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*"The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the
Lord, make His paths straight."
Mark 1:3*

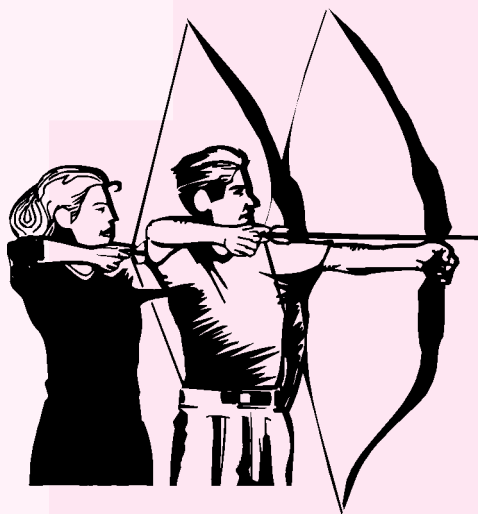
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BOWSTRING



*As unto the cord the bow is,
So unto the man is woman.
Though she bends him, she obeys him,
Though she draw him, yet she follows.
Useless each without the other.*

H. W. Longfellow

WIFIE AND TIRSHATHA - WHO ARE THEY?

Indeed this is one of the great love stories, one of selfless commitment and deeply spiritual. Simply explained, the origin was heaven-born from Him who is love.

The young man's first gift to his future bride was *Pilgrim's Progress*. At that point, his intent was to encourage her along the walk with Christ. Signed in the fly-leaf "Miss Thompson, with desires for her progress in the blessed pilgrimage," then the date with no other indications. Still higher plans were divinely charted whether the two knew or not. Though soon he would hand a book about marriage and poems to this Susannah. In a soft voice as she read, he whispered, "Do you pray for him who is to be your husband?"

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MY PERSONAL MESSAGE TO YOU

Dear Friends:

Permit me a moment to say, "HAPPY MOTHERS DAY" and "HAPPY FATHERS DAY" to my parents and my wife's parents. You all are so special to the both of us. God bless, and we love you. Then also, May is a very special month. We are celebrating our 31st wedding anniversary. HAPPY ANNIVERSARY SWEET HEART!

You will note this is a combined May/June edition of *The Voice in the Wilderness*. The envelopes and contributions from April are just now starting to trickle in. Hopefully, there will be a good response for February and March were slim pickins' and typically, we have to add more water to the soup during May, June, and July. About 2% of *The Voice in the Wilderness* readership support this missionary effort and publication.

Picture this: If your church averages 100 in attendance and then on any given Sunday, two people would place money in the offering plate, then only 2% gave. One hundred people benefited from the church, but only two supported the ministry. If that were true, your church would not stay open very long.

Since 1996, I have seen the Lord bless in mighty ways. When I came on board, Bro. Royce had not been paid in several months and there was not enough money to meet *The Voice in the Wilderness* giving that month, the next, nor the next. Praise the Lord, He did see us through those difficult days. Currently, all our bills are paid in full, yet I must report that many months we are just not able to give our missionaries the funds needed to meet our projected missions budget. The

amounts for these missionaries are modest comparatively speaking. However, it grieves me deeply when funds are not sufficient. I receive letters daily from ministries requesting a donation from *The Voice in the Wilderness, Inc.* Almost without exception, these organizations take in more money per month than *The Voice in the Wilderness, Inc.* receives annually. As Bro. Royce said, "The Voice in the Wilderness operates on a shoestring budget." It should be illegal, but the Federal government makes information, addresses, etc., available, which at minimum, creates a lot of aggravation. Both Bro. Royce and I weekly receive phone calls and letters from individuals wanting grants, education money, even cars and funds to start a business. It is frustrating as Bro. Royce expresses in this recent letter:

Dear Williamsons: This typewriter is gone but I have worked on it a bit and will try it this time. I have a new one ordered but it is slow in coming. Thus the delay. About the unwanted letters, I don't know where they are coming from but [they] are still coming. I am going to the P.O. and talk to the manager in a day or so and ask him if I have a mail box that is unnumbered and not advertised (along with the old one) and had a rubber stamp made saying "Left No Forwarding Address" would that be

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WIFIE AND TIRSHATHA WHO ARE THEY?



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Almost two years after the first gift, the two became one in a beautiful early morning ceremony. Off to Paris for a ten-day honeymoon, and the start of a romance that was truly an ordained partnership. From lofty heights of ministry to plunging valleys where

each must draw on the other, their love was their love for their Lord. Those years without a cloud, phenomenal success rose to the failing health of one and then the other. In sickness, invalidism, and even depression, their devoted love flowed ever sweeter, deeper, and more precious. After twenty years as husband and wife he wrote, "My heart flies to you. I love you now as then, only multiplied many times. I have served the Lord far more and never less for your sweet companionship! Bless your dear heart!.... You are the precise form in which God would make a woman for such a man as I...".¹

Susannah was a powerful inspiration to her husband. He would weep at her feet from exhaustion and the depressive load he bore. She was comfort and ministered he said as an angel from God with her faith, strength, and courage.

She called him Tirshatha. This was her name of endearment meaning, "Your Reverence." Who was this amazing couple? He wrote this incredible description about his beloved: "She delights in her husband, in his person, his character, his affection; to her, he is not only the chief and foremost of mankind, but in her eyes, he is all in all. Her heart's love belongs to him and to him only. He is her little world, her Paradise, her choice treasure. She is glad to sink her individuality in his. She seeks no renown for herself; his honor is reflected upon her, and she rejoices in it. She will defend his name with her dying breath; safe enough is he where she can speak for him. His smiling gratitude is all the reward she seeks. Even in her dress she thinks of him and

considers nothing beautiful which is distasteful to him. He has many objects in life, some of which she does not quite understand; but she believes in them all, and anything she can do to promote them, she delights to perform... Such a wife, as a true spouse, realizes the model marriage relation, and sets forth what our oneness with the Lord ought to be!"² *Such was a veiled description of Susannah by her husband.*

The sad day came when she followed behind her beloved husband's casket. The grief was so great until she remembered his sweet words of cheer when he must be away in travels: "Seeing me look so sad, he tenderly said, 'What! Crying over your lamb, wifie? Do you think the children of Israel stood and wept over the lamb they laid on His altar?'"

