

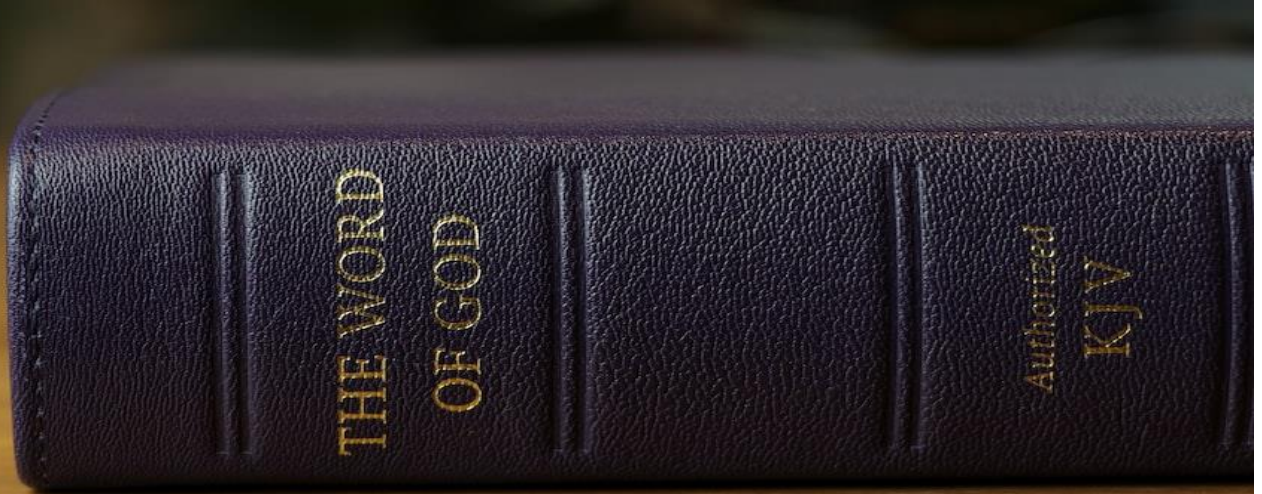
A scenic photograph of a dirt road lined with trees displaying vibrant autumn foliage in shades of orange, yellow, and red. A wooden fence runs along both sides of the road, which is covered in fallen leaves. The scene is captured from a low angle, looking down the road towards a vanishing point.

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Welcome

By the grace of God we bid goodbye to another summer and we bear witness to the promise of God unto Noah that as long as the Earth remains, the seasons shall not alter or falter. In the fulfilment of this promise we see in many ways the most striking and beautiful of changes in the natural world as the shimmering colours of Summer fall away into

the crisp auburns, reds and oranges of Autumn. Though the colours are deeper in their shade, the beauty of the palette used by Our Creator is no less spectacular and still offers a wonderful window into the artistry of God's glory and majesty.

As we see this autumnal shift to our world, we would do well to remind ourselves that all the beauty of Creation we bear witness to is upheld by the power of His Word. Far from the pantheistic, New Age teachings of modern climate/environmental activists, it is the sheer might and purity of God's ordained Word that keeps all of Creation in order.

At this point I would like you to turn back to the cover of this month's issue and look again at the layout of the pictures on the front. The beautiful autumnal scene set before us rests upon the Word of God. This simple visual witness is a clear testimony of the grace of God in that this achingly beautiful Creation we so often take for granted, is maintained by the very power of His Word. On this consideration now think on how often this universe shaping and upholding truth we dismiss and/or neglect in our daily walk with God. Consider how diligently we may seek to recycle, use less energy, drive less all to do our bit for our planet, yet how easily and cheaply we give up the purity of our world's very foundation, this being the Word of God!

The world has turned it's back on this clear Scriptural teaching and yet it seems surprised that after removing this foundation stone, nature itself is being used as a vehicle of God's judgement towards unrepentant mankind. As with all topics of debate, whether it be climate change, LGBT rights, abortion etc, etc, the war must be waged at a foundational level by bringing all things back to the Word of God and by highlighting how all Creation belongs to Him. Then speak of how though all belongs to Him, He is so very good that He desires to share His Creation with mankind so that we might come to know Him all the greater through the awe and reverence of His power in the feats of His creating all things. Such a methodology of conversation with non-believers is Biblical wisdom, for we read in 1 Kings 4 that Solomon was renowned throughout all the world for his unsurpassed wisdom and that

wisdom was often shown in how he spoke on God's Creation.

You see there is a reason why Satan would have you not believe the Genesis account of Creation for it reveals the power and glory of God with such simplicity but majesty also, that the reader cannot help but be moved to awe of such a mighty God. This awe and reverence, a humble fear of the Almighty God is the beginning of wisdom itself, and this beginning when chased after leads all the way to one who fashioned the heavens and the Earth Himself, Christ Jesus. Then as we gaze upon the might of His work of Creation we follow His work further still to the work of His atonement for the sins of mankind. Here we see the love He holds for the lost sinner in fullness of emotion and purity of offering, so much so that the chains of death itself are broken at last through the shedding of His precious blood. Then as the tears fall over the death of One so righteous and merciful as Christ Jesus, One so loving that He would bear your sins and mine though sinless Himself, so that we might be presented spotless of sin before the Father; we gaze upon the empty tomb. We bear witness to life eternal secured in the resurrection of Christ Jesus, and how through faith in Him we might also partake in the resurrection of His beloved and be taken home to glory everlasting.

There is a great deal of beauty missed by so many when the true foundation of the natural world is dismissed. I recall how I asked my future wife what she saw as she looked out over a river as we walked. "I see trees. A duck." Her response was predictable and devoid of awe and beauty. "Do you know what I see?" I responded. "I see a wondrous Creation brought into existence by the Word of God. I see a world full of colour and life that reflects His own power and beauty and His love for us in giving us such a world in which to live." One response was lifeless and flat, another was rich and loved. By the grace of God a few months later my now wife came to Christ and saw for herself the true foundation of all Creation, Jesus Christ, The Word.

