

# The PROJECTOR

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*“Projecting the Light of the Word of God on the Issues of the Day”*

## “Lies and Illusions That Destroy the Church”

by  
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Recently in a sound Christian publication, I read a quote by Horace Mann. The quote was very good, and although I am not a disciple of Horace Mann, as I am sure this particular publication is not either, when someone speaks the truth, we can appreciate it.

In the March 2005 issue of *Christianity Today*, I ran across an article which was an interview of Eugene Peterson, an author and former pastor, by Mark Galli, the Managing Editor of *Christianity Today*. I certainly do not know anything about either of these men, although I assume by their association with this particular magazine that they are in the Neo-evangelical camp. The excerpted quotes I present in this article by no means suggest that I endorse Eugene Peterson; however, I believe he nails down some of the serious problems in Neo-Evangelicalism and Fundamentalism as well. The title of the article is “Spirituality For All the Wrong Reasons” and it talks about “lies and illusions that destroy the Church.”

**Editor’s Note: Quotes by Eugene Peterson are italicized and in no particular order.**

**Bold print statements or questions are by interviewer, Mark Galli.**

*1. It’s very dangerous to use the language of the culture to interpret the gospel. Our vocabulary has to be chastened*

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## ARE YOU STRAIGHT ON THE ATONEMENT?

by  
Pastor Tod Brainard

Much attention has been given in recent days to the deaths of Terry Shiavo and Pope John Paul II. Both individuals were Catholics. Barry Schindler, the brother of Terry Shiavo said on two occasions while meeting with the media that his sister had participated in communion and that she “*drank the precious blood of Christ and was ready to go to God.*” This was the Schindler family’s hope for their daughter’s atonement, last communion and rites. The Pope’s death has drawn a great deal of sympathy from people of all walks of life, both religious and non-religious. Cardinal Theodore McCarrick of Washington commented that he believed the Pope to have atoned for any personal sin in this life due to his intense sufferings of the past six years.

An informal poll conducted by our local newspaper had the following question, “How much influence has the Pope had over you?” Among the respondents was a woman who replied, “*He was a man who had been saved just like we have. He is no different from a regular man who has been saved.*” Coming up in the strongly Protestant South, I have been amazed at the number of comments people have made concerning their belief that the Pope and Terry Shiavo were saved individuals and are in

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## EDITOR'S DESK

By  
Dr. Dayton Hobbs

### TO BE ACCREDITED OR NOT TO BE ACCREDITED:

#### That Is The Question

#### Definitions

The word *accreditation* is one of those words or ideas that is given different definitions depending upon who is using the word. It has been bantered about for the last forty to fifty years among those of us involved in the Christian school movement. Everyone seems to have a different take on it, especially those struggling with the issue within their own ministry. You may put your own particular twist to the term, depending upon whether you endorse or deny the practice; however, we must begin our deliberations with the same understandings of the term, *accreditation*, or we certainly will accomplish nothing.

The *1828 Webster's Dictionary* definition of the word: *Accredit*, v.t.: To give authority or reputation.

*Webster's New World Dictionary*. *Accredit*, v.t.: To bring into credit or favor; to authorize; give credentials to; to certify as meeting certain set standards. SYN. Authorize.

#### No Change

Comparing the definitions from the one hundred seventy-seven year old *Noah Webster's 1828 Dictionary* with the modern *Webster's New World Dictionary* makes it obvious that the etymology of the word *accredit* has not changed in the least over the years.

#### Authority

The word that makes all Fundamentalists perk up their ears is *Authority* or *Authorize*. We as strict Fundamentalists don't cater to the idea that any power or authority can interfere or impede our ministry. Our authority is the Word of God, and we are jealous to maintain its control over our life and

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and tested by revelation, by the Scriptures. We've got a pretty good vocabulary and syntax, and we'd better start paying attention to it because the way we grab words here and there to appeal to unbelievers is not very good.

**This corruption of the word *spirituality* even in Christian circles – does it have something to do with the New Age movement?**

*The New Age stuff is old age. It's been around for a long time. It's a cheap shortcut to--I guess we have to use the word --spirituality. It avoids the ordinary, the everyday, the physical, the material. It's a form of Gnosticism, and it has a terrific appeal because it's a spirituality that doesn't have anything to do with doing the dishes or changing diapers or going to work. There's not much integration with work, people, sin, trouble, inconvenience.*

*I've been a pastor most of my life, for some 45 years. I love doing this. But to tell you the truth, the people who give me the most distress are those who come asking, "Pastor, how can I be spiritual?" Forget about being spiritual. How about loving your husband? Now that's a good place to start. But that's not what they're interested in. How about learning to love your kids, accept them the way they are?*