Then the heart of Susannah found peace in tears. She looked at the great portrait of Tirshatha over the mantel and sobbed? "Ah, sweetheart! Was there ever one like thee? In all these forty years I knew thee, thou wert most tender, gracious! And now I am parted from thee, not for a few days only, as in that long ago time, but 'until the day break and the shadows flee away!' I think I hear thy loving voice saying again, 'Don't cry over your lamb, wifie,' as I try to give thee up, ungrudgingly to God—not without tears—ah, no, that is not possible; but with that full surrender of heart which makes the sacrifice acceptable in His sight."³

Who are they? This is the beautiful love story of Susannah and Charles Haddon Spurgeon.

¹ *The Shadow of the Broad Brim* – Richard Ellsworth Day. You may order a copy of *The Shadow of the Broad Brim* from: Crown Christian Classics, Crown Publications, Powell, TN, 1-877-AT CROWN

² *Ibid.*
³ *Ibid.*



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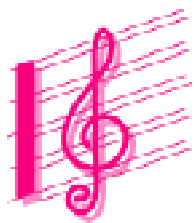
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MUSIC AND WORSHIP—BLENDED WORLD



Dr. Hugh Pyle writes – “Bad music always leads to compromise, heartache and bad living. Those who were considered the best of Christian contemporary entertainers led the way. Amy Grant “crossed over” into secular rock. She also is divorced. Sandi Patti was soon divorced; Michael W. Smith fell into adultery – and that was just the beginning. Now the broken lives and marriages of many modern church music and youth leaders are scattered along the way.

“Only God knows how many Christian young people are jamming with the beat of this world when they could have been led into consecrated living and a soul-winning testimony if they had been taught good music and the Bible truths of the great hymns and gospel songs of bygone revival days.

“Many orthodox churches still preach the Gospel and teach at least

some bible truth in the main auditorium, but out in the “youth building” it sounds like Hollywood, Vegas and Nashville.

“What will the church of tomorrow be like?”

T.H. Parrow writes in the *Gospel Standard*, “Music is a very powerful medium by which much is taught, dramatized and symbolized. Music is the medium that mirrors the soul.

If the soul be sensual, so will the music be. If the soul be rebellious, then the music will be revolutionary.

If they would be spiritually minded, then the music will be characterized by godliness.

“He describes the “musical mush” many fundamental churches have brought to their churches to get crowds of worldlings to come and be entertained, saying that it reflects the spiritual condition of the souls of many religious leaders today...

“Contemporary praise choruses are so vague that they could be sung to any false god.” *Source: The Sword of the Lord 3/12/04*

David Wells in *Losing Our Virtue* writes – “The purpose of worship is clearly to express the greatness of God and not simply to find inward release or, still less, amusement. Worship is theological rather than psychological... In the large majority of praise songs I analyzed, 58.9 percent offer no doctrinal grounding or explanation for the praise. In classical hymnody I examined it was hard to find hymns that were not predicated upon and did not develop some aspect of doctrine.”

James Montgomery Boice in *Gospel of Grace?* – “One of the saddest features of contemporary worship is that the great hymns of the church are on the way out. And in their place have come trite jingles that have more in common with contemporary advertising ditties than with the Psalms... The compositions of Luther, Wesley and Watts are clearly better than the repetitious babble of so many writers of today’s ubiquitous praise choruses. Why should we commit ourselves so tenaciously to what is manifestly poor?”

Sources used: H. Bowers, Antioch Christian Church Newsletter.



HERE’S AN INTERESTING QUESTION: WHAT’S NEXT?

When I was saved, I knew what the world’s music sounded like. Now that sound is in the church! My wife and I heard it with our own ears. While traveling and scanning across the radio dial, the “Christian” radio station described their up-coming music programming as “Beatle style Christian music.” Have you visited your average Christian bookstore and taken a look at the pictures of the gospel singers and musicians? Not only am I hearing the sounds of the world’s music in the church, but my goodness, some of the dress is worst than the world. People, I’m telling you, it’s not been many years that it would not have been tolerated.

Unwed teenage girls are having babies and the church lavishes them with a “Baby Shower” of celebration like nothing happened. Divorce is rampant and even homosexuality is no longer viewed as condemned by God’s Word. Dance is in the “worship” service, and mark it down, the acceptance of immorality and drugs are part of this great apostasy.

So I say, “What’s next?”



Sermon of the Month

"ON THE HOME FRONT"

Ephesians 5:21-32

What a joy and blessing to see a beautiful marriage and family serving the Lord Jesus Christ with the sweet presence of the Holy Spirit so evident. Yes, it is possible today. Even in such a crazy and confusing age, husband and wife, Mom, Dad and children can enjoy all the riches God intended for the home.

The late Dr. M.R. DeHaan, Bible teacher and medical doctor stated, "The nearest thing to heaven on this earth is the Christian family and the home where husband and wife, and parents and children, live in love and peace together for the Lord and for each other. The nearest thing to hell on earth is an ungodly home, broken by sin and iniquity, where parents bicker, quarrel and separate, and children are abandoned to the devil and all the forces of wickedness."

A Godly, happy home is no accident. Day by day the practice of biblical principles in the life of a couple committed to faith in Jesus Christ will result in the blessed marriage our Lord ordained.

I. Examine your own heart and relationship with Christ.

Dear Sir, Madam, do you know Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior? This decision and commitment is absolute to a successful marriage and home. Acknowledge your sin, repent of your sin, and by faith receive forgiveness and salvation through Jesus Christ. How can good come out of a heart that's bad? Get your heart right with God. (Romans 10:9-10)

II. The family that prays together stays together.

Prayer cannot be trivialized or

minimized as to the importance in all of life's endeavors. Communion and worship are essential. Prayer is stillness before the Lord. Prayer is coming apart from this world before you come apart because of this world. Prayer is allowing the Lord to speak to us before we speak to others and say the wrong thing. Prayer is part and parcel to the victorious armor needed by every believer (note v18 of Ephesians 6:1-18). A prayerless day is to neglect faith maintenance, is to omit God and in effect pray "Lord I don't need you today, I can go it alone!" Martin Luther said, "To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing."

III. Don't look for the right person, be the right person.

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

"If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us." I John 1:9 & 10.

Do we not love to blame? Just go ahead and point that long old finger. It is somebody else's fault. None of us like to accept responsibility, not to speak of face the consequences. It is a full time job keeping my own business right much less tending to someone else's. By the way, John also said, "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us (I John 1:8). Have you considered the beam that is in your eye? (Matthew 7:3-5)

IV. Cleanliness is next to what?

We had a guest preacher staying in our home. He remarked one morning while standing in the kitchen, "Sister

Williamson, the top of your refrigerator is clean!" Well, being over 6 feet tall, he could see the top of most refrigerators and commented that rarely had a refrigerator top been wiped down in most of the homes he visited in.

