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

FACTS: An Enlarged Discussion on the Direction of Bob Jones University

by Dr. David Beale

“After being the premier fundamentalist academic institution for eighty-seven years, BJU elected Dr. Steve Pettit in 2014, as the president who steered the University out of separatist Fundamentalism into the inclusive, Broad Evangelical movement,” David Beale, *Christian Fundamentalism in America* (Maitland, FL: Xulon, 2021), 179, 530.

- Dr. Andy Naselli, in his 2006 BJU dissertation, scorns independent, Fundamental Baptists for giving invitations to “surrender oneself to God.” Naselli criticizes the practice and calls it a “second blessing.” Naselli unsuccessfully tried to identify the Fundamentalist movement with Keswick extremes on the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Naselli then identified with Broad Evangelicalism. He now serves on the faculty of John Piper’s College and Seminary, which are Reformed Charismatic schools urging every

Christian to seek all NT gifts, including tongues and healing. Piper claims that “Signs and wonders” and all spiritual gifts of 1 Corinthians 12:8-10 are valid for today and must be **“earnestly desired.”** Piper says, **“Prophecy and tongues will continue until Jesus comes.”**¹ Naselli is a pastor of Piper’s Bethlehem Baptist Church.

Naselli seeks to transform Fundamentalists into Evangelicalism. In 2019, Dr. Pettit brought Naselli back to BJU to present the lectures for the annual Steward Custer Lecture Series. Naselli’s books were promoted. The late Dr. Custer all his life had been a stalwart Fundamentalist. Naselli represents Broad Evangelicalism. The bond between BJU and Evangelicalism has been clear since the beginning of Pettit’s administration.

- Dr. Sam Horn was executive vice president for enrollment and ministerial advancement at Bob Jones University when, on 2-7-2020, Dr. Pettit announced to all, *“Dr. Horn is greatly honored today, and BJU is honored to have one of its own become the next president of The Master’s University and Seminary.”* Horn succeeded Dr. John Stead. Dr. John MacArthur, a leading Evangelical, had led The Master’s University and Seminary as president

from 1984 to 2018. Dr. Pettit preached for John MacArthur in a conference that year (2020). John Street, Chair of Biblical Counseling at The Master’s University, spoke at BJU’s CORE Conference March 9–10, 2020. Street is an adjunct professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. By claiming that the word Fundamentalism can have no single definition,² BJU leaders claim the label separatist but practice non-separatism (inclusivism). With such a notion, BJU attempts to sit on both sides of the fence—Fundamentalism and Evangelicalism—at the same time.

- Under Dr. Pettit’s administration, BJU students are permitted to bond with churches of denominations harboring apostasy.³ The following churches (underscored below) are among those approved for BJU students to attend.

- **Covenant Community** (Taylors, SC): An Orthodox Presbyterian Church (OPC). On one of their website videos, the pastor poured water on a little child’s head and said, “This is like Abraham’s ‘baptizing his whole house’” (Genesis 17). The pastor substituted the word baptism for the word circumcision and called it regeneration. Augustine and Roman Catholicism de-

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Editor's Desk by Pastor Tod Brainard

Disobedience to God brings Serious Consequences

One of the serious revelations of Israel's early rebellion against God as a nation is recorded in Numbers 14:39-45. Judgment is about to fall because Israel has sided with the ten spies who brought back a bogus report. God was intent on destroying the whole nation and starting afresh with Moses (vs. 12). However, Moses pleaded with God to pardon. God in His mercy did pardon but not in the way some of the Israelites expected. God told Moses the conditions of His pardon:

- 1.) Israel must turn back into the wilderness (vs. 27).
- 2.) Those twenty years old and up would die in the wilderness and thus never enter the Promised Land (vs. 29).
- 3.) They would wander for 40 years, one year for each day the 10 spies were in the land dreaming up their lies. (vs. 34).
- 4.) An immediate death sentence would be handed out to the ten spies (vs. 37).

The reaction to this message is remarkable and shows us the willfulness of stubborn religious people to God's commands. There was a group who did not accept God's conditions of pardon. Reacting willfully and emotionally, they determined that they were going ahead with their entrance into the Promised Land. Moses warned them not to go up and try to enter the land for it would not prosper; they would all be smitten (vs. 42). Moses even went so far as to declare to them that *"the Lord will not be with you"* (vs.43).

