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Is The Bible The Word Of God?

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"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. (1 Timothy 3:16-17)

Since the Bible was the first book printed off the printing press, more Bibles have been printed than any other book. The Bible has been translated into over 1,100 languages and dialects since the establishment of the American Bible Society in 1916. The American Bible Society alone has published over five hundred million copies of the Word of God. All the commercial publishing houses, and Scripture publishing houses estimate that they have produced over three billion copies of the Bible, and year after year, it remains to be the best seller.

I was out in Oregon in the summer of 1958, working my way through college at that time in a sawmill. One night, my friend and I had gone to bed and about two o'clock in the morning, we heard a tremendous explosion. The house where we were staying shook. We jumped up out of bed, went to the window, and looked out. There was a mountain between us and the city of Roseburg, Oregon, but as we looked out of the window, we could see flames shooting hundreds of feet into the air. It looked like the entire city of Roseburg, Oregon was on fire. The next morning when we turned on the radio and read the newspaper, we learned that 2,200 tons of dynamite had blown up in the city limits. Eight city blocks were leveled to the ground. But there was a story in the newspaper that was very interesting to me. It said that every book in the city library was destroyed, except one. That book was sitting on the shelf unharmed, the word of God. In this age of skepticism, the skeptics rage against the Word of God but it stands firm, because it is the Word of God.

As we go down through history, we find that there has always been a point of controversy in the professing church. In the fourth century after Christ, the point of controversy was this: Does the Bible teach the Trinity—Father, Son and Holy Spirit? In the council of Nice in 325 A.D., they affirmed the Trinity in 1 John 5:7

"For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one." So they affirmed that the Bible taught the Trinity, the Triune God.

Then you go down to the 16th century and the point of controversy was: Does ultimate authority rest in the Pope or does it rest in the Bible? The Roman Catholic Church said that ultimate authority rested in the Pope, but a man by the name of Martin Luther crawled up the stairs on his knees to a Bible, and he read that, "The just shall live by faith." Martin Luther said that ultimate authority did not rest in the Pope, but it rested in the Bible, because it was the Word of God.

Let me say this. Long before Martin Luther got to that Bible, there were men who were identified as Waldensians, Baptists, and Paulists, who preached that the Bible was the only rule for faith and practice. My friends, Baptists are not Protestants. Our heritage goes much farther back than Martin Luther. Baptists have always believed that the Bible is the only rule for faith and practice. Now, we do not believe that ultimate authority rests in the Baptist church; we do not say that the Baptist church is infallible, but we say that ultimate authority rests in the Bible. We say that we have an authoritative Bible. It is the Word of God.

Now in this day in which we live, the point of controversy is this: Is the Bible the Word of God? Let me say that everything you and I hold dear unto us this day stands or falls on the answer to the question—



"Is the Bible the Word of God?" Where did the unsaved moralist get his morals? He got them from the Ten Commandments. If the Bible is not the Word of God, then all of his morals go down the drain. Examine our Judicial System. Most of our Judicial System is based on the law of Moses, primarily the Book of Deuteronomy. That is why the liberals are trying to change our Judicial System; they want to get as far away from the Word of God as they can. Now if the Bible is not the Word of God, then most of our Judicial System goes down the drain. I do not feel sorry for these professors who get up in their classrooms and rail against the Word of God and then some hippy comes and burns down their library. I don't feel sorry for them. Listen, brother, if the Bible is not the Word of God, it is not wrong to burn down a library; if the Bible is not the Word of God, it is not wrong to murder; it is not wrong to riot. Where do we read, "Thou shalt not kill?"—in the Word of God. Everything that you and I hold dear to us today stands or falls on the answer to this question, "Is the Bible the Word of God?"

THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS CHRIST

You can unequivocally, without hesitation believe that the Bible is the Word of God for many reasons! One, you can believe that the Bible is the Word of God because of the testimony of Jesus Christ. I have heard people say, "Well, I accept the authority of Jesus, but I do not accept the authority of the Bible." That is an utter impossibility. You cannot accept the authority of Jesus unless you accept what He said about the Word of God, and He said that the Bible was the Word of God. Remember that every Jew in Jesus' day divided his Old Testament into three parts. (1) There was the law of Moses, sometimes called the writings of Moses. (2)

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Judge Or Be Judged

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These are the times that try educators' souls! The final grading period finds teachers assessing the pupils' achievements and principals evaluating the school's attainments. Just as one's physical health is enhanced by a yearly medical examination, so a school's educational well-being involves a thorough check up — an evaluation program. Administrators must continually and comprehensively identify and eliminate deficiencies within the school to insure continuous improvement. But to do this, administrators must ask the right questions. Before listing five possible questions concerning a school's program, two Biblical criteria for evaluation must be considered. This process of evaluation is not simply a sterile educational practice, it is prescribed in the Word of God.

"For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged" (1 Cor. 11:31). It is true that although the meaning of this principle is clear, its implementation is clearly difficult. If a school were willing to undergo constant self-evaluation, there would be no need for outside agencies or individuals to assess it. Yielding to an essentially prideful nature, however, most of us are content to rationalize away inadequacies rather than realistically face them. Therefore, few schools have been willing to institute a for-



mal assessment system. Yet the Scripture reminds us that neglect of internal evaluation will ultimately result in external judgement — that is God's principle.

We are further reminded that "For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged" (Matt. 7:3). This second principle states that whatever standards one uses to judge another, by those very standards will he be judged. For instance, this principle implies that the standards used by Christian schools to evaluate public schools will be the standards used against the Christian school. In other words, God requires one to be ready to submit to the criteria he employs against others; Christian schools, therefore, must have their own houses in order before they criticize other schools. Criticizing others for doing what we ourselves do will

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EDITOR'S DESK

Below is a letter I received from Elmer Rumminger at Bob Jones University Press. He speaks of a sad condition he has encountered in which it seems that some Christian schools are concerned about their curriculum becoming too Christian. The only reason I know of that Christian schools would be afraid of their curriculum becoming too Christian would be because they are afraid of displeasing men and thereby losing students. If Christian schools are to survive and have God's blessing, we are not only going to have to have the Christian administration, faculty, and Christian school board, but we are going to have to have a Christian student body and Christian curriculum. Your comments would be appreciated.

