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It's all black and white

Moral relativism surrounds us in our modern age. The era of 'my truth' is becoming increasingly pervasive in daily life. Everyone is battling to have their version of events seen as the authentic account of any given situation. This in itself is a tragic irony, as liberals cry out for the equal valuing of everyone's individual version of 'truth' yet they subtly push for their personal version to be seen as the 'absolute' version to not be questioned.

The logical endpoint of this assertion of the self and its own determining of what 'truth' is and what constitutes 'right and wrong', is that every adherent to this relativist philosophy will crown themselves their own god. Each proponent of this New Age belief system is doing nothing more than buying into the lie that Satan first whispered into Eve's ear back in the Garden of Eden ("ye shall be as gods", Genesis 3:5).

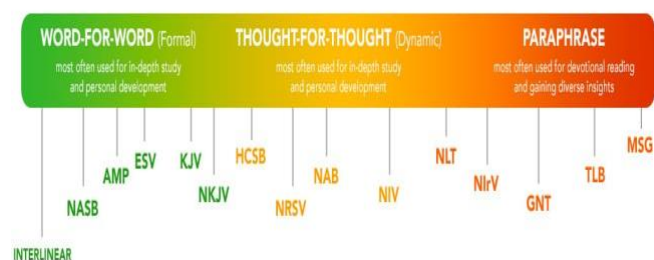
Satan seeks to corrupt the lines of God's ordination as to what constitutes good and evil. God has laid out in black and white in His Word the Holy Scriptures, a veritable 'life manual' as to know what is good before a Thrice Holy God and what is not. However Satan desires to muddy the waters and bring about numerous shades of grey of morality so as to lead souls away from the clarity of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

He has done so with alarming efficacy through the buffet of bibles that litter Christian bookshops the world over. Each new version promises a 'clearer, easier, simpler way' to read and understand the Scriptures, with differing interpretations compiled to suit 'your mood' in how literal or figurative you prefer to have the text composed. Feeling like you want a 'word-for-word' equivalence of the Greek text (corrupt Septuagint), the NASB has got you covered! Long day at work and fancy something a little lighter and breezier, the MSG version is all ready to go! Yet it seems no one pauses to assess whether these very different interpretations of the scriptures (in lower case because they use corrupted texts from the Alexandrian school of Origen) are singing from the same proverbial hymn sheet?

Well let's quickly assess this. Let's take a look at Matthew 18:11 - *For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost.* (A.V/ KJV) A clear statement by Christ Jesus that He is the Son of God (highlighting His deity - crucial for the effectiveness of His sacrifice for the sins of Man) and that His mission is to save those lost in their sins. A simple, clear, unmistakable declaration of the Gospel from the very Son of God. Now let's turn to the NIV for the same verse...Ah, it's not there....well this is awkward! Ok never mind, how about the NLT (New Living Translation), what does that read for Matthew 18:11...oh dear, it's not there either. This isn't going well is it! Don't worry, the MSG (Monosodium glutamate version - probably just as good

for you) with it's easy to read, 'Gospel led' mission statement will get us back on track...well this is just getting embarrassing! They don't have it either!

Bible Translation Comparison



Confusion reigns on which version is the best amongst modern Christians

Now each of these dubious translations flap about justifying their curious omission of such a simple but powerful Gospel statement by saying Matthew 18:11 isn't in the 'earliest, best manuscripts' (that's the corrupted Septuagint by the way). However the vast majority of New Testament manuscripts that we do have **do** contain Matthew 18:11. So here the NASB, from the same 'word for word' translation method as the NIV apparently, uses Matthew 18:11 in it's text (albeit with a footnote undermining it's importance as God breathed Scripture). How can two translations, both claiming to be 'word for word translations' of 'original texts' vary so greatly?! One version states that Jesus claimed to be the Son of God (which is what the title Son of Man refers to - reference to title given to the Messiah in The Book of Daniel) in the speaking of this verse and that His purpose was to save sinners from being lost to hellfire forevermore (again with heavy doubt poured over it thanks to the muddying hand of the translators). The other just decides that Jesus never made such a statement, ultimately calling into question 'what did Jesus actually say about anything?' If we can't be certain on one verse then how can we be sure of any in reality? Then applying logic consistently, if we can't be certain as to what Jesus said, claimed or did then how can we be certain on anything the Bible has to say on anything? Logically speaking then why should anyone adhere to a book that claims it delineates the Absolute Law of God, if we have wildly differing versions of what God had to say? The only thing I can be certain of then by logical inference after this debacle is that I exist and that my interpretation of the evidence and world around me is the most valid ('I think therefore I am'...I think). Thus we arrive at moral relativism.

The plethora of modern Bible versions and the wildly varying interpretations of the Scriptures has taken the hand of relativism and led it directly into the pulpits of western Christendom without even batting an eyelid. As a result we have a Christian populace that views all

world issues with uncertain shades of interpretation. Just look at the mess that is the Church of England currently with the implosion it's facing over gay marriage. Now the A.V/KJV Bible makes it very clear that marriage is between a man and a woman, no exceptions and that same-sex relationships are an "abomination" to the Lord (let it be said that the grace of Christ extends to such lost souls and that He turns none away that repent of their sins and seek after Him). However modern bible translations are hesitant to use such clear language, even though it is in the original texts, something they claim to utilise better than the A.V/KJV Bible.

Now we have to ask the question who could possibly benefit from such diluted truths and rampant confusion amongst modern day Christians? Well most obviously it is the devil, the one who walks about the earth seeking whom he may devour (1 Peter 5:8). As the line from the movie *The Usual Suspects* goes, "The greatest trick the devil ever pulled, was convincing the world he doesn't exist"; so he has used these modern versions to remove numerous references to himself. However that is another topic for another time but I challenge you to investigate this yourself...you will be alarmed at what differences you find between the A.V/KJV Bible and all other versions - put it this way, the devil is covering his tracks in modern versions!

The devil does not want any to come to Christ and the way to Christ Jesus is through His Word. He tried for centuries to eradicate His Pure Word by mass murdering those who sought to protect and defend the Received Text through the blood thirsty work of the Inquisition, Charlemagne, the Jesuits, the Medici's, Bloody Mary, Louis XIV and AntiChrist's that are the Popes of Rome. Yet this tactic failed miserably as the Lord God honoured the blood of the martyrs by shattering the Romish darkness with the light of the Reformation which in turn led to the printing of the A.V/KJV Bible.

This same Bible was so hated by Rome that it was immediately placed on it's Index of banned books (and still is even though no modern version of the Bible is interestingly). So the devil set about through the Jesuit sympathisers Westcott & Hort to undermine the Pure Word of the God with a new translation that no one wanted anyway. The 1881 Revised Standard Version brought you a bible that was more like the Jesuit bible the Douey Rheims version (based on corrupted manuscripts from the Alexandrian school of Origen and Eusebius) used by the Catholic Church in comparison to the A.V/KJV Bible, the Bible that had liberated the world from Roman superstition and false doctrine. This new version grossly undermined the deity of Christ Jesus, salvation by grace alone through faith alone and encouraged the deification of the Virgin Mary and various other false teachings (such as baptismal regeneration). The parameters of Christianity had been redrawn with brilliant subtlety.



