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## ECUMENICAL ENIGMA

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Maintaining a stateside monthly deputation ministry since 1962, Mr. Becker has covered over 600 churches in 42 states presenting mission work through conferences, missionary revivals, and slide programs.

The ecumenical movement, which was surreptitiously spawned and fastidiously nurtured by denominational missions, now faces a predicament. How is it going to dispose of that parent movement which so carefully brought it into mature manhood? The ecumeniacs have been scratching their heads over this enigma. To onlookers, the situation conjures a vision of a monster child resolutely stalking his doting, but respectable and well-loved parent, until the elder's memory and good name both are consumed.

It is plain to everybody, except to insensible wolf-led sheep in denominational congregations, that the



ecumenical movement is diametrically opposed to Bible missions. Missions is and always has been generated by that listing wind of the Holy Spirit, as He moves men and

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## The Bible and War

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Every generation has the responsibility to train its men for war. . . **WHETHER WE HAVE WAR OR NOT.** The best deterrent to war is a strong military establishment. I know many people don't like that kind of thinking these days, but it's still true, whether they like it or not. In Judges 3:2, we find that we must know how to fight. . . to teach them war, at the least such as before knew nothing thereof." We must be taught war. This verse in itself is a justification for R.O.T.C. Apart from spiritual apostasy, there is nothing that will destroy a nation faster than the fact that they are not prepared for war. This is an uncontravertible lesson of history. The same thing is true here in America. No nation can be safe in this "dog eat dog" world without a good military apparatus. I shudder to think that the safety of America will depend on the type of youth that is enlisted under the modern Army enlistment program. "The United States Army wants

Lt. Col. Jack Mohr, entered the Army as an enlisted man and went up through the ranks to commissioned status. He served in World War II and Korea.

While working with the Korean Military Advisory Group in South Korea, in 1948, an abortive military coup led by Communist elements from the North, attempted to take over the South Korean Army. Col. Mohr was captured, stood before a People's Court, was tortured and faced a Red firing squad. Making his escape with the help of a sympathetic Korean Sergeant, he made his way back to friendly forces and was on the 38th Parallel when the Korean War began. In that first "no win" war, Jack Mohr was the first American wounded and the first to be decorated; receiving the Silver Star for action in the opening hours of that action. He was one of the most highly decorated veterans of that war, with twelve combat decorations and four commendations.

In 1953, he worked with returning American prisoners of war in Japan and as a result of his background with Communism, wrote the lesson plans and taught the first classes given to the Army in the Military Code of Conduct. He retired in 1964, with twenty-four years of duty.

He is an author, a lecturer with 21 years experience in studying and speaking out against Communism and a Fundamental lay evangelist. He has become an outstanding Americanist speaker, lecturing and preaching in 45 states and four foreign countries and is known for his outspoken stand against liberalism and compromise of all sorts.

to join you!" Long hair, clenched fist, undisciplined and all. Ugh! It makes me sick to the stomach. God have mercy on us!

Everyone of you mothers who have ever complained to a Congressman about your son's military training has been guilty of a disservice to the military and to your country,

and you have a personal responsibility for every man who has died from a lack of the discipline and training he didn't get. The boys in military training today (with the exception of the United States Marines, and it hurts me to say that, being an old time Army infantryman) are being treated

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## Inspiration

by Evangelist Ron Comfort



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. All the commercial publishing houses and the Bible Societies have produced over two billion copies of the Word of God and, year after year, it remains the best seller. The Bible has outlived all of its skeptics. You can unequivocally accept this Bible to be the Word of God. Without hesitation you can believe this Bible is the Word of God for four reasons.

### THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS CHRIST

Number one. You can believe the Bible is the Word of God because of the testimony of Jesus Christ. Now some preachers sound blasé when they make this statement, and they say, "Well, I accept the authority of Jesus, but I don't accept the authority of the Bible." That is a contradiction

in itself. 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.

Now bear this in mind—every Jew in Jesus' day divided his Old Testament into three parts. First, there was the law—the first five books of the Bible, sometimes called the writings of Moses. Second, the prophets,

third, the Psalms. Now, if Jesus put His stamp of approval on these three divisions then He stamped His approval on the entire Old Testament. Matthew 5:17-18, Jesus said, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law" (that is the first five books of the Bible). He said, "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." Now in the Hebrew language, a jot is the smallest letter—it is less than half the size of any other letter; a tittle is the smallest accent mark—it is less than the crossing of a 't'. So Jesus was saying that the smallest Hebrew letter or the smallest Hebrew accent mark from the first five books of the Bible would not pass away until everything in those five books were fulfilled. Say, you know, that tells me that Jesus said the first five books of the Bible were

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## EDITOR'S DESK

I am writing this just before my wife—"Aunt Carolyn"—and I, leave for the West Coast to attend two annual teachers' conferences. The first is the Northwest Association of Christian Schools' Convention to be held in Salem, Oregon, October 26-27, and the second is the California Association of Christian Schools' Convention to be held in Fresno, California, November 2-3. Carolyn and I both will have the opportunity to speak and present workshops in different areas. I have not had occasion previously to attend either of these Conferences and am looking forward to the opportunity of meeting many new friends in the Christian School Movement.

In addition to the Conference engagements, I will be speaking at Brother Ronald Ulmen's Church in Puyallup, Washington on Sunday evening, October 29 and will be with an old classmate and friend from Bob Jones University days, Dr. Roland Rasmussen at Faith Baptist Church of Canoga Park, California on Sunday evening, November 5. It will be a joy to see his fine work and fellowship with Roland again.

Please take notice of the article on the front page concerning our new subscription drive. We have had a very successful first year in every way, except in the financial area. We must remedy this in 1973. A Thanksgiving or Christmas gift at this season will help a great deal to catch up the deficit. Also, send in your subscription for yourself and friends now, as a Christmas gift. This gift will keep on giving all year long.

### BLACK ELECTED NEW SECRETARY OF WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Philip A. Potter, a Methodist from the West Indies, has replaced Eugene Carson Blake as secretary general of the World Council of Churches, the first Black to be elected to that position in the Council's 25-year history.

Blake, controversial and leftist minister of the United Presbyterian Church, is retiring at the age of 65. Potter, 50, identifies himself as a "Third World Person." The Third World is a term, origin unknown, which is applied to small, poor countries which do not claim alliance with either the Soviet Union or the United States.

After his election, Potter told newsmen that the Council would continue financial support to African liberation movements as a part of the Council's program to "fight racism."

Potter declared that he is a "radical person" and "I am prepared to face chaos and anarchy if that is what it takes to bring about the necessary change."

Potter was formerly director of the WCC's Committee on World Mission and Evangelism. He was unanimously elected to the office of secretary general for a five-year term that can be renewed until he reaches retirement age of 65.

He was born on the Island of Dominica in the Windwards, studied in Kingston, Jamaica, attended Richmond College in England and received degrees in divinity and theology from London University.



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## Inspiration of the Word

verbally inspired. Over and over again He puts His stamp of approval on the first five books of the Bible, or the Law.

Now, take your Bible and turn to Luke Chapter 24—and I believe this is the most important scripture in the Bible on the inspiration of the Old Testament. Notice please, Luke Chapter 24 verse 27: "And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself." In one verse of scripture, Jesus Christ validates two-thirds of the Old Testament. Now let's go on down to verses 44 and 45 and here it is in a nutshell. It says, "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." In one sweep of Scripture He puts His stamp of approval on the entire Old Testament.

All right, let's go on. You say, "Well, I will concede that Jesus put His stamp of approval on the Old Testament, but how about the New Testament?" All right, I believe that Jesus knew all about these arguments. Take your Bible and turn to John Chapter 14, where He puts His stamp of approval on the New Testament. Here He is talking to His disciples and getting them ready for His ascension back to heaven. Notice what He says in 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." Now He is telling them, "There is coming a time when the spirit of God is going to come upon you, and He is going to tell you the things to write." Somebody said, "Well, wasn't it possible that when Matthew, Mark, Luke and John wrote the historical narratives that they might have forgotten some of the incidents?" Not a chance, because He said He would bring all things to their remembrance—the New Testament. Now when God closed the canon of the Book, He protected the canon. In Revelation Chapter 22 it says that if anyone adds to or takes away, brother, he is in danger of the judgment of God. All we need are the 66 books between these covers.