Dear Dayton:

For about two years now, I have been speaking to various groups of Christian educators on the need for and the construction of Christian textbooks and other teaching materials. Generally, the reception has been good; but a counter-trend has become evident of which I think you need to be aware, since you are in such a key position in the Christian school movement.

A dangerous secularistic attitude exists in some Christian schools; and if it continues, I am convinced that we will see "Ichabod" written over the doors of some institutions that were founded to do the work of God. I suspected this early in the game, but now I know it for fact: there are some schools that are rejecting the use of Christian textbooks on the premise that "we should not mix Christianity into the academic curriculum." Our text, **PHYSICAL SCIENCE FOR CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS**, is a case in point. An educator friend in Michigan told me recently that several teachers with whom he had talked are not going to use our text because "it is too Christian" in context — and they feel that "academic courses should be taught from standard secular texts" and the teaching of Bible should be restricted to the Chapel program and the Bible Courses.

When I heard this, a cold chill ran down my spine. No wonder some graduates of Christian day schools "go bad" so quickly. No wonder some Christian schools are having difficulties with students. If we are going to restrict the teaching of Bible and Bible principles to the chapel platform, we might as well restrict it to the Church and Sunday school, shut down our "Christian" schools, and stop wasting the Lord's money.

Now, you know me well enough to know that I am against teaching Bible to the neglect of imparting subject matter in the various disciplines. Subject matter **MUST** be taught. But, subject matter is not amoral; if a subject is not taught in the light of God's Word and in the framework of Christian principle, then it will be taught in the darkness of Satan's deceptions and in the framework of humanist error!

Dayton, there needs to be some pulpit - thumping, evangelistic, revival preaching on this subject in churches, in "Christian" schools, and in our Christian School Conventions. If we do not preach the devil out of this movement and fire those short-sighted, backslidden teachers and administrators who would presume to exclude God's truth from the "non-Bible" classroom, we are going to face dire consequences!

No government can stop the work of God if we are faithful to His Word and are willing to stay on the job, contending for the Faith. If Satan "gets" this movement, he will "get" it from within. I know that you agree with me. I hope you can do something to help.

May God be with you.

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The Bible

There were the prophets, and (3) There were the Psalms. All of the Old Testament is encompassed in these three divisions. If Jesus put His stamp of approval on these three divisions, then He validated the entire Old Testament. And this He did. Turn in your Bible to Matthew 5:17-18--

"Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled."

In the Hebrew language, a "jot" is the smallest accent mark; it is less than the crossing of our "t." A "tittle" is the smallest letter, less than half of the size of any other letter. So Jesus is saying in this passage that the smallest Hebrew accent mark would not pass away, the smallest Hebrew letter would not pass away until everything in the first five Books of the Bible were fulfilled. To me, it sounds like He is saying that the first five Books of the Bible were plenary, verbally inspired; that the very "Words" were inspired of God. Again Jesus said in John 10:34,35--

"Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, (the first five Books of the Bible) I said, Ye are gods? If he called them gods, unto whom the Word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken..." So here again He calls the law of God scripture. Then we read in John 15:25--

"But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law. They hated me without a cause."

Again He validated the first five Books of the Bible. Look in Luke 24, and as far as I am concerned this is the most important Scripture in the New Testament on the inspiration of the Old Testament. Remember those three divisions, the Law, (or writings of Moses), the Prophets, and the Psalms. Luke 24:27--

"And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself." So in one verse, He validates two-thirds of the Old Testament. Also in Luke 24:44,45--

"And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me."

Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures." Do you see that? In one sweep of Scripture, He put His stamp of approval on the entire Old Testament.

One thing is very clear. The Jew in Jesus' day had the same Old Testament that we do today. They accepted the same thirty-nine Books as authoritative that we do today. In 1546, at the Council of Trent, the Roman Catholic Church added fourteen books between the Old and the New Testaments called the Apocrypha."

Although the Apocrypha was in existence in the days of the Disciples, not one of them ever alluded to it as being part of the Word of God. Jesus never alluded to it as being part of the Word of God. We have the very same Old Testament that the Jew had in Jesus' day. Jesus said to the Jews in John 5:39, 40--

"Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life."

Do you see what He is telling the Jews? He is saying, "Now you Jews claim to believe the Old Testament. You really don't, because if you believed the Old Testament, you would believe on me. The Old Testament prophesies of Me, and you would not come to Me that you might have life."

There is not a Jew on the face of the earth who really accepts the Old Testament and does not accept Jesus. That is an impossibility! If you accept the Old Testament, you have to accept Jesus, because the old Testament talks of Jesus. Someone might say, "Well, I will concede that Jesus said the Old Testament was inspired, but how could He have stamped His approval on the New Testament, because it was written after His death?" Jesus knew that we would have these arguments, and I believe this next verse directly concerns the New Testament. John 14:26--

"But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."

Jesus is preparing them for the time when He is going to leave, and He tells His disciples that when He leaves, the Holy Spirit is going to come upon them and guide them into all truth. Some have asked, "Wasn't it a possibility that Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John may have forgotten some historical narratives as they sat down to write?" No, not a chance, because the Holy Spirit would bring all things to their remembrance. Notice John 16:12,13--

"I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come."