Wescott & Hort

Further revisions by differing translators and publishing houses in the subsequent decades, all motivated by lust for money by the respective publishing houses (again, the love of money is the root of all evil and who is the father of evil but the devil!), then further contributed to the dilution of God's Word. We are now left with a Christianity in the West that has more in common with Catholicism and New Age teaching than it does with the faith of the Reformers, martyrs and saints of the Scriptures.

New Age teaching is rife with relativism and "do what thou wilt" (A Satanic commandment taught by Satanists and Luciferarians) philosophy, therefore it is no surprise to see modern Christianity slip ever further into the pit of moral relativism. This is because the numerous 'bibles' all put forward a vague assessment of God, His Word and what He has ordained to be good and what He has declared to be evil. Modern Christianity has so many shades of grey in it's being that it is being laughed at by people such as Vladimir Putin (hardly a pillar of virtue himself to say the least!). As a result it offers nothing at all to a populace desperately searching for certainty in a world being submerged by uncertainty to such a level that it struggles to define what a woman is!!!

Humanity, indeed all of Creation is programmed to recognise the fundamental necessity of 'absolute laws'. The very laws of nature, demand that there are baseline truths that cannot be violated by relativism (such as the 1st and 2nd Laws of Thermodynamics). The author of these absolute laws of nature is the same as the author of the laws of all absolute truths, whether this be in material world or the spiritual. That author is God! When we dispense of the author we dispense with the purpose of the story. This is what we see about us every day, a populace that sees itself as having no ultimate purpose. Thus it devolves (not evolves!) to a state just as it did millennia ago when every man did what was right in his own eyes (relativism witnessed in the Book of Judges) and so society collapses.

Yet it does not have to be so! As Christians we are to defend the faith and protect the Pure Word of God as seen in the A.V/KJV Bible. It's words gives mankind purpose because by studying it's pages and listening to it's words we learn of it's author, Christ Jesus. Then we

are invited by the Holy Ghost to be a part of His story that is the wondrous story of the salvation of Man through His finished work at the Cross of Calvary. We are given life itself by the Creator Himself and we can have full assurance of this eternal provision through careful study of His preserved Word, seeing for ourselves that His promises are absolute truth.

By Jonathan Badger

You're Called What?!

Scrolling through YouTube one day, I was given a 'recommended' video to watch thanks to the ever helpful YouTube algorithms (think they might need some tweaking on this evidence). It was a music video for a 'Christian band' called *Cain*. Now I'm sure many of you are reading the band's name and thinking 'right, ok; so what?' If this describes you then please pause and think who Cain was in the Bible. Cain was the first murderer in human history. A proud man who blatantly refused to listen to God's decree as to what constitutes acceptable sacrificial worship unto Him. A man who then compounded this great sin by ignoring God's gracious reminder to him of what an acceptable sacrificial offering is and pointing him to his brother Abel as an example if he was unsure or mistaken. A man that completely disregards God's caring, personal warning that sin is lying in wait for him if he continues to follow this proud and angry path. Cain was a type of the pride filled and violent humanity that has plagued world history since the Fall; a type that has absolutely no interest in submitting in prayer and supplication to the rule and glory of Christ Jesus. Cain is after the devil himself. This equation has **never** been in doubt in the history of Christianity.

Having considered all this then, why oh why, would a 'Christian band' even contemplate calling themselves after such a wicked man?! They are meant to be producers of music of praise and worship to the Almighty God and yet they are named after a man who Scripture very clearly reveals had **zero** desire to give the prescribed method of giving praise to God (Genesis 4). Something is dangerously amiss here!

Many will raise their hackles at this point and say that 'it's only a name', or that 'we were all like Cain in being wicked sinners before Christ redeemed us - hence the name'. Well firstly a name reveals a great deal about the nature, motivations and intentions of the one giving the name as to what they hope their enterprise will yield in future days. Secondly, we are not like Cain because we were sinners in ignorance (1 Peter 1:14, Acts 17:30, Acts 3:17, Ephesians 4:18), our hearts blind to their condition before the Lord God. In His grace He convicted us of our sin through the ministry of the Holy Ghost so that we might repent of them before the Cross of Christ Jesus. Indeed much of the sacrificial laws of the Pentateuch (first five books of the Bible) are given

as a means of seeking the Lord's forgiveness for sins committed in ignorance (Numbers 15:25, Numbers 15:27, Leviticus 4:22, Leviticus 4:27, Leviticus 4:2, Leviticus 4:13, Leviticus 5:15 + 18). Furthermore did not Our Lord Jesus cry out on the Cross, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." (Luke 23:34) Cain **knew** what he was doing, for he had been given direct instruction and warning from God Himself personally and yet still continued in ever greater sin. This is wilful rebellion, not ignorance, a rebellion seen in the fall of Lucifer himself (Isaiah 14, Ezekiel 28).

This band in question have called themselves after a man who wilfully, knowingly and defiantly refused to listen to God's commands on sacrificial offerings and suitable worship. Personally I find that extremely troubling for a group whose sole purpose is to provide 'suitable worship' unto God.



The Christian' band *Cain* - interesting title of their album considering Cain's refusal to God's ordination as to what is an acceptable offering

Yet the insidious trend of this strange group do not end there. Take a look at the opening lines of their song *Friend in Jesus*

*You don't need a Saviour
If you don't know sin and shame
You don't need forgiveness
When you've never walked away
This is my story
I'm a life made new
I'm the one who's been set free*

These lyrics made me shudder with disgust. They are statements that openly contradict the Gospel of Christ Jesus. We very much need a Saviour **because** we don't know sin and shame! We are dead spiritually with no hope of rescuing ourselves because we are blind to our desperate situation of awaiting just eternal judgement. We need a Saviour because we are so depraved of heart that we require by necessity the Spirit of God to convict

us of our shame and sin so that we might cling to life everlasting through faith Jesus Christ. Most of all though we need **The Saviour** Christ Jesus, not just 'a' Saviour. The need of recognising Jesus Christ as the **only** Saviour of mankind and that He must be **your personal** Saviour and Redeemer is one of the key aspects of the Gospel itself! Some vague notion of 'a' Saviour cleverly dodges this crucial truth and replaces it with suitably New Age, pantheistic statement that could be played at any quasi-religious setting without risk of offence.

We need forgiveness because all have walked away from God through our own sins against His Thrice Holy Throne, when we decided we were alright on our own. Praise the Lord that He didn't let me walk away but that He came after me and saved me from the eternal pit of hellfire I was sleepwalking towards!

