here he said: "He that endures to the end will be saved.")

20. We would see the sacrilege (or abomination) that causes desolation.

21. We would see Jerusalem (or our city) surrounded by armies. (Here he told us to flee, and that these would be days of vengeance fulfilling ancient prophecies. He added: "Woe to those who are pregnant or are nursing babies," and "Pray that your flight not be in the winter-time or on a Sabbath.")

22. There would be terrible distress (or tribulation) and vicious anger against "these" people. This he described as the worst time ever (a worst-case scenario) and he added: Unless the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh would survive, but for our sake, he shortened those days.)

23. Many (of his people?) would fall by the sword and be taken into foreign slavery (or captivity).

24. Jerusalem would be trampled by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are completed.

25. We will long to see one of the days of the son of man—but we will not see it.

26. False christs and false prophets would arise and show great signs and miracles and lead God's chosen ones astray if possible!

To these things, he added this advice:

Be watchful all of the time, praying always, so that you may be able to escape all of these things that will happen and to stand before the son of man.

— Luke 21:36

Did Jesus preach the peace and prosperity doctrine? It is absolutely

important that we first come to know the spiritual prosperity and the peace in our hearts. He told us that in this world we would have tribulation. (John 16:33) All these things seem to indicate that his purposes are to use this world as a preparation place or a testing ground for the next. If we look for prosperity and blessings in this world, we will be frustrated and disappointed. Millions who call themselves Christians have already turned back from following Christ because they had their hearts set on the blessings of this world rather than on coming to know the nature and intimacy of the Lord Jesus Christ. Apostle Paul put it this way:

I want to share his sufferings, and conform to his death.

You who call yourselves Christians, do you still want to follow him?

Gifts and Fruits

The false prophets and the devil worshipers can duplicate the gifts of the spirit, but they can not duplicate the fruits of the spirit. That's the reason Jesus told us that we would know the false prophets by their fruits—not by their gifts. (Matthew 7:16)

What is the difference between the gifts of the spirit and the fruits of the spirit? The Bible lists:

Nine gifts of the spirit and
(1 Corinthians 12:8-10):

- wisdom
- healing
- tongues (or languages)
- knowledge
- miracles
- interpretation of tongues
- faith
- prophecy
- distinguishing spirits

Nine fruits of the spirit
(Galatians 5:22-23):

- love
- patience
- faithfulness
- joy
- kindness
- gentleness
- peace
- goodness
- self-control

Let this saying be deeply ingrained into you:

The devil can duplicate the gifts of the spirit,
But he can only imitate the fruits of he spirit.

(How can the devil have love, joy, or peace?)

Example: When Moses threw down his rod and it became a snake, Pharaoh's prophets threw down their rods, and they too became snakes. (Exodus 7:6-13) They were duplicating a gift of the spirit.

However, though the false prophets cannot duplicate the fruits of the spirit, they do imitate them. When they act like they love you and are very happy, they are imitating the fruit of the spirit. We call this an imitation because they are not really happy, nor do they really love you. They are merely trying to use you (probably to get in your pocketbook). How can the devil be full of love and joy?

*A man always has two reasons for what he does
—and good one and the real one
— J. P. Morgan*

“The Grudge Still Holds”

Once a man named Smith had an argument with a friend named Jones, and the two held a grudge against each other all of their lives. When Smith was old, he got sick and was dying. All of his family gathered around his bed.

Being believers, his family spoke to him about making things right with God and with Mr. Jones before he died. They said words like this to him: “Now, Pop, you know that you will soon be going to meet God, and you will have to answer for your sins. You better make things right with Mr. Jones before you die.” They begged him to apologize to Mr. Jones. Finally, he agreed, and his family called Jones to Smith's bedside.

In a very begrudging manner, Smith looked up at Jones and said, “I'm sorry that we held a lifetime grudge against each other.”

Jones also apologized, “I'm sorry man. I hope you will be right when you go out to meet God.”

They even shook hands, and Jones slowly turn to leave. About that time, Smith sat up in bed, pointed a finger at Jones, and said, “But I want you to know that if I recover from this sickness, that grudge still holds.”

(This story was told by Abraham Lincoln)

Jesus told us to forgive “*from our hearts.*”

A Prayer

My heavenly father, grant me:

The Serenity —To accept things I cannot change,
The Courage —To change the things I can change, and
The Wisdom —To know the difference!

The Atheist

Ever wonder why some people are such die-hard atheists—especially a lot of highly educated ones? Most of those people have studied history where they found that most of the European wars that were ever fought, were fought over the subject of religion. The atheist said, “If God is telling those people to go out and kill a lot of people because they don’t want to worship the same way they do, I don’t want to have anything to do with that God.”