Jesus told His disciples that He had a fuller revelation to give them, but they were not ready for it yet. When Jesus made this statement He protected the Canon of the Word of God. Jesus did not tell Mr. Charles Taze Russell that He would guide him into all truth; He did not tell Mrs. Mary Baker Patterson Glover Eddy and all points West, that He would guide her into all truth; He didn't tell Mr. Joseph Smith that He would guide him into all truth. He didn't tell me He would guide me into all truth; He told His disciples. I believe

He was directly referring to the writing of the New Testament when he said that He would guide them unto all truth and bring all things to remembrance and teach them things to come, the prophetic portion of the New Testament. One preacher came to me and said, "You believe in the written Word, and I believe in the living Word." Let me tell you, you cannot accept the living Word unless you accept the written Word. Jesus told His disciples in Luke 10:16--

"He that heareth you heareth me; and he that despiseth you despiseth me; and he that despiseth me despiseth him that sent me."

So if a man rejects the Bible, he rejects the Author of the Bible, the Lord Jesus Christ. So you can believe that the Bible is the Word of God on the testimony of Jesus Christ.

THE TESTIMONY OF UNITY

Number two. You can believe the Bible is the Word of God on the testimony of unity. I hold in my hand a library book, sixty-six books written by some thirty-five to forty authors over a period of 1,600 years on three different continents spanning 1,600 miles. And do you know that every single writer over 1,600 years was in agreement? Isn't that a miracle in itself? Can you get thirty-five to forty people to be in agreement about anything today? Think about that! Somebody has said that if you have two Baptists in your church, you have the possibility of a split! You don't know, there may be four or five people in your Sunday School room planning an Independent Baptist Church. You can't get people to be in agreement about anything but thirty-five to forty authors over 1,600 years were in total agreement about this book being the Word of God! It has to be the Word of God!

I was in Pennsylvania and heard a preacher tell this story. He was pastoring a little church years ago. He went into the General Store and saw two men sitting around a pot-bellied stove playing checkers. He knew if he stood there long enough they would start talking about the Bible or religion, so he stood there and listened to their conversation. Pretty soon one of them said, "Do you know that the Bible has 3,000 contradictions in it?" The other fellow said, "Well, I knew that there were a lot of them, but I just didn't know how many. But I am glad you told me." The preacher came over to them and said, "Now, gentlemen, I have been interested in your conversation. You said there were 3,000 contradictions in the Word of God. If there were 3,000 contradictions in the Bible, it stands to reason there ought to be an average of one on a page, doesn't it?" The first man said, "Well, I am sure there is at least one on a page." The preacher said, "All right, here is my Bible. Would you take any page and show me a contradiction?" The man said, "Oh well, I don't know where

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Teaching Tips

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Field Day

Field Day is one event in the school calendar which can add a lot of excitement and spirit to your school's student body. Many times students can hardly wait until next year for field day to come again, especially students in the lower grades.

There are several keys to having a successful field day. The first key is to realize that no matter how small or large your school may be, no matter how limited or expansive your facilities may be, you can have a field day. Unlike many other activities, field day can be adapted to fit the needs of any situation, regardless of facilities or enrollment.

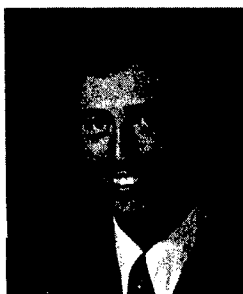
A second key to a successful field day is organization. Good organization will solve most of the problems that can and will arise when large numbers of students are involved. First someone needs to sit down and plan exactly what events will be run and to outline all the procedures that will need to be followed. These plans include the procedure for dismissal to the field, restroom breaks, water breaks, returning to the room etc., as well as the procedures involved in conducting the actual events. Then in faculty meeting before field day arrives, these procedures need to be gone over thoroughly with the teachers.

In large situations preliminary heats may be needed to get down to the finalists. There should be at least ten students in the finals from each grade. To do this, each grade needs to be divided into five groups at random. An easy way to do this is to have number tags from 1 to 5 and number off the class. All the 1's will be together in the first heat, the 2's in the second heat etc. The winner and runner up from each heat will go to the finals. So if the first grade has 45 students, each of the 5 heats will have 9 participants. Two of the nine participants in each heat will go to the finals later on in the day.

In order to keep all the students busy all the time a circuit is set up so the students can go from one event to another in an orderly arrangement. There are 6 stations for the students to go through. All students should be required to participate in all the events unless excused by a doctor. A circuit could be arranged as follows:

- Station 1 — Sack race — Grade 1
- Station 2 — Three Legged race — Grade 2
- Station 3 — 100 Yard Dash — Grade 3
- Station 4 — Softball Throw — Grade 4
- Station 5 — 50 Yard Dash — Grade 5
- Station 6 — Wheelbarrow race — Grade 6

After the entire class has finished the event at its station,



the class moves to the next station.

Teachers of each grade need to rotate with their classes and serve as judges at the finish line since they know the students names. The winner and runner up of each heat needs to be recorded for records at the finals. Someone not involved with the classes needs to be used as the starter at each station and to instruct the students as to the rules of that event. This person does not rotate with the classes.

The finals will be run after all classes have finished all events. Each student will be competing only against students that are in the same grade. There will be a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winner in each event from each grade.

A third key to a successful field day is to be sure every student knows the rules of each event and then abides by them. Unfair advantages can be gained when students do not follow the rules set down for each event.

For instance in the sack race, the students must hold the sacks up so they have to hop and not run. In the softball throw, a circle needs to be drawn so a student gets no unfair advantage by running a greater distance than another.

A fourth key to a successful field day is to give awards. Ribbons can be purchased from many award companies at a very modest cost. Ribbons with only the school name, the word field day, and the place, along with stick-on labels for the name and event can be purchased for about 5 cents each. Also unused ribbons will be able to be used next year.

When figuring the number of ribbons needed, be sure to remember that in the wheelbarrow race and the three legged race there are two people involved and each one will need a ribbon.

A fifth key to a successful field day is to begin promoting next year's field day as soon as this year's field day is over. It will surprise you how many students will be talking all year long about field day coming up.



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finally result in our own condemnation — that is God's principle.

With these Scriptural admonitions before us, we see that Christian educators are compelled to ask some hard evaluative questions. Listed below are five general questions applicable to all Christian schools.