These religious rebels rejected the leadership of Moses; they rejected outright that Moses spoke for God. They made an emotional display of sorrow and even announced they had sinned (vs. 39-40). However, we learn that their actions were motivated not by true contrition, but by selfish desires to enter the Promised Land despite God's conditions of pardon.

In rebellion, they rose early in the morning and went up to the top of the mountain in direct disobedience to God's commands. Their end was predictable; they were destroyed by the Amalekites and the Canaanites as God said. Samuel Rutherford, the great preacher of the past once said, *"Believe God's Word and power more than you believe your own feelings and experiences. Your Rock is Christ. It isn't that Rock that ebbs and flows; it's your sea."*

Dear reader, willful, emotional disobedience is the normal course of operation in our culture. People make willful, emotional decisions almost on a minute-by-minute basis. Many cannot distinguish between right and wrong thinking. People choose their mates, make life-changing job and location changes based not on God's will, but on how they feel at the moment. Just like these religious rebels of Numbers 14, many religious folks think that if they can show enough emotion, like they do in their earthly relationships and get what they want, God will surely think differently about them and somehow

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vised and standardized this doctrine, which assumes an OT circumcisional regeneration for Jewish males.⁴ Romanism transformed that doctrine into NT water baptismal regeneration to elect infants. Forms of that doctrine passed into Reformed theology. John Calvin insisted that OT circumcision engrafted the Jewish infant into the covenant [elect] family of God; thus, NT baptism engrafts a newborn child into the body of Christ.⁵ Reformed doctrine leads many to believe the seed of regeneration is implanted at infant baptism, though salvation might occur later.⁶

- **Woodruff Road Presbyterian Church** (Simpsonville, SC), PCA church.

- **Second Presbyterian Church** (Greenville, SC): A Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). This church's senior pastor is Dr. Richard Phillips, adjunct professor, and member of the Board of Trustees at Westminster Theological Seminary, which enforces no dress codes and allows the use of alcoholic beverages.⁷

➤ Richard Phillips is also on the Board of Directors of (1) the Alliance of Confessing Evangelicals; (2) the Council of The Gospel Coalition, and (3) the Council of the Gospel Reformation Network.⁸

➤ On October 12, 2019, at Phillips' Second Presbyterian Church, Dr. Pettit participated in a Conference on Reformed Theology.

- To begin chapel on February 5, 2018, Dr. Pettit announced, "We are honored this morning to have as our guest Dr. Gene Fant," presi-

dent of North Greenville University, a Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) school. Fant was welcomed with a standing ovation.⁹ The so-called "SBC Conservative Resurgence" has now spiraled into a deadening mix.¹⁰

- **Calvary First Baptist Church** (Greenville, SC): SBC church.

- **Roper Mountain Baptist Church** (Greenville): SBC church.

- **Rock Springs Baptist Church** (Easley, SC): SBC church. Dr. Pettit, BJU President, spoke here October 6, 2019.

- **White Oak Baptist Church** (Greenville, SC): Affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention, the South Carolina Baptist Convention, and the Greenville Baptist Association. Their lead pastor is Lonnie Polson, BJU Division Chair of Communication of the School of Fine Arts. Their music director is Jeff Stegall, BJU Associate Professor in the Theatre Arts Department.

- Dr. Steve Pettit permits dress style, music, and entertainment of the world's style. For the Artist Series of January 27, 2015, he brought in the music group, "Cantus," which includes beer drinkers and known homosexuals.¹¹

- The following letter was sent to me on 10-14-2021 from a concerned grandfather who has grandchildren at BJU:

In 2021, at Bob Jones University, the first of the fall semester's artist series was conducted on October 7 in the FMA. The program was titled "Symphonic Hollywood: Featuring the Music of

Lee Holdridge." The guest conductor was Richard Kaufman. The featured selections were beautifully done, and each was announced by Kaufman, interspersed with lavish praise on BJU and its leadership. Kaufman mentioned his background which included his participation with a Los Angeles orchestra in which he played violin for the recording of music for "Animal House," a raunchy R-rated movie. He expressed no regret for its production. On the contrary, he mentioned that his contribution helped launch his career as a conductor. Not once did he mention any conflict between Christian beliefs and the moral cesspool of Hollywood. Nor did he give any confirmation of Christian belief. Yet he gave the impression that a believer could function contentedly in such an environment. Toward the end of the program, Jay Matthews and another representative, on behalf of the University, awarded Kaufman with a certificate and plaque granting him lifetime membership as an honorary alumnus of BJU. In the program notes on Kaufman, the bio states that "his wife Gayle is a former dancer and actress in film, television, and on Broadway, and his daughter, Whitney, is a highly successful singer and actress."