In their history, the Israelis fought many wars at God’s command, with some horrible slaughters. Some Jewish people still have that same mind set. In their history, the Muslims fought many wars at the command of their prophet. Some are still committing horrible acts of terrorism and atrocities in the name of their God. In the history of Christianity, those who called themselves Christians have also fought many wars against people who did not agree with them in some point of doctrine—some even making conversions at the point of a sword or that the muzzle of a gun barrel.

So, who is to blame for the atheists turning from such a God? Is it not the ones who call themselves Jews, Christians, and Muslims? But what did these religions teach? Did their God tell them to go out and kill all of their enemies, or force-convert them at the point of a sword? Let’s look at the Jewish religion first: When David had it in his heart to build a temple for God’s glory, God spoke to him through one of his prophets that he was not to build it because he had shed much blood, but rather that his son Solomon was to build it. Solomon had peace during his reign and did not fight any wars. Peace is better than war.

Look at the teachings of the founder of the Christian religion. When Jesus was apprehended by the authorities, he submitted to their execution without any resistance. He also told his disciples that they would be killed or martyred. Almost everyone of them were killed or martyred, they did not fight back or resist.

Now, what about the founder of the Muslim religion, what did he tell his followers? Mohammed told his followers that they were to live peaceable with the Jews and with the Christians. In the centuries after his death, many of his followers rose up and tried to force-convert the Jews and Christians at the point of a sword.

So, who is to blame for the spread of atheism? Is it not those Jewish people who misunderstood God’s purpose, and those Christian people who misunderstood God’s purpose for them, and those Muslims who mis-interpreted Mohammed’s teachings?

Our Father In Washington!

A prayer for our school children written by a Washington bureaucrat:

Our Father who art in Washington,
Hallowed be thy flag,
May thy welfare check come.
May thy bureaucratic will be done in mid-America
as it is in Washington.
Give us our daily hand out,
and forgive us our late tax payments,
as we forgive politicians who rip us off.
Lead us not into war,
But deliver us from street criminals.
For thine is:
the executive authority,
the legislative power,
and the judicial finality,
from which there is no appeal!

AMEN!

*(Please — no one show this prayer to any bureaucrats
—they may have our children praying it in school!)*

Signs in the Sky

During the days of Communism and the Soviet Union, in a city in central Russia called Novosibirsk, the people looked up one day and saw this message written in the sky in three languages:

The Lord is coming soon

Since then, another sign appeared over a Russian city called Tambov (100,000 population). The following message was written by a Christian believer, and smuggled out of the country. This message was printed by the German Mennonites in a paper called *The Messenger* (Called *Der Bote* in the German language). The Christian brother wrote:

To every Christian,

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to write you what happened here recently. A sign has been seen over the city of Tambov. On a clear day, a white hand appeared, writing with a brush, the following words:

Overcome evil with good.

It is wintertime among My people.

This is the day of repentance.

No righteous soul will stay with the unrighteous.

No unrighteous soul will stay with the righteous.

Take heed of My salvation.

Bring forth the righteous fruits of repentance.

I will save those who fear God.

Be strong like men for the time is near.

Behold, I am coming soon with My reward. Amen.

This hand wrote for half an hour, and the writing stayed in the sky for three hours. Everybody in the city read it. Fear overcame everyone. The traffic came to a halt.

Is Jesus Rejected?

Most people have not rejected Jesus; they have rejected very many who:

1. call themselves Christian believers, yet continue to sin,
2. church members who live holy only 2 hours on Sunday morning,
3. churches that have adopted man-made traditions rather than God's truth.
4. churches who have lost the anointing and power of God to do the works that Jesus told us to do.

Perhaps the people who you know that do not attend church belong to one of these categories.

Is Marriage Outdated?

That's what is being taught to our college students these days! About 8000 college courses [in the U.S.A.] on family life are using twenty text books. Almost in unison these books are portraying marriage as an outdated custom—especially harmful to women and children. Some of the ideas that these text books are promulgating:

- ① Marriage is more a convenience than a commitment or a source of joy and satisfaction.
- ② Children are “incidental” to marriage.
- ③ Children don't need two parents. Most of the books treat single-parent homes as an “inescapable fact.” They ignored research findings which show that children from single-parent homes “at risk.”
- ④ Children aren't hurt by divorce.
- ⑤ One of the books says that marital satisfaction decreases during child-rearing years, and increases again after the children leave home. (In essence, they are saying: don't have children, you'll have more fun!)
- ⑥ When Gallup poll reported that 95% of Americans considered family life is very important, almost all of the college text books ignored or omitted these findings. (The same poll reported only 60% said that work was very important to them and only 40% said that religion was very important to them.)
- ⑦ A very large portion of these books showed how marriage hurts women. This was the predominant theme in some of those books.
- ⑧ One of the books portrayed marriage as an inherently oppressive institution. (The author got this idea from Karl Marx—the founder of World Communism —and from radical feminists.) This author also said that “children have a detrimental effect on their parents' mental health.” And she added: Marriage was “created...to control women and children.” (She got this idea from Karl Marx's friend Friedrich Engels.) [I thought God created marriage to populate the earth and to give the married couple joy and pleasure—but I guess that idea is old fashion now-a-days.]
- ⑨ Why is marriage gradually collapsing? These 20 books say that this collapse is “just an adjustment to the social and technical changes taking place in the world today. But that's good. [They say. Then they add:] A two-parent family isn't especially good for children; luckily it is rapidly disappearing!”

What message are our colleges trying to put into our children? Why are they seemingly trying to destroy traditional family life? Is it because they are interested in a lifestyle that permits them to change partners frequently? Is because they have loved and lost and are trying to justify their own past failures by bringing more and more of our children into their lifestyle—so that they will feel more in the mainstream of things, rather than the losers they are? Do we need these losers teaching our children that to love and lose is okay? Do we need them to tell us that the dramatic increase in divorce, single-parent families, and illegitimate children is really good?

A friend with a second-grade education once said to me: “Some college professors seem to lack common sense.” I’d rather listen to my friend than to any of the above cited college text book authors. When a spiritual revolution takes place in America, we may see second graders writing our college text books!

Most of the above information was taken from a report entitled “Closed Hearts, Closed Minds” by Norval Glenn who surveyed all twenty of the college text books. His conclusion: Marriage isn’t the problem, the twenty college text books are the problem! They become a self-fulfilling prophecy. Glenn was working with the Council on Families, a project of the Institute for American Values.

Someone sent me the following message by e-mail.

I do not know the source or who the author is.

The Motivator

He was a unique manager because he had several waiters who had followed him around from restaurant to restaurant. The reason the waiters followed Jerry was because of his attitude. He was a natural motivator. If an employee was having a bad day, Jerry was there telling the employee how to look on the positive side of the situation. Seeing this style really made me curious, so one day I went up to Jerry and asked him, “I don’t get it! You can’t be a positive person all of the time. How do you do it?”

Jerry replied, “Each morning I wake up and say to myself, ‘Jerry, you have two choices today. You can choose to be in a good mood or you can choose to be in a bad mood.’ I choose to be in a good mood. Each time something bad happens, I can choose to be a victim or I can choose to learn from it. I choose to learn from it. Every time someone

comes to me complaining, I can choose to accept their complaining or I can point out the positive side of life. I choose the positive side of life.”

“Yeah, right, it’s not that easy,” I protested.

“Yes it is,” Jerry said. “life is all about choices. When you cut away all the junk, every situation is a choice. You choose how you react to situations. You choose how people will affect your mood. You choose to be in a good mood or bad mood. The bottom line: It’s your choice how you live life.”

I reflected on what Jerry said. Soon thereafter, I left the restaurant industry to start my own business. We lost touch, but often thought about him when I made a choice about life instead of reacting to it.

Several years later, I heard that Jerry did something you are never supposed to do in a restaurant business: He left the back door open one morning and was held up at gunpoint by three armed robbers. While trying to open the safe, his hand, shaking from nervousness, slipped off the combination. The robbers panicked and shot him. Luckily, Jerry was found relatively quickly and rushed to the local trauma center. After 18 hours of surgery and weeks of intensive care, Jerry was released from the hospital with fragments of the bullets still in his body.

I saw Jerry about six months after the accident. When I asked him how he was, he replied, “If I were any better, I’d be twins. Wanna see my scars?”

I declined to see his wounds, but did ask him what had gone through his mind as the robbery took place. “The first thing that went through my mind was that I should have locked the back door,” Jerry replied.

“Then, as I lay on the floor, I remembered that I had two choices: I could choose to live, or I could choose to die. I chose to live.

“Weren’t you scared? Did you lose consciousness?” I asked. Jerry continued, “The paramedics were great. They kept telling me I was going to be fine. But when they wheeled me into the emergency room and I saw the expressions on the faces of the doctors and nurses, I got really scared. In their eyes, I read, ‘He’s a dead man.’ I knew I needed to take action.”

“What did you do?” I asked.

“Well, there was a big, burly nurse shouting questions at me,” said Jerry. “She asked if I was allergic to anything. ‘Yes,’ I replied. The doctors and nurses stopped working as they waited for my reply. I took

a deep breath and yelled, ‘Bullets!’ Over their laughter, I told them, ‘I am choosing to live. Operate on me as if I am alive, not dead.’”