#### 2. You make spirituality sound so mundane.

*I don't want to suggest that those of us who are following Jesus don't have any fun, that there's no joy, no exuberance, no ecstasy. They're just not what the consumer thinks they are. When we advertise the gospel in terms of the world's values, we lie to people. We lie to them, because this is a new life. It involves following Jesus. It involves the Cross. It involves death, an acceptable sacrifice. We give up our lives.*

*The Gospel of Mark is so graphic this way. The first half of the Gospel is Jesus showing people how to live. He's healing everybody. Then right in the middle, He shifts. He starts showing people how to die: "Now that you've got a life, I'm going to show you how to give it up." That's the whole spiritual life. It's learning how to die. And as you learn how to die, you start losing all your illusions, and you start being capable now of true intimacy and love.*

*It involves a kind of learned passivity, so that our primary mode of relationship is receiving, submitting, instead of giving and getting and doing. We don't do that very well. We're trained to be assertive, to get, to apply, or to consume and to perform.*

**3. Repentance, dying to self, submission – these are not very attractive hooks to draw people into the faith.**

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# Proverb Practicals

By Ludwig Opager

**Proverbs 6:16-19, These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.**

## True Faith

This proverb clearly teaches that God hates as well as loves. True faith will move you to hate the same things that God hates. The Bible tells us in other passages that those who are wise will hate the things that God hates. God has given us the rod to impress our children of the awfulness of sin and to convince them of our hatred for sin, evil and wickedness. We demonstrate hate for sin and all things that will corrupt our children when we truly love our children. Hate is an attribute of God because God is love! Every sin is hateful to God, for sin tears down but love builds up.

God reveals to us seven things He hates so intensely that He turns up the heat to make His hatred become abomination. God wants us to know what He extremely hates so it moves us to hate the same things.

## Corrupt Look

The first abomination of God is a proud look. Our generation is a generation of lofty eyes, eyes that are lifted up. The proud look is the look of confidence in one's own pureness and a disdain upon others who do not measure up. It is a look that looks on the surface but refuses to look upon the heart. A proud look is a vision of one's self based upon one's own standards and not God's standards. A proud look is an abomination to God because the one with a proud look refuses to look at His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, Who brings all things to light and destroys the proud look.

**The tongue is but a rudder of the heart.**

## Corrupt Tongue

Secondly, God hates a lying tongue, and we must likewise hate a lying tongue. We must know that the tongue is but a rudder of the heart. There is no such thing as a *slip of the tongue*, as the tongue only follows the orders of the helmsman of the heart. The tongue responds perfectly to the instructions from the heart, for the heart is the master and the tongue but the slave.

God loves simplicity of truth. The lying tongue hates simplicity and loves complexity, loving falsehood, loving exaggeration, loving the coloring of stories, loving perversion, and loving to produce or encourage wrong impressions. It loves to be careless about truth, loving generalities instead of the specific. God has barred the gates of Heaven against all liars, for none of them are His people.

## Corrupt Hands

Thirdly, God hates hands that shed innocent blood, and we must likewise hate those bloody hands. God hated the hands of Cain as they shed innocent blood. He hated the hands of Judas, the hands of the Pharisees, and the generation of vipers that crucified His Son. Today, He hates the hands of abortionists, the hands of the murderers and those who care not but for themselves and not for the innocent and helpless. He hates the hands of those who distort His image, those who shed innocent blood.

## Corrupt Mind

Fourthly, He hates the heart that devises wicked imaginations, the heart that thinks of new ideas, new contrivances for sin. This is the heart that has become the habitation of devils, the cage of every unclean and hateful bird. This is the heart that has conquered its God-given conscience.

## Corrupt Feet

This is the heart that God mentions as His fifth abomination, the heart that wants to be first in line to perform mischief. This is the heart that directs feet to activities that will find themselves in slippery places.

**God is a God of love but because of man's sin, He is also a God of hate.**

## Corrupt Witness

The sixth hatred of God involves the false witness who has no bright object on which to focus his life. He is a false witness because he has no assurance of that which he speaks. He can only be a false witness because he has never witnessed the saving power of Jesus Christ in his life. God hates the false preacher, the apostate, the evolutionist who all speak lies. Their ways, not being founded upon the rock of Jesus Christ, are not established.

## Corrupt Unity

And lastly, God hates the man that sows discord among the brethren, for God highly values unity among His people. He desires that we be of one mind and one mouth, in one accord and in one spirit in the same love.