1. Was there a harmony and integrity of design among the school's management, organizational, and education systems?

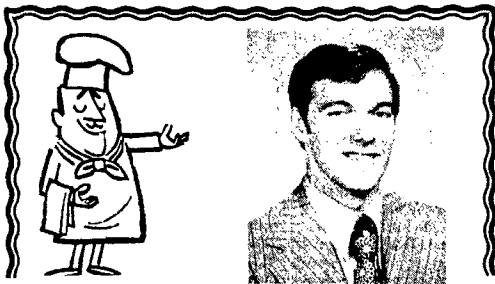
A school's educational program (instruction, etc.) is contained in an organizational structure (rules, procedures, etc.) supported by a management system (school board and administration). Unless these systems support and complement one another, conflicts will arise and goals will be blocked. For example, if one's educational program purports to encourage individual responsibility while its organizational and management systems refuse to allow students to make decisions, the educational program will be thwarted. If pupils are to be learning how to make wise choices, they must be provided with the opportunity to make them under Christian guidance. Likewise, an organizational goal of respect for authority can be undermined by managerial irresponsibility and educational shoddiness. In other words, unless the organizational system reflects the goals of the educational program and the managerial structure is consistent with those same goals, internal strife will prohibit successful attainment of the school's purposes and objectives.

Consistency and continuity within a school system are achieved by action, not accident. They cannot be assumed; they must be achieved. Without conscious efforts, the three systems of organization, management, and education will degenerate into chaos; as a house divided against itself will fall (Luke 11:17), so a school divided by incompatible systems will fail. Cohesion, then, is the first criterion to be met.

2. Was there compatibility between the school's means and ends, its methods and goals?

The apostle Paul warns that in order to receive a crown, one must strive lawfully (II Tim. 2:5); although the crown (end) is worthy, the striving (means) must be as worthy — the end does not justify the means. A spirit-filled administrator must guard against wrong methods as well as unacceptable goals. Is school spirit, for instance, to be built by implicitly stressing athletics over spirituality? Can academic excellence be achieved by hiring unqualified teachers and administrators? Should a good public image be maintained by "good" advertising rather than

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Educational Potluck

Stepping In The Light, Or Leaping In The Dark

BY J.R. BIDDLE

"O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps" (Jeremiah 10:23).

"How can I know God's will for my life?" This is one of the most common questions asked by Christian youth and it is one of the most difficult to answer. When my students confront me with this question, I quickly point out that because of God's infinite regard for their individuality, He does not reveal His will for their lives to me; since each believer is a priest unto God (Rev. 1:6), God works directly with each person. As Christian teachers, ministers, youth leaders, etc., we cannot know all the details of God's life plan for another; nevertheless, we are told many things about the Lord's general will for all believers. Moreover, focusing on these common aspects of God's will is the best path for discovering His particular will for an individual.

Teachers are well aware that pupils usually know what to do — the problem is doing it. Even though directions and assignments are perfectly clear, students may still not do the work correctly. Likewise, most Christians know far more of God's will than they do. Our problem is less a head problem than a heart problem; less an intellectual void than a volitional weakness; less a communication gap than a character flaw. Realistically, the key to knowing God's will is

doing God's will. God does not reveal His will as an alternative or option to be considered — our Lord will not be party to our unfaithfulness. Instead, God reveals His will to those who are committed to do it: "the way of the righteous is made plain" (Pro. 15:19). Therefore, the best advice we can give to our students who want to know God's will for their lives tomorrow is simply: "do God's will today." By living righteously today, we are assured of a plain path for tomorrow.

Let the blind lead the blind, however, we must guard our own lives to ensure that we are doing the Lord's will. A backslider is in no position to help another to higher ground for he can only pull down — he cannot push forward. To steady our own steps and to aid others, God has given the remedy against backsliding and the prescription for knowing His will: "The law of his God is in his heart: none of his steps shall slide" (Ps. 37:31). No one who has ever been born-again need ever leap into the dark, for God's word is ready to be used as a lamp unto his feet and a light unto his path (Ps. 119:105). As long as we are following our Savior's steps, we are indeed "stepping in the light."

they are, but I know they are in there somewhere!" Now isn't that the kind of evidence that would stand up in any court of the land? Do you know why he thought there were contradictions in the Book? Because he never met the Author of the Book, the Lord Jesus Christ. Do you know that phrases such as, "The Lord said," "The word of the Lord came," "Thus saith the Lord," and other such phrases that depict inspiration are read 3,808 times in the Bible? Twenty times in the book of Isaiah, it claims to be the Word of God. Sixty times in the book of Ezekiel, it claims to be the Word of God. One hundred times in the book of Jeremiah, it claims to be the Word of God. Twenty-four times in the book of Malachi, it claims to be the Word of God. Psalms 12:6—

"The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times." Psalms 19:7—

"The law of the LORD is perfect converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple." Psalms 119:42—

"So shall I have wherewith to answer him that reproacheth me: for I trust in thy word." Psalms 119:89—

"For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven." Psalms 119:105—

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Psalms 119:140—

"Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it." Proverbs 30:5—

"Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him." Isaiah 40:8—

"The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever." Matthew 4:4—

"But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Matthew 24:35, Mark 13:31, Luke 21:33—

"Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away." II Peter 1:19-21—

"We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." I Corinthians 14:37—

"If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord."

I was preaching in South Bend, Indiana and a young lady connected with the Jesus People (Like Dr. Gray, I hate that term) came to me after I had mentioned I Corinthians 11:14—

"Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him?"