Now when Jesus sent His disciples out in Luke 10:16, He said this, "He that heareth you heareth me; and he that rejecteth (despiseth) you rejecteth (despiseth) me." I had a Methodist preacher tell me, "Ron, you believe in the written word. I don't, I believe in the living word." I said, "Mister, you don't know anything about the living word. All you know about the living word, you find in the written word, and if you deny the written word, then Jesus said you reject Him, too. You cannot deny the Bible without denying the Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ, too." So you can believe the Bible is the Word of God because of the testimony of Jesus Christ.

### THE TESTIMONY OF THE UNITY

Number two, you can believe the Bible is the Word of God because of the testimony of the unity. You know what I hold in my hand tonight? Not a book, but a library of books. Sixty-six books written by some 35-40

authors over a period of 1,600 years and although it was written over this span of time there is not one contradiction in the Book. There is total unity in the Book.

I was with a preacher last August who told me he went to a North Carolina town to pastor. He said he was in the general store getting something and he noticed two men sitting at a pot belled stove with a checker board, playing checkers. He said he knew if he stood there long enough they'd start talking about the Bible, so he stood there a while and pretty soon one of them said to the other one, "Do you know, that there are over 3,000 contradictions in the Bible?" The other fellow said, "Well, I knew there were a lot of them but I just didn't know how many. I'm glad you told me. Now, when somebody asks me I will know there are over 3,000." Well, the preacher went over to the checker board and said, "You know, gentlemen, I was interested in your conversation. You say that there are 3,000 contradictions in the Bible. If that is true, then it stands to reason that there is one on every page. Wouldn't that be true?" The man said, "Well, I'm sure it would be." He said, "All right, I'll tell you what. Here's my Bible. Show me a contradiction on any page in the Bible." You know what he said? He said, "Well, I don't know where they are, but I know they are in there somewhere." He didn't know where they were because he didn't know anything about the Book. You have to know the Author of the Book before you know anything about the Book. If there is a contradiction in the Bible, throw it out the window—it is a book of lies. But I tell you, it is in total unity. It claims to be the Word of God 3,808 times. The phrases that depict the inspiration such as, "The Lord said," "The Word of the Lord came," "Thus saith the Lord" are used 3,808 times. Twenty times in the book of Isaiah, 100 times in the book of Jeremiah, and 24 times in the book of Malachi it claims to be the Word of God. David said in Psalm 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." Proverbs 30:5, "Every word of God is pure." Isaiah 40:8, "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever." Matthew 24:35, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." Mark 13:31, Luke 21:33, 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, Paul said, "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."

Today, if you take two men, you cannot get them to agree completely on anything.

Someone has said, "If you have two Baptists you have a possibility of a split in your Church." You take two Democrats, put them on the platform and get them in a debate, they're ready to tear each other's hair out before it's over with. Take two Republicans—they cannot agree on everything. Can you imagine that 35-40 authors wrote something in this Book, and they were all in total agreement? There is unity in its writings.

You know, its agreement is in its central figure. The central figure is Jesus Christ. Behind this Book was the person of the Lord Jesus Christ. In the Old Testament He was predicted; in the Gospels He was present; in the book of the Acts He was proclaimed, in the Apostles He is possessed and in the book of the Revelation, He is predominant. It is all about Jesus. In Genesis He is the seed of the woman; in Exodus He is the Passover Lamb; in Leviticus He is the meal, the wave, the heave, and the trespass offering; in Numbers He is the manna that came down from heaven; in Deuteronomy He is the rock; in Joshua He is the Captain of the Lord's host; in Job He is our Redeemer; in Ruth He is our kinsman; in Psalms He is our Sword, our Shield, our Buckler, our High Tower; in the Song of Solomon He is our Beloved; in Isaiah He is the Wonderful Counsellor, the Everlasting Father and the Prince of Peace; in Haggai He is the Desire of all Nations; in Zechariah He is the Branch; in Malachi He is the Son of Righteousness; in Matthew He is the King of the Jews; in Mark He is the Son of God; in 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 you know it's all about the crowning event of the ages. You know what that is? That is the cross of Jesus Christ.

A colored man in Pennsylvania told me, "Brother, you believe the old Bible," he said, "I don't, I believe the new Bible." I said, "Mister, there couldn't be a New Testament without an Old Testament; there couldn't be an Old Testament without a New Testament—the Scripture cannot be broken." There's a scarlet cord that runs through the Bible that holds it together. You know what that is? It is the blood of Jesus Christ. I wish I had time tonight to go through the Old Testament and show you all the Scriptures that talk about the cross of Jesus Christ. This is the crowning event of the ages—the Old Testament and the New Testament are both about it.

### THE TESTIMONY OF SCIENCE

So you can believe the Bible is the Word of God, number one, because of the testimony of Jesus Christ, number two, because of the testimony of the unity of the Book and, number three, because of the testimony of science.

You know, the Bible wasn't written to teach science, but the Bible is scientifically correct. You want to know how old you are? If you will go home tonight, some of you old codgers, and take up that science book you studied when you were in high school, you will find out how old you really are. What was scientifically true yesterday is

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absurdity today and science is changing all the time. But wherever the Bible speaks of science, it is absolute truth. It never has changed, and it never will change. In philosophy class we studied about the ancient philosophers, and evidently there were rather romantic fellows. There was a man by the name of Rahe' who decided he was going to count the stars. So he counted, and lo and behold, he came out with the earth-shaking discovery that there were 777 stars! My, what a discovery! Well, a man by the name of Ptolome came along and said that Rahe' didn't know what he was talking about. He said Rahe' ought to be in an institution. He said there were 1,005 stars. Another man came along by the name of Kepler who said that both of these men had bats in their belfry—he said there were 1,056 stars. Now today we have the telescope. As we look in the telescope we find that the stars of the sky cannot be numbered. Science tells us that there are over two hundred billion stars—but the truth of the matter is nobody knows how many. Let me ask you a question. Why didn't we go to the Bible and find that out? Jeremiah 33:22, "As the host of heaven cannot be numbered..." The Bible says in Psalms 147:4, "He telleth the number of the stars; He calleth them all by their names."

There was a man by the name of Sir Isaac Newton who was sitting under an apple tree one day and an apple conked him on the head. Through this incident, he discovered the law of gravity. Whatever goes up must come down. He also discovered that the world rested upon nothing; it was just suspended in space, because of the law of gravity. Now the ancient Egyptians were the most intelligent people on the face of the earth, and they thought that the world rested on the back of a large animal—maybe a large turtle or elephant—but here comes Newton along and says the earth rests upon nothing. Now let me ask you a question. Why didn't we go to the oldest Book in the world to find that out? Job 26:7 says, "He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing."

In 1615 William Harvey came along and began to analyze the body and decided that our very life existence was in our blood. If we didn't have blood in our body, we would have no life. You see, this was a real discovery, because before this time whenever a person got cut, he would let it bleed, because he thought that all that bad blood would bleed out, and it would make him better. But William Harvey came along and said, "No, that is wrong, because your very life existence is in your blood, and you'd better not let your body bleed profusely like that." So today, when a man is near death, they give him a blood transfusion, because his life existence is in that blood. Now let me ask you a question. Why didn't we go back to the Bible to find that out? Some 1400 years before the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ, Moses said in Leviticus 17:11, "For the life of the flesh is in the blood."

In the 19th century, Sir James Simpson came along and discovered proper surgical methods. He decided that the best way to operate on a person was to put him to sleep first,

then cut him open, take out whatever needed to be taken out, and sew him back up. And through Sir James Simpson we have chloroform and proper surgical methods. Let me ask you a question. Why didn't we go to the Bible to find that out? Way back there in the dawn of creation, in Genesis 2:21 it says, "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 methods?