When we relocated The Voice in the Wilderness corporate office from Dallas to North Carolina, Sister Sophie Muller's niece had a friend who was a Realtor. Through this individual we spent several days a week, for months, looking at various properties. My wife and I were shocked at the "lack of housekeeping." Even when an owner knew, in advance, we were coming to look at their house the place would still be "in a wreck!" Not only were clothes, and dishes and things out of order, house after house after house was absolutely filthy. I cease to be amazed these days at how few real housekeepers there are.

Then, it's amazing how many men and women simply let their appearance go shortly after they are married. Talk about gaining weight, bad hair days and just simply... well, let's stop there.

After children come along, what kind of character, discipline and work ethic are we teaching? Parents, a blessing you can pass on to your child that will benefit them personally, their family in years to come and prove to be a tremendous asset to their local church is that of a strong work ethic!

Rand Hummel of THE WILDS wrote this outline: "Work! Work! Work! Most of us do not like to say that word very loud. Sometimes we have this idea that the perfect situation would be a life of leisure and *no work!* Haven't our parents taught us that "Hard work never killed anyone! Let's take a few minutes

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RELIGIOUS NEWS

AND COMMENTS



CHURCHES ANSWERING PHONES – NOT THEIR

Churches must make it easy for people to contact them. If potential visitors or people seeking spiritual help for themselves or their loved ones are frustrated when they attempt to contact the church and the pastor, they will usually go somewhere else. A survey done by Barna Research Group in December 2003 found that it is very difficult to get in touch with churches. They called 3,400 Protestant churches five different times over a two-week period during normal business hours, making sure that the calls were made at various times of the day. A human being could not be reached at 55% of the churches. In 20% of the cases, the phone went unanswered by either a person or an answering machine in each of the five separate attempts (*Worthy News*, Jan. 27). Churches not only should have an answering machine or voice mail but also should return calls quickly. Callers should be encouraged to leave their phone number with the promise that someone will return the call quickly. It is crucial that the phone messaging system be checked frequently and that calls are returned. If the pastor does not have a full-time secretary, he should seek volunteers who can

help him on a part-time basis with important tasks like this. This can be a matter of spiritual life or death. *O Timothy Magazine Vol. 21, Issue 3, 2004* [Now, may I add a side note. In traveling across the U.S., often my family and I have stopped to find a church to attend for services when not scheduled to speak for The Voice in the Wilderness. However, when calling the churches, the recording simply gives the name of the church and requests you to leave a message. It would be helpful, especially if no one is monitoring the voice mail on a timely schedule, to at least give the church times of worship, Sunday School, Bible Study, etc.]

SCRIPTURE TWISTING –

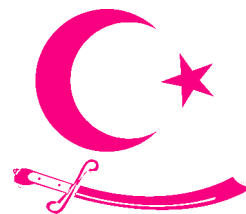
Homosexuality and the Western Christian Tradition is a book by Derrick Bailey, which argues that the verb “yadah” (“know”) used in Genesis 19:5 should be translated “to get acquainted.” With this in mind, Bailey explained that the men of Sodom simply wanted to “become acquainted with the men in Lot’s house.” Their continued insistence on “getting acquainted with” these visitors was a serious violation of the accepted code of hospitality. In short, the Sodomites were being inhospitable. (Derrick Bailey, “Homosexuality and the Western Christian Tradition,” reprint, Hamden, CT: The Shoestring Press, Inc., 1975)

The Scriptural record is quite

different, and the clear intent of the men of Sodom is not arguable. Still, willing to escape any biblical disapproval, men will go to almost any lengths to explain away the obvious. Some have used the term “scripture twisting” to describe what Bailey and others are doing. Another term used is “scriptural acrobatics,” but with no trapeze, high wire, or net. *TBC 3/20/04*

EPISCOPAL SAME-SEX RITE WILL BE DEVELOPED

– the Episcopal bishop of Washington has chosen two priests to head a new diocesan task force on same-sex blessings. The task force is poring over sample rites throughout the country to develop one that is classically Anglican in tone and format.



MUSLIMS SEEK CHRISTIANS' FAVOR WITH 'JESUS' AD

– A controversial Islamic lobby group has published an ad in California newspapers seeking to win acceptance with the message that Muslims “respect and revere Jesus” as do Christians. The ad is headlined “More In Common Than You Think.” The ad, quoting from

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Islam's book the Quran, reads: "Behold (O Mary!) The Angel said, God has chosen you, and purified you, and chosen you above the women of all nations. O Mary, God gives you good news of a word from Him, whose name shall be the Christ (Masih or Messiah), Jesus son of Mary, honored in this world and in the hereafter, and one of those brought near to God." (Holy Qur'an, 3:45)

"Like Christians, Muslims respect and revere Jesus. Islam teaches that Jesus is one of the greatest of God's prophets and messengers to humankind."

"Like Christians, every day, over 1.3 billion Muslims strive to live by his teachings of love, peace, and forgiveness. Those teachings, which have become universal values, remind us that all of us, Christians, Muslims, Jews, and all others have more in common than we think."

Muslims point out, however, that they reject the Christian belief in Jesus' divinity and regard him only as a prophet. Muhammad, in fact, is considered by Muslims to be superior to Jesus because Islam's founder is believed to have brought God's final revelation. *World Net Daily* 3/30/04

VATICAN COUNCIL II – "But the plan of salvation also includes those who acknowledge the Creator in the first place amongst whom are the Moslems: these profess to hold the faith of Abraham, and together with us they adore the one, merciful God, mankind's judge on the last day..." page 367.