The language used in this opening statement is at least consistent with the behaviour of Cain as seen in Genesis 4, that I will concede. Yet could the mask of this band and who they are actually working for (blindly or not) slip in the final line of this opening verse - *I'm the one who's been set free*. In New Age circles, the title *The One* refers to Satan. Furthermore what is this *one* referred to in the song 'free from'. Sin? It doesn't say that anywhere in the lyrics. All there is is a vague statement of being released from something that was constraining them even though they apparently were without any need of salvation. It could be argued easily that the song writer is celebrating being freed from a need of a Saviour (hence the opening lines). This plays very much the melody of many New Age commentators. One such New Age writer penned, "Justification by faith and vicarious atonement were taught as gospel truth and man became a greater slave than before". New Agers are eager to accuse God of enslaving humanity whereas Lucifer (Satan) is acclaimed as the great "emancipator" of mankind by freeing humanity from captivity to the forced will of God. With this being considered now look at the NASB version and it's translation of Romans 6:22:

But now having been freed from sin and enslaved to God...

Who wants to be enslaved? Nobody does! So what appeal is there in following a God whose own word apparently tells us that we will be enslaved to Him?! We are **not** enslaved to Him for we are **invited** to be His **servants** (a willing role done with joy and reward received). Here's how the A.V/KJV Bible **correctly** translates the same verse:

But now being made free sin, and become servants to God...

I don't know about you but that's a much more appealing invitation to accept the Gospel message than what the NASB puts out! Firstly there is no coercion indicated in the language (as seen in NASB's use of *having* instead of *being made*) so I can see God is being

gracious in His offer of salvation and life eternal to me. Secondly that once freed joyfully by God from my sin, He then extends further grace to me by calling me to join Him and share in His own eternal bounty as a beloved servant. It would seem then that new Bible versions such as the NASB (marketed as a 'word-for-word translation' of the original texts remember, so 'apparently' God's most accurate revelation) have more in common with New Age teachings than they do accepted, traditional Christian doctrine.

Now in returning to Cain, he certainly acted in accordance to the violent and rebellious nature of his master the devil; could these musicians be attacking similarly by declaring they don't need a Saviour because they are ignorant of their sin (by making such a statement you have to be aware of your condition to enable you to make the statement - convicted themselves).

Numerous videos have been loaded onto YouTube by faithful men warning against such 'Christian groups' and how they are being used to pave the way for the apostate church, the great falling away of the End Times as seen in the Book of Revelation. Such rebellious songs are excellent material for a pseudo-Christianity, a false religion that happily embraces all faiths whose ambiguous wording and catchy tunes pull emotion filled followers to sing along without any real consideration. Combine this with a Bible version that refuses to denounce evil as God has called it to be and instead casts doubt on key doctrines of the Christian faith that enable it to stand apart from all other religions and what do you have? You have a church just like that revealed by the very words of Christ Jesus directed to the Laodicean church in the Book of Revelation. A church that angers Our Lord so greatly that He would spew them out of His mouth.

We are to wake up as Christians. We are to use the soundness of mind that we have been blessed with (2 Timothy) and test all things by the Word of God. If anything spoken by any man or Angel, let them be anathema, cut out of the work and goodness of God. Be sober, be vigilant and be ready to defend your faith at all times. The battle is not always obvious, many times it's at its most potent in the subtlety of the blow. Music is such an inviting avenue, so ask for the wisdom of God that you might be a strong and worthy soldier of Christ.

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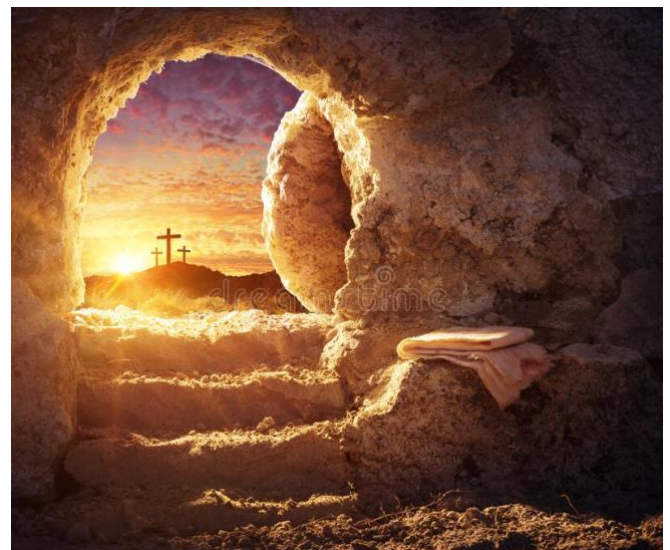
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Part Three - He Did Appear

The Lord did appear and the witnesses testify to the resurrection. There have been unhistorical accounts but they did not appear until the second century, and even then they were universally rejected by the church. We might note the words of Professor John Warwick Montgomery who wrote, 'When the disciples of Jesus proclaimed the resurrection they did so as eye witnesses and they did so while people were still alive who had had contact with the events they spoke of. In 56 A.D. Paul wrote that over 500 people had seen the risen Jesus and that most of them were still alive. It passes the bounds of credibility that the early Christians could have manufactured such a tale and then preached it among those who might easily have rejected it simply by producing the body of Jesus.'

In Acts 2 when Peter preached the Jews could not refute what he said about the resurrection. The empty tomb was there. When the authorities attacked Paul's preaching on the resurrection they avoided the objective evidence for the resurrection. Professor Day says, 'The simple disproof, the effective challenging of the fact of the resurrection, would have dealt a death-blow to Christianity. And they had every opportunity of disproof, if it were possible.'

Look, the Church was founded on the resurrection,



disprove it and you destroy the whole Christian movement. As John R.W. Stott said, 'The silence of Christ's enemies as eloquent a proof of the resurrection as the apostles' witness.' We should understand men and women still today reject the resurrection, not because of the insufficiency of the evidence but in spite of its sufficiency.

Consider the changed life of James the brother of Jesus. Before the resurrection he has no time for Jesus claims, he thought Him a pretender, he saw him as one who could destroy the family's name. However, after the resurrection, James is there with the other disciples preaching the gospel. His letter gives evidence of his new relationship with Christ, read James 1v1. The only explanation for that change is that which the Apostle

Paul gave in 1 Cor15v7, 'After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles.'

What about Thomas? What did he say, 'Let us go, that we may die with Him.' What a sceptic. The man who said these words had no hope of his Lord's resurrection. Yet, when the Lord appears to him, what does Thomas say?, read John 20v28. What a change, his Lord was risen. Thomas went on to die a martyrs' death.

The Lord did appear and give evidence of His resurrection and you will have your own meeting one day with Him. That meeting for you will either be glorious or a truly awful shock. Two thousand years have passed, the evidence has not been refuted, indeed I am considering presenting a much deeper and wider summation of it. He did die at Calvary. The Tomb was Empty. He did Appear. Believe it or reject it, your life will soon be over and you will know at last.

God Bless,

Dr David Badger

A Crown or a Cross?