Opening Prayer

Dear Lord and Heavenly Father, guide us to see how all of Creation is upheld by the might of thy Word. Move our hearts to unceasing awe so that we might kneel in all reverence before thy thrice holy throne. Dear Lord, lift us up we pray so that in our humble adoration of thee, thou would reach down unto us in our pitiful state and take us gently in your loving kindness so that we can see how gracious thou art unto all repentant sinners. Show us Lord how thy power is not at odds with your tender mercy but how the might in thy right hand is revealed through the gracious act of atonement of sin fully manifest by thy Only Begotten Son Jesus Christ on the Cross of Calvary.

Bring us close to thee we pray Lord through the ministry of the Holy Ghost so we can rest easy knowing that we are brought to peace everlasting through thy grace alone. Bring the joy of the gospel to our very souls so that we might rest in the finished work of Christ. Then we shall be at peace knowing that all things move according to thy perfect will and that we shall live forevermore in peace and glory because He lives. This we ask in Jesus name. Amen.

A Subtle Indoctrination

Cinema is a powerful force. The motion picture medium has long been utilised by dictatorships to peddle propaganda to the populace as a mass market means of brainwashing. The Nazi commander Joseph Goebbels directly led the propaganda department of the Nazi Regime and used cinema as his primary means of moulding the minds of Germans to accept Nazi ideology. What is striking though is that when one of his Nazi promoting movies is viewed it is not anything like one would expect. The natural thought would be that swastikas would be waving, rousing speeches bellowed out with unearthly gusto, triumphant battle scenes etc etc. Yet Goebbels was far more subtle in his movements than to use such sledgehammer style methods of indoctrination. Instead his movies would seem completely unremarkable in their ideological stance, so little spoke of Nazism that if one was not alert to it's evil subterfuge, it would be alarmingly easy to be

swept up in its hidden, brainwashing message of fascism.

After the defeat of Germany in WW2, many of those who worked in Goebbels sizeable movie production sphere moved to Hollywood, assumed American sounding names and became scriptwriters for major Hollywood studios. These writers political leanings and personal ideologies still anchored in Nazism found an open avenue through which they were able to continue their God defying work.

However Satan is subtle and slow in his movements so as not to draw attention to his work and so the changes were small but deliberate within western cinema. First came the anti-authority/anti-parent movies of the early 1950's spearheaded by stars such as James Dean and Marlon Brando. In much heralded movies as *The Wild One* and *A Rebel Without A Cause*, America was told that it was a legitimate thing to rebel against anyone in positions of authority, whether that be the police or parents. Timed exquisitely with the explosion of rock and roll music, the youth of Western society was given license to defy the commands of God in honouring of the father and mother (Exodus 20) and living in accordance with societal law (as long as this does not contravene the law of God).

The use of cinema to undermine the commands and precepts of God continued with ever increasing pace but all with a similar subtlety that only the spiritually alert could discern its cancerous spread. Yet now the commands and precepts of God have been so expertly eroded by the attacks of Satan that he does not need to be so subtle in his assaults on the Word of God. He is now making open statements through movie makers, that aggressively challenge the very authority of what God has said to be good and holy.

Take for instance the latest Jurassic World movie, *Jurassic World Dominion*. The title itself makes a clear as day challenge to what God has ordained to be the natural order of the world. This title is making a bold statement that dominion, or control, of this world does not belong to man as ordained by God (Psalm 8:6) but instead to nature. It is

the classic attack of Satan to subvert the clear commands of God by flipping on its head what God has decreed to be good.

The attacks against God continue in this movie. One line spoken by the 'Chaos Theory expert' Dr Ian Malcolm (a character given a sort of seer/guru status amongst the franchise) declares, "In order to instigate revolutionary change, we must transform human consciousness". Most listeners of this declaration will accept and later regurgitate this New Age mantra without thinking as their eyes are feasting on the amazing special affects, action and spectacle on screen. What they have just ingested is a terrifying message that has been promoted for decades by Eastern mystics, New Agers and Occultists. This message being that for man and nature to 'co-exist peacefully' and for man kind to progress we must strive after a higher, deeper level of spirituality that unites all beings into one great mystic force. This is the goal of Hinduism, Buddhism, Taoism and all other eastern mystic religions, all of which share and embrace deeply Occultic practices that celebrate nothing less than Satan himself.



However the defying of God's ordination of who holds dominion over the natural world continues within this movie as the pantheistic character of Dr Ian Malcolm provides another assault against the Word of God. Elsewhere in the movie he states with breathless insight, "We not only lack dominion over nature, we are subordinate to it." Well the scriptwriters clearly have an anti-scriptural message to relay here as this goes completely against what God has to say on the matter. Turn to Genesis 1:26 and you will read God's decree that man will, "have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the

earth.” God could be no clearer as to who holds dominion over the natural world, as He sets out His ordained order within the very first chapter of His revealed Word!

Tragically though this movie is far from being an isolated assault on the commands and precepts of God’s Word. Hollywood is rife with material that is expertly crafted by those at the whim of Satan, whether they are aware of it or not. Material that is designed to plant ideas in the mind of mankind that makes us question the authority of God’s Word. This should not surprise anyone as this has been Satan’s primary weapon against humanity since the Garden of Eden when he first lead Eve to doubt what God had said and then to rebel against His authority.