In the year 1890, a British astronomer named Sir Edwin Ball was studying, and he decided that there were 24 hours missing in history he couldn't account for. So he came to a man named C.A. Totton who was a Christian Professor of Yale University. He told Totton of his 24 hours missing in history. Totton said, "I will tell you where you can find those 24 hours." Ball said, "Where?" Totton answered, "I will give you a challenge. If you study your Bible and find the missing 24 hours in the Bible, will you receive the Lord Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?" He said, "I surely will." Totton said, "You'll find your 24 missing hours in the Bible." So Ball began to read his Bible. One day he came to Joshua Chapter 10 where God caused the sun to stand still over the valley of Ajalon about a day. In his calculations Ball found that it really wasn't a complete day—it was only 23 hours and 20 minutes. So with this he came back to Totton and said, "You know, you've made a challenge that is your undoing. You told me I'd find my missing 24 hours, but the long day of Joshua is only 23 hours and 20 minutes. It is not a full 24 hours. So the Bible is in error; it cannot be the Word of God." He said, "Well, the Bible says that the sun stood still a day!" He said, "Well, let's see." So they turned to the chapter—Joshua Chapter 10 and it says, "So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day." He said, "Keep reading, you'll find your other 40 minutes in there." So he kept reading his Bible. One day he came to Isaiah Chapter 38. God told Hezekiah he was going to die. Hezekiah said, "Lord, I have tried to serve you the best I know how. Will you give me 15 more years?" God said, "All right, Hezekiah, I will give you 15 more years." Hezekiah said, "Now Lord, I want a sign. Give me a sign to show me I will live 15 more years." He said, "Now it wouldn't be an extraordinary thing if the sun dial would go forward 10 degrees. But," he said, "It would really be a miracle if the sun dial would go backward 10 degrees." He said, "Now if I'm going to live 15 more years, make the sun dial go backward 10 degrees." Hezekiah went out and looked at his sun dial—the sun dial had gone backward 10 degrees. Do you know how much 10 degrees is on the sun dial? Forty minutes. How much are 23 hours and 20 minutes, and 40 minutes? He found his exact missing 24 hours. And with this, Sir Edwin Ball dropped to his knees and cried out to the Author of the Book to save his soul.

**THE TESTIMONY OF THE CHANGED LIFE**  
See, you can believe the Bible is the Word of God because of

the testimony of Jesus Christ, because of the testimony of the unity of the book, because of the testimony of science and, number four, because of the testimony of the changed life. Thank God!

The Bible says in Psalms 34:8, "O taste and see that the Lord is good." My friend, it works. The Bible says, just try it and see if it works. Now, if a thing doesn't work it's no good. Some of you men have a \$5,000 automobile, and you think that is the most beautiful automobile on earth. You will pull up at the Post Office and park your car and walk towards the Post Office, and you'll look back at the car and you'll think, "That is the most beautiful car on earth." But this winter you go out in that car and put the key in the ignition. You turn the switch over and it goes click, click, click, click, click. All of a sudden that beautiful car becomes a hideous monster! Why? Because it doesn't work. Now usually it is the Fords that don't work. Somebody told me that the Ford had the most beautiful motor of any car on the road. He knew it was so, because every time he went down the highway, he saw a Ford over on the side of the road with the hood up, and the driver looking at his motor. They must have a beautiful motor! But if it doesn't work, it's no good!

Praise God it works! You can believe the Bible is the Word of God on the character of those who accept him and those who reject him. Take a man who is living a godly conscientious life and is concerned about the will of God in his life. Ask him if he believes the Bible is the Word of God. He will say, "I surely do." But in the same manner, show me a man who denies the Bible to be the Word of God, and I'll show you a man who is an immoral reprobate. Show me a man who denies the Bible is the Word of God, and I'll show you a God-hater and a blasphemer. It works.

I was preaching three years ago in North Carolina. On the last night of the meeting the biggest man I had ever seen in my life came walking in the back of the church. Now listen, I'm not exaggerating—he was so large that he had to turn sideways to get down the aisle. He weighed between 400 and 500 pounds. What a joy it was at the invitation time to see this huge hunk of a man get out of his seat, turn sideways, come down the aisle and get saved. And after he got saved he said, "Preacher, I want to say something." He said, "Folks, you know all my life I have said I didn't believe these things." He said, "I've even laughed, and I have cursed people who would talk to me about these things, but you know, I sure have a different feeling tonight, because I know I'm saved." Now what can do that for a man? Not the Reader's Digest, not any religious writing in the world, only the Bible, because it is the Word of God. 1 Peter 1:23, "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever." 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." Romans 10:17, "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

Several years ago in Moscow in one of the leading theaters, a

play was opened up called, "Christ in a Tuxedo." It was a blasphemous comedy, and the first act of the play opened up with a church arrayed like a bar room, with wine, vodka, and beer bottles scattered all over the church auditorium. There were two drunken priests who sat at the pulpit with their arms raised in a drunken toast. Two nuns were squatted on the floor playing cards. The second act was to feature the matinee idol named Alexander Rustavech. Rustavech was to come on the stage in his flowing oriental robe impersonating Jesus Christ with a large New Testament under his arm. He was to take his New Testament, read two verses from the Sermon on the Mount, then disgustingly throw away his Testament and say, "Give me my tuxedo and my top hat." My, how the crowd roared as Rustavech came on impersonating Jesus Christ. He stood before the crowd, sneering, and opened his Bible at Matthew Chapter 5 and began to read, "Blessed are the poor in spirit: for their's is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted." All of a sudden he stood before that crowd as though he were a statue and his body was trembling, and the crowd wondered what was going on. The actors backstage began to cough and yell and try to urge him on with his forgotten blasphemies. Suddenly Rustavech came to his senses and kept reading, "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 Rustavech kept reading until he had read 42 verses from Matthew Chapter 5. With this he dropped down to his knees beside his Testament, in front of the floodlights, and cried out the

prayer of the repentant thief, "Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Immediately the stage manager stomped on the stage, ordered the lights to be lowered, the curtain to be drawn down, and he told the crowd that Rustavech had taken sick. The show was cancelled, and Rustavech was taken to the hospital. But how heaven must have re-echoed with hallalujahs as a dyed-in-the-wool disciple of Marx was conquered by the anvil of the Word of God. "O taste and see that the Lord is good."

Several years ago when Nikita Krushchev was in power, there were 22 million slaves in the Siberian salt mines, and they were crying for just a portion of the Bible. Mr. Krushchev thought he would show them what a wonderful man he was, so he got thousands of Bibles. He came back to the salt mines and said, "Now, you've been crying for the Bible." He said, "Here are your Bibles. You can have them. There is only one stipulation." He said, "I want \$500 a copy." Now these people were slaves, they couldn't have even paid a quarter if he'd have said a quarter. So do you know what Krushchev did when nobody could buy a Bible? He tore the pages out, put them in a pile, lit a match and he made a bonfire out of the pages of those Bibles as the slaves were screaming for just a portion of the Word of God. You say, "My, what a terrible person!"

Do you know, most of you in here tonight would never miss it if your Bible were burned up tonight. You get up and sing, "Oh, how I love Jesus" and you never read your Bible all week long. You don't love Jesus Christ. When you tell me how much you read this Book, I'll tell you how much you love

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## How can you sleep tonight, when tomorrow you may have nothing to eat?

The first requirement of survival is that you must have an adequate supply of food that is easily available. Food that can be stored for long periods of time and yet retain the flavor and goodness of today's meals. And a good variety that maintains the highest nutritional value for each member of the family.

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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.



## Thanksgiving Day Indeed

Elizabeth could feel her pulse rise in excitement when Father told of their experiences since leaving England. Even though Father told it with great humility and thankfulness to the Lord, Elizabeth realized there was something great about her parents, and through it all God's hand was evident.

Father told about how the Church of England had left the Word of God for empty rituals and ordinances which were enforced by the Church and the government. Her father, Mr. Brewster, and some of the other men became very concerned. In the Bible they read how the Lord had left the earth and had gone back to Heaven. They read how God led Paul to start churches. Why there was a church in Corinth, in Philippi, in Ephesus, and there was no big government that ruled their worship. If they pleased the Lord Jesus Christ that was enough. So Elizabeth's father and other Christian men began to hold services in their own homes. They began to preach the gospel of the Grace of God, how men needed to be saved, and how their responsibility was to the Lord Jesus Christ.

What opposition they drew! One night the government officials came knocking on their own door and hauled Father and the other men right down to prison. Later the magistrates let them out, but they threatened them with their very lives if they ever preached like that again. But they wanted freedom to have their own conscience and heart right, to worship according to the Word of God, and to be responsible to the Lord—not the Queen, the Pope, the government, or anyone else. But as the movement grew, the opposition also grew. Preachers who dared preach the Gospel were fined high sums of money. After that they were silenced with the threat "If you ever preach like this again, you will be thrown out of the Church." Those who continued to preach their convictions were kicked out of the Church, put into prison, starved, and mistreated. So the men said, "We must leave England. We cannot raise our children and teach them the ways of the Lord in this kind of an atmosphere. They will think that they must obey the Queen ahead of the Lord." This was the reason they dared leave England and go to Holland.

Holland was a strange country with a strange language. If they went, they would have to sell their farms, businesses, household possessions. It looked like too much to give up. But when they weighed the evidence they said, "If we don't go we will be selling out our conscience. We cannot afford that. It's better to be right with God if we starve to death." They would risk their lives and the lives of their

families for this cause.