God hates those who disturb this

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*I think the minute you put the issue that way you're in trouble. Because then we join the consumer world, and everything then becomes product designed to give you something. We don't need something more. We don't need something better. We're after life. We're learning how to live.*

*I think people are fed up with consumer approaches, even though they're addicted to them. But if we cast the evangel in terms of benefits, we're setting people up for disappointment. We're telling them lies.*

*This is not the way our Scriptures are written. This is not the way Jesus came among us. It's not the way Paul preached. Where do we get all this stuff? We have a textbook. We have these Scriptures and most of the time they're saying, "You're going the wrong way. Turn around. The culture is poisoning."*

*Do we realize how almost exactly the Baal culture of Canaan is reproduced in American church culture? Baal religion is about what makes you feel good. Baal worship is a total immersion in what I can get out of it. And of course, it was incredibly successful. The Baal priests could gather crowds that outnumbered followers of Yahweh 20 to 1. There was sex, there was excitement, there was music, there was ecstasy, there was dance. "We got girls over here, friends. We got statues, girls, and festivals." This was great stuff. And what did the Hebrews have to offer in response? The Word.*

**4. Still the one big hook or benefit to Christian faith is salvation, no? "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved." Is this not something we can use to legitimately attract listeners?**

*It's the biggest word we have--salvation, being saved. We are saved from a way of life in which there was no resurrection. And we're being saved from ourselves. One way to define spiritual life is getting so tired and fed up with yourself you go on to something better, which is following Jesus.*

*But the minute we start advertising the faith in terms of benefits, we're just exacerbating the self problem. "With Christ, you're better, stronger, more likeable, you enjoy some ecstasy." But it's just more self. Instead, we want to get people bored with themselves so they can start looking at Jesus.*

*We've all met a certain type of spiritual person. She's a wonderful person. She loves the Lord. She prays and reads the Bible all the time. But all she thinks about is herself. She's not a selfish person. But she's always at the center of everything she's doing. "How can I witness better? How can I do this better? How can I take care of this person's problem better?" It's me, me, me disguised in a way that is difficult to see because her spiritual talk disarms us.*

**Since the Reformation, though, we've championed the idea that the church can be reformed.**

*Hasn't happened. I'm for always reforming, but to think that we can get a church that's reformed is just silliness.*

*I think the besetting sin of pastors, maybe especially evangelical pastors, is impatience. We have a goal. We have a mission. We're going to save the world. We're going to evangelize everybody, and we're going to do all this good stuff and fill our churches. This is wonderful. All the goals are right. But this is slow, slow work, this soul work, this bringing people into a life of obedience and love and joy before God.*

*And we get impatient and start taking shortcuts and use any means available. We talk about benefits.*

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heaven right now. In my estimation their claims are based upon an entirely false view of atonement for sin.

Have we forgotten the Papal claim that he is the "Vicar (Substitute) of Christ" here upon the earth? Yet the Roman Catholic religion is considered by most governments, Dr. Billy Graham, and the news media to be a "Christian" faith. The Roman Catholic Church, however, has a Satanic-inspired false view of the atonement of Jesus Christ and, therefore, can make no claim to be Christian. Increasingly the walls are being broken down that separate truth from error. This process of accommodation is not new but it has reached its climax in the rise of religious ecumenism with its dishonest terminology.

I found this statement during college days by an unnamed source. It gives some clarity and focus to our theme. **"The best measure of the rightness of any religious belief system is given by its conception of sin, the cure for sin, and the authority which is the basis for the cure."** When you put the religions of this world to this simple three-point test you find that they are in error, for the standard of the Word of God has been rejected. My friend, it all boils down to the atonement of Jesus Christ in our behalf.

### **What do we mean by the atonement?**

In order to understand the atonement we must view it from both the Old and New Testaments. The Hebrew word for atonement is *kaphar* – meaning to cover over so as not to be seen, to make atonement. The commandments given to the priests concerning atonement are found in

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### **PRAY for The PROJECTOR.**



**"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."**

James 5:16





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Leviticus 16:32-34. Once a year the high priest entered the Holy of Holies to make atonement for the holy sanctuary, the tabernacle of the congregation, the priests, and the congregation of Israel. The purpose of the atonement as Leviticus 16:30 says, was "to make an atonement for you, to cleanse you, that ye may be clean from all your sins before the Lord."

This "covering" had to be repeated each and every year. This was done to shield the Israelites from the wrath and judgment of God until the perfect sacrifice (Christ) was made. The Old Testament Scriptures are full of references to atonement and represent the principle of "covering" that is required for the sinner. In the New Testament, the Blood of Christ outpoured is the covering of the sinner. This covering shields the believer from the wrath and judgment of God permanently. This is the heart of the atonement. To be "under the blood" is to be in a place of complete security. Although the word *atonement* in the New Testament is only found once, it is clearly implied in the word *covered* in Romans 4:7 and also in the New Testament terms *propitiation* and *reconciliation*.