However these deliberate assaults against God and His Word are not confined to Hollywood. Just this past month, the massively popular children’s show Peppa Pig welcomed it’s first same-sex marriage. This show is aimed at pre-schoolers! This inclusion of a same-sex couple was determined following a petition of just over 20,000 people demanded ‘representation’ for LGBT people. Now to put that in context the Peppa Pig YouTube channel alone receives 130 million views a week! It is broadcast in 180 countries to hundreds of millions of children and yet a mere 20,000 signatures is apparently enough to force through a sinister agenda such as LGBT rights in a toddlers TV show.

Those who once laughed at alert Christians who cried out against these subtle God defying messages being promoted within film and television are now living in a world where Satan no longer needs to be subtle in his movements. This should be an extremely sobering thought to all believers everywhere that we have been asleep spiritually when we should have been on guard against such subtle attacks. Many have allowed this evil to penetrate daily life simply because they have neglected their Bible or are using a modern translation (which all omit key passages to believers so as to dull their alertness to evil) so that they don’t even recognise the enemy even when they are staring it in the face!

Having studied film history in university I am very aware of the subtle techniques filmmakers and script writers use to convey their messages without drawing attention. I can also tell you now that whilst I have been alert to these crafty tactics for some time, the awareness of these evil methods has increased dramatically the more I have studied the Scriptures. By studying the Word of God our hearts are brought ever more in line with God’s own and the guiding voice of the Holy Ghost becomes ever clearer so that we are able to discern what is of God and what is not. I implore you to put down the TV remote and pick up your Bibles so that you too might be “stirred up in the faith” (2 Timothy 1:6) and see the wickedness of the world against the goodness of God all the clearer.

By Jonathan Badger

Faithful In Life And Death – Part 2

We shall now continue on our blessed journey as we in remembrance thank God for those faithful souls who endured as seeing Him who is invisible.

1) Constantia Bellone.

Constantia was a Catholic but because she refused to go to Mass, a priest ordered slices of flesh to be cut from her body. Finally she was shot. As they raised their muskets she said, 'I was brought up in a religion by which I was taught to renounce the devil, but should I comply with your desire and go to Mass, I should be sure to meet him there in a variety of shapes. What horrid and lasting torments will you suffer in hell for the trifling and temporary pains which I now endure.'

2) Calconis.

He died a martyr in 108A.D. He had been a pagan but witnessing the martyrdom of two believers and their patience while suffering he cried out, 'Great is the God of the Christians.' He was executed instantly.

3) Christopher Chober.

As stepped on the scaffold he said, 'I come in the name of God to die for his glory. I have fought a good fight and finished my course, so executioner, do your office.'

4) Epipodius.

A believer in the Early Church. He was beaten, placed on the rack where his flesh was torn with hooks, then he was beheaded. As he died he said, 'The frame of man being composed of two parts, a body and soul, the first perishable should be brought into subjection to the latter. Your pleasures lead to eternal death, our pain to eternal pleasures.'

5) Fye.

Burnt in 1549. He was told by the monks to take the sacrament, his answer was, 'For your bread and wine I do not hunger. Food is prepared for me in heaven.' As he burned he said, 'Lord receive thy servant.'



6) Francia Gamba.

Burnt in 1554. He was presented with a wooden cross by a monk, this he rejected saying, 'My mind is so full of the real merits of Christ as I die that I want not a piece of senseless stick to put me in mind of Him.'

7) Catelin Girard.

A Waldensian martyr who was burned at the stake. As he was prepared for death, he asked for a stone. When given him he said, 'When it is in the power of man to eat and digest this stone the religion for which I am about to suffer shall have an end.'

8) Thomas Hank.

Burnt for resisting the teachings of Rome. When asked by the Bishop what he thought of confession, he replied, 'I say it is abominable and detestable, yea a blasphemy against God and His Son Jesus Christ, to call upon any, to trust any, pray to any, save only Jesus.'

Dear friends in Christ, how can anyone read these histories and thousands more without

realising that Rome Pagan and Papal are enemy of Christ. Why do you preachers think she preaches the Gospel? For a little while then we draw the curtain, but we trust to open it yet again on other of the most noble of the Masters Servants.

By Dr David Badger

A Shaman Embracing Pope

On a recent visit to Quebec, Canada, Pope Francis and several Cardinals attended a prayer meeting with a Native Indian Chief who performed a pagan prayer ceremony for all the gathered dignitaries.

The Chief in question spoke in his native tongue and led all who were gathered in an Occultic ceremony that called on the spirits of deceased family members, spirits of nature using mystic incantations. Those in attendance who might have been completely unaware of what was being conducted in front of them were helpfully given a moment by moment translation so that they could fully interact with the prayer ceremony.

As the Indian Chief went further and further into Occultic methods of 'worship and prayer', he invited all in attendance to place their hands on their hearts so that they might also partake personally of the satanic practices that were being orchestrated before them. At this point Pope Francis duly obliged along with his supporting act of Cardinals who all dutifully followed suit by placing their hands on their hearts.

Now Pope Francis is no ignorant man, he will be fully aware of the dark and occultic nature of this prayer ceremony of which he attended and his happy consent to become part of this wicked ceremony provides anyone who would see and hear a clear warning as to what Catholicism is truly and it's long held sinister goals.

Catholicism has a long history of adopting pagan, Occultic practices into it's framework (the Mass for example is a pagan practice with no Scriptural support). Catholicism, since it's inception from the ash-heap of pagan Rome under Origen, Augustine, Eusebius, Constantine and Jerome, has long desired to

be the political headquarters of 'Christendom' (a non-Scriptural term) and ensure by any means necessary to bring all branches of 'faith' under it's leadership and control.