If you attend a standard, mainstream church today you may have noticed that there is a growing preoccupation with focusing on the assurance of plenty and abundance for Christians, particularly that of happiness and material wealth supposedly set aside by God for all His children. Whilst this is a very appealing notion, is it Scriptural? Turn to Philippians 1:12-14, it reads:

**But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things *which happened* unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel;
So that my bonds in Christ are manifest in all the palace, and in all other *places*;
And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.**

Paul is speaking to the church in Philippi from a prison cell, unjustly imprisoned yet willingly constrained out of joyful service to His Lord and Redeemer Jesus Christ. The scene is strikingly different to one experienced by the vast majority of Christians in the western world. We live in comfort and plenty and our persecution is very light in all reality when compared to the horrors faced by brothers and sisters in Christ today in places such as Iran, China, Sudan etc. Yet instead of being thankful unto God for such daily provisions and working earnestly to bring help and support to our beleaguered brothers and sisters in Christ, we are desperately striving for more security, more goods, more wealth, more happiness. Contentedness in Christ has been traded away for greed in the world. We clamour for a temporary crown now (where in Scripture is this promoted or promised?) over the truly Scriptural

promise that those who are willing to take up their cross for Christ, will receive an everlasting crown (Luke 9:23).



Again I understand the appeal of short term gain particularly in relation to an easier, less trouble filled life, who doesn't want that?! However if this notion is the basis of a person's 'faith' then it is not faith. Faith is the belief in the things that are not seen (Hebrews 11:1); faith as of the saints who like Abraham looked for a heavenly city in which to find eternal rest and provision (Hebrews 11:10). This great treatise on what *faith is* is found in the great chapter on the *Heroes of the Faith*. Each person listed shunned the temporary trappings of the world (just look at Moses in Hebrews 11) for the far off promise of eternal glory forevermore in Christ Jesus. This is faith! Could they see their reward with their mortal eyes? Could they touch their reward with their mortal hands? Of course not, if they could then it's not faith at all, it would be labour to gain a visible reward. This would be a complete deconstruction of the very definition of faith! The theology of the saints of Old Testament and the Early Church however was solid, unlike much of Christendom today.

Where did such prosperity obsessed 'Christianity' come from then? Well I submit to you we're back to our deceptive friends of modern bible versions. Here's a verse that adorns many tote bags and coffee mugs being sold in Christian bookstores:

For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans for prosperity and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. (Jeremiah 29:11 - NASB)

Now let's look at the A.V/KJV Bible for the same verse: **For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.**

Spot the difference? Firstly the NASB translators imply that everything in your life is in His plan and thus by logical inference even the sins. God does not plan your sin! That would make Him responsible for evil! This is a common accusation thrown at Christian's by atheists (I've recently seen it appear in my daughter's secondary

school homework on Christianity) and one that is needlessly fuelled by corrupted texts as seen in the NASB's rendering of Jeremiah 29:11.

Secondly the NASB translators tell the reader of Jeremiah 29:11 that God wants you to enjoy 'prosperity'. The emphasised 'plans for prosperity' is then heightened all the more by saying that the opposite of prosperity is 'disaster'. They have managed to put across a message that God wants you to enjoy prosperity and that anything but prosperity is complete disaster! Now you may argue that the NASB translators are talking about 'spiritual prosperity', but I ask you, who gets that message on reading their twisted version of Jeremiah 29:11? The vast majority of people reading their rendering of Jeremiah 29:11 will understandably reason that God is assuring us that He wants us to enjoy worldly prosperity in life and that anything outside of that is total failure and disaster.

Herein lies the sickness. Corrupted renderings of God's Word such as these make false assurances to a populace that will always seek the immediacy of the temporal world over the future fulfilment in eternity. So many happily sign up to this success filled version of Christianity in the hope that all their worldly aspirations will be met by God. Yet when their lives are not filled with the much expected prosperity, their faith in the love of God is crushed as after all, didn't His Own Word promise them prosperity?

To compound this awful situation, those who are left broken by the failed promises of modern 'Christianity', are then further beaten down in dejection by the thought that if they have not secured the promised 'prosperity' then they have been left in the predicted 'disaster', that modern versions speak of. They are left temporally empty and then far worse, they are left spiritually broken in the belief that their lack of prosperity is proof that God does not care for them or love them. Some deceitful 'preachers' drive the nail in further by accusing those who have not secured the desired prosperity for lacking faith. Such an assertion is a cowardly covering of tracks by deceiving 'preachers' who sensing their wonky theology has come a cropper quickly place the blame on the disappointed individual rather than admit their error of teaching.

All this is powerful fuel for the current craze in 'evangelical Christianity', this being *deconstructionism*. YouTube is full of once prominent and popular 'Christian' leaders, many of them young, talking about how they *deconstructed* their faith after seeing such promises of worldly prosperity, are empty and deceiving. This then understandably left them bitter against Christianity and thus happy to now speak against the faith they once professed.

Such realisation of the vacuous nature of modern Christianity is being repeated at alarming rates, especially amongst those 40 and under (the generations

raised overwhelmingly by churches using modern bible versions). So now you go into many churches and are greeted by either an ageing congregation all looking increasingly defeated over the lack of younger generations, or a church filled with hyper emotional youth seeking the fulfilment of non-Scriptural promises. These poor young souls then fall away and leave the church only to be replaced by the next hopeful young ones who have bought the lies of modern bible versions.

No this is not an advert for a comedy duo. These are



Link and Rhett, two 'former Christian's' who have taken to doing videos on their *deconstruction* of their 'faith'

I do not even blame many of the ministers and preachers leading such gatherings. They are merely products of a corrupt system and the vast majority are completely oblivious to the deeply compromised nature of the bibles they are using and the devastating effect it's having not only on their flock but themselves also!

So what is the remedy to this rampant but subtle illness? In a word, **purity**. The Church must reclaim it's mission statement of not only proclaiming the Gospel to all people and nations but to also defend it's purity. The purity of Christ's Word is most beautifully and accurately revealed in the A.V/KJV Bible (expertly defended by scholars such as Dean William Burgon and Gail Riplinger). This gift of God that is the A.V/KJV Bible was produced by a collection of Godly geniuses that the world has never seen the like of before or since. Their level of scholarship was/is still unparalleled and their commitment to accuracy and purity has never even come close to being matched! It is this Bible that brought Christianity to the world, bringing the light of the Gospel to billions and made English the language spoken the world over! Every country touched by this Bible has seen incredible transformation in it's prosperity (the thing lusted after by modern versions remember) in both the temporal and even more importantly spiritually (anyone who argues with this just look at awful practices such wife burning in India that was common place before the

A.V/KJV Bible was brought to it's shores - this is just one example, research this issue for yourself and be amazed at the transformative quality of the A.V/KJV Bible).

Going back to our text of Jeremiah 29:11 and this time using the A.V/KJV Bible, we can see now for ourselves just who Our Lord is and how very good He is truly. He knows the thoughts He has toward us; He does not force Himself on anyone but He does know with all certainty what He would have us do if we would but listen to His loving voice. These thoughts of God are thoughts of peace, the most longed for thing in life. He wishes to share this desire to bless us with peace and that this is His unceasing hope for each soul. He does not think evil towards us for He is the pure God, incapable of evil and thus He desires to wrap us lovingly in His purity of peace for this is the expressing of His own nature to us. Then our expected end is that certain hope, the one we expect in the faith that the sacrifice of Christ Jesus on the cross was sufficient for our sins and that by believing on Him, our end will be to a close of life racked with pain and suffering and the beginning of a life filled with glory everlasting. This is the revelation of God that gives hope to the Christian in the darkest of hours and fills no one with false promises. It is the very power of God revealed to the hearts and minds of mankind and thus it must be guarded with all intensity.