All of this conveys to BJU students that a vocation in the worldly Hollywood scene is perfectly acceptable and, indeed highly commendable. The artist series productions have in recent years included more Broadway-type productions, mingled with the brilliant work of such Christian artists as Dan Forrest. "Broadway" sums up the philosophy of the new Bob Jones University

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Proverb Practicals

by Ludwig Opager

Proverbs 24:19,20, ***Fret not thyself because of evil men, neither be thou envious at the wicked. For there shall be no reward to the evil man, the candle of the wicked shall be put out.***

Related verses include Psalm 37:1,2, ***Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.***

Let me ask you, are there any proverbs that say, "Slap not thyself, punch not thyself nor kick thyself?" No! Why not? Because no one in their right mind slaps, punches or kicks themselves. However, people can hurt themselves by fretting about things they have no control over. God's Word addresses real problems.

What does *fret* mean to you? To *fret* means: ***to tease; to irritate; to vex; to make angry; to utter peevish expressions*** (apt to mutter and complain, expressing discontent, silly, childish). In addition, *fret* means to ***wear away a substance by friction***. (The expression "Don't get yourself in a tizzy!" aptly describes fretting)

The wise man cautions us not to fret. Notice that he says to "***fret not thyself.***" Fretting has internal consequences. Fretting is not a healthy behavior. Fretting causes friction and the wearing away of oneself. Are you always worn out? Perhaps fretting is the cause. Understand that your fretting has no effect on the evil doer. It creates internal strife and anxiety in the one who frets.

How does fretting express itself?

Oh! it irritates me to see all the evil in the world!

If I could get my hands on these murderers and thieves, I would teach them a thing or two!

All this sinning makes me so angry; it makes me want to choke someone!

I could just kill all these criminals, they ought to lock them up and throw away the key!

Oh! there is so much corruption and evil in the world. It makes me angry!

I do not know why God puts up with all this evil!

I get so depressed when I see the News!

Fretting is a show of faithlessness in God's supervision of the affairs of men. God has everything under control, and He expects His children to quietly go about the Father's business trusting that the Father, in His own good time, will take care of the evildoers.

Fretting also reveals a deficient understanding of the sinful nature of man and the depraved heart of each human being that walks this earth. A real Biblical knowledge of the depravity of man should cure a fretful heart. What else

should we expect from depraved hearts? Why are we surprised by sin and evil? Should we expect better when God, in His Word, tells us otherwise? Are we to expect goodness from unredeemed hearts?

We should not! This world is not correctible nor redeemable. God will not take this world system and make something good out of it. There is no hope for a system that God does not love and tells us not to love. In the flesh dwelleth no good thing! We ought to be amazed that there is not greater evil that might cause us to fret. Were it not for the restraining hand of the Holy Spirit, we would be in a deluge of evil. Psalm 37 further tells us what to do instead of fretting:

Psalm 37:3, Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

Psalm 37:4, Delight thyself also in the LORD: and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

Psalm 37:5, Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in Him; and he shall bring it to pass.

Psalm 37:7, Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for Him:

What more can I say to convince you to FRET NOT! God loves His children and always desires their best and fretting is not for their best. Fretting helps no one. Ω



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ty— broad and inclusive.

Students are not learning to distinguish the true from the false kinds of entertainment, evangelicalism, and life-styles. This is lamentable and tragic. There was a day when Bob Jones University could be trusted to instill in its students the virtues of a separated godly life-style. Now the University simply wants to “fit into” the culture, to accommodate and even imitate its behavior.

Conclusion

Believers identified with the SBC, PCA, OPC, etc. are lending credibility to false teachers and false gospels. The believer who willingly does such is living in sin. People all over the country know that BJU is Evangelical. It is old news. Evangelicals often say, “Identification is a non-essential.” That mindset constitutes the difference between Evangelicalism and Fundamentalism! Indifference is dangerous! It is a path God forbids! **“For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds”** (2 John verse 11). One’s personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ determines his church identification! **“Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward”** (2 John vs. 8). We must never entangle the message of the gospel with man-made organizations and institutions that harbor false gospels.

“Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers.... After my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also, of your own

selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them” (**Acts 20:28–30**).