"I find it tragic that they [Vatican Council] say[s] the Muslims worship the One True God. Allah is NOT the same as the God of Abraham, Isaac

and Jacob. Allah is not a Trinity, first of all. Allah happens to be the name of the moon god-the chief idol in the Ka'abah in Mecca where they go now for their pilgrimages. They had over 300 idols there, and Allah was the name of the chief idol. So, although Muhammed smashed the idols, he still maintained the name of the chief idol - the moon god - which is why they have the crescent moon as their symbol [for Islam]... Allah is NOT the god of the Bible." – *Dave Hunt Lecture on "Purgatory & Indulgences"*

EMERGING CHURCHES: LOOSELY MERGING PROTESTANTISM, CATHOLICISM, AND THE WORLD

Congregations known as "emerging" or "postmodern" are springing up in many parts of the USA. Though widely diverse in doctrine and practice, these youth orientated churches are characterized by a loose, non-dogmatic approach to theology, a rock & roll style of worship, and often an acceptance of some Catholic and Orthodox liturgical practices such as contemplative prayer and candles. In "Hip New Churches Pray to a Different Drummer" (*New York Times*, Feb. 18), John Leland observes that these churches "represent the next wave of evangelical worship, after the boom of mega churches in the 1980s and 1990s." Solomon's Porch in Minneapolis uses pieces of pastry for the Lord's Supper. The Scum of the Earth in Denver features pizza and a D.J. At Ecclesia in Houston and Vintage Faith Church in Santa Cruz, Calif., "artists in the congregation paint during services, in part to bring mystical or nonrational elements to

worship." Bluer in Minneapolis features the aforementioned Orthodox practices. The leader of Bluer, John Musick, says that these practices "represent stability." In reality, such practices represent apostasy. Those who desire true stability must go all the way back to the apostolic churches of the New Testament, and the faith we see there does not need icons and art and candles and incense and formal liturgy. True Christian faith is not derived from nor assisted by such things; it is based strictly upon God's Word the Scriptures (Rom. 10:17). *O Timothy Magazine Vol. 21, Issue 3, 2004*



A HINDU LOOKS AT "THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST"

– Can you believe Kolkata, India is running this story? Partha passed this along for our readers. It does give a rather interesting perspective.

"ND Batra writes: "For me, Christianity has always been the face of Mother Teresa. I met her more than two decades ago in Ahmedabad for a magazine piece I was working on. She looked at me with her benign smile and said, 'Speak truth always, son.' In thoughts and deeds, Mother Teresa was the closest to Mahatma Gandhi, who believed, God is truth. And that has always reverberated in my mind with John Keats' poetic declaration, Beauty is truth, truth beauty – that is all ye know on earth, and all ye need to know. As a writer and university professor, I have

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NEWS BITS

FROM HERE AND THERE

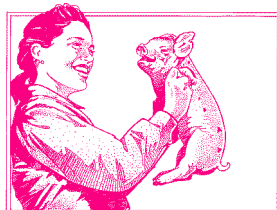
AMERICAN LAW ONLY, PLEASE

— A resolution has recently been introduced in Congress called “Reaffirmation of American Independence Resolution” that states “judicial decisions should not be based on any foreign laws, court decisions, or pronouncements of foreign governments unless they are expressly approved by Congress.” Tom Feeney, a representative from Florida, stated, “The American people have not consented to being ruled by foreign powers or tribunals.” His office notes that six U.S. Supreme Court justices have cited foreign authorities to support their decisions—a growing trend. *Human Events* 3/22/04

MAJORITY OF AMERICANS SEE FORNICATION AS ACCEPTABLE

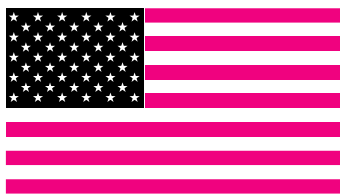
— According to a new *Los Angeles Times* poll, 51% of Americans believe it is morally acceptable to have children out of wedlock. A Barna Research poll in November 2003 found that 61% view gambling as morally acceptable and 60% view cohabitation apart from marriage in the same light. The root of America’s steep moral decline can be traced back to the nation’s apostate and compromised pulpits. “Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts concerning the prophets; Behold, I will feed them with wormwood, and make them drink the water of gall: for from the prophets of Jerusalem is profaneness gone forth into all the

land” (Jer. 23:15). *O Timothy Magazine* Vol. 21, Issue 3, 2004



INCREASE IN FEMALE FARMERS

— The number of U.S. farms decreased by 4% from 1997 to 2002, the newly released 2002 Census of Agriculture shows. However, the number of women whose primary occupation is farming increased by 37%. The increase in female farmers: 90,507 in 1997 to 124,214 in 2002 - *USA Today* 3/28/04



FLAG DISPUTE — U.S. Air Force members in Iraq are furious over a recent order to take down all American flags at Kirkuk air base to avoid offending Iraqis. “The reason we were given is so we would not offend the Iraqi people,” stated Sgt. Samuel D. Arbuckle.

“Today in a show of respect and honor especially for those who have fallen, we disobeyed the order and raised our flag, but less than an hour later we were ordered to take our flag down.” Sgt. Arbuckle said he would

not mind flying the Iraqi flag together with the American flag, “But don’t tell us that we can’t show the respect for our flag, when so many have died in the name of freedom. The only people I think who would be offended, are the people who kill innocent women and children in the name of religion.”

Another soldier responded: “Sir, when we carry the bodies of our fallen men and women to the aircraft for their final flight home, can we still drape the coffins with our flag, or will that still offend the people that we are dying for, so they can be liberated?”

A new command policy is under draft and calls for permitting deployed airmen, soldiers and Marines in Iraq to fly both the American flag and the Iraqi flag. *The Washington Times* 4/4/04

SO, DOES THE MEDIA GIVE “EQUAL TIME” or DOES THE MEDIA HAVE AN AGENDA?

— Recently, we have seemingly been bombarded with talk on every news (?) program with coverage of a book Richard Clarke just released attacking the present White House administration. This author was interviewed on CBS’ “60 Minutes” (two segments), CNN’s “American Morning” and ABC’s “Good Morning America”. In the first few days of its release, Clarke’s book

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was hyped on more than 200 TV shows. However, in comparison, when a “tell all” book was released back in 1996 by an FBI agent, concerning the White House administration at that time, the author was blacklisted from the mainstream media. A White House adviser, George Stephanopoulos, immediately called TV producers demanding that they give no airtime. Another interesting fact is to see which media company has ties to the publishing company. Hmmm.....
Human Events 3/29/04

IRAQ'S LEGACY OF TERROR – Every member of Congress received a report highlighting the worst human rights atrocity of Saddam's regime, from Rep. Joe Wilson of South Carolina, during the same week Richard Clarke was condemning the administration for marching on Baghdad to dethrone Saddam Hussein. The congressman states, “Hundred of thousands of murdered Iraqis, including women holding their children with bullet holes, lie in at least 270 mass grave sites around the country. Saddam's mass graves represent a crime against humanity surpassed in scope only by the World War II Nazi Holocaust, Pol Pot's Cambodian communist killing fields in 1970s, and the Rwandan genocide in 1994.” *The Washington Times* 4/4/04



DISNEY HOSTING 'GAY DAYS' IN ORLANDO – This event, which began in 1991, attracts more than 100,000 homosexual men

and women. Now, the Family Pride Coalition has picked Father's Day for a second homosexual event at the park in Orlando. The group says it has been “Specially designed for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender parents and their families.” They go on to say that “Disney has been a wonderful support” in the planning of the 17-20 June event. This year's “Gay Day” celebration is June 5. *CNS* 2/2004

G O D - O R D A I N E D INSTITUTION? – Joel Belz of *World Magazine* 3/2004 recently wrote, “The problem isn't so much that we have the wrong views on homosexual marriage; the problem is that, as a society, we have the wrong views about where we get our views.”