So they began to arrange for a ship, but news of their movement traveled fast. The persecution had grown to such an extent that no sea captain wanted any part of that bunch of Christians who had made themselves outcasts and had set themselves apart from the state church.

One try failed when the ship Captain betrayed them to the magistrates and the whole company was carted back to shore and put in prison where they were kept for a month. Finally, except for seven, they were released, but they felt called of the Lord to make a break with this tyranny that tried to keep them from serving the Lord.

The second venture was near disaster, too. The ship captain was so frightened when government officials showed up that he sailed out and left the men on shore! The men were stranded, and their weeping families were separated and destitute. Would they ever see their loved ones again?

As if this sorrow wasn't enough, the ship got into a terrible storm at sea. The poor godless sailors didn't know anything to do but to scream and cry in terror. They cried, "We sink! We sink!", and their voices were drowned out by huge and violent waves sweeping over the ship. Yet, out of the terrible roar came back an answer from the Pilgrims, "Yet, Thou, Lord, can save us! Yet, Thou, Lord, can save us!" And the Lord did save them, and after many trials delivered them safely to shore.

But there they were—by themselves. It would take too long to tell all the details, but little by little, some here, some there, the Pilgrim men finally got to Holland, and the families were reunited.

Now, life in Holland was not easy, either. It was a land of riches and luxuries, but the poor Pilgrims did not have time for that, for they had to spend all their time working to make a living or poverty would overtake them. They spent twelve years in Holland, but the longer they stayed, the greater the problems became. Some were getting old and soon many of the band would be gone. Life conditions were hard. They had to work so hard that some became so discouraged that they felt they would just as soon be back in England in prison as in Holland with their liberty. The young people were a great heartache, too. Some of them had had to work so hard and bear such heavy yokes from early childhood that they became decrepit looking and lost their youthful vitality long before their time. And with this—some of them felt rebellious and wanted to get away. Some left their parents to be soldiers, some went to sea,

and some became a part of the sinful life of the Dutch young people.

The Pilgrims did not want to raise a generation that would not carry on the work of the Lord and the work for which they had given their very lives. Perhaps if they found another place away from these temptations and hardships more of the young people would be steadfast.

They also had an inner drive to tell the Gospel and spread the Word of God to the far corners of the earth. If God would lead them, they would be the stepping stones to tell the story of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Arguments were great for going to America, but the odds against it were far greater. There was no civilization in America. It was a place of savages who would just as soon fill strangers full of arrows as look at them. There would likely be famine, disaster, and disease. They did not have money for the expenses and provisions of such an undertaking. But God was great, and the challenge was answered with one great truth—all great and honorable actions are accompanied by great difficulties and must be overcome by great courage. If this was what God wanted them to do, God's grace would overrule and they would succeed. They prayed much for leadership and set out to charter a merchant company to take them and to get permits to land in New England. When these agreements were made, they concluded that every person sixteen years of age and over would have to bear his part of the cost of the trip and responsibility for the shares in the adventure. He would have to abide by the agreement for seven years, and he would also be responsible for his share of the work and provisions when he got to America. It was also agreed that all things would be common and belong to the Colony.

The voyage went smoothly at first, but after some days they got into such a violent storm that they despaired for their lives as well as for the ship. The main beams bowed and cracked, and they feared that the ship would not hold. Some said, "Let's go back while we're still alive," but who knew whether the ship would be able to take them back? At last the men said, "We will caulk the beams and leaks as well as we can and just keep going."

The Lord blessed their courage, and after a long time and a terrible beating of the seas—with much sickness and adversity—they finally landed at Cape Cod. What a happy day that was! What praise they offered to the Lord!

Think of all they had been through. Think of the vast ocean

they had crossed. Now, no friend was there to welcome them, no one was there to help them feel at home in this strange land. They only had more weather, more disease, and more trials to meet. These folks had only an uphill road—alone—except for one thing: God's grace sustained them. God never failed them, and they did not fail God. Not one turned back.

Space will not allow me to tell all about that first winter—its hunger, discontent, scurvy, and other diseases which came upon the settlers so mercilessly that half of the people died in the first two or three months. Of the 100 some persons in the company, scarcely 50 remained by February.

All the time the Indians came skulking about them. The relationship of the Pilgrims with the Indians is a story in itself.

And sometime I must tell you how the Pilgrims did away with their collective system written in the first agreement and divided the land so every man had his own plot according to the size of the family. What a boost that was to provisions as well as the morale of the people! Individual enterprise and initiative really worked!

And when in that first summer it seemed the crops would

fail because of drought, the Pilgrims set a special day of prayer and humiliation. And God sent rain—sweet, gentle rain. God spared His people and they set apart another day of worship to God. This one was not to plea for relief, but to praise His holy name and give Him thanks. Thanksgiving Day it was indeed!

So you see, our forefathers paid a great price for liberty, to be free to follow God's Word in setting up government on the principles of the Word of God. The Pilgrims put all they had into the founding of America—their time, energy, total earnings, yes, even life itself, but they invested their lives in the cause of the Gospel and in lifting up the standard for the Lord Jesus Christ.

There are monuments in our country to these forefathers, but it will take eternity to see their real rewards.

Now, young person, what are you doing with your life? What investment are you making? Give yourself to the Lord Jesus Christ. Keep the path of the Word of God. Don't sell out your birthright for a mess of pottage. Be sure your heart is right with God and live in line with His Word. Remember, what makes men good Christians also makes them good citizens, and God is expecting an account from you.

## BIBLE-DENYING TEACHER SUES OVER DISMISSAL

A 23-year-old public school teacher is suing the Gaston (N.C.) County School Board, claiming that his dismissal violated "his rights to freedom of speech."

George L. Moore, Jr., was fired by school authorities after students in his seventh grade history class and parents complained that he used his classroom to declare that he does not believe in the Bible, life after death or heaven or hell.

Students also testified that he stated that Darwin's theory of evolution was "essentially correct" and that he asked the students if they took the Bible seriously.

Students testified before Federal Judge James B. McMillan that the teacher stated he believes God is dead and that there is no life after death.

The school board contended in the court that Moore violated the principle of separation of church and state by expressing his personal and religious views before a captive audience in the Highland Junior High School of Gastonia, N.C. on November 12, 1971.

Moore is pleading protection of the First Amendment to the U.S. constitution.

The Judge has not yet ruled in the case and declared that it was a "tough one."

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# Called to be a Preacher or a Missionary—Which is It?

by Dr. Gerald Johnson

In our Bible believing churches we often hear of a "missionary call." Is there such a thing as a missionary call? We may go back even one step further and ask, "Is there such a thing as a missionary?" Do such questions shock you? As a matter of fact, the term "missionary" is not mentioned even once in either the Old or New Testaments!

In our modern day the term "missionary" has been greatly perverted and misunderstood. In a recent Miss America Pageant one of the leading candidates was introduced on T.V. as a "missionary." She was called a "missionary" to underprivileged children in Chicago. Is this the true definition of a missionary? Evidently it is the common definition in the minds of many people because a great majority of the denominational missionaries related to the N.C.C. and W.C.C. are primarily engaged in social work in foreign countries.

From the Scriptural standpoint there is no such thing as a "call to be a missionary" because the term "missionary" is not even found in the Bible. However, there is a CALL TO PREACH THE GOSPEL. Generally speaking, every born again Christian ought to be a preacher of the Gospel. If we are born again and love Jesus Christ we ought to preach Christ in our daily life and conduct. Our words and testimony for Christ will have little influence if they are not backed up by a

consecrated holy life. Thus every Christian is to be a witness for Christ, and preach Christ by his daily life and conduct.

However in a very specific sense God in His sovereignty does call certain persons to preach the Gospel. The Lord Jesus called His 12 apostles for the purpose of preaching the Gospel. After Christ called His disciples to preach, He sent them forth to preach the Word of God.

Actually the word "missionary" has the underlying meaning of "One sent forth." God first of all calls an individual to preach the Gospel. Then after one is called to preach, God will direct that person to WHERE he will preach the Gospel. Therefore we may say, even though the term is not used in the Bible, a missionary is one who is first of all called of God to preach the Gospel, and then directed by the Lord to preach the Word of God in a foreign land.