Pagan Rome achieved and maintained it's vast and sprawling empire by conquering regions and peoples and then assimilating these peoples religions and religious practices into their own pantheon of gods. It was a method of cultural appeasement they adopted from Alexander the Great who in turn adopted it from the Babylonians. This highly effective method of conquering and assimilation of practices did not die with fall of Pagan Rome, it just morphed into Papal Rome. Papal Rome ensured it's expansion by cultural assimilation (nations could keep their pagan, Occultic practices just change the names of the gods in question to 'Christianised' versions such as the Virgin Mary, the huge variety of Saints etc, etc). If this method failed then no matter, the sword would seal the deal as it did at Bangor, Wales when Bishop Augustine had the defiant leaders of Ancient Briton (who refused to bow down to Papal 'authority') brutally murdered en mass after being tricked into what was sold as a peaceful meeting at Bangor.



Pope Francis receiving blessing from pagan Native Indian leader

Today we see no variation of ploy. Rome desires ultimate power and control, a dream held since Emperor Constantine and so is quite happy to share in whatever pagan practices are necessary to have that 'faith' on board in following it's leadership.

Pope Francis is a man of consistency, the best compliment I can give him as he is simply continuing a Papal policy that has

been in place in centuries. He is doing his part in leading humanity on to a new level of 'human consciousness' (an Occultic goal now being peddled by Hollywood as discussed in the previous article *A Subtle Indoctrination*) so that all the worlds religions may unite under a great mystic pantheism that embraces the 'indomitable spirit of man' (the spirit of Babel never died) ready for the rise of the AntiChrist.

To all those who are keen on prophecy and the study of the End Times (with how many YouTube videos are made concerning this topic it is a widely followed topic), I advise you to keep a close eye on what is taking place within the Vatican. Therein lies Mystery Babylon, a view held by the greats of the faith for centuries. Heed their warnings and consider this well, and ask yourself why so many today miss what was commonly believed amongst Christians since the Early Church, that Papal Rome is Mystery Babylon and the woman that rides the Beast. Could it be that this is missed today because modern Bible translations have conveniently had the passages that speak of these matters, altered, doctored or even removed? Consider how supposed 'translation errors and ambiguities' are being used expertly to bring disagreeing groups of Christians into alignment with Popish doctrine. Investigate these things and hold fast the form of sound words (2 Timothy 1), for the sound words of warning that are held within the A.V/KJV Bible point the way as to what lies ahead for all humanity.

By Jonathan Badger

The Heavens Declare the Glory of God

Psalm 19:1 contains this marvellous observation by David that the very heavens that we observe each night, are a monument to the power of Almighty God. In our busy towns and cities, this observation made in all awe and reverence of God, does not seem to reflect what we witness in our night sky. Yet if you were to travel out into the countryside one night, far from the light pollution of urban surroundings, you would see a sea of shimmering stars that still illuminate the night

sky as they did in the time of King David (circa 1000B.C).

The unpolluted night sky does give a clearer image as to the awesome power and glory of God and yet what we know today through modern astronomy reveals another level of truth that David would not have known by just the naked eye.

There are over 2 million galaxies in the visible universe. Astronomers believe that the number of galaxies contained within the universe could exceed 100 billion! Now each galaxy contains multitudes of stars so considering that there could easily be 100 billion galaxies in the universe, the number of stars contained within these galaxies could be as many as 200,000 million x 100,000 million. Written as a number this looks like 20,000,000,000,000,000,000!

If a computer were to observe each star individually at the rate of 3 million stars a second (a staggering thought in itself!), it would take the computer 211 million years to observe them all! That is the scale of the universe and yet God swallows this up in His eternal presence and glory! This is how Almighty the LORD God is!

Now consider how we are told in Psalm 147:4, that He knows all the stars and not only this He knows them each individually by name! When our mortal mind melts down over the sheer scale of numbers put before us regarding the size of the universe and numbers of stars within it, God is able to know each star as a known individual entity! Such a thought should move us to utter humility and reverence before the LORD God and make us tremble before His thrice holy throne. Yet what do we see in many churches and many Christians today, a complete lack of humble reverence of believing in such a powerful God. Instead many are fixated on the gentle, personable aspect of the Lord. This in itself is not wrong but it is dangerous to know God only in this limited capacity. Human nature dictates that familiarity breeds contempt, we have a remarkable ability to take things for granted and so we tarnish and neglect even the most beautiful of gifts given freely unto us. By knowing God solely and exclusively as a gentle and meek God, we

are prone to become dismissive of Him and use Him as a 'cosmic butler' who will come running to us whenever we bid regardless of how we invest ourselves in Him and our urgency of faith in Him. It is a fast track to placing ourselves above God, a sin after the nature of Satan himself.



We are to study all aspects of God and see how Creation reveals the scale and scope of His power and glory. There is much wisdom to be gained therein as the great minds of science such as Newton, Pasteur, Kepler, Faraday etc all began their studies and investigations on this foundation stone. The wisdom of Solomon was revealed to the world when he spoke on matters of God's Creation (2 Kings 4), and this wisdom was established on a fear or reverence of God, the beginning of wisdom.

Thus with this reverential starting point, we begin to know our LORD as He would have us know Him, in His fullness. Remember now that we are made in His image and likeness. If our partner/spouse only loved us for one quality and did not care to find out more about us and what else we could offer, we could rightly assume that they were not genuinely interested in knowing us deeper to the end of loving us, they would merely be using us to attain their personal desires/goals.

God desires that we learn of Him in fullness because He alone contains all that is good. When we begin to understand this then we are moved to a spirit of awe and worship before Him. Then in His grace and goodness He condescends, He reaches down to us to lift us up to come closer to Him so that we might see His care and love for each of us. We are moved from reverential fear to undying love when we see for ourselves that

yes He knows all the countless stars by name, but He did not give His only begotten Son for them. He gave His Son Christ Jesus for you and me. He gave freely so that you might be able to come to Him and know Him in all His glorious goodness, in all His power and glory and all His gracious, tender mercy. He would have us know Him in the fullness of communion that He has known for all eternity within the divine Godhead. This is where we are honoured and blessed above the very angels, who look on on the works of God's grace given through the Gospel with adoring wonder.