The Washington Times carried an interesting commentary on the institution of marriage by Assist News, Ted Baehr. “Up until the late 19th century, the state had nothing to do with marriage. People got married in the church. When the state government started to get involved in marriage, they actually put strange and stringent restrictions on it and forgot its initial purpose—which was a union that only existed in the eyes of God. Now, the state is trying to rewrite this God-ordained institution with a plethora of perverse marriages, which will soon open the door to polygamy and more extreme perversity.

“No matter what the state does, however, real marriage is only within the church. Other cultures embrace homosexuality, polygamy, and even child marriages, but marriage, as most people think about it in the United States today, is ordained by

Christ.

“As C.S. Lewis pointed out, for these other people it doesn't matter if they're married because true marriage is a covenant ordained by God. Whether the state issues a piece of paper or not, this does not effect the sacrament of marriage—only God does that as an outward and visible sign of an inner and spiritual grace. Without that grace, state-ordained unions are doomed to emptiness and despair, and are a farce.”

Rev. Donald Sensing wrote in the March 15, 2004 *Wall Street Journal*, “The walls of traditional marriage were breached 40 years ago... since the invention of the Pill some 40 years ago. The casual relationships between sex, pregnancy and marriage were severed in a fundamental way. Pair that development with rampant, easy divorce without social stigma, and talk in 2004 of ‘saving marriage’ is pretty specious. There's little there left to save.”

[Do you have a *Biblical* Worldview?]

SOLDIERS' UNIFORM ON THE FRONTLINE OF A CULTURE WAR – “Experts are uncertain as to what might have prompted [the culture war's] reemergence, though most analysts point either to the alarming decay of our once healthy culture or to the repressive urges of puritanical troglodytes,” say Jesse Walker in his *reason.com* article with a picture of Janet Jackson in her very revealing attire with the caption “Soldiers' Uniform On the Frontline of a Culture War.” Do clothes make a statement, or send a message about whom the wearer is? Walker says the

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battleground for the fight would be the latest Super bowl halftime show and/or the latest empty political gesture by the government of San Francisco. “The correlation between culture wars and real wars isn’t an exact one, but there is, I think, a real link. No discussion of “The Passion [of the Christ]” was complete until someone had brought up the anti-Semitic atmosphere of the Middle East; no discussion of gay lib could conclude before someone compared the religious right to the Taliban.” [Editor’s comment: There is a war going on and it’s for the very soul of America. Many in the “church” are wearing the uniform of the enemy, singing the enemies music and waving the flag of surrender. See the back page for “Change your Behavior or Change your Name.”]

WAL★MART

WAL-MART - Wal-Mart is the second largest employer in American after the federal government. They have over 4,500 stores with 1.2 million employees. They plan on building 300 more stores this year and 140 overseas. Edward Wolff a New York economics prof. writes: “Wal-Mart creates tons of low pay... jobs.... Such low pay reflects a growing strain on families. Stagnation in wages is spreading to department and specialty stores.” In addition to low wages another downside is that Wal-Mart has put thousands of independent Mom-and-Pop companies out of business, such as food stores, florists, tire, hardware, furniture, and toy stores.

THE WORLD COURT – Some are saying that the rights were

violated of the 50 tried and convicted terrorists, and now the world court is calling for a re-trial. Just suppose prior to 9/11/01 the U.S. had arrested the men who flew those commercial airliners into the Pentagon and Twin Towers? If that had been the case, this world court, along with its liberal supporters, would be calling for those murderous terrorists’s release. By now, they would be out free, planning another attack.

WOMEN IN IRAQ – The March issue of *Human Events* reported that Iraqi women were better off under the old regime, because when Saddam Hussein ran the country, women at least were assured the right to participate in Iraq’s public life, according to a speech at Brookings Institution by Senator Hillary Clinton. She said that since Saddam’s removal from power, Iraq’s postwar governing councils had engaged in “pullback in the rights [women] were given under Saddam Hussein.” “On paper, women had rights,” she insisted, “They went to school, they participated in the professions, they participated in the government and business and, as long as they stayed out of [Saddam’s] way, they had considerable freedom of movement.” Apparently, women had it pretty good under Saddam’s rule, rape rooms and murder. After all, according to Clinton, at least they were assured certain constitutional guarantees.

EDUCATION ALERTS! – Another touchy “Hot Topic” is public schools. “But my public school is a good one.” “My child has a wonderful Christian teacher.” “We have a Bible club and students are getting saved.” Permit me to simply report the facts.

“A school library book checked out by a first-grader, in which a prince and a prince live happily ever after, has a Wilmington, North Carolina family upset. Michael and Tonya Hartsell read along with 7-year-old Olivia every weeknight before bed, but when they started reading her new book, ‘King and King’ they were stunned at its content. In this book, the queen tells her son he must get married and take over for the king, but the search for a spouse doesn’t go as expected. He waves off all the eligible princesses, falling instead for another prince and they are married. The last page has them kissing.” *TBC* 3/20/04

“Vermont’s state constitution says that ‘every sect or denomination of Christians ought to observe Sabbath or Lord’s Day, and keep up some sort of religious worship, which, to them, will seem most agreeable to the revealed will of God.’ Some ninth-grader went before the Senate Government Operations Committee wanting to amend the founding document to remove the reference to a specific religion. However, the seed for the student’s

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IS GOD’S WORK IN YOUR WILL?

A bequest in your Will to Voice in the Wilderness can assure that the outreach of this ministry at home and abroad will continue after you have gone to your eternal reward. Prayerfully consider us in your Estate Planning. Thank you!