Hebrews 9:5 makes reference to the "Mercy-seat" which was the "covering" of the Ark of the Covenant. These words describe the means in and through which the Lord Jesus Christ secured our atonement by the shedding of His precious blood in a vicarious act by which God can now justify sinners who believe on His name.

**There are four important things to keep in mind as we**

#### **consider the Atonement:**

- 1) The only authority in the world on the subject of atonement is the Scriptures.
- 2) The proper interpretation of the atonement depends upon an authoritative view of the nature and character of God as set forth in the Scriptures.
- 3) The atonement of Christ cannot be understood apart from the deity and sinlessness of Christ as set forth in the Scriptures.
- 4) The conception and nature of sin must be understood from the authority of the Scriptures in order to understand the atonement of Christ.

Let us examine these briefly.

#### **The Authority that is the Basis for the Cure**

Those who accept the Bible as the Word of God interpret the atonement in its full context as given in the Old and New Testaments. In our day, men claim the right of private interpretation, the right of symbolic interpretation, the right to interpret Scripture according to their own preconceived ideas. This is lawlessness. It seeks the destruction of all normal and literal meaning.

Pope John Paul II died on Saturday, April 2, 2005. The Pope's atonement was based upon the authority of the Roman Catholic Church, not the authority of Christ and His blessed Word. The Pope claimed to be the Vicar of Christ. It is my belief that he slipped from the bonds of this earth into a Devil's Hell. When it comes to the matter of the atonement, there is no room for private interpretation. If you button

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ministry. We must guard sacredly our liberty to speak and do as the Word directs. Nothing is more important than that to our own faith and the integrity of our ministry. Closing our doors is a possibility; however, compromise must not be. We cannot oppose the apostasy of these last days from a weakened position. Our determination is not to cut corners to seek love, yet love is more enticing than militancy, and determination has been known to weaken.

#### **TWO ROADS**

In the matter of accreditation, there are essentially two possibilities, two roads, one of which a ministry must choose.

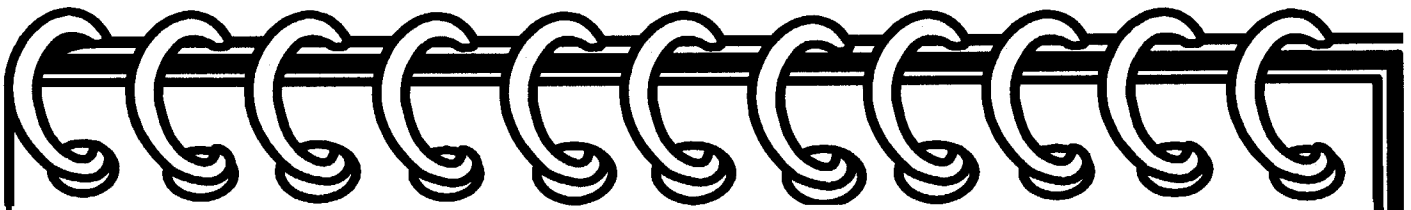
#### **Self-Accreditation**

This has been the road to which some schools have adhered. To travel this way, the product of your ministry must be superb; of the highest quality. Graduates are to be so well prepared that their services are greatly desired, even though the word *accredited* may not be on their diploma. Those businesses or institutions that insist upon an accredited diploma or teacher's certificate probably would not be the place these graduates would want to serve; however, it is the position of those who subscribe to self-accreditation that most businesses are looking for those who can do the job, with or without accreditation. Accreditation may give an institution more graduates, but not necessarily better graduates.

#### **Sectarian Accreditation**

This route eventually will likely lead to a religious organization controlling many of your decisions. Religion has been the curse of history, and even though the accrediting organization claims to be Christian, their desire for power and control will become obvious after a while, even if they claim that their control is for the purpose of making the State happy. These accrediting associations generally make it clear in their opening presentation that they have the endorsement of the state in which they operate, or even better they are recognized by the United States Dept. of Education. Pressure is usually the thing that moves an institution from the ranks of the self-approved to approval of a larger realm. The question

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*Teaching Tips*

*by Doris Peppard*

## LOOK ME IN THE EYE!

*The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, the Lord hath made both of them (Proverbs 20:12).*

Your eyes have been called the window to your soul. By looking another person in the eye, you can detect sorrow, happiness, sadness, joy, attitude, and a multitude of other emotions. Our eyes allow us to “read” other people. As teachers, we must maintain eye contact with our pupils while we are teaching so that we can also “read” our students. We can easily catch a puzzled look or a confused expression on our students’ faces when we are maintaining direct eye contact. Some students have described certain teachers as having “eyes in the back of their head.” These all-seeing teachers have developed this special talent by being aware of what is going on in every corner of their classroom.