This is just one example of how real Christianity, a faith the Early Church would recognise and stand with is upheld by the KJV/A.V Bible. I encourage you all to research this topic yourself and do not buy the hurried attacks by 'scholars' against the KJV/A.V Bible. Check all their claims of the 'inaccuracy of the KJV' for yourself and you'll be very surprised at what The Lord shows you!

By Jonathan Badger

The Witness of Faith

It is the Easter season, a time when we reflect on the glorious and miraculous resurrection of Our Lord Jesus after His crucifixion just three days prior. Fulfilling all Old Testament prophecy, the pure offering of the blood of the Lamb brought to realisation the foreshadowings of the Levitical sacrifices. Thus the way for repentant mankind had been opened to the Father through the work of the Lord Jesus and testified to all who would hear by the ministry of the Holy Ghost.

Some days after the Lord's triumphant resurrection, He appeared to the famous 'Doubting Thomas'. His appearing before the doubtful disciple is an account that perfectly captures the tender grace of the Lord. It is a statement for those who are genuine in their faith but sometimes struggle to hold onto the depths of the eternal nature of the promises of God. This statement is that Christ Jesus knows our weaknesses and frailties and

will move to strengthen those who are troubled but humble in their sincere faith.

As Christ tells Thomas to feel for himself the reality of His Masters resurrection by touching His wounds, so too has Our Lord moved in our lives to give tangible proof of His personal love for us. 'How so?' you may ask. Well the answer is just reflect on your own life. Think deeply on the great events of your life. Ponder on the blessings in your life and now consider how many of these have answered those secret longings and hopes you have held deep within your heart. The hopes and dreams that you have revealed to no one. The hopes and dreams that are too big and filled with too many variables for you to claim you have secured them by your skill. Think on them well and look at how such wonders are evident in your own life. They are there aren't they.



As a boy, I held three great hopes deep in my heart that I never told anyone. The first was that I would one day marry the girl I first met in Year 4 of Primary School. She was the girl who literally lived across the street from me. Though we were friends at primary school, I could never muster up the courage to say anything about how much I really liked her. Instead secondary school came and we parted ways as we both went to the local single sex schools. The years past and my prayer that one day I would be blessed with the opportunity to be with the girl of my dreams, went unanswered. Yet herein was a tremendous grace afforded to me throughout those ten long years of silent prayer. Each time I was just about to give up hope on this great secret dream, I would bump into her in the street. The shy, clumsy interaction between us always ensued in that typical teenage manner. However the clumsiness between us would always give me a strange resurgence of hope that she actually liked me as well. So my secret hope was rekindled and never allowed to fade away right up to the day when the Lord brought us together ten years after I first held that dream in my heart.

Secondly, that I would be blessed with children and that I would be around for my children as my mum and dad were when I was a child. That security of having mum and dad always available to me was one of the great blessings of my life and I dreamt of the same thing for my children. Well after the Lord was so very gracious in answering my childhood prayer of being placed together

with the girl of my dreams (my wife Donna), He moved again in His amazing grace to bless both Donna and myself with lives that mean that we are always available to our two beautiful daughters (another dream brought to reality in the grace of God).

Thirdly, I dreamt of a life with Donna and our children in an area of Bournemouth known as Littledown. Now this dream came about in a rather strange way. My secondary school was placed in this leafy suburb and everyday my dad would drop me off at the end of the school's quite long driveway (Donna's secondary school was located right next door to my school - God never allowed us to be too far apart). As I stood at the end of the school driveway, I would look up the road ready to meet my best friend who would arrive at school from the opposite direction. As I would see him cycle down the road and past a small leafy roundabout going past a large public park, I would admire the setting and secretly hope that one day I would live in this area of town. Fast forward just nine years and the Lord once again moved to bless this secret hope of my heart as Donna, myself and first daughter at the time moved into a home in this very area.

These amazing blessings of God did not come about smoothly however. Each one was graciously gifted to me after long and often hard, troubling times that tested my faith. Firstly, as I mentioned earlier, I waited on the Lord for ten years in silent prayer in the hope of being placed with Donna. Those years were long and painful, filled with many heartbreaks and disappointments. When the Lord did answer my prayers, He did so at a time that bemused me no end! At a time when Donna was going through heartbreaking grief at a young age over the death of her mum, and I was not long diagnosed with M.E and a shadow of my former self physically, the Lord moved to answer my prayer. We were both broken and weary, yet the Lord in His supreme wisdom knew this was the moment that a love would be sealed at last. I needed Donna to give me the hope that my life was not a disaster even though prosperity had abandoned me (see, the NASB translators have never known how God works and moves!) and to show me that if she could love me at such a time of utter weakness and dejection, I could know always that she truly loves me. Conversely, Donna saw that even in my weakened state, I would endure anything to see her smile and be at peace. This built a trust that meant she was comfortable being vulnerable with me to the point where we would discuss painful matters at length until she saw her need for a Saviour.

These staggering gifts in the grace of God did not come without trial and hardship however. Being placed with Donna came after 10 years of silent suffering. It came after having my health removed. It came after having my career ambitions have been swept away. Being blessed with children came after great doubts and fears over whether Donna and myself would ever be physically be capable of having and caring for children.

Living in the area I dreamed of came after a period of great worry as we were newly with our first child and our tenancy at our then property was ending. We were exhausted in all capacities as we feared where we would call home with a newborn.

These trials were hard but our delivery through each of them was clearly through the hand of God. We had no part in wonderful outcomes in each instance. I had no say in the timing of when Donna came back into my life. The birth of our first child was a beautiful surprise after months of thought and worry. Our home was found by my late mum, we hadn't seen it advertised even though we were pouring through the property ads. Each deliverance was God's grace being displayed to us so that we might see our faith is based in something real and substantial. It is not held in mere fantasy, but has awesome outpourings in the real world. Yet they came after enduring through hardship and through prayer and supplication to the Lord. Our faith was weak no doubt, yet it was a Christ said, a mustard seed that He did miraculous things with.

I encourage you all to take stock one day and look back on your life. Analyse the great events of your days and see how you were brought through them through no skill or strength of your own. Think on the secret hopes of your life and see how the Lord has blessed these good and godly desires. These are your own appeals from Christ to come and see that He is risen and alive and that He cares for you, just as He did to old doubting Thomas. His appeal is for you to come close to Him and see the wounds He bears you for. His appeal is for you to see with your own life, how He moves to reveal His love to you, each and everyday. Think hard on these things and you will see the grace of Christ interweaving through your life. Then bow your knee in reverence and praise Him as your Risen Lord and Saviour. Then you will be renewed in your faith and made to be courageous of spirit, ready to be a faithful servant of Christ, just as Thomas was taken from doubtful to determined.

By Jonathan Badger

Psalm 101 - A Commentary - Verse 6

After a break from our studies let us resume by picking up Psalm 101 at verse 6.