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activism was planted last year when they were eighth-graders participating in Project Citizen, a program aimed at enhancing the teaching of civics in Vermont's schools in part by applying what is learned to real-life situations. The 2/27/04 *Sword of the Lord* editors comments: Two things of interest – 1) It does show once again the thinking of the Founding Fathers. The “church and state” rantings we hear today by the ACLU and others under the influence of the liberals are recent thinking and do not represent the views of the Founding Fathers. 2) Here is also a case of your tax dollars at work in the educational system. Do you think these eighth-graders dreamed all this up on their own, or do you suspect that they’ve been indoctrinated by the system? Pretty obvious, isn’t it”.....

“Why is it important for scientists to critically analyze evolution?

“That’s the first question in the ‘student reflection’ portion of a controversial 22-page section called ‘Critical Analysis of Evolution,’ which is now part of Ohio’s 547-page public school science curriculum.

“How could anybody object to such an innocuous question? Newspapers report a steady stream of news that scientists are questioning such dogmas as good cholesterol vs. bad cholesterol, vaccine links to autism, the causes of breast cancer, even fluoridation for children’s teeth. Isn’t the nature of science to question assertions and seeks the proof from evidence.....

“On February 10, the Ohio State Board of Education approved the new curriculum because the lesson plan promotes academic freedom and that it is good for students in 10th

grade to have an inquiring mind about evolution. It will be optional; no teacher will be required to teach criticisms of evolution, no student will be tested on the criticisms. So what’s the big deal?

“It’s a sad day for science in Ohio,” states the opposition. One such law professor in opposition thinks that ‘moral relativism’ is a ‘constitutional command,’ that the Pledge of Allegiance is unconstitutional, and that nude sunbathing should be given constitutional protection.

“Diehard evolutionists have enjoyed censorship of any criticism of their beliefs for 100 years, and they won’t willingly give up their academic turf.”



A new widow was agonizing about what slogan to have inscribed on her husband’s tombstone. Should it say this, or should it say that? Finally she decided to use both: *Rest in Peace - Until We Meet Again*

On her golden wedding anniversary, my grandmother revealed the secret of her long and happy marriage. “On my wedding day, I decided to choose ten of my husband’s faults which, for the sake of our marriage, I would overlook,” she explained.

A guest asked her to name some of the faults. “To tell the truth,” she replied, “I never did get around to listing them. But whenever my husband did something that made me hopping mad, I would say to myself, ‘Good for him, that’s one of the ten.’”

‘KEEP YOUR FORK’

A young lady who had been diagnosed with cancer and given only a short time to live sent for her pastor, and went over with him some final wishes. They discussed which songs she wanted sung at the service, the scripture she wanted read and which outfit she wanted to be buried in. The lady then told the pastor there was one more very important thing.

She said, “I want to be buried with a fork in my right hand.” By way of explaining her request, she said her grandmother told the story of attending many socials and dinners but she always remembered that when the dishes of the main course were being cleared, someone would inevitably lean over and say, “Keep your fork.” It was her favorite part because she knew something better was coming, like chocolate cake or apple pie. The young lady told the minister that when people saw her in the casket with a fork in her hand, they would wonder why. Then she wanted him to tell them, “Keep your fork, the best is yet to come.”

The day of the funeral as friends and family passed the casket, they whispered to each other, wondering about the fork. But during the service the pastor relayed the message from their friend that she had gone where the best is surely yet to come.

The story goes on to say that the next time you reach down for your fork, let it remind you that the best is yet to come.

In spite of the trials, this life is filled with many good things. We have material things, homes, jobs, families, and friends. But for a Christian, we can truly say, “Keep your fork, the best is yet to come.”

-Author Unknown



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lawful? I have to stop it some way. I can't imagine anybody having enough money to give away, meeting all their needs....

Well, waiting on that new typewriter has gotten me behind on my letter writing so I will cut this one off and get busy with some of the others. Oh yes, how is your dad? I hope all is well at your house, God bless you all, have a good day,

Bro. Royce

By the way, Bro. Royce is doing quite well and I agree with him, there is not enough money to help all those we would be honored to help. Yet, little is truly much when God is in it. Thank you to all "you Gideon warriors" who do stand faithfully with us and make all the difference in getting the Word out! God bless you all!

Now a change of subject – This is a critical election year. Pray, write letters, make phone calls, send emails and go to the poles and vote. In an attempt to score political points, the liberals offer obstruction instead of action, bitter partisan rhetoric instead of ideas, attacks instead of policy. Overheated rhetoric shows liberals will say anything and stop at nothing. Our federal courts are now filled with liberal activists who violate the constitution and peril our national security. There are U.S. Senators, U.S. Representatives, governorships and hundreds of other state and local offices up for election this year.

I still believe the two statements on the front of this publication are our responsibility – **CONTENDING FOR AMERICAN FREEDOM** and **CONTENDING FOR FUNDAMENTAL CHRISTIANITY**. Mark 1:3 is our theme. Please let your Voice be heard. Let's stand together and occupy til' He comes.

For Christ and Souls,
Bro. Ronnie



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and see what God says about work in His Word.

What Is Work?

1. Work is God's idea - Genesis 2:15
2. Work is hard, tiring, and laborious - Genesis 3:19
3. Work is equated to knowledge and wisdom - Eccl. 9:10

Why Should I Work?

1. Work provides for our families - I Tim. 5:8
2. Work effects our testimony - II Thess. 3:7-8
3. Work provides for the needy - Ephesians 4:28

Is Work Good for Me?

1. Work is profitable - Proverbs 14:23
2. Work brings increase - Proverbs 13:11
3. Work is better than Sominex: Sweet sleep! - Eccl. 5:12

How Should I Work?

1. Work quietly without griping or complaining - II Thess. 3:12
2. Work heartily, serving our Lord - Colossians 3:23-24
3. Work for the eternal, not the temporary - John 6:27

I Corinthians 15:58 "Therefore my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

Some wives as well as us husbands could benefit from Brother Hummel's study on work. Hey, clean up your act. It is certain to demonstrate some Godliness.

V. Put away the dirty laundry.

"Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for

Christ's sake has forgiven you" Ephesians 4:31 & 32. Go back and read Ephesians 4:21-32. Don't keep dragging things up. Forgive and move forward.