Friends do not settle for a church that does not teach you to know God in such a full and wondrous manner. Do not settle to know God in such a flat and two-dimensional way. He would have you enjoy Him and know Him all the more for His own words to you are that He brings life more abundantly (John 10:10). Search out that abundance that He desires you to have, search out for good and Godly men who are faithfully preaching and teaching His Word. The Lord is rich in mercy (Lamentations 3:15) and He continues to provide His Word through such men so do not settle for an easy, convenient worship, instead search for a gathering that feeds your very soul and moves you to seek after the one your soul loves (Song of Solomon 3:2). Ask of Him this and it shall be given to you (Matthew 7:7) and then be strong in the faith sealed up by the blood of the saints and delivered unto you by the grace of God so that you act upon this gift and grow from faith to faith (Romans 1:17). If you cannot find it round about you then establish it yourselves, for the Lord will be with you and bless you so that His Word shall never go out in vain (Isaiah 55:11). Amen.

By Jonathan Badger

From The Mundane To The Marvellous

On reading a short series of sermons by A.W Tozer on the Holy Ghost, I came across a petition and assurance that seemed wonderful but beyond reach. Tozer pleaded with the reader to cultivate and develop an ever deepening relationship with the Holy

Ghost, for He is a person and all personal relationships can be grown and developed. The assurance given was that when a life is lived in a desire to nurture and develop this relationship with the Holy Ghost, living in accordance with what He dictates is good and pure, living to glorify Christ Jesus in all things, then even the most mundane and tedious of tasks can be conducted with a full and satisfied heart.

As appealing as this sounded to me, my mind instantly ran to a sense of dismissiveness. My mind filled with daily tasks such as Hoovering, bin emptying, washing up, dusting etc, etc, doubted how such boring, unpleasant jobs can be done in such a manner that glorifies God. Given that these tasks occur with alarming regularity, particularly with a young family adding to the ever constant less than glamorous workload, how can these laborious chores draw me nearer to God? Well one chilly but sunny September morning I got my answer.

We have a kitchen rug that has seen better days. As we are not blessed with great riches, I picked up this rug for free from a local family who had seen the floor piece was probably more apt for the skip than another kitchen floor. Yet I was determined to get life out of this rug and so I scrubbed away at it for what seemed an age so that something close to it's original colour might resurface. This was achieved and so the rug took it's place on our often cold vinyl kitchen floor.

However due to the material that makes up the rug, it manages to seemingly attract every piece of hair, crumbs, dust and dirt within the local vicinity. This is further compounded by the dark colouring of the rug which acts as a delightful showcase to any dirt/crumbs etc that has congregated on it's surface. As a result everyday it needs a thorough sweeping with a hard brush conducted on hands and knees. Even then some hairs, marks etc refuse to yield.

That morning in question I went into the kitchen and looked down at the said rug and sighed deeply as I surveyed the assembled muck for that morning. I broke out the dustpan and brush and began the daily cleaning and thought about how such

activities couldn't surely be done in a manner that glorified God. It was dull, dirty and tedious, hardly hallmarks of communing with Our Lord. Yet as I wallowed in a dose of self-pity over my Cinderella condition, I was struck with a thought that amazed me and humbled me equally in response to my earlier dismissiveness of the ability of the humble act to glorify God.

On looking at the rug in question as I brushed away, I considered how it all was a marvellous picture of the salvation of a sinner right under my feet every day. You see we had gained the rug for free as already mentioned. Who does not gain salvation but by the free grace of God? Surely all who are redeemed are redeemed by the free gift of His grace (Ephesians 2:8).



Even the mundane can be done to God's glory

The heavy cleaning that was needed to restore the rug to purpose was an apt reflection of the purifying of the sinner from their sin upon salvation through Christ Jesus (Psalm 51:1-2, 1 John 1:7). Next the daily upkeep of needing to clean the rug provided a keen reflection of our need as believers to come to the Lord daily in prayer and study of His Word so that we might keep our hearts and minds clean of the filth of the world and our sinful flesh (2 Corinthians 7:1, Isaiah 1:16).

Then I saw how the dark colouring of the material that I often sighed over that highlighted every fleck of rubbish was an perfect reminder of how the Holy Ghost works within us to highlight our sinful ways so that we might set about to remove ourselves of them so that we are pleasing to Our Lord God (1Corinthians 6:19).

Finally I reflected on those ingrained marks on the rug, the ones that plagued and remained on the revived pattern. It was an excellent example of how though we are redeemed and gifted a new heart from Christ Jesus so that we are born again in the Spirit, our sinful tendencies of the flesh remain throughout our days so that we contend with them daily (Matthew 26:41, Galatians 5:16-17).

When I considered all these observations and reflections I marvelled at how the Lord had used something so innocuous, something I often derided and bemoaned as a clear proof that yes He can move to speak to a heart even through the most mundane of tasks.

So friend as you set about the less than appealing tasks of the day, do not place your God to the side and subscribe to the notion that communion with Him and glorification of His name cannot be achieved at that time, dismiss it immediately. Seek Him out and ask Him to show you how He desires to share each moment with you and how even in the most unremarkable of tasks we can bring glory to His name.

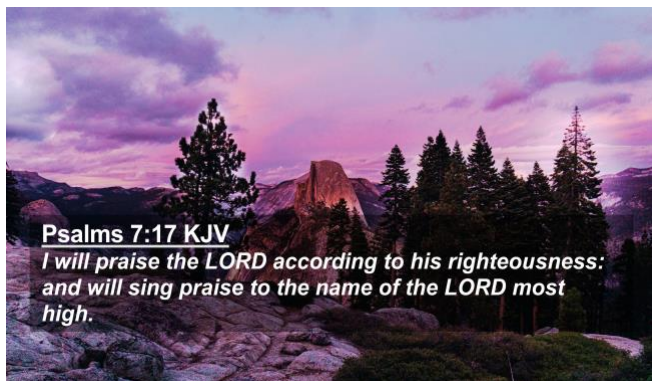
It is a staggering and beautiful thought that we may not be appointed to lead nations, manage great companies, have the ear of powerful persons or enjoy great wealth, we may see how He moves to show us His love for each of His children in even the most basic of daily tasks. Glory to LORD God in the highest and praise His wondrous name forever. Amen.