Now brother, you don't have to have the Bible to tell you it is wrong for a man to look like a woman. Nature tells you that it is perverse, homosexual. After

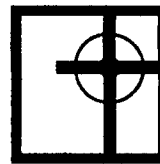
the services were over, she came and wanted to argue. If I had said that the sky was blue, she would have said it was green; if I had said the grass was green, she would have said it was blue. So everything I had said, she wanted to argue about it. She said, "Now, listen, you went over there in I Corinthians 11 for that. Let me tell you something, Paul said that; Jesus didn't say that." I said, "Young lady, are you trying to tell me that the writings of Paul were not inspired of God?" Then I showed her I Corinthians 14:37—

"If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord." Then I said, "Young lady, according to that verse, you are not spiritual; you are not a prophet. Because the writings of Paul are just as much the Word of God as the things that fell from the lips of Jesus Christ Himself." That is why I do not like the Red Letter Edition of the Bible. It gives us the idea that only the things that Jesus spoke are the Word of God. It is ALL the Word of God, thank God! There is unity, unity in its claims and

unity in its central theme.

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The Other Side

with Dave Johnson

MAY DAY

May Day is traditionally celebrated by people throughout the world as a day for flowers, dancing, parades and even Maypole raising. May Day is the day when the Communist countries throughout the world parade their soldiers and armaments through the streets of their respective countries to display their apparent strength and military capabilities. The streets of Moscow even display an array of space vehicles and missiles to the wonderment of the world.

It is commonly believed by most conservatives that May Day is celebrated by the Communists because of the founding of the Order of the Illuminati by Adam Weishaupt on May 1, 1776. It is certainly true that May Day is the most important holiday in Communist countries and it is also a fact that the Illuminati was founded on May Day. However, May Day was celebrated long before Professor Weishaupt was born. Perhaps we should be asking, "Why was the Illuminati founded on May Day?"

With the modern emphasis on astrology and witchcraft today, most people have heard of Stonehenge. Stonehenge is a site in Britain where huge stones are erected in a circle so that certain days of the year are measured by the rising and setting of the Sun. The equinoctial line and the summer and winter solstice are carefully laid out along with two other days which are religious holidays. One of these is November 1 or Halloween and the other is May 1 or Beltane. The ancient Druids were quite

concerned about measuring the sun rise and sun set on Beltane. What is Beltane? Bel is another spelling for Baal. Baal is the ancient god of fertility, the sun god. Beltane is believed to be the day on which the birthday of the sun god, Baal, is celebrated.

The Illuminati was most likely founded on May 1 as part of a Beltane celebration. It is entirely possible, and I believe probable, that all Communist countries would celebrate May Day even if the Illuminati were never founded. I might even predict that May 1 will become a great holiday in America if our country does not change directions soon.

Peter Tompkins, in *Secrets Of The Great Pyramid*, mentions the antiquity of the Maypole as phallic symbol of the sun god. Tompkins quotes from the *National Encyclopedia* as follows:

"The Puritans . . . ordered all Maypoles to be destroyed by Act of Parliament in 1644, as a 'heathenish vanity, abused to superstition and wickedness,' and fined the constables five shillings weekly as long as they stood."

Oliver Cromwell believed like King Hezekiah (II Kings 18:4). The Maypoles and all other symbols of Baal worship should be removed if the nation is to be a Christian nation.

The principle of separation of church and state was not intended to keep the Bible out of our political system. It was intended to keep politics out of the pulpit. If the trend of separation of Christianity and state continues, we shall undoubtedly see a greater emphasis given to May Day.

FROM PAGE 4

The Bible - God's Word

Luke, He is the Son of Man. In John, He is the Son of God and the Son of Man. It is ALL about Jesus. And it is all about the crowning of the end of the ages, the cross of Jesus Christ.

THE TESTIMONY OF SCIENCE

You can believe the Bible is the Word of God because of the testimony of Jesus, because of the testimony of unity, and third, because of the testimony of science. Now the Bible was not written to teach science, but the Bible is scientifically correct. Whenever the Bible makes a scientific statement, it is truth that has never been altered. Do you want to know how old some of you are? Find the science book you studied when you were in high school. What was scientific truth yesterday is absurdity today. Science is all the time changing. But when the Bible makes a scientific statement, it is truth that has never been altered. I like to read about the philosophers. They must have been romantic fellows. One by the name of Brahe went out to count the stars. He came out with the brilliant earth-shaking discovery that there were 777 stars. Wonderful! Another man came along by the name of Kepler, and he said that Brahe had bats in his belfry, that there were 1,006 stars. Then, another man came along named Ptolemy, and he said that both of these men belonged in an institution, that there were 1,056 stars. Isn't that wonderful? Today, we have the telescope. As we look into the telescope, we find that the stars of the sky cannot be numbered. Science tells us that there are about 100 million galaxies and every galaxy averages about one billion stars. The truth of the matter is that no one knows how many stars there are, but why didn't we go the Bible to find that out? *Jeremiah 33:22*

"As the host of heaven cannot be numbered..." *Psalms 147:4*
"He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names."
Then I think about Sir Isaac Newton. One day, he was sitting under an apple tree, and an apple knocked him on the head. Through this incident, he discovered the law of gravity, that whatever goes up must come down. He also discovered that the World rested upon nothing. The ancient Egyptians were the most intelligent people on the face of the earth. These Egyptians thought that the world rested on the back of a large animal, perhaps a turtle or a large elephant. Here Isaac Newton comes along and says the world rests upon nothing. Why didn't we go to the oldest Book in the bible to find that out, the Book of Job 26:7-
"He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing."
The law of gravity. Then there was Sir William Harvey in the 1600's who came along and analyzed the body. He said, "Now wait a minute. The man is bleeding, we had better not let that blood get out of his body because his life is in the blood." Before this time, they had thought the best way to heal a man was to let all that bad blood get out of him. Fourteen hundred years before the birth of Jesus Christ, Moses said in *Leviticus 17:11*-
"For the life of the flesh is in the blood..." *Genesis 9:4*-
"But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat."

In the Nineteenth Century, Sir James Simpson came along. Through Sir James Simpson, we have proper surgical methods. James Simpson said the best way to operate on a man was to put him to sleep, then cut him open and take out whatever needs to be taken out, then sew him up again. Through James Simpson, we got chloroform. Now, I want to ask you why we didn't go to the Bible to find out how to operate on a person? Way back in the dawn of creation in *Genesis 2:21*-
"And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof."
Isn't that proper surgical method?