Mine eyes *shall be* upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me: he that walketh in a perfect way, he shall serve me.

The voice of David bears witness to the voice of Christ also, as the Psalmist reveals the glorious provision made for those who delight in the Lord God. David, as king of Israel, is issuing a clear statement to his subjects, that those who live in a perfect way will be welcomed, embraced and provided for in his kingdom. It is an

idyllic image, one of a peaceful realm with dutiful but joyful servants of the king, happily busying themselves in his work whilst they enjoy his protection and provision.



Those whom David calls to be his loyal servants are instructed to walk in a “perfect way”, yet who can claim to fulfil such a lofty aspiration? Not even the great King David walked in such a manner and yet his heart calls for such friends, such happy servants to dwell with him. Surely this is an empty hope, a vain dream that cannot help but end in disappointment and removal from such a pleasant future spoken of by the Psalmist? Yet it is no empty dream. It’s lifeblood is held in the voice of the One moving the words of David, for David but foreshadows the King of Kings Jesus Christ who will sit on the very same throne in days to come. The Root of David speaks in this declaration and does so with great certainty of hope that this is no pleasant fiction, but a reality open to all who would hear the invitation. It is a certain hope because the invitation to dwell in this land of Christ is sealed in His perfect blood, His perfect way from the Cross, through the empty tomb and ascending to glory everlasting in heaven itself. This is the perfect way of which David speaks. It is not the steps of the one walking the path that are perfect. No, we stumble and trip on our fallen nature, yet the way is true and right, perfect in it’s design and direction. Those who walk on this way are in the light of Christ; that narrow ray of light that cuts through the darkness of the world and brings certain hope of an expected end (Jeremiah 29:11). This then is how David could speak so loftily but so assuredly, that even a sinner such as he could declare with the very power of God, that he could serve his King, Christ Jesus. This determination to walk in the Way (an early name for believers in Christ no less) that is Christ Jesus, is the witness to the heart of David and indeed every believer in Christ Jesus, that He looks upon us and knows us. He knows our needs, our faults, our frailties, our wounds, our hopes, our dreams, our fears and He looks upon us as a loving Father, seeking to gather all His own to Him and care for them always. This is the very definition of to *dwell*. It is not limited to a temporary ‘staying with someone’, it is a permanence of living that God is inviting us all to come to and enjoy. It is a declaration that we shall never be separated from Him and we will hang upon His every word and indeed His very presence. We shall be enraptured by being in the presence of the Lord God.

All this joyful vision can only transpire though through the provision of the Only Begotten Son of the Father, Jesus Christ. It is that perfect way of which we spoke prior, that enables the Father to look upon we wretches of sin and see only the perfection of His Beloved Son Jesus Christ. Thus we brought into the family of God, made sons and daughters of God, invited to share the inheritance of His Firstborn, Christ Jesus.

The words of David were spoken in an era of power, prosperity and peace for the nation of Israel. David’s words are the bold words of a godly King unto his people to join him in serving God. Yet this was all just a foreshadowing of a greater king, the Lord Jesus. He who will reign with all power and glory from the throne of David, thus fulfilling the prophetic words of this psalm of praise. In His grace He gives the same declaration as David, yet His reign shall never close. Those who heed His call will never be cut adrift from their King. He shall dwell with them eternally, and we shall walk in His perfection forevermore, having been cleansed and glorified by His precious blood. Thus we shall serve Him, not with sweat of the brow and a heavy heart, but with lightness of body and song of heart being caught up forevermore in His glory and love. Amen.

By Jonathan Badger

One Nation Under God?

There was a recent news article on a man who lived his life as though the world was still in the 1950’s. His home was kitted out in complete 1950’s décor, his appliances were from the 1950’s, his car was from the 1950’s, in short his world was dedicated to this era. He explained his life choice being a decision that brings him security, peace, simplicity, moral decency and contentedness. He argued that the modern world is too frantic, insecure and violent, whilst the 1950’s was an era before western society unravelled and thus posed a reassuring alternate reality. Considering this man’s thought processes on his world he has created, it can be understood why he lives in such a manner. That by-gone world in many ways was a high point in western society. It’s many benefits of living were seen most evidently across the pond in America.

America in the 1950’s was a land experiencing immense prosperity. Fresh off the back of victory in World War II, the nation was now at the summit of world power and was replacing Great Britain as the world’s super power.

Households experienced an unparalleled surge in wealth, as regular families were able to purchase not long before unaffordable luxury items such as fridges, hoovers, tv’s, cars etc. Even children had a new delight that the ad-men of Madison Avenue came to exploit heavily in 1950’s America, disposable income! A new

category was invented between childhood and adult called 'teenagers', as these young lives were in a position to have their own small amount of money to buy comics, records, clothes, sweet treats etc, etc.

This 'golden era' of America was mirrored on the silver screen, as Hollywood produced some of it's greatest epics. Bright, bold musicals littered the screens, whilst Biblical epics were commonplace in the movie theatres across the nation. This era of cinema is still heralded today as the last great hoorah of Hollywood before it became bleak and violent from the 1960's and onwards.

The home was a treasured unit in this era. Men were allowed to be masculine and women were allowed to be feminine. The 'nuclear family' (mum looking after the home, dad providing for the home) was the norm in society and children were brought up knowing who held authority in the home and thus had security and consistency in their lives.

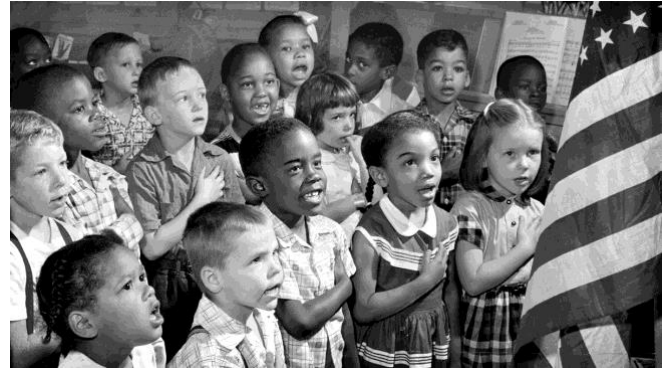
Having reminded ourselves of this era of American history which would not long later be referred to as the 'Happy Days' (hence the still popular American sitcom), let's ponder as to why this era was so treasured and indeed blessed by God.

To answer this question I submit that we're are given an interesting glimpse in a simple statement proclaimed by American schoolchildren in this era. The 'Pledge of Allegiance' is given by each American school child. It is believed this pledge began back in 1906, with the publication of the magazine *The American Monthly* (produced by the Daughters of American Revolution group), which contained the following pledge:

I pledge allegiance to my flag, and the republic for which it stands. I pledge my head and my heart to God and my country. One country, one language and one flag.

Did you notice that? The centre point of the pledge is to God then their country. The desire was that each citizen of America would place themselves under the leadership of God and serve Him and serve their nation. This pledge drew widespread adoption and Congress officially recognised the pledge on June 22 1942. Interestingly any mention of God in this first official pledge was removed. However under the leadership of an attorney from Illinois (also had been a chaplain) named Louis Albert Bowman, the words 'under God' were added to the pledge, thus making the pledge known today which goes as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.