### Eye Contact Essential

Learning to keep eye contact with another person may be difficult for some; however, when you are trying to get your point across or let others know that you are truly concerned about something, it is serious business. Teachers need to practice eye control if it does not come naturally. Looking steadfastly into a mirror can help you develop eye contact. The mirror can also be used to help you develop your “teacher look” that helps maintain order and discipline. “A king that sitteth in the throne of judgment scattereth away all evil with his eyes” (Proverbs 20:8).

**Learning  
to keep  
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... is serious  
business.**

### Eye Contact Impact

Professionals are more likely to trust people who will look them squarely in the eye while they are making a business deal. Direct eye contact lets others know that you are confident and sure of your beliefs and subject matter. Looking at the floor or shifting your eyes toward the ceiling causes one to appear to be shiftless and untrustworthy. Even the youngest students can “read” their teacher’s confidence, and they will take you more seriously when you use eye contact in your classroom.

Making eye contact not only shows confidence, but it also is an important way to show respect. Our students need to be taught to focus their attention on the teacher or anyone else who is talking to them. Daydreaming will be more difficult for our students if they are required to maintain eye contact with the teacher. At the same time, a good way for our students to learn eye contact with others is to follow the example that we set. When the children in our class see us treat all members of the staff – cafeteria workers, secretaries, custodians, etc – directly and with respect, they will more likely follow our lead and learn to show respect to others.

### Eye Contact Result

Eye contact must be maintained in a classroom because it sets the tone for academics as well as discipline. Our students need to develop “people skills,” exhibit confidence and trust, and also learn to show respect by daily practicing this important skill. God promised that He would not only “instruct” and “teach” but would also “*guide thee with mine eye*” (Psalm 32:8).





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 We manipulate people. We bully them. We use language that is just incredibly impersonal-bullying language, manipulative language.

**One doesn't normally think of churches as bullying.**

Whenever guilt is used as a tool to get people to do anything -- good, bad, indifferent - it's bullying. And then there's manipulative language -- to talk people into programs, to get them involved, usually by promising them something.

I have a friend who is an expert at this sort of thing. He's always saying, "You've got to identify people's felt needs. Then you construct a program to meet the felt needs." It's pretty easy to manipulate people. We're so used to being manipulated by the image industry, the publicity industry, and the politicians that we hardly know we're being manipulated.

This impatience to leave the methods of Jesus in order to get the work of Jesus done is what destroys spirituality, because we're using a non-biblical, non-Jesus way to do what Jesus did. That's why spirituality is in such a mess as it is today.

**But many pastors see people suffering in bad marriages, with drug addiction, with greed. And so they rightly want to help them now, by whatever method will work.**

Yes, except something backfires on you when you're impatient. How do we meet the need? Do we do it in Jesus' way or do we do it the Wal-Mart way?

Spirituality is not about ends or benefits or things; it's about means. It's about how you do this. How do you live in reality?

So, how do you help all these people? The needs are huge. Well, you do it the way Jesus did it. You do it one at a time. You can't do gospel work, kingdom work in an impersonal way.

We live in the Trinity. Everything we do has to be in the context of the Trinity, which means personally, relationally. The minute you start doing things impersonally, functionally, mass oriented, you deny the gospel. Yet that's all we do. Jesus is the Truth and the Life, but first he's the Way. We can't do Jesus' work in the Devil's way.

I get exercised about this because many pastors are getting castrated by these methodologies, which are impersonal. There's no relationship to them. And so they become performance oriented and successful. It's pretty easy in our culture, at least if you're tall and have a big smile. And they lose their soul.

**When you start tailoring the gospel to the culture...you have taken the guts out of the gospel.**

There's nothing to them after 20 years. Or they crash. They try all this stuff and it doesn't

work, and they quit, or quit and start doing something else. Probably 90 percent of the affairs that pastors have are not due to lust, but boredom with not having this romantic kind of life they thought they'd get.

**5. What if we were to frame this not in terms of needs but relevance? Many Christians hope to speak to generation X or Y or postmoderns, or some subgroup, like cowboys or bikers -- people for whom the church seems irrelevant.**

When you start tailoring the

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**



I look forward to receiving *The Projector* and suggest it to all those I can. I pray for your work and I pray to continue supporting your ministry. I pray you close the doors before you would agree to compromise and tickle the fancy of ungodly apostates. I pray Satan come after you like a roaring lion — for it means surely you are doing God's work — and yet I pray God's protective hand would stay Satan's attempts and God would engulf you with many blessings and mercies anew each day. Stay the course!