In the year of 1890, a British astronomer by the name of Sir Edwin Ball was studying. In his calculations, he found that there were twenty-four hours missing in history he could not account for. By the way, this is not the computer hoax. This is a story that was written long before computers were ever thought of; this is a valid story. He went to a man named C.A. Totten who was a professor at Yale University and told him that he had discovered twenty-four hours missing that he couldn't come up with. Totten said "I'll tell you where you can find your twenty-four hours. If you will read your Bible, you will find it in the Bible." Ball said, "Totten, I'm not joking, I'm serious." Totten said, "I'm serious, too. If you find your twenty-four hours in the Bible, will you accept it as the Word of God?" Ball said, "I will."

So, he started reading his Bible. One day, he came to *Joshua 10* where it says that God caused the sun to stand still over the valley of Ajalon about the space of a day. In Ball's calculation, he found that it was not a full twenty-four hours. It was just twenty-three hours and twenty minutes. So, he went to Totten and said, "Totten, I have found your Bible to be in error. Your challenge has been your undoing; it couldn't be the Word of God. The long day of Joshua is not twenty-four hours, it was only twenty-three hours and twenty minutes." Ball said, "I think it does." So, they turned to *Joshua 10* and it says, "...about a whole day." Totten said, "Keep reading. You'll find your other forty minutes in there." So, he kept reading, and one day he came to *Isaiah 38*. God told Hezekiah he was going to die. Hezekiah said, "Lord, I have tried to keep your commandments. Will you give me

fifteen more years?" God said, "All right, I will." Then Hezekiah said, "I want a sign. It wouldn't be an unusual thing for the sun dial to go forward ten degrees. But my, what a stupendous miracle it would be if the sun dial went backward ten degrees. If I am going to live fifteen more years, make the sundial go backward ten degrees." He went out and looked at his sundial, and the sundial had gone backward ten degrees. Do you know how many minutes ten degrees are on the sundial? Forty minutes. How much are twenty - three hours and twenty minutes and forty minutes? The exact missing twenty - four hours! With this, Ball fell to his knees and said, "Lord, I believe."

THE TESTIMONY OF THE CHANGED LIFE

You can believe the Bible because of the testimony of Jesus Christ, because of the testimony of unity, because of the testimony of science, and in closing, because of the testimony of the changed life. *Psalms 34:8* -

"O, taste and see that the LORD is good. . ."

This is one argument that no skeptic can explain away. He can't understand why a man like Fred Garland could be on the line-up in New York City, his stomach half taken away because of his dope addiction, put in a cell to rot to death and medical science had given up on him. Then, a preacher came along and told him how to be saved. Today, he goes across this continent telling people how he came to the Word of God and found it to be the Word of God as it says that it is, "O, taste and see that the LORD is good. . ."

If it doesn't work, it is no good. Some of you have an automobile that you paid \$5,000.00 for, and you think that it is the most beautiful automobile on earth. When you get out of that car to go into the post office, you look that car over like you would your wife. (By the way, I still look my wife over, too, and I think she is the most beautiful person on this earth. I really do. So, suppose this winter, you went out to that car and put your key into the ignition and it went, "click, click, click." All of a sudden that beautiful automobile would become a hideous monster. Why? Because it didn't work! Usually it is a Ford that doesn't work, sorry about that. Somebody told me that the Ford has the most beautiful motor of any car on the road. The reason he knows this is that every time he drove down the interstate, he saw a lot of Fords on the side of the road with their hoods up and the drivers looking at their motors. They must have a beautiful motor, right? If it doesn't work, it is no good! *James 1:18*-

"Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures." *1 Peter 1:23* -
"Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incor-

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Judge Or Be Judged

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Paul warned that our weapons must suit our warfare — a spiritual battle requires spiritual weapons (II Cor. 10:4). To achieve the distinct goals of Christian education, therefore, appropriate methods must be employed. Unless the processes of the school grow out of the products sought after, the ends and means will clash.

3. Has the intangible human element been retained?

Institutions naturally tend to degenerate into self-perpetuating entities; that is, their own existence and maintenance can supersede their original purposes. Teachers readily acknowledge that they are to assist (serve) the child; the teacher's actions and purposes should be for the child's ultimate good. Yet how many times is the teacher caught between institutional demands and the child's best interest? Anytime an institutional victory is achieved at the expense of a pupil, Christian education suffers a setback. God sent Jesus to die for individuals, not institutions. Whenever, therefore, an institution views itself as an end to be perpetuated rather than a means to be expended, it has ceased to be a servant and has become a tyrant.

Administrators, therefore, must be an example of a servant, insist on teachers being servants, and maintain the school as a servant — first to God, then to students. As the Lord took upon Himself the form of a servant (Phil. 2:7), we too must follow in His steps (I Peter 2:21). To fail to evaluate a school's impact on the "human element" is to fail. A school is a means employed to serve Christ by serving His little ones; a school which does not fully serve these little ones cannot adequately serve Him. "But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the seas" (Matt. 18:6).

4. Was the school program flexible enough to accept new goals and methods?

Because every detail of a school's program is not revealed in the Word, administrators should be eager to draw the school closer to God's general pattern by changing old ways or adding new ways — when those changes result in genuine improvement. Whereas those who are perfect may justifiably remain inflexible, the rest of us must be willing to change. While on this earth, man must guard against becoming too unbending; improvement does demand change. Of course change for the sake of change is not advancement, but a willingness to change is requisite for spiritual and academic growth.

In another context, the Word tells us that "where there is no vision, the people perish" (29:18). Applied to the school, this verse reminds the educator to constantly look for better ways to serve the Lord and His little ones. Goethe correctly observed that "he who moves not forward, goes backward." The spiritual dimension of this principle is that if you are not more spiritual today than you were yesterday, you are backslidden; the educational application is that if our schools have not improved, they have retrograded.