In this sense the Apostle Paul was a "missionary" even though the term as such is not used in the Scriptures concerning Paul. The Lord first called the Apostle Paul to preach the Gospel. The Holy Spirit then very definitely led Paul into what countries and cities. He would have him preach the glorious Gospel of Christ. But note the important fact that FIRST OF ALL GOD CALLED PAUL TO PREACH! No one can be a missionary who has not been called of God to

preach the Word of God!

Today also God does send men to go into foreign lands to proclaim the message of salvation. However first of all these individuals must be called of God to preach! Therefore, the person who says, "God has called me to be a missionary" ought to carefully consider what he is saying. What do you mean when you say you are "called to be a missionary?" Have you definitely been called to preach or teach the Word of God? This is the primary call of God. The Lord through the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit will lead that person to WHERE HE IS TO PREACH THE WORD OF GOD. For some people it will be here in our own country, and for others it will be in foreign lands.

In Ephesians 4:11 we have a complete list of the spiritual offices given unto the Church by Jesus Christ. These offices are apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers. The classification, "missionary" is not included in this list. Therefore we must conclude that a missionary is a person who has definitely received the gift and calling of a pastor, or evangelist, or teacher, and God has sent him forth to use these spiritual gifts in a foreign land. The only difference then between a missionary and a pastor or teacher or evangelist here at home is that a missionary uses these gifts in a foreign country. Anyone who goes to a foreign land as a "missionary" but has received no gift or calling as an

evangelist, pastor, and teacher is deceived and not sent by God!

The term "missionary" implies first of all that a person is definitely called of God to PREACH THE GOSPEL. Secondly, that God has led this individual to a certain foreign land to minister the Word of God. The deciding factor as to where the individual will preach will not be his own feelings, reason, desires, or the language, or cultural standards, or economic levels, but THAT HE IS CLEARLY LED OF THE HOLY SPIRIT TO SERVE IN A CERTAIN PLACE.

Jesus Christ has given us the scope of the Gospel message, which is the entire world. We are under obligation to preach the Gospel to every creature. Sometimes individuals called of God to preach are not careful to be led by the Holy Spirit as to WHERE THEY ARE TO PREACH THE GOSPEL! For example, today we desperately need missionaries in Korea. There are over 30,000,000 people in South Korea and true fundamental missionaries are rare. Recently I met with our Mission's Executive Secretary, and he told me a number of folk had applied to the Mission as missionary candidates to Australia. However no one has applied to go to Korea. I asked, "Why are there no missionary candidates for Korea?" The Executive Secretary replied, "MAYBE THE REASON IS BECAUSE THE PEOPLE IN

AUSTRALIA SPEAK THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE!" Yes, perhaps this is the reason! You see, even the consideration of what language one must speak sometimes becomes the dominating factor in an individual's choice of where he is going to preach the Gospel! THIS OUGHT NOT TO BE!

Sometimes the economic level in a country becomes the determining factor as to where some are willing to preach the Gospel. Here in the U.S. we have a much higher standard of living than in many countries of the world. There are individuals who "do not feel led" to preach the Gospel in a foreign land because of "cultural shock" and lower standard of living!

If God calls you to preach, the first thing you ought to do is to equip yourself. Get an education so that you may be an effective preacher of the Gospel of Christ. Secondly, you ought to pray definitely and earnestly seek the Will of God as to where you are to preach the Gospel. When you seek the Will of God as to the PLACE God wants you to preach, the foremost consideration ought to be THE NEED! Find out THE NEED! Where is the need the greatest? Learn all you can about the needs ALL OVER THE WORLD, for the world is our field, and then pray to God that He may direct and send you where the NEED IS THE GREATEST!

## The Bible and War

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as babies instead of as men. Why? Because some momma wrote to her Congressman that her baby was being kept out in the cold and wet on a bivouac or had had to walk twenty miles with blisters on his "tootsies," and the Congressman interfered with military training in an area where he wasn't competent to say a thing. Mothers do you think the enemy will wait to attack until the weather is dry and warm? Do you think the enemy will ask whether your son is rested and his feet feel good? Don't be silly! Take away tough training and discipline and your son has a less than fifty per cent chance of ever getting home alive from any war in which he is involved. Our American military has never lost a war for you. Wars are lost and the peace has always been lost by the ivory tower intellectuals who have never heard a shot fired in anger and who are probably often in sympathy with the enemy.

We have had a civilian "no-win" policy in Vietnam, just as we had in Korea. Our military have had their hands tied behind their back by civilian advisors who didn't even understand human nature, much less military tactics.

We have now, and have had in the past, people in high governmental places in Washington who have been guilty of treason. You may say, "Whoa, now, preacher, that's a pretty serious accusation." What can you call it but treason when a Congressman, who has taken an oath of office with his hand on the Holy Bible and has promised before God to protect this country from enemies both without and within, stands on the steps of our Capitol building in Washington with a group of

militants who say they are trying to destroy our country and who carry an enemy flag? When that Congressman is seen with them and agrees with them, what is that but treason? The Constitution of the United States, Article III, Section 3, in words that any sixth grader can understand, defines treason: "Treason shall consist only in levying war against them, or adhering to their enemies; giving them aid or comfort."

We have been spending billions of dollars to educate idiots in our State run schools. We have been giving money away by the billions to our communist enemies and to lazy, no-account, useless folks who won't do a thing to help themselves, but apparently we don't have money enough to give our men proper training before we send them to Vietnam. Shame on us!

It is a Biblical principle, that young men MUST be trained for war. If you are going to train men, then you must have a professional War Department. In Luke 14:31, Jesus recognized this when he said—"What king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth (with his military staff) whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand."

War demands a mental attitude of both moral and spiritual courage. In Deuteronomy 20:1, we read: "When thou goest out to battle against thine enemies, and seest horses, and chariots (tanks), and a people more than thou, (in other words you are outnumbered) be not afraid of them for the Lord thy God is with thee." You cannot function properly when you are neutralized with fear. That is

what has happened to many of our Government advisors. They have become so afraid that fear has overcome them, and when fear overcomes a man, his mind often goes along with his courage. They have become so afraid that they are saying, "It's better to be Red than dead," and they don't even know what they are talking about or they wouldn't make a stupid statement like that.

Did you know that in recent months our military chaplains have had to take all reference to God out of the Character Guidance classes? That's because the civilians in charge of the War Department are afraid of the American Civil Liberties Union. You can't bring religion into any government function, you know. It's all right to teach the damnable theory of evolution as fact in our schools; it's all right to have "go-go" dancers in the Army mess halls and beer in the PX; but for heaven's sake, let's not have any reference to God! No wonder we are losing!

Fear in the face of overwhelming odds is natural; but catering to it begets cowardice and becomes a sin to the believer, for God has made provisions to overcome your fears.

In the old Armies of Israel, they weeded out all those who were afraid to fight. You remember the story of Gideon in Judges 7. Gideon started out with an Army of 32,000 men. God told him to say to the people: "Whosoever is fearful and afraid, let him return . . . and there returned of the people twenty and two thousand; and there remained ten thousand." Twenty-two thousand cowards would have been a hindrance to the fighting. Then God fur-

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## From the President of Bob Jones University

Bob Jones University was founded to be and will always remain an INDEPENDENT, non-denominational, fundamental Christian university. We are sometimes attacked by the unsaved for our bold fundamentalism. But we are also attacked by Christians because of our independence.

Forty-five years ago my grandfather recognized the great need for an independent Christian school. Even then, he could see the trend toward modernism in the major denominations; he was also acquainted first-hand with the difficulties faced by denominational schools—when, for example, a boy is sent home for breaking the rules, then promptly re-instated because he is the son of a denominational pastor who complains.

I'm sure people thought my grandfather crazy in those days because of his determination to found an independent school. But the years of successful ministry have proven that God's blessing is on Bob Jones University; and His care has been sufficient in all things. We have never needed convention, organization, or denomination.

Let's just look for a moment at this matter of independence. Bob Jones University IS definitely independent of:

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Put them in the balance yourself and weigh with a true weight.

I would never presume to say that ALL Christian schools should be non-denominational. I am merely stating the case for Bob Jones University. There are a few denominational schools that are true to the Lord and effective in their calling. I sincerely hope they remain so. I would never take it upon myself to tell them how to run their business. As in individuals, so in institutions—each one is different.

Bob Jones University has never paraded under false colors. As you agree with our stand and appreciate our ministry, become active in supporting this vital work.

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## "EXPLO '72" Held in Dallas

This is an 'Eye-Witness, Ear Witness' Report by the Editors of F.E.A. News & Views Pastors M.H. Reynolds, Jr., and William M. Reynolds. (Complete copies of this report can be ordered from: Fundamental Evangelistic Association, 205 North Union Avenue, Box 26157, Los Angeles, California 90026 (10 for \$1.00, postage paid).)