OH


Your March 7 letter arrived here today. We were glad to hear from you again. We have been blessed and have benefited spiritually from *The Projector*. Thank you for holding on to good Bible principles thru' the years. Sometimes I wonder how anybody like you all who are so out of step with the current of this world can make it, but somehow God sustains you and allows the world to see that they may be a majority, but that not all of us are marching to their drumbeat. Some of us have discovered a better Leader. God help you to keep going His way and doing His will.

CA




We appreciate your paper which is like a "voice crying out in the wilderness." Keep up the good work.

SC



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# Stars of the Morning

# SNOW ANGEL

by  
"Aunt Carolyn"



Winter was cold. The old schoolhouse was cold! Nellie tromped through the snow croaking her form of her least favorite song, "School days, fool days, grim Miss Grizzley's mule days..."

"Ah, Nellie, Miss Risley isn't that bad!" Ruthie defended. "She just wants us to do our best and get our lessons, and behave. I guess that's what teachers are supposed to do."

"Well, I do get my lessons, and I do behave - most of the time."

Ruthie put in, "But your 'most of the time' is hardly ever. You are always getting in trouble."

Nell kicked at the snow. "Hey, I'll take care of myself, and Miss Grizzley can go eat fodder!"

It was big talk for a willowy ten-year-old. She was little outside but big inside! As in the nursery rhyme, "When she was good, she was very, very good, but when she was bad, she was *horrid!*" At times she was kind to the little ones, helping them with their snowsuits; later she might shove them out of her way to get close to the big wood stove. Miss Risley's rebukes only brought a scowl, then Nell would mock the children and motion them to the stove.

Miss Risley tried to help Nell see that her ways not only hurt other people, but worse, they were against a holy God in Heaven. Miss Risley spoke softly, "God knows all you say and do, Nellie, yet the Lord Jesus Christ loves you. He suffered and died on the cross for your sins. He will forgive you if you will repent, turn from sin, and put your faith in Him."

Nellie wanted none of it. She herself had been punished long and often for her bad deeds! She thought if Jesus took any punishment for her, it hadn't helped her yet!

In winter, recess games were all

about snow - "Fox and Geese," snow forts, snow ball fights, and snow angels. Falling backward in the snow, the children flailed their outstretched arms like butterflies making angel wings. The trick was to get up without ruining their lovely angel figure.

One recess, snow angels were in the making, but alas, the bell rang to call the children inside. Leaving their angels to hurry in, no one noticed that one angel failed to rise. Back in class, the children went right to work. Suddenly Miss Risley asked, "Where is Nellie?"

It was true. Nellie's desk was empty. A quick check of the cloakroom revealed no Nellie. Miss Risley's heart began to beat fast. Where was her young charge?

"Floyd," she called anxiously to the oldest boy, "Quick! Get your coat! Go see if Nellie is still outside." (Nellie was probably hiding to avoid coming back to class.) In minutes, Floyd burst through the door. "Miss Risley! Miss Risley! I found Nellie! She's lying in the snow. I can't wake her up!"

"Children," the teacher instructed, "Stay in your desks. Molly will watch. I'll be right back."

Miss Risley ran out into the cold wind. Kneeling by Nellie's body she cried, "Nellie!" but there was no answer! "Nellie! Wake up!" But Nellie didn't wake up! She lay still and stiff in the deep snow. With unknown strength, Miss Risley lifted her up and carried her in her arms.

Once inside, she laid her burden on a bench by the bigstove and

covered her with blankets.

Now fearing the worst, the whole school was upset over Nellie! Young faces drained white in dread. Ruthie wrung her hands, whispering, "C'mon, Nellie! C'mon! Wake up!"

In the center of this fearful scene, with every anxious eye on their suffering schoolmate, Nellie suddenly sat up, flung the blankets off, let out an impudent laugh and faced her teacher and spectators. "Ha! Ha! Haaa! I surely fooled you! Ha, ha! Oh, Wow! Was that ever fun!"

Shocked, the children turned to their desks with scornful looks at Nellie. Miss Risley eyed Nellie, "Well, young lady, it may have been fun to you, but it was not fun to Floyd or the children *or me!*" With that, she and Nellie disappeared into the cloakroom to tend to

business!

Now mistrusted by schoolmates, Nellie found no joy in anything. She brought trouble on herself but made no effort to change. If the kids didn't like her, that was okay. She didn't like them either! She grew lonely, but she wouldn't tell them! They could be "Goody, Goody" if they liked, but not Nellie! So what if the teacher got sick after going out in the cold to rescue Nellie. So what if Ted skinned his tongue on her dare to stick it to the frozen pump handle! She didn't care! She quit trying to change. She couldn't "be good" even if she tried.