5. Are the teachers and administrators committed to an evaluation program?

Commitment goes beyond mere acceptance or even cooperation; commitment leads to an internalized change embedded in one's value system — a change which influences both his beliefs and behaviors. Without commitment to improve, no lasting changes will be evidenced in a teacher's actions once the door is shut behind him as he enters his classroom. Commitment produces change because the person himself is demanding the change.

As is well known, a unified effort facilitates goal attainment. When each individual

knows the goals, is committed to them, and uses compatible means to achieve them, improvement is almost guaranteed. On the other hand, if individuals "do their own thing" no-thing is likely to be reached. To avoid a stagnant school, the administrator is responsible for welding his faculty together so that the specified objectives of the school become the objectives of every individual connected with the school. Unity does not come naturally in a sin-cursed world; harmony and success are not achieved, by accident, and commitment must be re-established it is to remain.

In conclusion, evaluation is an inevitable process — either we judge ourselves or we shall be judged by another. The Christian school should be taking the lead in establishing specific evaluation procedures, for if we fail in our efforts the consequences have eternal implications. Any task done for our Lord requires constant watchfulness and care; nothing should be taken for granted that concerns the souls of men. Let us, then, be wise judges.

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(from the Rocky Mountain News, 31 Jan. 1975).

The Army, Navy and Air Force hospitals now treat about 500 GIs a month for alcohol-related ailments. Another 1,500 sign up monthly for rehabilitation programs such as that of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA).

"Those numbers are the best we have and they may not be complete," said Air Force Colonel William L. Williams, the Pentagon's alcohol abuse director.

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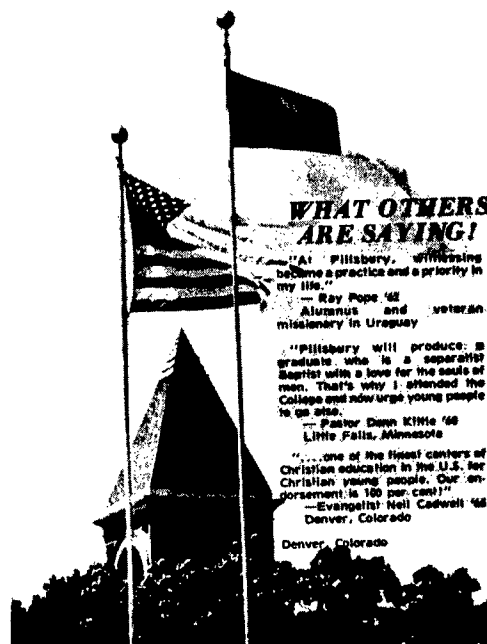
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Stars of the Morning

by "Aunt Carolyn"

A corner nook of hints and tidbits for folks who love boys and girls and want to win them to the Lord Jesus Christ.



102 Dead Men

Like father, like son! When wicked King Ahab died, Ahaziah, his son, rose to the throne in his place, but he was certainly no better king than his father, for the Word of God says that he did evil in the sight of the Lord and walked in the way of his father and his mother. He served Baal and worshipped other false gods, and did all the more to provoke the Lord God to anger. Oh, it was sad to have such an evil king who lead his people into false worship instead of in the way of the Lord. Ahaziah, proud king that he was, was upstairs in his house one day, when somehow he had an accident and fell right down through the lattice of the upper story of his house. He must have been hurt quite badly, because he was in bed for a long time. Perhaps he had serious internal injuries, because it seemed he couldn't get well. He lay there day after day. Soon he got discouraged, then despondent, and finally he feared for his very life. In his desperation he called in his messengers and said, "Go down to Baalzebub, the god Ekron, and inquire there whether I am ever going to get well or not!"

The messengers hurried down to Ekron, but on the way, God spoke to His servant, Elijah. God said, "Elijah, go down and meet Ahaziah's messengers. Speak my Word, and give them my Message."

Elijah was always quick to obey God, so he met the men and said, "Why are you going to Ekron? Why do you have to go down to inquire of that false god, Baalzebub? I know why! It is because there is no God in Israel!"

What a rebuke that was! Elijah said, "You needn't go any further, because I'll tell you what the Lord's message is about Ahaziah. Just turn around and go tell your master that he is not going to get well. He will never get out of that bed that he is in right now!" What an awful message they had to deliver, but they knew Elijah was telling them the truth, so they turned around and hurried back to the palace to tell King Ahaziah the bad news. It was a message of death and fearful doom.

Ahaziah realized something was wrong, because they got back too soon! They hadn't had time to go all the way to Ekron; what could be the matter? He said, "How is it that you have

returned so soon?"

They answered, "Oh, Sir, we met a man on the way. He asked why we had to go way down and inquire of Baalzebub. He asked us if it was because there wasn't a God in Israel? And then king, he gave us bad news. He said that you never were going to get out of your bed or get well!"

Stunned, Ahaziah lay there and stared at them a moment. "Tell me what that man looked like!" he demanded.

"Well, he was a large hairy man, and he had a leather girdle around him."

Ahaziah was furious! "I knew it, I knew it! It is Elijah, the Tishbite, that prophet of God! I knew it was he!" Oh, the king was very angry!

The message they delivered to the king seemed like a hard one all right, but it really was merciful. If Ahaziah had received the warning, humbled his heart, and repented of his sins, God might have delivered him. But he didn't repent of anything, he only hardened his heart all the more and said, "I'm going to get that old prophet! He can't do this to me and get away with it!"

Immediately he called in one of his officers who was over fifty soldiers and commanded, "Go out there and get Elijah! Bring him back to me!"

So the captain took his squadron and went out to the hill where Elijah was sitting and called, "Come down, thou man of God, by order of the king!"

Elijah didn't budge. He just looked at them and shouted back, "If I am a man of God, let fire come down and consume you and all your fifty soldiers!" Before he had hardly finished speaking, like a lightning bolt from heaven, fire fell and consumed all of them. Fifty - one men dead!