Explo '72 on a massive scale, mixed the deadly poison of worldliness and ecumenism with evangelism. The result was that thousands of young people went home, convinced that the successful way to win people to Christ is to act like the world, sing like the world and dress like the world. They were led to believe that ALL CHURCHES MUST WORK TOGETHER to evangelize the world in this generation. No warnings were given about the false prophets and wolves in sheep's clothing which abound in the modern churches. "There is death in the pot" and Explo '72 put it there. Its full effects may not be seen for months or years but the consequences of disobeying the Word of God are always heart-breaking. Both worldliness and ecumenism will stifle true evangelism. We must speak out even at the risk of being misunderstood.

The Explo '72 program was just about as worldly as you could find, especially with regard to immodesty in dress and the use of the devil's big beat rock music. One Godly pastor who attended wrote that he had never seen a more wanton display of the human body outside of a public beach. We have to agree. Many of the girls wore short-shorts, hot pants, hip-huggers and bare midriff outfits. Several girls in very suggestive clothing wore T-shirts on which was printed "Property of Jesus Christ," or, "One Way." It was shameful! Here was over 75,000 people gathered to take training in evangelism, but many were dressed (or undressed) just like the world. We decry the fact that women are no longer safe on the streets alone, yet why is no effort made to teach Christian women and girls to obey the Bible and dress modestly? We feel especially sorry for some of the youth who went to Dallas holding scriptural convictions about modesty in dress, but who went back home believing that it is alright to dress like the world in order to reach the world for Christ.

What about the music of Explo '72? Was it good or bad? Spiritual or worldly? Can the Devil's "Big Beat" rock music be converted to Christian uses? Can we add "Christian" to the word "rock" and come up with a new tool for evangelism? EXPLO '72 leaders thought so and gave the youth a full diet of the so-called "Christian Rock Music" at each of the nightly sessions in the Cotton Bowl and all day long at the closing Jesus Music Festival which was billed as "A Christian Woodstock."

Titus 2:11-13 tells us that the grace of God teaches us to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts!!

Rock Music (Even with Christian Words) is one of Satan's most effective tools to break down spiritual reserves and restraints. Explo '72 music proved that to us conclusively. One had to be present to observe the difference in audience response between traditional religious music and rock music. Whenever the rock groups played, a spirit of reckless abandon prevailed with dancing, sexually suggestive body motions, over-familiarity between sexes, etc. Some appeared to be almost in a trance. It was as if the whole crowd were suddenly put under some hypnotic spell.

Furthermore, many of these "Christian Rock Groups" and performers continue their appearances in night clubs, gambling casinos, hotels, etc. They seem to find no difficulty in moving easily between these dens of iniquity and Christian youth gatherings. It should not take much spiritual discernment or Bible knowledge to see that something is wrong.

One of Explo's performers, Kris Kristofferson, swore on the platform because the sound system was working poorly. His two guitarists were both smoking on the platform before and after they played their "Christian Rock Music." Kristofferson has a new 'smash' album out called, "THE SILVER-TONGUED DEVIL AND I." Another performer sings the female lead in the blasphemous rock musical "Godspell" which portrays Jesus Christ as a clown. She was warmly applauded. What must a Holy God think of such brazenness?

But it was not enough for Explo leaders to promote the devil's music at Dallas. They spent an estimated one million dollars to purchase prime T.V. time to spread this new 'Big Beat' ecumenical evangelism across the country. Campus Crusade president, Bill Bright, offers a free recording of the Explo '72 music to all who will write for it. They seem determined to make worldliness in music synonymous with evangelism.

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## ECUMENICAL ENIGMA

Gospel to areas of need and harvest; whereas the ecumenical movement, through a colossal ecclesiastical organization that penetrates every nook and cranny of God's harvest field, seeks to consolidate Christianity under its control, giving the appearance that it is intent upon relieving Deity of His responsibility over the planet Earth. While ecumenists are overcome by devotion to sticking their noses into social and political dilemmas, Bible missionaries stick to the job of soul changing through the Gospel of Christ.

Ecumenists also know that they cannot peacefully coexist with missions, since its presence spells defeat, or at least frustration, to their ecumenical designs. Like Hitler trying to justify the extermination of the Jew and

Stalin the liquidation of reactionaries, they must find a way to preside logically and persuasively over the death of missions. Their strategy is becoming clear.

First, the image of missions, which still excites popular admiration, must be "reinterpreted." Propaganda must be broadsided against those romantic visionaries who imagine themselves walking in the steps of Paul, William Carey, David Livingstone, and others.

Then, in concert with this barrage of discreditation, independent governments must be won over to a policy excluding apple-cart upsetting ministries, which being interpreted represents faith missions that will not be branded with the "666" of the World Council of Churches.

Most governments will not need much wooing to implement such a policy. Some already have. This part of the strategy will be relatively easy.

And finally, the missions that remain, the denominational lackeys who are the promoters of the WCC anyway, will be metamorphosed or evolved into a hybrid that will have scant resemblance to or function of the missions of former days, while still retaining the name.

Illustrating the foolhardy and desperate attempt to concoct a plausible story discrediting Bible missions, both its golden history and glossy present, a recent book entitled Mission Myth and Reality (Friendship Press, New York, 1965) has caused some stir on both sides of the issue. The author, Keith R. Bridston, active in ecumenical affairs since his graduation from Yale, spent over three years in Geneva prior to the formation of the WCC and later was a staff member for the Faith and Order Commission. He writes with good credentials and a lifetime of service for the ecumenical cause.

His approach to debunking missions truly is imaginative. He calls the whole thing—past and present—a myth. A myth, by his chosen definition, is not so much superstitious legend, but "dramatic stories that form a sacred charter authorizing the continuance of ancient institutions, customs, rites, and beliefs." Thus, he exposes the "missionary myth" and tries to "re-mythologize" it to suit the purposes of the ecumenical movement. I suppose he wants the gullibles to believe his mythology in place of the overwhelming credits of historical missions.

Asserting that missions has degraded into a geographical myth, he has little but contempt for "religious specialists" charged with holy zeal who feel compelled to go to the heathen. Examine some of his scattered statements: "One of the most significant (explanations for the missionary enterprise) is the coincidence of religious passion and romantic appeal (to cross the ocean).... The combination of the right ingredients of man's natural adventuresome and experimental spirit, the powerful appeal of the strange and exotic exposed by the great era of exploration, and pietistic religious passion can be a potent—often explosive—vocational brew. And it was!.... Travel can be a way of going out to meet the world. But it can also be a means of running away from the world. Missionary vocation can become confused with wanderlust.... In some ways it appears that the foreign missionary enterprise originated as an escape from the evangelistic problems the Western churches faced at home."

So here it is. The tens of thousands of missionaries the past 180 years have been mostly adventuresome visionaries, afflicted equally with wanderlust and religious passion, who ran away from home problems to seek relief from heathen worlds. I hope the fellow does not bother to share his wisdom with the Apostle Paul—or others who have braved the wrath of demonic heathenism and the cruelty of harsh climates.

A cultural myth is also imagined. He bemoans: "The personal habits and behavior of the missionary.... were considered to be Christian.... Missionaries tried to impress a Christian way of life on the

heathen, toppling their social structure." But the quote that stopped me is copied from a Mr. Easterfield writing on "Missions and Anthropology in the Solomons": "In the name of decency, many peoples have been forced into the wearing of ugly and unsuitable clothes, of no more genuine decency than the scantier traditional garments, often to the worsening of their health. C.P. Mountford (in *Brown Men and Red Sand*) describes how the wearing of European clothes has caused an enormous increase in the death rate from colds and pneumonia, since the clothes will not dry off after the violent showers that occur from time to time."

(We shall pause long enough to enjoy a hearty laugh!) Foolish missionaries! If they were so insistent upon natives wearing clothes, they should have provided umbrellas. For this missions should be squelched?

Reluctantly leaving this delightful point, we must examine a supposed ecclesiastical myth, based, as he asserts, upon a chronic mission attitude of paternalism, cultural superiority, and foreign control over national churches. In all seriousness, his point is valid, especially in the context of denominational missions, which did not build indigenous churches. Those responsible for building truly indigenous churches have been fundamental, faith missionaries.