Then one noon when the children opened their lunch buckets, the silence was broken by Charley's sudden exclamation, "Hey! Miss Risley, my chocolate cake is gone!"

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"Mrs. Risley, I found Nellie! She's lying in the snow. I can't wake her up!"



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your sweater wrong, you will have a good run for a while, but at the end you come out wrong just the same. You have to start with right doctrine to end with right doctrine.

### An Authoritative View of the Nature and Character of God

Men have a tendency to think of God wrongly as to His nature and character. For instance, moral relations between man and God are not the same as moral relations between man and man. Men may forgive a friend for an offense, but they do not and cannot forgive the friend's sin. When any one has sinned against us we may put aside our personal feelings and resentment; however, we cannot do more than that, we cannot forgive sin. The sin remains, and although we may not allow it to influence our conduct towards our friend, he still retains his sin.

In the forgiveness of God, it is the sin itself which is done away with. The burden is lifted from the life, the conscience is cleansed, and the transgression is removed, for the forgiveness of God transcends the forgiveness of man. Those who would say that God should forgive as man forgives disregard the difference in relationship and the difference in the character of the forgiver and the forgiveness given.

Another example of this important distinction is that sinful man is inclined to emphasize love at the expense of holiness and righteousness. In the process of emphasizing love at the expense of holiness, the character of God is depreciated. Sin is a transgression not simply against a loving God but against a Holy God. Everything begins and ends in Christian theology with the holiness of God. In the checks and balances system of God, purity is the final check. It is important that we have a right view of the nature and

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character of God if we are to interpret the atonement properly.

### The Deity and Sinlessness of Christ

John 8:46, "*Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me?*"

II Cor. 5:21, "*For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*"

Hebrews 4:15, "*For we have not an high priest, which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.*"

It is an essential truth in the New Testament view of the atonement that the substitutionary sacrifice for the sin of mankind be without blemish and without spot and free from all sin. If He is not free from all sin, then He cannot be an adequate substitute or an atoning sacrifice for another. He dies for his own sins.

It is the deity of Christ that gives the atonement value. "*For God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life*" (John 3:16). Deity was robed in flesh to make atonement for the sin of the world. It is "*God with*

*us*" (Matthew 1:12) and the

"*Word made*

*flesh*" (John 1:14) that

makes the atonement

understandable.

Together they stand;

separated they fall. If

one is untrue, then the other is untrue.

### The Conception and Nature of Sin Must Be Understood

Again, "**The best measure of the rightness of any religious belief system is given by its conception of sin, the cure for sin, and the authority which is the basis for the cure.**"

All forms of modernism and liberalism have promoted evolutionary thought. They believe that man is the product of his environment and, therefore, is not responsible for his actions. The theory of evolution promoted in our public schools and universities is incompatible with the doctrine of the atonement, and it is not surprising that these entities have rejected the atonement. They do not believe that man has a sin nature and, therefore, he has no need for atonement for sin. By interpreting the Scriptures symbolically, they achieve their attempt to wed their evolutionary ideas of the origin of man with a distorted view of sin. The result is a twisted and perverted conception and nature of sin.

### The Principles Underlying the Atonement

1) Sin must be covered. The blood of Christ outpoured is the covering of the sinner. To be under the blood is to be in a place of complete security from the wrath of God.

2) Sin must be paid for. Christ accomplished reconciliation through the payment of a penalty on Calvary. Romans 5:11, "***And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement (reconciliation).***"

3) The sinner must have a perfect substitute who is without sin. Isaiah 53:5, "***But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.***" Substitution, the vicarious atonement for man's sin; this is what the Bible teaches. This is the sinner's only plea. Ω

"No movement is of God that does not lead men to the Word of God."

Dayton Hobbs



THANK YOU!

Danke, Gracias, and a great big Thank You!...How many ways can we say it? Paul said, "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you..."(Phil. 1:3), and we thank the Lord for our friends who responded so graciously to our 2005 Projector Letter Month. What a joy it was to receive your notes of encouragement, your generous support gifts, and the assurance of your prayers. We also thank the Lord for some of God's people who took time out from their regular schedules to come to help clear, clean up, and rebuild the campus. Many letters expressed concern regarding our hurricane losses, and we do thank you. The road of return from Ivan has been difficult, but after seven months, the print shop has been restored and the presses are revved and running. This issue of The

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(Continued from page 8- Lies and Illusions) gospel to the culture, whether it's a youth culture, a generation culture or any other kind of culture, you have taken the guts out of the gospel. The gospel of Jesus Christ is not the kingdom of this world. It's a different kingdom.

How do we know when they have moved from merely adapting ministry to the culture to sacrificing the gospel?