VII. Can it be said in Love?

Speaking in love is not said in anger, wagging a finger with a look of death. This thing of communication is important. A time to talk that is not so emotional. Think about what you are going to say and consider how you would want it said to you (Ephesians 4:15; 5:20-33). If you wouldn't say it in prayer, don't say it at all. Here's a little saying I came across:

*To keep your marriage brimming
With love in the loving cup
Whenever you're wrong, admit it
Whenever you're right, shut up.*

VII. Think out of the box and in THE BOOK!

Get out of that old, sorry box of thinking you have been trapped in all your life and get in God's Book to see what He has to say about the subject.

From the mental, physical, to the spiritual, we must go by the Book! From personal appearance to family finance, God's Word has the answer. Whether recreation or child rearing, the Bible must be our sole authority for faith and practice.

*It's the WORD'S Way or the world's way
The BIBLE or the belly
The BOOK or bust.*

PSALM 1: "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful."

"But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night."

"And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper." -RLW



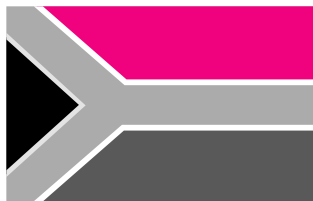


FROM THE MAILBAG



Thank you, On behalf of pastor, please accept our heart-felt gratitude for helping to make our first Missions' Conference a huge success.... I wanted to send a personal note of Thanks from myself for your patience and willingness to help us. I only wish all of you as well as all of our other supported brothers and sisters could have come in from the field to be with us for the whole conference.... By the way, in case you haven't heard, there was a song that was sung, unplanned, on Sunday night, Monday night, and Tuesday night... Below is a small portion of the song:

The preachers are weary, the
singers are tired,
The church as we know it, is
loosing its fire....
But if just one more soul, were to
walk down the aisle
It would be worth every struggle, it
would be worth every mile....
Thank you for staying after that one
soul out there... Assoc. Pastor,
Tennessee



I have been receiving *The Voice in the Wilderness* for many years now, probably close to 20, and I want to say that I really enjoy it. Being

missionaries here on the field of Africa we long to get mail from home, especially material like yours. Thanks for sending it to us, and thanks for holding the line regarding issues on the Bible, moral standards, sanctity in marriage, and patriotism. I always benefit from *The Voice in the Wilderness* and want to see the material continue... Missionaries, *Southern Africa*

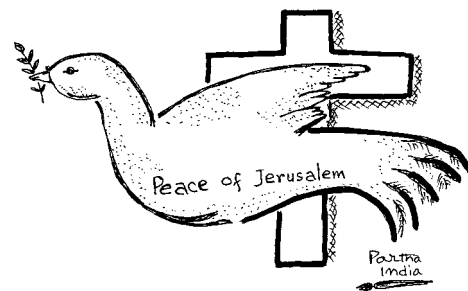


I certainly have appreciated your faithful support over the years – since 1954, I believe. I know you pray for me and for the work here in Belize, and I am very grateful for this. Thank you! Be assured of my prayers for you and Bro. Royce and your mission ministries around the world, and *The Voice in the Wilderness*. God bless you as you tarry in His presence and meditate on His precious Holy Word. Amen!... Missionary, *Belize*



"Now I am seriously ill and was nursing home for 9 days and come back to home 'Jaundice.' I am absolutely in the bed. (Rest for 3 months). Your letter I got last I was so ill, I could not write down a letter to you. Yes! My Dad can read the Bible which you can send to my Dad.

Same address. By this time I am with the King James Study Bible. The book sent by Mr. Patel and children's Bible to Jimmy and Rebekah and my brother's daughter too. Happy family with the Bible. Your sermon of the month (issue March 04) is a great one. JERUSALEM, JERUSALEM also a good poem by RLW. (You may be a poet)... Reading the Bible and understanding is very tough. Though I am doing well. In the name of Jesus"... Friend, *India*



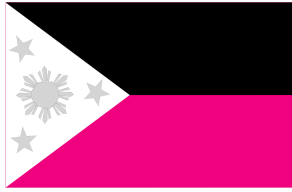
A drawing from our friend in India



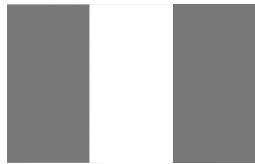
Just a note to say hello. Please be advised we are sending a cheque for \$100 U.S. funds for your work. It isn't much but will help a little. You use it where it is needed most. We pray for you everyday. I am a Pentecostal minister.... Anyhow, may the Lord bless you folk and keep up the good work is my prayer... Subscriber, *British Columbia*

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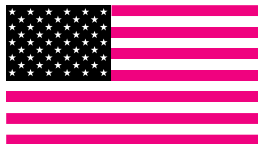
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Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord! I am glad to write you again.... Your publication helped me very much to do these works in the past many years until now, and I would like to renew my free subscription to *The Voice in the Wilderness* this year 2004 for my personal use and distribution for it contains the Word of our heavenly Father which was given to His Son, preached by the apostles, and now read it in the New Testament... Subscriber, *Philippines*

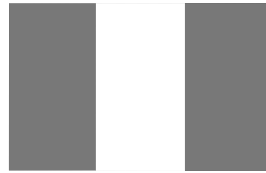


Beloved,I wish to commend you and your wife for your effort since the assumption of office as the editor to *The Voice in the Wilderness* and for maintaining the standard, may our good God give you more grace to carry on faithfully to the end... Relatively, I know that we here in this part of the world had not been a part of the financial support of the ministry due to so many reasons but as we continue in prayers with you, we are confident that the good work that God begun through Bro. Royce to us you will keep up until we meet at his feet without deleting us from your mailing list... Subscriber, *Nigeria*



I do thank you for *The Voice in the*

Wilderness. It's a real blessing to me and it has so many good articles to read. I have found names to many, many missionaries to add to my prayer list. Everyday I pray for these missionaries and wish I had more names. I enjoy the News Bits, the Sermons, and the Civil War piece and many other things. All I can do is say thank you... Prisoner



....Thanks, I wish to say a big thank you for the past years of your wonderful support to my personal evangelism, the only gift I have known of since I am called unto this Narrow way of Truth. I thank God also that your materials have been of very great help and guide to my preaching, teaching and evangelisms, daily. They are spirit filled, motivating and inspiring. Thank God that you truly, are following the Spirit of Truth and Wisdom. God bless... Evangelist, *Nigeria*



MAIL CALL: Please don't be upset if you have written to us but have not received a reply. My wife is the only other person in The Voice in the Wilderness office to assist. We do read every single letter that comes in. Your input is greatly appreciated. However, because we are a small ministry and try to operate in an efficient but economical manner, it is impossible to answer all the letters that we receive in this office on a weekly basis along with all our other duties. Thanks for understanding... Bro. Ronnie

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always struggled with facts and accuracy of my observations so that I could understand the truthfulness of the things I observe. But I still don't understand what truth means ultimately and what the Sanskrit maxim, *Satyam vijayate* (Truth will be victorious), means after all." [Editor's comment: Mother Teresa could have easily coined the phrase "blended worship." Hers was a prayer to whatever god you are most comfortable with. Of course, if one has no absolute sources and compass of truth, how can one know what Truth is? Mr. Batra says, "But I still don't understand what Truth means ultimately..."]