But turning a national denomination over to national leadership does not make it any more indigenous. It is still the lackey of worldwide ecumenism and some WCC office in Geneva or New York. Such pathetic churches have merely changed masters, subordinating themselves to a more cruel despotism. They would have been better off under the missionary's "paternalism," despite his "cultural superiority" complex.

Added to these phantasmic indictments is a vocational myth. Frustrated by the high popular regard for the missionary ministry, he calls it an anachronism and asserts it is no longer needed. Many ecumenics are seriously speaking of the end of the missionary era, to be replaced by the ecumenical era. "The mission belongs to the church and not to the missionaries."

Therefore, it is necessary to "revocalize" the missionary, which will be simpler than doing away altogether with him and his mission societies. "It is unthinkable that the universal church.... will not always have those strangers and foreigners in all parts of the Lord's dominion who simply by their presence symbolically represent the apostolicity of the whole Body.... A restrictive mentality arises from a misconception of the missionary's vocation: from thinking of him as a missionary agent rather than as an apostolic symbol."

Will the reconstructed missionary now stand up! What do you do? "Nothing." Why are you on foreign soil? "As a symbol." That's all? Sounds like fun. They should have no trouble getting a host of volunteers for this kind of missionary work.

After such an elaborate argument, his conclusion, formed before starting the proposition, is that the only reality in missions is ecumenism. "This whole mythological complex, what we generally term 'missions,' is

sharply challenged by the ecumenical revolution.... The ecumenical movement has raised radical questions about what the Fundamental demand of the Gospel actually is.... The missionary movement will become fatally corrupted if it is not true to its ecumenical fulfillment."

Not sparing even the Gospel, he must "re-mythologize" it. "The demand of the Gospel.... requires both the response of mission and unity.... The (twentieth century, as the ecumenical century, has seen the gradual recognition that also implicit in the Gospel is the imperative of Christian unity.... Insofar as the church does not exhibit its unity it is not missionary at all."

Now with the missionary eliminated, the job of missions (or mission, as they call it) is given to the church (ecumenical, that is). This universal church, embracing all shades of unbelief, is presided over by the omniscient WCC office; and every member now carries on "mission." "Mission boards, if they exist at all, will evidently have to serve other functions.... than in the past," such as being foreign affairs offices of the international church, training laymen for secular occupation, becoming an ecumenical clearing house to meet various scattered manpower needs.

Sounds like some cruelty joke? Not at all. Since this book was distributed seven years ago, evangelical missions societies (in a weak rebuttal) convened the Wheaton Congress to dispute such arguments. Ecumenics have been propagating similar principles for years. Governments, especially those who have nurtured grudges against missions, are being convinced to exclude non-ecumenical missions, such as has recently come to pass in Zaire (formerly the Congo). If everything goes as planned, missions indeed will be dead and relegated to a legendary past.

What can be done about it? Very little, to tell the truth. The destiny of Bible missions is in God's hands, but that is assurance enough. However, I would not want to put money into some denominational church offering plate that will be used for the destruction of worldwide evangelism. Neither would I play an innocent game of Evangelism Footsie with anybody in the ecumenical camp. Why should I help the enemies of the Gospel to triumph—and at the same time seal the eternal doom of millions restricted from hearing the simple message of salvation?

The ecumenics have an answer to their enigma. And upstage, the sinister figure stalking the hero comes on the scene.

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# The Bible and War

ther tested them. They were in a desert place. I imagine they had marched across this bleak landscape, and the men were tired and thirsty. They came to a sparkling brook, and God told General Gideon to watch the people and set apart those who lapped up the water, taking it to the mouth with their hand. When they saw the water nine thousand seven hundred of these men threw their weapons away, fell down on their faces, and drank. Only three hundred remained alert, held their weapons in one hand and drank with the other. And God saved Israel with those three hundred disciplined men.

Preachers have tried to make all sorts of spiritual applications from this story. I heard one say that those who fell on their faces to drink were those who fell down to worship idols. I think this was just a good lesson in discipline and God saved His people by a few disciplined men.

There are always "doves" (false apostles of peace) flying around. Peace can never be achieved by "petting the cobra," or by peaceful co-existence with the tiger. I recently heard a story about this. Four maiden-lady school teachers, were on vacation in the Mid-West and went to a zoo. They were amazed at one cage which contained a huge, fierce African lion and five frisky lambs. Over the cage's door was one word. "COEXISTENCE!" Finding a zoo-keeper, they asked: "How do you get that lion and the lambs to be so peaceful in the same cage?" "Oh," he replied, "it's not hard. All you have to do is replace the lambs every few days."

Liberal theology has been blinded to the dangers of war by "peace propaganda." They are constantly crying: "The Communists are our

brothers; they don't want to fight us. Let's disarm and lead the way to world peace." These liberal clergymen who want "peace at any price," are totally oblivious that these same people are preparing for war against us right now. When a nation listens to liberals, especially liberal theologians, it becomes "the blind leading the blind." (Matthew 15:14). They are blinded to the Gospel. 2 Corinthians 4:3, 4: "But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them which are lost. In whom the god of this world (Satan) hath blinded the eyes of them which believe not...." As they are blinded to the gospel, so they are blinded to the dangers of war.

Everywhere we turn we find ourselves in the midst of liberalism—in our pulpits, in our academic halls of learning, in politics, in government. Liberalism is like an awful virus that lives off the blood of other living things. It attaches itself to a living thing, which was built through blood, tears, suffering, and sacrifice, and if left alone, it will suck the blood from that organization and leave it a lifeless hulk. This is true whether it be a church or a government.

Liberals are called "doves" or "peaceniks," but they are still liberals, the parasites of society. Liberalism always means non-preparedness and compromise with evil, but God has promised that there will come a time when these liberal theologians will be ashamed. In Micah 3:7, He says; "Then shall the seers be ashamed, and the diviners confounded (upset); yea, they shall all cover their lips; for there is no answer (help) of God."

One of the greatest weapons the Communists have today is the peace propaganda coming from America's pulpits. Every "peacenik," whether he knows

it or not, is a traitor, for he is giving "aid and comfort to the enemy." Every wearer of the "peace symbol" comes under this same category, for they are a weapon in the hands of the enemy, and don't kid yourself, the Communists are our enemies!

Their war plan is to destroy us; they have told us so over and over again! There is not a War Department in a Communist country in the world that does not have a plan to destroy us. And the worst traitors we have in this country are the liberal preachers who are shouting "peace" at the top of their voices while helping the enemy—unwillingly or otherwise. God will not help such as these! When I tell a preacher from a National Council of Churches church that there is no such animal as a Communist Christian, he calls me a "war monger." "You're peddling hate!" he tells me. Yet the only person I know of who can explain how a militantly anti-God, Christ-hating individual can be a Christian is a liberal theologian with his "mini-skirted" theology.

If I tell you there is a terrible disease called cancer and that it is killing thousands of Americans every year, does that make me in favor of cancer? Of course it doesn't! Use your head! I hate cancer, and I hate war even more. I've been through two wars, and they are terrible. There is no doubt in my mind that I hate war far more than most of you who have never been in one. The men who fight in wars hate them far more than those ivory tower intellectuals who get us into wars, then yell "peace!" at the top of their voices.

Apostasy always precedes divine judgment. This is a matter of history. It weakens the military, and God judges the nation with war. All three factors of divine judgment are present in Judges 5:8. Listen: "They chose (by their own free will) new gods; (apostasy) then was war in the gates: was there a shield or a spear found among forty thousand in Israel?" And the sad answer was, "No," because apostasy had weakened the people to the point that they were not militarily prepared. Formal religion, not worship of God, but formal religion in which man tried to worship in his way, had destroyed the military. Listen to 2 Chronicles 16:9: "For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth (He is omnipresent), to show himself strong in behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. Herein thou has done foolishly; therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars!"

In any warfare, women suffer the most by far. They are always the recipients of violence. Read Isaiah 3; it will be a good education for you. A flirty, empty-headed woman can bring about the destruction of herself and her nation. Don't any of you women ever try and stop your son or husband from going to war. He's doing it for your protection!

Jeremiah 4 gives us a word picture in vivid terms of a nation invaded by enemies. It is a picture of a nation not prepared to defend itself. In verse 19 the soldier speaks: "My heart, my heart—I writhe in pain; my heart pounds within me. I cannot be still because I have heard the blast of

enemy trumpets and the enemies battle cries." This is the lament of a wounded soldier trying to hide from the invaders. The description carries on in verse 20: "Wave upon wave of destruction rolls over the land, until it lies in utter ruin; suddenly, in a moment, every house is crushed. How long must this go on? How long must I see war and death surrounding me?" And God answers in verse 22: "Until my people leave their foolishness, for they refuse to listen to me; they are dull, retarded children who have no understanding. They are smart enough at doing wrong, but for doing right, they have no talent, none at all." (This translation comes from the Living Major Prophets.)