By Jonathan Badger

Faithfulness of Christ

Those of you who know my husband and I (the editor), know that we met back in junior school (year 4 then), when we were 8 years of age. Therefore last month we had known each other for 30 years. What an achievement to celebrate! Do we have ourselves to thank for this and also the twenty years we have been together? No not at all! We are so truly aware it is all by the grace of God. *Ephesians 2:8/9, For by grace are ye*

saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not by works, lest any man should boast. Everything we are given is a blessing! He can take it away from us at any moment He wishes. We owe our lives, our whole existence, to Him. Praise God! Even in the times of hardship, He is working to our good, we may not see it immediately, or even if at all, but He has everything planned for us, knows our every move and our every thought, so don't fight Him. Let Him lead your life and praise Him for all He does. *Psalms 7:17, I will praise the Lord according to his righteousness: and will sing praise to the name of of Lord most high.*



You will also know, (if you know us), why we re-met up as young adults when we had lost contact at secondary schools - my mum suddenly passed away with no prior warning of even being ill. At the age of eighteen I suddenly found myself with no mother and a very difficult, self centred father. (See a previous article I have written on my dad back in June 2021, and also March 2021 for mothers day). But the Lord knew exactly what I needed, even though I did not myself, and did not know Him at the time (I was not raised as a Christian, in fact my dad was an atheist, hence his character, as previously said in the other said article). I have said also before, (in another previous article), how Jonathan and I have several times made plans in our lives as a couple and as a family with our one and then two children, for them to not go ahead at all and for it to be quiet completely different. Although confused we may have been at the time, my goodness are we grateful for His continual intervention. Do we accept His guidance willingly though? I know too well I do not. I pray what I am to do, and I'll pray again in case I get another answer that I'd prefer. Go to Him first in all things. *Matthew 6:33, But seek first his kingdom and his*

righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

For example, after having our second child, now five, my maternity leave was coming to its end. I/we prayed several times if I was to go back to work. The answer was gut-wrenching to me in particular. I was back to work when our littlest was only eight and a half months old. It broke my heart, but my daughter, my baby, was safe at home learning and being loved by her daddy, not in childcare with strangers being raised by others (where some children sadly have to go), but in her own home with daddy. The Lord clearly knew what we needed as a family! From me going back to work it was within months I got offered another job opportunity (within the same establishment) to be a speech and language TA part time, alongside my general TA role. Then from this came a completely different job offer at another establishment only a few months ago, which I have just started. This new position has taken me back into Early Years (but this time within a school) where I first began my career 20 years ago. I did not fully realise how much I wanted to return to Early Years Teaching (Jonathan and I had discussed it various times over the Spring of this year), equally I did not know I had a love for Speech and Language enough to do it as a job role (for four years), but the Lord knew what I should be doing and where I should be. Trust in the Lord that He'll have you where you need to be. *Psalms 18:39, As for God, his way is perfect: the word of the Lord is tried, he is a buckler to all those that trust in him.*

A little insight to the situation - I became very unhappy in my previous establishment, it was affecting my health, my and my family's happiness, and more importantly affecting my walk with the Lord. He took me out and has given my family changed roles slightly, in the fact that I am now able to collect my youngest from school everyday but still work at a school. I may have missed out of so much not being at home with her for those years when she was really little growing up, but from this with me being back in work and Jonathan being at home, came this - Truth to Wonder Ministries! Jonathan first started writing these magazines back two and half years ago now.

He wanted to help people continue to be fed our Lord's Word through the pandemic COVID-19, and then from this came the actual Truth to Wonder Church he's now run for just over a year, where we now meet every Sunday at a hall in Bournemouth. If I'd have been at home with our littlest and Jonathan had been at work, he most probably would not have had the time and health, (he suffers significantly and daily with M.E for those of you who do not know him), to have been able to start the magazine and then the church. The Lord provides all the time! Equally, if my mum had not passed away in the way she did (so suddenly) and when, Jonathan and I may not have got back in contact with each other and be here today with our beautiful children, who we are raising according to The Lord's Word. More importantly I may not have ever known my Saviour! *Philippians 4:19, And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. Feed yourselves on the Lord and He will feed you with a blessed life. 2 Peter 1:3, According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue.*

By Donna Badger

Grace, Mercy And Peace

"Grace, mercy and peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord". Turn to 2 Timothy 1:2 and read this brief but immense greeting by an aged and imprisoned Apostle Paul to a young, nervous Timothy who is embarking on a life of pastoral work in Christ's name.

This brevity of greeting mingled with it's eternity encompassing breadth speaks of heaven itself to all those who would hear it's tender message of God's love to each of His children. Consider these things deeply and pray the Lord reveals the truth of these words so that you might know the power of God made known unto you in such conciseness and purity of delivery it defies the pen of even the world's greatest poet.

Paul opens his salutation with 'grace'. By grace we are saved, not by our own works

lest any man should boast (Ephesians 2:8-9). It is by the grace of God alone that we are brought from death unto life. It is by the grace of God alone that He ordained us to be priests unto Him from eternity past, knowing in the depths of His wisdom and heart all those that would be His own. Truly by the manifestation of His grace in Christ Jesus we are shown that we have been loved with an everlasting love.