Every moment of our lives, we are building our ministries upon either the foundation of gold, silver, and precious stones, or upon a foundation of wood, hay, and stubble.

“Every man’s work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man’s work of what sort it is” (**1 Corinthians 3:11–13**). **“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men”** (**2 Corinthians 5:10–11a**). **“And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.”** (**First John 2:28**). In **Romans 1:1**, Paul introduces himself as **“a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God.”**

Charles H. Spurgeon promised his church, **“That I might not stultify [invalidate] my testimony, I have cut myself clear of those who err from the faith, and even from those who associate with them. What more can I do to be honest with you?”**¹²

Dr. Bob Jones Sr. so often cried, “Earnestly contend for the faith. Stand up and fight.”

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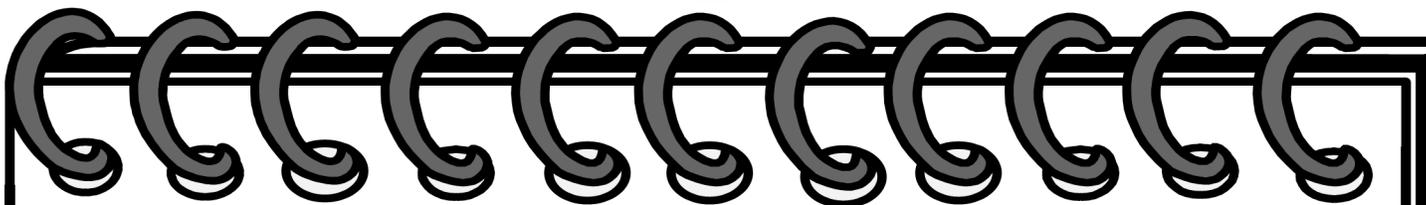
some thirty years at Bob Jones University and Seminary. He is a prolific writer and historian. Since Dr. Beale retired in 2010, he has taught and preached in schools and churches.

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Special Reports

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"Let all things be done decently and in order." 1 Corinthians 14:40

Researching a subject of special interest to an individual student is an important method to help every child in class develop individuality. As the other classmates choose and study different subjects of interest to them, interest can be sparked in a wide variety of areas for the class. After studying his chosen subject, each student should be able to discuss his topic orally with the class. This oral report should then be ready to take on written form. Written reports such as these are especially important to children and, if done well, will be kept for years to come. Teachers should set to work early teaching children to write good reports by breaking the process into its various components, requiring excellent performance, and expecting rewarding results.

First, teachers must recognize the challenge of assigning such a project and be willing to give the necessary time to guide students through the processes (otherwise known as headaches) to produce good reports. This requires long-range planning and organizational skills. Teachers should provide a set of checkpoints with due dates to help students in a step-by-step approach. Since these projects will take several weeks to complete, the highest challenge is often to keep students motivated and the interest level high. This is partly accomplished by choosing the subject best suited to the child.

Second, it is necessary for the teacher to draw up a timetable with deadlines for the various stages of the project. This will provide students with a sample outline for the paper presenting the purpose of the paper with a detailed, orderly arrangement and method of achieving each step, as well as the completed report. The teacher needs to review or teach new skills as they are needed to accomplish each step of the report. Since each student must be able to complete his project with some degree of success, it is the teacher's role to make suggestions to improve the child's work, as much as it is the child's role to follow through on the suggestions made. Good planning, definite guidelines, and the teacher's cumulative suggestions will help every student reach their best potential.

Grading long-term projects is probably one of the most difficult tasks of a teacher. Grading should be objective and fair, both on the sectional checkpoints and on the final draft. The final grade should be no great surprise to the student if they have been guided along the way and made the suggested corrections.

Long-range projects teach students valuable skills, such as budgeting time, personal study habits, self-discipline, diligence, proof-reading, correcting, re-writing, and final form. The key to success is, of course, the teacher's determination to demand and receive a good report. In the future, student may look back and remember little of what the teacher *said*, but they will remember what the teacher *did* to make their year a profitable and memorable one. Ω

Editor's Note: Please pray for Doris Peppard as she is recovering from a major bout with the Covid-19 Delta variant. She is making good progress but continues to battle lingering effects of the virus.