"So when I and my wife, Varsha, a devout Vaishnava whose beliefs and practices come very close to the nonviolent image of Christianity as manifested in thousands of schools, colleges, hospitals and charitable institutions that Jesuits and other Christians have established in India, went to see *The Passion of the Christ*, the desire was to experience how Mel Gibson saw the truth about Jesus. Before its release, the media had been saturated with the controversy that the movie is an extremely brutal and intolerable depiction of the last days of Jesus; and it is. At one point, my wife gave an agonized cry, Why don't they stop?

"Gibson uses most of the cinematic time in creating a crescendo of violence, piling beating upon beating, flagellation upon flagellation, horror upon horror, culminating in the crucifixion. Yet, the movie never creates that sense of sublime terror, awe and pity that leads to deeper understanding, and

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acceptance, and forgiveness, and reconciliation. A great movie like a great work of art beckons you again. Would I go to see *The Passion* again? Nah. Not again. But I would like to see *the Fellowship of the Rings: The Return of the King* again; *Ten Commandments* again; *Gandhi* again. “[Editor comment: Does it not alarm “Bible believing preachers and Christians” that so many would flock to the theatre for a Hollywood actor/director’s Catholic version. This very reaction is a commentary on the shallowness, the lack of discernment, and utter blindness to the truth.]

Mr. Batra continues, “Gibson has been saying that he wanted to present to the American people the truth of the Gospel in all its blood and glory. Of course, there have been many gospels, of which only four have survived in the form of the New Testament. Others have been suppressed or destroyed due to the struggle for control over Jesus legacy. So we would never know the complete truth about Jesus except through our own representations and misrepresentation that suit our needs.” [Editor’s comment: This is another “every man did that which was right in his own eyes.” Sad it is, if deluded man must scramble amongst this world’s abundant confusion and sort out what “suits his need?” Must truth and eternity hang on such uncertainty?]

In his article, Mr. Batra describes the movie as an attempt to vindicate the Catholic Church for its horrendous crimes of pedophile priests against 10,667 children from 1950 to 2000. Mr. Batra states, “Instead of seeing Jesus on the Cross, I saw thousands of abused American

children on the Cross, while the Church made plea bargains and financial settlements with victims. Being a devout Catholic, Gibson must have been awfully pained to see what happened to the Catholic Church and the silence of American bishops and the Vatican about the abuse of children. You can’t see *The Passion of the Christ* and forget what they have done to his Church.” *The Statesman – India – 10th MARCH ‘04*

CATHOLICS SAY GIBSON IS AN EVANGELIST –

Traditional Roman Catholics certainly understand the massive potential of this movie for building up their “church.” The Roman Catholic magazine *Inside the Vatican* chose Mel Gibson as its “Man of the Year” for 2003. The *Daily Catholic* calls Gibson an evangelist and apostle for Rome’s traditions: “Many see Gibson as a Hollywood movie star, but True Catholics see him as an evangelist in the purist sense. A true Apostle for the Truths and Traditions of the Church Christ founded. Mel has set on film what has always been set in stone: the everlasting reminder of why Christ died for each and every one of us. We have that reminded daily in the Latin Mass in the Alter of Christ—the priest offers Him up daily as a propitiatory sacrifice in an unbloody manner to the Father for us. PRAYERFULLY THIS MOVIE WILL MOVE THE HEARTS AND SOULS OF MILLIONS TO RETURN TO THE TRUTHS AND TRADITIONS OF CHRIST’S TRUE CHURCH.” (*Daily Catholic*, January 17, 2004) Regardless of what evangelistic opportunity arises in the

context of this movie, it is going to be a great encouragement to the Roman Catholic Church and to ecumenical endeavors everywhere. *Christian News* 3/22/04

Another Catholic emerging in the close ranks is Irish singer, Daniel O’Donnell. Recently PBS featured him doing his thing on songs ranging from the Tennessee Waltz to Hymns such as “Just As I Am” and “I’ll Fly Away.”



Nuggets of Gold

1. Couples who do not expect to work at their relationship often have the roughest ride on the back roads of matrimony.
2. Marriages are made in heaven, but we are responsible for the maintenance work.
3. To love others makes us happy; to love ourselves makes us lonely.
4. The ideal husband is the one who understands every word his wife isn’t saying.
5. Even if a man could understand women, he still wouldn’t believe it.
6. Marriage was formerly a commitment, but it’s now regarded as a ninety-day option.
7. The most important thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother.
8. Parents who have fine children usually have children who have fine parents.
9. Nowadays there are more model homes than model families.
10. The greatest institution in the world is the human family.



CHANGE YOUR BEHAVIOR OR CHANGE YOUR NAME

Centuries ago during one of his major campaigns, the great world conqueror, Alexander the Great, received a message that one of his soldiers had been continually and seriously misbehaving and thereby shedding a bad light on the character of all the Greek troops. What made it even worse was that this soldier's name was also Alexander.

When the commander learned this, he sent word that he wanted to talk to the errant soldier in person. When the young man arrived at the tent of Alexander the Great, the commander asked him, "What is your name?" The reply came back, "Alexander, Sir." The commander looked him straight in the eye and said forcefully, "Soldier, either change your behavior or change your name." -Selected



A SILENT SERMON

Grandfather would tuck his Bible under his arm and walk through the small town he lived in to Sunday school and church services. For the last five years of his life he could not hear, and he never heard a word of any sermon, yet he continued to go.

One day I asked him, "Grandpa, why do you keep on going to Sunday school and church when you can't hear a word that the preacher says?"

"I keep on going," he replied, "even if I don't hear, because I want people to know whose side I'm on."

Do people know whose side you're on? We must be different from the world if we are to help it. Until we make it clear whom it is we serve, no one will ever pay attention to us. Make sure the world knows whose side you're on.

-Author Unknown

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