'Mercy' is declared next. How do any of us even exist this day but without the tender mercies of God which are new each morning (Lamentations 3:15). Each breath, each beat of our hearts is not owed to us by God, it is gifted to us in His mercy. Now consider how bountiful is His mercy in that has not only sustains your very life but blesses you with abundance of goodness so that you might enjoy friendships, fellowship, family, food, shelter, clothing, all the things that you have need of, He provides in His tender mercy. Grace has led you to this day, Mercy sustains you in this moment.

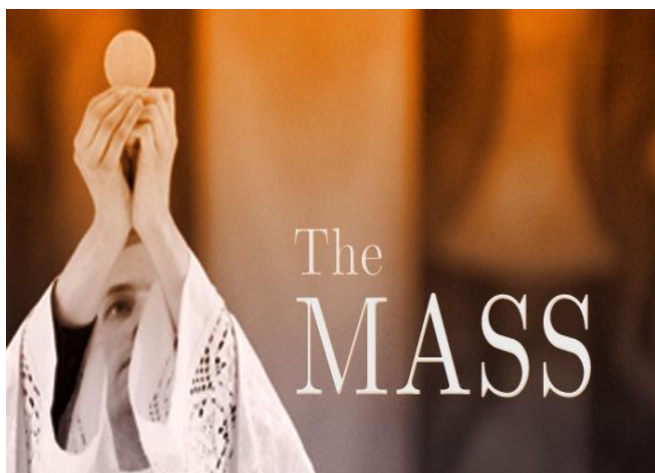
Finally 'Peace' is offered. Our peace is in Christ Jesus, Our Risen Saviour. We have peace knowing that though we will die, because He lives we shall also! Whilst the world trembles and laments all manner of terrifying fates, our future is known unto us by the proclamation of the angels at the empty tomb, "He is not here, He is risen", and that by His very word, He now prepares a place for us in Our Father's house.

Within four words the Holy Ghost has revealed to us in a simple greeting between brothers in Christ that are Paul and Timothy, the very enormity and tenderness of the work of the redemption of believing mankind. By His grace we are brought from death unto life, from darkness unto light. In His mercy we are kept each moment so that we might live to know Him in His love and glorify Him with all our might. Through His peace, we are brought to rest knowing that whenever our eye closes for the last time in this life, it shall open and survey the full glory of Christ Jesus in the heralding of our eternity with Him. Amen.

By Jonathan Badger

'A Blasphemous Fable and a Dangerous Deceit' – Part 1

In the 1980's the final report of the Anglo Roman Catholic International Commission it stated, 'Communion with Christ in the eucharist presupposes his true presence, effectually signified by the bread and wine which, in the mystery, become his body and blood.' This teaching has no basis in the Scriptures or the formularies of the Church of England. It is still the case today that the battle is based on the real presence, of Christ. The great English Divine, Richard Hooker, wrote: 'The Real Presence of Christ's most blessed body and blood is not therefore to be sought for in the sacrament, but in the worthy receiver of the sacraments.'



When we receive the bread and wine we feed on Christ in our heart by FAITH. The means whereby the Body of Christ is received and eaten in the supper is faith, not a man's mouth, as the ritualists teach. The Lord has never had more than one body. That body in its glorified condition as it now exists is in heaven only. The natural Body and Blood of our Saviour are in heaven, NOT HERE; it being against the truth of Christ's NATURAL BODY to be at one time in more places than one. If then that Body, the only one our Saviour possesses, is 'NOT HERE' how can it be in the Consecrated Bread and Wine as Rome teaches?

The Gospel of Mark Ch16v6 states, 'he is risen'; 'he is not here', that in itself speaks against a localised real presence on the altar. We may recall to mind the Lord's words in Mt24v 23, 24, 'Then of any man shall say

unto you, lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not'.

There are many ways to answer the so-called 'Eucharistic Sacrifice', which is considered as true, proper, and propitiatory sacrifice, and not a mere commemoration of the sacrifice once for all offered at Calvary. This doctrine as taught by Rome is not only contrary to the teaching of the Bible but is repugnant to reason too there is a vast difference between a sacrament and a sacrifice: In a sacrament God offers something to man, but in a sacrifice man offers something to God.

Further, what is offered in a sacrifice is either wholly or in part destroyed, but what is offered in a sacrament remains. There is a great difference between them. Indeed we can say if it be a sacrament it is not a sacrifice, and if it be a sacrifice it is not a sacrament, it cannot be both. If it were both Christ offered up Himself before He offered up Himself for He offered up Himself in the sacrament before He offered up Himself on the cross; which offering up Himself in the sacrament was either a perfect or imperfect sacrifice or oblation. To say or suggest that Christ should offer up an imperfect sacrifice to the Father is blasphemy but that sacrifice could not have been perfect if it needs repeating.

In the Mass it is taught that the body of Christ is really offered up to God, because the bread is first turned into the body of Christ; but it can be proved the bread is still bread after, as well as before, consecration, and not the very Body of Christ; though the bread be consecrated by man, the very Body of Christ cannot be offered to God in the sacrament; and therefore, if they still call it a sacrifice, they must acknowledge it is such a sacrifice in which there is nothing but bread and wine offered to God, and consequently there is no proprietary sacrifice. The Bible says, without shedding of blood there is no remission, so when the bread is broken and the wine is poured clearly there is no blood shed and therefore no remission of sins.

To be continued....

By Dr David Badger

Christ Is Strong In Our Weakness

As you will have read in my wife's earlier article, we have known each other for 30 years in the month just past. To meditate on this moves me to humble thanks before God and is a constant proof to me of His promise that He blesses the desires of the heart when we walk with Him (Psalm 37:4).