One test I think is this: Am I working out of the Jesus story, the Jesus methods, the Jesus way? Am I sacrificing relationship, personal attention, personal relationship for a shortcut, a program so I can get stuff done? You can't do Jesus' work in a non-Jesus way and get by with it -although you can be very "successful."

Editors Note: I have used these quotes because I have never heard it said any better. Ω

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"Oh, are you sure, Charley?" Miss Risley asked. "Look again."

"Yes, Ma'am, I will, but I know it's not there. I looked and looked! I know it was there. I saw Mother put it in, and I could hardly wait 'til lunchtime to eat it!"

"Has anyone seen Charley's cake?" A sure "No" was heard, and the search was on. In Miss Risley's school, anything misplaced had to be found. She searched shelves, desks, then lunches, but no sign of extra cake was found. "Well," she sighed, hands on her hips, "We will search coats. You will all come watch as I search your pockets. If you know anything about this, you had better tell it now rather than later if I find it in your things."

Fear settled as each coat was taken off the hook and pockets were turned inside out. Precious things like pennies and pebbles were restored to the owner's pockets and the search continued. Where could the cake be? Whoever had it was in big trouble!

Then -- there it was! The class gasped as Miss Risley pulled out a crumpled wax paper. Inside were bits of chocolate cake! Hanging Nellie's coat back up and holding the cake before her, she spoke, "Nellie, you know stealing is wrong! What do you have to say about this?"

What could Nellie say? She was caught. She trembled, knowing punishment would come.

"Children," Miss Risley said, "Return to your studies, and wait for me. This is serious, and we shall take care of it immediately!" Nellie deserved punishment they knew, -- but -- poor Nellie!

The tension grew. Then they heard the sharp sound of the lashes of a leather strap striking bare flesh! One, two, three lashes! Some of the girls began to cry. -- Four, five! When would the whipping stop? -- Again the lashes sounded! Oh, please stop! Stealing was bad, but was there no limit? Then they heard loud crying. Poor Nellie! At last the sound of deep sobs died away, and teacher and

child emerged from the cloakroom. With tears rolling down her face and arms wrapped around her teacher's waist, Nellie was hugging Miss Risley for dear life!

Then what the class saw brought another long gasp. Miss Risley's bare arms were hot and swollen with huge, red welts from the lashes of the leather strap! She had laid on herself the penalty for Nellie's stealing! The offense was done and had to be punished, but the teacher took the penalty in Nellie's place! Nellie was stunned! Miss Risley quietly explained that what she did for Nellie, in a far greater way, the Lord Jesus Christ did for her on the cross. Jesus died for her sin so Nellie would not have to suffer eternal death in hell. Nellie saw in a small way the meaning of salvation in Christ, *Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree...by whose stripes we were healed* (1 Peter 2:24). Through her teacher's act of love, Nellie began to understand the depth of her sin and the depth of Christ's love and sacrifice. Jesus Christ was her substitute! She confessed her sin and asked the Lord to save her. It was wonderful! As a new creature in Christ Jesus (II Cor. 5:17), she was a changed girl! Oh, she wasn't any "angel" to be sure (*except in the snow*), but now she wanted to do right and please the Lord! She began by asking Charlie to forgive her for taking his cake and promising to bring him a new, big piece the next day -- and by promising Miss Risley never to play "dead angel" again!

What Miss Risley did for Nellie that day was so real that other children also trusted Christ as their Savior. And you can receive Him, too. *Neither is there salvation in any other* (Acts 4:12). *The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord* (John 3:23). *He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life* (John 3:36).

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is: Is it a good and wise move? Many Christian institutions have endorsed seeking the approval from their outset and many, after operating for a few years, have seen the economic value of such an organization both for themselves and their students. If we decide whether it is right or wrong on the basis of the number of Christian schools who have moved to a relationship with an accrediting association, we would have to conclude that it is the right thing to do. Is the majority right in this situation? Only time will tell.

**Jesus' Authority Questioned**  
Matthew 21:23b

"By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority?" Ω

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unity of purpose for their own selfish ends and He reminds us of them in Romans 16:17-18 — Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.

God is a God of love, but because of man's sin, He is also a God of hate.

We do not properly worship the God of the Bible by only focusing on His love, but we must also focus on those things He hates and hate them as ardently as well.

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*Projector* is the first print job tackled in the print shop since that fateful day, September 16. We did not miss an issue since the storm, but you will notice we are back to full, unabbreviated format. We trust this issue will be a blessing and used of the Lord. Thanks again for all you have done, and, please, keep *The Projector* in your prayers.

(Editor & Staff)

(If somehow you have not sent your response, let us hear from you now! It isn't too late!)

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