This pledge of allegiance was in widespread usage across America from 1951 but it wasn't until 1954 that it was recognised by Congress and made official.

This pledge of American citizens declared to all that their nation was **under God**, that He ruled and that He was what united them. However this fundamental principle of one nation under God has been jettisoned in all reality by the United States in the past 20 years. Barack Obama proudly declared on many occasions during his two terms of office as President of the United States, that America was no longer a 'Christian country', but was instead a 'Muslim country. A Jewish country. A Buddhist country. A Hindu country'. Powerful forces were at work to slowly and deliberately erode God from American Society to such an extent now that Bible believing Christians are being labelled as 'extremists' by American media. This is from a nation that just 20 years ago used the same terminology in referring to Osama Bin Laden and his murderous jihadists the Taliban!

American society is so divided now that many political commentators fear civil war. Bill Maher, an American current events talk show host, a man who is far from kind to Christians and traditional Judaeo-Christian values, recently broadcast a piece highlighting how violent daily life is becoming in America. He spoke accurately on how the divisions between supporters of the Democrat party and the Republican Party have got so severe that violence between the two parties and it's supporters is becoming the norm. He lamented how 40% of each party supporters are in favour of splitting the nation between the two parties. This would mean for example, that Texas could be Republican but Nevada could be Democrat, each with different rules of law. This chaotic jumble would be echoed the nation over.

America is arriving at this point because it abandon the heartfelt pledge to God that they would be one nation under His rule. Though the pledge is still made, it's declaration is worthless as the nation happily backs acts that the Lord's Word reveal His finds abhorrent (such as abortion, transgenderism, homosexuality etc). America is removing God systemically and wondering why it's social fabric is disintegrating.

Many wise souls have commented that for a One World Government to be established, America must be

brought down from it's position as the last global superpower. The American dollar has to be taken down from it's position as the world's most powerful currency so that a new singular political and economic system headed up by the Anti-Christ can be established. What do you see unfolding in America but President Biden burdening the country with unprecedented levels of national debt, whilst illegal immigration is rampant and societal law is descending into anarchy (just look into what happened in Seattle recently!).

What happens in America soon traverses the Atlantic and finds it's way to Britain and Europe. What do you see when you turn on the news? Political unrest with riots and demonstrations everywhere; governments toppling in a matter of months; wars and rumours of wars; food shortages; energy shortages, the list goes on and on. The world is reaping what it sowed in cutting God out. It did not heed the warnings given from the miserable collapse of the God hating Communist regime of the Soviet Union. Instead it embraced the same Bible defying ideology that destroyed the lives of untold millions over generations.

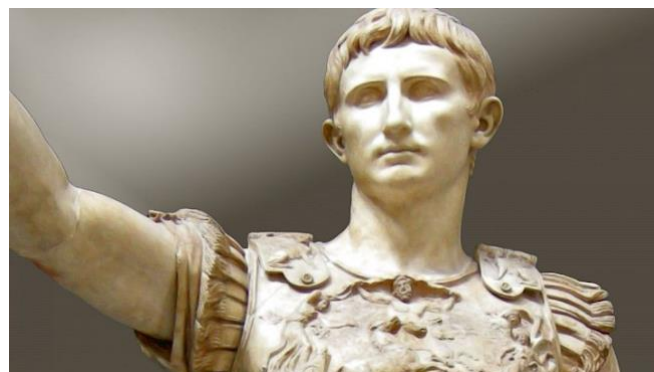
Everything is gathering pace for the rise of the Anti-Christ and the stage is being set for a world gripped by fear and violence. What history witnessed in the blood filled terrors of the French Revolution, the Russian Revolution and the rise of the Nazi's, will not be contained to just one nation this time. This time the whole world will be locked in desperation and will eagerly lift up one who claims to have the unique ability to bring peace in our time. So be watchful Christian soldier and be alert for Our Master is imminent in His return. Be joyful in His service knowing that when He does return, you shall be ready to receive Him. This will be your peace as the world descends into chaos. This is your Ark of sanctuary, the grace of Jesus Christ, the One who shall overcome all evil and reign forevermore in all power, glory and peace. Amen.

By Jonathan Badger

Can a leopard change it's spots?

Papal Rome, what exists today, rose from the ash heap of Pagan Rome. The great superpower of the ancient world, prophesied of by Daniel in his interpretation of Nesbaccanezer's dream of the great statue smashed to pieces by the rock hewn out of a mountain without hands. That ancient empire was filled with violence, idolatry and blasphemy and so it is unsurprising in many ways that Our Lord entered this world at what was arguably the height of it's power under the rule of Caesar Augustus (seen below).

Augustus was the Emperor who oversaw the beginning of what is considered by historians to be the golden age, the Pax Romana (meaning *Roman Peace*), of the



Roman Empire. This two hundred year period was a time of unrivalled power and prosperity for the empire, yet despite the title of Pax Romana, or Roman Peace, it was still a time of war and revolt. What Rome deemed to be *peace*, was nothing resembling peace, it was merely the weight of it's boot on the neck of conquered peoples. This imposter of peace found it's apt namesake in Augustus himself, for Augustus means *exalted one*. So we have in Rome's highest achievements a time of one who deified himself and oversaw an oppression of the ancient world under the guise of 'peace'.

Our Lord Jesus, entered this world of counterfeit claims to His own authority and glory, as the exposor of all the vain claims of Rome. His lowly birth and poverty filled life living in the backstreets of what was considered to the backend of the Roman Empire in Israel; stood in complete contrast to the violent, boastful, whoring and idolatrous nature of Pagan Rome. This was the world of the First Advent of Christ. Will it be any different for the Second Advent?

Caesar Augustus sat on the throne of Rome and claimed to be a living god. His rule was absolute. He oppressed the world from the city on seven hills (the only city in the world identified as such - Book of Revelation's identifying of the site of Mystery Babylon). His blasphemous claim to be a living god was upheld by subsequent Emperors, all whom continued his legacy of the blood filled oppression of nations.

A mere century later, Rome found itself bearing another glimpse of it's End Times role as news of the near death of Emperor Marcus Aurelius, who was in Germanica at the time, circulated throughout the empire. His wife, Empress Faustina, seeking to cling to power knowing the murderous change of power that often accompanied the death of a Caesar, travelled to Egypt scheming a continuance of her family's power. She met with Avidius Cassius, the second most powerful man in the Roman Empire, who was then Governor of Egypt. Cassius had been placed in this prestigious role as Egypt was considered the personal estate of the Caesars. Interesting how the land consistently referred to in Holy Scripture as a picture for the fallen world, is held as the personal property of the Emperor of Rome.