In verse 30 God speaks to the women of the invaded land—"Why do you put on your most beautiful clothing and jewelry and brighten your eyes with mascara? It will do you no good they will kill you. I have heard great crying like that of a woman giving birth to her child: it is the cry of my people, gasping for breath, pleading for help, prostrate before their murderers."

That's what happens to women in a conquered country! That's what happens eventually to a country which is full of hippies, yuppies, draft card burners, and COWARDS! May God have mercy on America!

Both men and women suffer during a time of national discipline. The men are killed while the women suffer humiliation, enslavement and death. War can also be a time of personal discipline.

In Matthew 26:52, in the Garden of Gethsemane, we listen as Jesus chides Peter: "Put up again thy sword into its place; for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword." "Ah," you may say, "that proves that you should not go to war." But does it? This is not a military verse, although it has been used by "peacenik" preachers to make Christian men into cowards. This is a reference to personally taking a life. Peter was trying to kill the High Priest's servant, because he was angry. Peter was not a soldier, so he had no business with a soldier's weapon. If you kill someone and the law says it is First Degree murder, then God's law says that you must pay the penalty with your own life. This is given over and over again in the Scriptures. It was one of the first laws laid down by God to guard the sanctity of human life. So don't let anyone use this verse to make a coward out of you.

A last hour deliverance of a nation headed towards destruction is always a spiritual deliverance. This does not mean that we should lay down our arms, turn our eyes skyward, and just pray. No indeed! In the words of St. Augustine, we need to "pray as though everything depended on God and work as though everything depended on us." It's time we folks in America woke up and realized that apart from a very thin line of dedicated military professionals, who are sticking it out in spite of every thing thrown against them by the liberals, and apart from a few, patriotic, dedicated conservative Congressmen in Washington, we would already be slaves.

There is also a thin line of daylight spiritually speaking.

Believers in Jesus Christ, not necessarily church members, but "born-again" believers, are the "salt of the earth" spoken of by Jesus in Matthew 5:13. It is their job to preserve the country from moral and spiritual corruption. The organized church, for the most part, has done a pretty "sloppy" job of being "salt of the earth." As a result they are feeling the results spoken of by Jesus. "If the salt has lost its savor, it is henceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out and trodden underfoot." That's why the organized church in many instances has very little power to help people on their way to heaven.

The solution of the preservation of America is in the personal salvation of her people. Salvation is in a Person, the Lord Jesus Christ—not in a church, not in doing good works—but in the Person of God's Son. In Acts 4:12 we learn: "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we MUST be saved." The Bible does not tell us, "Believe in God!" It says emphatically, "BELIEVE ON THE Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved!" (Acts 16:31) Apostle John in chapter 3, verse 17 says, "For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved." Then it goes on to verse 18, which preachers seldom use these days: "He that believeth on him is not condemned," but—listen closely now—"he that believeth NOT is CONDEMNED ALREADY." Why? "Because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

So you see, my friends, America is not condemned for her sins. Those were taken care of at the Cross of Calvary. America is condemned today because of her unbelief—her rejection of the Son of God!

Eternal life depends on one decision on your part—Faith in Jesus Christ. He has done all the work necessary for salvation. He paid the price of every sin that was ever committed in the past, in the present, and those which will be committed in the future. God judged sin at Calvary. Now it becomes a Son question, rather than a sin question! "What will you do with Jesus?"

Only the grace of God can deliver us out of the jam we are in. We don't need a lot of people to save America. God would have spared Sodom and Gomorrah, for ten righteous men, but they could not be found. In 2 Chronicles 7:14, we read these solemn words: "If my people (the Hebrew translation here is "people which call on my name"), which are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways. Then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins, and WILL HEAL THEIR LAND."

Born-again believers in Jesus Christ, following a divine viewpoint and divine standards, can change the situation. A few believers in the early church, with doctrinal understanding, turned the world of their day "upside down." (Acts 17:6) The Gospel is still the power of God, and believers can still be "the salt of the earth" that can preserve the nation. And if you

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## Long Hair—A Commie Plot

Six things that young men who are interested in God's best need to remember about the length of their hair.

I. The Scripture sets forth the principle that it is a shame for a man to have long hair. I Corinthians 11:14, "Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him?" Paul obviously did not wear long hair.

II. Jesus Christ obviously did not have long hair.

A. Only a Nazarite was allowed to let his hair grow long. Numbers 6:5. Jesus was a Nazarene, an inhabitant of Nazareth, not a Nazarite. Jesus partook of the vine and also touched dead bodies on two occasions, which were forbidden to a Nazarite. Numbers 6:4, 6.

B. I Corinthians 11:1 says, "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ." This states that Paul followed Christ in all things and it is later in this chapter (v. 14) that Paul says it is a shame for a man to have long hair. This certainly adds much weight to the argument that Christ did not have long hair.

III. Long hair styles of today were begun by Godless men who by their hair promote a philosophy that is contrary to the Word of God and the foundations on which this country was built.

A. I Thessalonians 5:22, "Abstain from all appearance of evil."

B. Jerry Rubin in his book "DO IT" on page 93 states: "... long hair is a commie plot! Long hair gets people uptight—more uptight than ideology, 'cause long hair is communication. We are a new minority group, a nationwide community of longhairs, a new identity, new loyalties. We longhairs recognize each other as brothers in the street." On page 94 he says: "Our strategy is to

steal the children of the bourgeoisie right away from the parents ... Long hair turns middle-class youth into niggers ... Long hair polarizes every scene ... It's instant confrontation ... And on page 95 Rubin says: "Having long hair is like saying hello to everybody you see ... long hair is what makes them take us seriously! Wherever we go, our hair tells people where we stand on Vietnam, Wallace, Campus disruption, dope. We're living TV Commercials for the revolution ..." This is the same man who advised the Kent State students that they were not true revolutionaries until they were ready to kill their parents; and this on the day before the Kent State riots that cost the lives of four youths.

IV. Long hair played a part in the rebellion of Absalom against his father, King David.

A. His hair weighed over six pounds (II Samuel 14:25, 26).

B. He complained against the injustices of his father (the establishment), boasted that he could do a better job, and stole the hearts of the people. (II Samuel 15:2-6).

C. His hair caused his downfall. (II Samuel 18:9).

D. Wearing long hair may cause a younger boy to be led down a path of rebellion. Luke 17:2, "It were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he cast into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones."

VI. Long hair will alienate you from certain young people and adults.

A. We have a responsibility to all Christians. Romans 14:7-23.

B. Ephesians 5:11, "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them."

C. I Timothy 4:12, "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity."

Study carefully the six points covered here and honestly ask yourself if long hair on men can honestly be pleasing to the Lord. If you are honest with yourself and the Lord, I believe you will agree that a man who wants to be effective, useful and pleasing to God, will avoid wearing long hair.

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are a pessimist, read the third chapter of Jonah, especially that tenth verse: "And God saw their work, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that He had said that He would do unto them; AND HE DID IT NOT!"

What is your choice going to be today? Do you want this nation of ours to survive as a free nation; or are you willing to answer before God some day for failing to do your duty?

## Inspiration

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Jesus Christ.

What would happen if President Nixon wrote you a letter and said, "I want you to come and stand in the White House office around the oval desk. I want to have a conference with you, and I'm going to pay all of your expenses regardless of your politics." You would go to Washington, stand at the oval desk, talk to the President of the United States, and the rest of your life you would tell people that you stood and talked to the most important man on the face of the earth. I want to say that somebody far more important than the President of the United States wants to have a conference with you—the King of Kings and Lord of Lords—and yet you will not let Him. My

friend, you tell me how much you read this Book, and I'll tell you how much you love Jesus Christ.

Now the Bible is the Word of God and the Bible says, "The wicked shall be turned into hell and all nations that forget God." My friend that will happen just as surely as the first coming of Jesus happened. The Bible says, "The wages of sin is death." You say, "I'll take my chances." That is a foolish statement. Brother, you don't have any chances. It's a sure thing if the Bible is the Word of God and you're lost, you'll go to hell forever and ever. But the Bible says, "The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Will you, tonight, receive the gift and make heaven your home?

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