Jerry lived thanks to the skill of his doctors, but also because of his amazing attitude. I learned from him that every day we have the choice to live fully. Attitude, after all, is everything.

You have 2 choices now:

1. Put this message down and forget it.
2. Share it with a friend.

I hope you will choose choice 2. Be a MOTIVATOR!!

Thinking of Inventing Something?

If you ever invent something, some government agent will:

- ① Make you get a patent for it; another government agent will:
- ② Make you register it; another government agent will:
- ③ Make you license it; and another government agent will:
- ④ Tax it.

Why don't you do yourself a favor and forget the whole thing?

What's Your Excuse?

Some people say, “I don't trust the Bible because it was written by humans who are subject to making mistakes.” Don't you trust the authors of your history and science books, your doctors, your lawyers, your teachers who are also humans and subject to making mistakes?

Some people say, “I can't believe in the existence of a God I can't see.” Don't you believe in the existence of vitamins which you can't see, in the existence of disease germs and cancer cells which you can't see, in the existence of atoms and galaxies which you can't see?

Some people say, “How can I know that Jesus really existed?” Don't you believe that the ancient Greek philosopher Socrates existed despite the fact that there is only one ancient writing about him? Don't you believe that Julius Caesar existed even though there is far less evidence that he existed than that Jesus Christ existed? [We have four major writings by ancient writers about Jesus, plus numerous other writers.] Is this the reason that you doubt the existence of Jesus: because you are being controlled by your emotions rather than by intellectual investigation?

Some people say, “Why should I commit myself to a God I don't understand, a God I can't figure out with my logical mind? I'm a realist; and as a realist, I've got to understand God before I can commit myself to him.” Do you understand how your car works—but you trust your car to take you to work every day, don't you? Do you understand how your doctor's prescription works—but you trust that medicine, don't you? Do you understand how your telephone, television, and computer work—but don't you trust those devices? So, if you trust your technical/scientific devices simply on faith, why can't you trust God simply by faith?

Some people say, “As an intellectual, I would never reject a hypothesis without testing it thoroughly. So why aren't you willing to test Jesus' message thoroughly? Aren't you being motivated by your emotions rather than by your intellect?”

— the above adopted from the writings of Tom Skinner

Books written and/or published by Brother James

1. the 1949 Revival at the Hebrides Islands [48-pages]
2. a book that Exposes Religious Deception [55 pages] [English or Nepali language]
3. a biography of John Newton [author of Amazing Grace] [20 pages]
4. a biography of Tom Skinner
Street gang leader from Harlem, NY--58 pages
5. Wise Sayings [70 pages]
6. The WOW Anointing
—a collection of some very interesting articles [44 pages].
7. Harriet Tubman — Leader in the underground railroad in pre-Civil War America [23 pages].
8. Anointed Children—A 52-pages about children in ministry/miracles /healings/prophecies
9. The Mighty Babylon Has Fallen —covers 6 chapters of the Book of Revelation – 69 pages
10. John Bunyan's Vision of Hell
—by the author of Pilgrim's Progress [23 pages]
11. I Forgot to Hang Myself
The testimony of a former Satan worshiper.
12. A book containing several outstanding Prophecies which have already happened. 28 pages
13. A revival in Zululand has already lasted 40 years and is still on-going—28 pages
14. Charles Finney is considered one of the best evangelist since Apostle Paul: —72 pages
15. Life & Visions of Sadhu Sundar Singh This 40-page book has an 11-page biography/testimony. The rest of the book is a series of visions that Sundar Singh had.

One man said our country has the best lawyers that money can buy.

Might that also be true about our politicians?

Who was the only man in history that was executor of his own will?

What are some tricks we can use to keep from being deceived?

Can we know that some miracles are genuine and some are false?

Do you want a simple yet sure-fire formula for happiness?

How many gods does America worship?

Gain insight into why politicians fail so much.

Examples of people who used true wisdom, and what it accomplished.

Where do churches get some of their doctrines?

Can a person do some things that are greater than what God did?

Do you want to know what the future holds?

How many meanings can a kiss have?

A simple formula for getting victory over all of your temptations.

“Our father who art in Washington!”

Can anybody really explain the Bible?

Do you know when your conscience is speaking to you?

What is an alternative lifestyle?

Should we try to save endangered species of animals?

Does power corrupt? Would it corrupt you if you had it?

AN EXAMPLE OF A WISE SAYINGS:

To celebrate Christ's birth, most Americans:
Buy things that nobody wants,
With money they don't have,
To impress people they don't like!