It had long been my heart's greatest desire to be with Donna. I had loved her since I first met her those 30 years ago. Though I had tried my utmost to 'move on' from her, the Lord would not allow me to. However He wisely refrained from answering my prayers to place us together for 10 long years. It was a strange, testing place to be, to have a consistent prayer go unanswered but never allowed to walk away from it's plea. Little did I know throughout those 10 years that He was answering my prayers, just in His own perfect time (Ecclesiastes 3:11).

The prayer was answered when I was at my weakest. Broken physically with severe ill health, we were brought together by God when Donna was heartbroken through grief and painful life experiences. All those years of prayer were now answered when I had nothing to offer her. Herein lay the grace and wonder of God. As my wife pointed out earlier, He knows what we have need of and when and He knew in His awesome wisdom that she sought Him but someone was needed to deliver His beautiful and loving message of the Gospel.

The message of the Gospel is at it's most potent when it is being delivered in purity of belief and trust in Christ. I was at my lowest ebb, no strength remained in me in any aspect and so I called on Christ to be my strength so that the girl I loved might know comfort and peace at her darkest hour. I adored her but I knew I held nothing of worth to her save the knowledge of the Gospel and Christ Jesus. Thus in my weakness, Christ was (and is) strong (2 Corinthians 12:9) and called her to His loving embrace. I surrendered her to Christ in my sheer weakness and He blessed the desires of my heart. If I were strong and well at this point I would've likely relied on my own 'skills' to aid

in her need. This certain arrogance of spirit would've caused a dangerous and everlasting demise for us both. Do not be foolish and assume that you can bring someone to Christ on your strengths, it is the sole work of God!

Thirty years of love has been upheld by the grace of God and I thank Him for His blessing of such a wretch as I. I watch over Donna loving her with all my heart, for we are made one flesh before Almighty God (Genesis). Yet I know that however deep my love for her dwells, it will forever be a pale version of my Saviours love for her. Therefore I live to teach and show her this everlasting love that Christ holds for her. I am merely thankful unto my God that He heard my prayers and used me as a vehicle to bring her home to Him. All my praises to God and thanks unto Him for making my days a testament unto His eternal Word that His strength is made perfect in our weakness. Amen.

By Jonathan Badger

Resource Corner

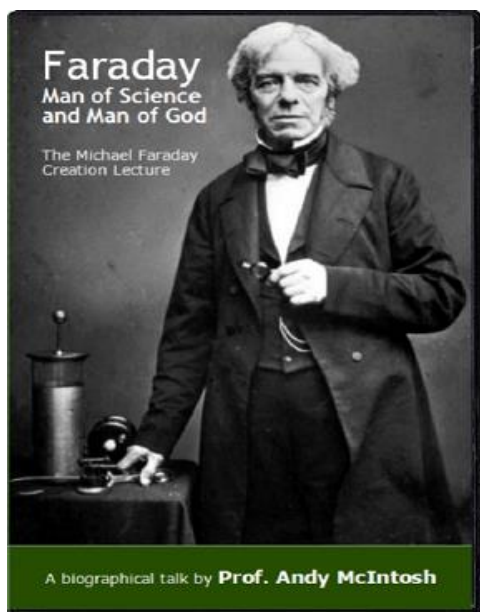


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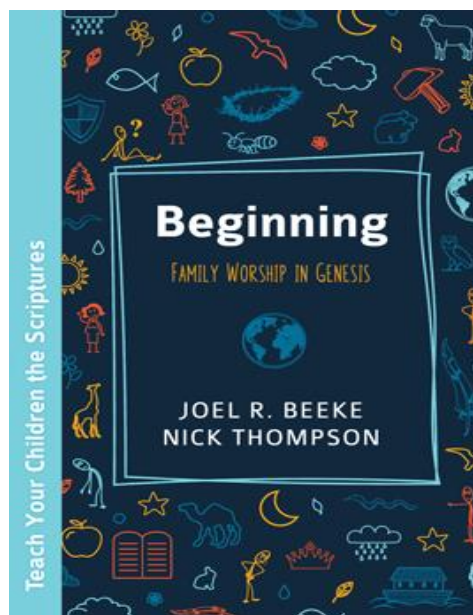


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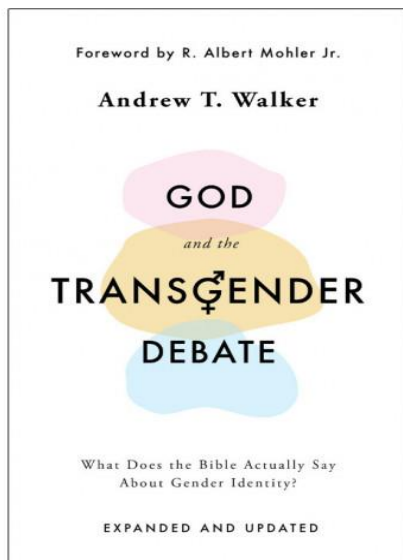
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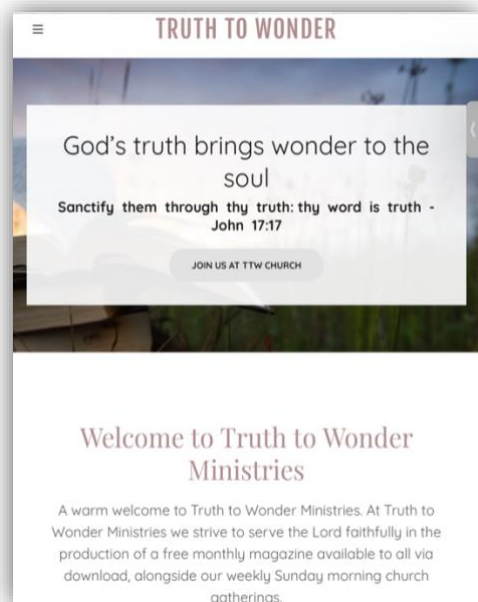
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