Faustina proceeded to give herself physically to Cassius on the understanding that he would make a claim to be

the new Emperor of Rome and thus she would have secured her and her family's future. Cassius raised several legions and took lands in Egypt, Judea and Syria. All seemed to be progressing well until news came that Emperor Marcus Aurelius was not dead but had instead recovered from his perilous condition. So Emperor Aurelius had Cassius, his rival, murdered in his palace whilst Faustina took her own life through ingesting poison. This was the blood filled, adulterous, power hungry nature of Rome. An empire founded on violence and whoredom, with these traits repeated throughout the centuries of the Caesars.

From the politically deceiving nature of Emperor Constantine onwards (do not be misled by mainstream history books, Constantine was **no** Christian), the emerging Papal Rome did not leave behind the bloody and whoring nature of its pagan roots. Instead it continued its violent acts against the true Church of Christ through mass murder of groups such as the Waldenses, the Huguenots and the Albigenses, just to name a few. Furthermore, millions of innocent people were tortured and killed in unimaginable ways thanks to the horrific Inquisition led by the fanatical Jesuit organisation under the blessing of various Popes.

As if this were not enough, a succession of Popes continued the whoring nature of Empress Faustina, by selling itself to various monarchs (such as Charlemagne and Louis XIV) throughout the centuries in return for assurances of continued power and security. Papal Rome would turn a blind eye to the atrocities committed by such power drunk men and not only that but would actively encourage such megalomaniacs to further the cause of persecuting the true Church through massacres such as the St Bartholomew's Day massacre of 1572.

Can a leopard change its spots? Well, no it can't. From a military empire whose banner holders would often array themselves in leopard skins when going into battle or military procession, we see the same beast emerging as the fourth creature interpreted by Daniel from Belshazzar's dream in Daniel chapter 7. This beast is violent, brutal with "dominion" given to it (verse 6). Its teeth of iron and devouring nature mimic that of the Devil himself, the one who goes about as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour (1 Peter 5:8 - interestingly another animal whose skins would be worn by a Roman banner bearers). No other empire matches this description given by Daniel so accurately as does the Roman Empire. Its violent and crushing nature has existed for millennia, morphing from Pagan Rome to Papal Rome. This is why Daniel speaks of this fourth beast as "diverse from all the beasts that were before it". Its terrible nature and dominion is awful and mighty, stretching through time to our very day in a manner that no other world empire has ever duplicated or rivalled.

This fourth beast of Belshazzar's dream is Rome, a terrifying and rampaging beast that has oppressed the

world for millennia, first under the weight of the Caesar's and then continued under the weight of the Popes. Yet be of good and hopeful spirits Christian friend, for as Daniel speaks in Daniel 7:9, this same terrible beast and its throne shall be "cast down", by the Ancient of days, Jesus Christ, whose words of fire shall destroy this beast that is Rome and its dominion shall be taken away (verse 12). Then He, the Lord Jesus, the Ancient of days shall reign with fullness of power and glory, and His dominion shall be an everlasting dominion (verse 14).

A closing thought that may spike the interest of literary buffs, having looked at the whoring nature of Empress Faustina, a woman whose actions were oft repeated throughout Roman existence: consider the name of the fictional character created by Christopher Marlowe, namely Dr Faustus. A similar sounding name isn't it. This man made a deal with the devil, Mephistopheles, for power, wealth and prestige only to be inevitably consumed by fiery judgement and damnation. Could it be that Rome is in a similar pact and will one day suffer the same fate? To know this, study your Bible, research history thoroughly, going beyond the biased mainstream recordings and test all things by the Word of God. His Word instructs us that "by their fruits, ye shall know them". The fruits of Rome have long been rotten and visibly so. Don't take my word for it, study and see it for yourself.

By Jonathan Badger

Israel Leads The Charge

Sadly this title is not given in any good sense, it is given under the troubling news that a bill is being submitted to the Israeli government, calling for the banning of the sharing of the Gospel. The bill proposed by two ultra Orthodox Rabbi's is calling for a national ban on anyone sharing the Gospel, whether this be in person, online or by any other means. The bill is submitting that the punishment for a breach of this proposed law be one year in prison, or two years if the Gospel has been shared with anyone under the age of 18.

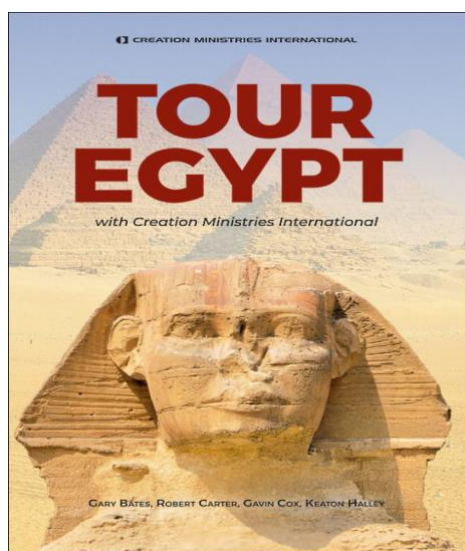
In 1999, a similar bill was proposed but did not gain any traction and mercifully fell by the wayside. Now however, the group submitting the bill, United Torah Judaism, is in a much stronger position politically and is attempting to push Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu into conceding ground on this concerning issue. They are hopeful that they can capitalise on the fragility of the current coalition government which has recently seen widespread protests against its policies. Although Prime Minister Netanyahu has been a friend to the Christian community in Israel throughout his terms of office, this growing pressure from Christian hating groups within Israel could prove very problematic to his tenure.

If this proposed bill goes ahead in any capacity, Israel would likely face enormous pushback from the 60 million Evangelical Christians in America and 600 million Evangelical Christians world wide. It must be remembered that no group has supported the re-establishment of Israel as a nation more so than Evangelical Christians.

Whilst the passing of this bill as law in Israel is unlikely at this point, the call for such a bill is increasing in volume and frequency. Pray the Lord holds back such awful bills and that He will be merciful unto His own. Yet be fully aware that one day it could very well come to pass that such a bill will become law and that it will visit these very shores. So pray fervently for the strength of faith to stand boldly against such emerging darkness, for as the saying goes, all that evil needs to succeed, is for good men to stand by and say nothing.

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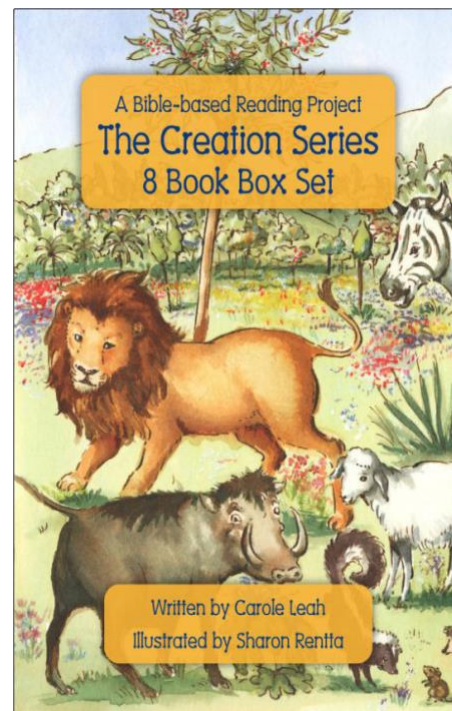


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