Stars of the Morning

By the late "Aunt Carolyn"

NO TRICKS

(A true Story)

Jesus said, *"If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?"* (Luke 11:11-12)

Men of distinction are sometimes called by their initials, but seldom is a young boy of only six years so called. Usually such a young "William Floyd" would have been called "Bill" or "Billy," but not his little fella. He was "W.F." A fine lad he was – sturdily built, strong, smart, well-mannered, and even talented. His sense of humor got him through a lot of tough spots, and he was developing some degree of self-confidence and independence – at least he was working at it. He was down there that day when quiet excitement and happy expectation filled the basement of his home. Every turn of the freezer crank brought the anticipation of the delicious, sweet taste of smooth, cold, homemade ice cream closer to fulfillment. Each one had his turn at cranking the freezer, but the children were nearly ecstatic as the ice cream began to harden and Father stepped forward to give the last powerful turns to finish it.

"W.F." was just as interested in the prospects of this tempting dessert as anyone else; so, with a smile and a twinkle in his eye, Father said, "Well, son, go upstairs and get yourself a dish, I'll fill yours first."

Oh, joy! "W.F." hurried up the full flight of stairs to get his dish and came right back down again. By this time, the freezer was open, and everyone was "oohing" and "aahing" and begging permission to "lick the paddle." The boy waited patiently, but soon anxiously reminded his father of his empty dish and his promise.

"Let me fill it up!" With the rattle of the freezer lid, the crack of the big spoon against the dish to make the ice cream fall into it, and a reminder of how delicious the ice cream would be, the dish was given back to the boy with many cautions. "Be careful going up the stairs. Don't spill it!"

So, the little fellow stepped very carefully up each step, one hand holding the dish and the other the railing. Slowly he felt his way to the top. He knew exactly how many steps there were. At last, he reached the top and disappeared into the kitchen.

Below were winks, giggles, and laughter. "What a good joke," they thought. "Won't he be surprised?"

Surprised, indeed, but nonetheless disappointed, for when the child sat down at the table to take the first tantalizing bite of ice cream into his spoon, there was nothing there. The boy felt the edge of the dish – then put his fingers down in the center of the bowl. There was nothing there – nothing at all! All that time, all those carefully balanced steps, all that waiting, and anticipation was for nothing. He had no ice cream at all.

You see, the little fellow was totally blind! Trusting the telling sounds of the rattling of the freezer lid, the cracking of the big spoon against the dish, and depending on the word of his father, the boy had walked in his total darkness, confident that he would soon enjoy a delicious treat. But treat turned only trick and bitter disappointment.

No doubt it was all in fun, but it was a cruel joke at the little blind boy's expense. When the laugh was over, father straightened out the roguish deception, and soon really filled the dish with ice cream – but the trick was one never to be forgotten.

How different from the father of whom Jesus spoke in Luke 11:11-12. In Bible days in the Holy Land, bread was often dark, made in small loaves, and often baked by an open fire in an earthen oven. Sometimes it would even have ashes from the fire on it. No wonder it might be mistaken for a stone, but Jesus said that no concerned father would mock his son by giving him a stone when he was hungry and asked for bread.

There are also in that land, types of little slim fish which people eat that look very much like a deadly water snake.

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A little child might not know the difference, and if he got hold of the serpent instead of the fish, he could be in serious trouble, maybe even face death.

How could a scorpion look like an egg? It is said that there are many scorpions in Bible lands, and there is one kind that is very light-colored. When it curls up tightly, it could even be mistaken for an egg. What a calamity it would be if a child should think one were an egg and pick it up. That mistake could be fatal.

Earthly fathers, for whatever reasons, might trick or play jokes on their children, but it is wonderful to know that our Heavenly Father plays no jokes. He will never trick or mock His trusting children. He will ever deceive them by given them something that would endanger or harm them when they were looking to Him for their needs. Some folks like to say that God has a sense of humor because

He made some very funny creatures like monkeys, donkeys, and some people. That is true, but you can be sure God does not play tricks or jokes on His children, and He never will mock His children's prayers. He wants them to come with every need and problem. He will answer prayer. He delights in meeting His children's needs. He will not trick or deceive. There are no disappointments in Jesus!

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take away all their consequences and allow them to do what they want to do. This is not Biblical reasoning. It is willful, outright disobedience.

God is no respecter of persons. This is the great denial of disobedient thinkers. *Willful, emotional thinking will cause you to do the exact opposite of what God says to do and make you feel that you are doing exactly what God says to do.* This is the treachery of the corrupt human heart (Jeremiah 17:9) that has infected much of the religious world. We need a great awakening in hearts in 2022 starting in the local churches of America. May God be merciful. Ω