But that didn't satisfy Ahaziah. He still wasn't sorry. The lives of fifty - one precious men meant nothing to him, and he sent another group of fifty and another officer with the same message. The officer said, "Oh, man of God, come down quickly!" (He wanted him to be quick about it before the fire got him!) But Elijah said, "If I am a man of God, let fire come down and consume all of you!" And it happened just like the first time. The fire fell and consumed that troop, too!

Now, Ahaziah still didn't

repent! He wasn't sorry! He wasn't concerned about his men's lives, let alone his sins, and he ordered a third group to go after Elijah!

This officer knew what had happened to the other two military units and was afraid and humbled himself. He fell on his face before Elijah and begged, "Oh, Elijah, please, other troops and their commanders have been destroyed. Please spare my life and the lives of these men. Please, come down to the king." Then Elijah got his okay from the Lord saying it was all right to go, and Elijah went down with him to the king. God's message had not changed in all this time though, and once more Elijah faithfully spoke the Word of the Lord. "The reason you sent messengers to Baalzebub was because there is no God in Israel for you to inquire of." (Ahaziah and the people had turned their backs on the God of heaven to do their own will.) Therefore, you are not going to get well! You are surely going to die!"

Still the king did not repent, and he died just as Elijah had prophesied, just as God had said. He never did bow his knee or humble his heart to the Lord. Oh, what an opportunity he had to repent, but he rejected it. You know, when Jesus tells us that we are sinners and that we need to repent and come to Him for salvation and deliverance from hell, it may sound like a hard message, but really it is merciful. It gives us a chance to see ourselves as God sees us and to turn to Jesus Christ for salvation.

Jesus died on the cross to save you from your sin. You don't have to go to hell. You don't have to suffer for your sins and bear the penalty. If you will open up your heart today, repent of your sins, and ask the Lord Jesus to forgive you. He will do it and give you eternal life.

You must make the choice either to be like Ahaziah and harden your heart against God's tender warning, or to be like Elijah whose heart was right with God and who had dedicated his life to speak God's Word and do God's Will. The choice is yours. Don't turn away from God. Come to Jesus for salvation today. Jesus said, "I'll that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out." (John 6:37)

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The Bible - God's Word

ruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever." Romans 10:17 - "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

Many years ago in Moscow in one of their leading theaters, a play was opened up called, "Christ in a Tuxedo." The first act of the play opened with a church arrayed like a bar room. There was a pulpit and beer, wine, and vodka bottles sitting on the pulpit. There were drunken priests sitting there with their arms raised in a drunken toast. There were fat nuns sitting on the floor playing cards. The second act featured the matinee idol named Comrade Alexander Rostovtzeff. When Rostovtzeff walked on the stage, the crowd roared with laughter. He was robed in a robe down to his ankles, and he had a large New Testament under his arm. Rostovtzeff was to come before the floodlights, take out his New Testament, read two verses from the Sermon on the Mount and then disgustingly throw away the Testament and say, "Give me my tuxedo and my top hat." My, how the crowd laughed as he came on the stage, took out the New Testament and began to read.

"Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." He stood before that crowd as though he

were a statue paralyzed. The actors backstage began to cough and stomp to urge him on with his forgotten blasphemy. But, he was no longer a blasphemer. He intoned slowly, "Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." And he kept reading until he had read forty-two verses from Matthew chapter 5. With this, he fell to his knees before the floodlights and he cried out the prayer of the repentant thief, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your Kingdom." Immediately, the stage manager stomped onto the stage, ordered the curtain to be lowered, and the lights to be put out. Rostovtzeff was taken off the stage. The show was cancelled because Rostovtzeff had taken ill. But, oh, how heaven must have re-echoed with "Hallelujahs" as the dyed-in-the-wool disciple of Marx was conquered by the anvil of the Word of God. Thank God it works!

Several years ago when Nikita Khrushchev was in power, there were twenty-two million slaves in the Siberian salt mines. Mr. Khrushchev thought he would show them what a wonderful man he was, so he took thousands of Bibles, as the people were screaming for just a page of the Word of God, and he brought them to the salt mines. He said All

right, you have been crying for the Bible, here it is. There is only one stipulation: I want \$500.00 a copy." These people were slaves; they could not have paid a quarter or a nickel. So, do you know what Mr. Khrushchev did? He tore all the pages out of all the Bibles, put them in a pile, lit a match, and made a bonfire, as the people screamed for just a page of the Word of God!

You say, "My, what a terrible thing." You know I have been in churches across this land where most of their members would never miss the Word of God were it to burn up! I remember I was going from Phoenix, Arizona, to Florida to attend a meeting years ago. As I passed through Texas, the preacher asked me if I would preach in his prayer meeting on Wednesday night. This church was running 1,300 in Sunday School at that time, a bastion of Fundamentalism. I thought, "What in the world can I preach to this crowd. Here are 350 people, the cream of the crop. They are the titheers." You know, you could take up your offering on Wednesday night and the offering wouldn't vary ten percent? It is the Wednesday night crowd that are the titheers, they are the soul-winners, they are the Bible-readers. So, I thought, "What could I preach to that crowd, the stalwarts of the church." God seemed to direct me to preach

on the importance of the Word of God. After I finished my message and gave the invitation, I asked this, "All right, how many of you in this church, running 1,300 in Sunday School, read your Bible every day?" Do you know how many read their Bible every day? Twenty. Then I said, "All right, how many of you in this church, running 1,300 in Sunday School, have a family altar in your home?" Do you know how many raised their hands, including the preacher? Six. I'll tell you my friend, I had a broken heart that night. I felt like falling on my face at that altar and saying, "Oh, God! This is what is wrong with America!" You say, "Well, I can't memorize the Word of God." But, you can tell me how many home runs Hank Aaron has, can't you? 717, right? You can memorize what you want to memorize, and if you believe this is the Word of God, you will hide it in your heart to keep you from sinning against God. Yes, thank God, it works! Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!

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