



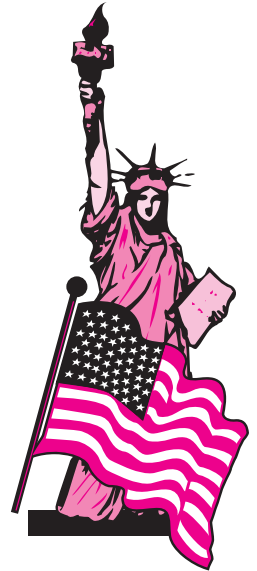
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Mark 1:3

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"IN EVERY THING GIVE THANKS!"



Mid sunshine, cloud or stormy days,
When hope abounds or care dismays;
When trials press and toils increase,
Let not thy faith in God decrease—
"In every thing give thanks."



All things we know shall work for good,
Nor would we change them if we could;
'Tis well if only He commands;
His promises will ever stand—
"In every thing give thanks."



He satisfies the longing heart,
He thwarts the tempter's cruel dart,
With goodness fills the hungry souls,
And helps us sing when billows roll.
"In every thing give thanks."

-Author Unknown

When you can't trace God's hand,
you can trust God's heart. - Spurgeon



MY PERSONAL MESSAGE TO YOU

Dear Friends:

As I place pen to this issue of *The Voice in the Wilderness*, it is January 1, 2005 – a new year with wonderful opportunities each hour of each day. The song says, “Another year with thee: another year of progress, Another year of praise, Another year of proving, Thy presence all the days.” Our Lord has promised to be with us, and I pray we all will walk closely with Him.

Hopefully the January 2005 *The Voice in the Wilderness* was a blessing and even a bit thought provoking. My uncle was telling me how appreciative he was for this little publication. I told him how we tried to provoke thought in all our readers. Whether or not you agree with all that is written in these pages, I pray you will do some thinking. My uncle commented that too many people allow the TV to do their thinking. Regardless your position on any particular issue, political persuasion, thoughts on divorce, dress, tattoos, body piercing, cremation, music, missions or a multitude of topics, I desire for this little paper to make you think. Thousands read this

printed preacher each month, and more often than not, “there is no small stir!” As mama use to say, “Get mad, get glad, just get something!” Thank God for this fundamental *voice* holding forth the Word of Life. Your partnership and prayers are such a vital part of this ministry. The January edition had to go to press long before the year-end gifts were totaled. Even now, the results prove an overwhelming generosity by you. The response was wonderful and

**THANK YOU!
Your year-end
gifts were so very
generous! God Bless
you all!**

positions *The Voice in the Wilderness* financially sound for the beginning of 2005. Your gifts enable *The Voice in the Wilderness* to do some extra for many of our missionaries during this special time of the year. God Bless You!

Last month on page 13, I shared an article entitled, “Vision in Partnership.” Also in the October 2004 edition was

the sermon “Mission @ Risk.” Please go back and read that material a second time.

This month I am following those two articles with, “A Testimony to God’s Provision.” I trust this follow-up will be a blessing. It is not my intention to be critical of anyone. Rather, I simply give my Lord the praise for the great things He hath done.

Our pastor preached, “Striving to Thrive in 2005” to our local church as a challenge for this New Year. Using Philippians 3:10-17 as his text, the admonition was to: Know more, Sow more, and Grow more. 1) As Christians our desire should be to know Christ more intimately each day. As a result: 2) We will be a brighter light and greater witness of His Saving Grace to a lost world. Then: 3) We will most assuredly grow spiritually. My prayer for all our readers in 2005 is to KNOW, SOW, and GROW.

Last word from Bro. Royce was good. He had plans to be in Dallas Dec. 24-31. If you would like to drop him a note, please send it to the Asheville Office and we will forward it to Bro. Royce. He had been receiving a lot of mail requesting all sorts of things concerning *The Voice in the Wilderness*, so at this time *The Voice in the Wilderness* is not publishing his direct mail address in hopes of eliminating some of this aggravation. Thanks for understanding.

Once again, thank you to all who pray and stand with us in this wonderful ministry. God bless and have a fruitful 2005.

For Christ and Souls,
Bro. Ronnie - Isa. 40:31
“Happy Trails”



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TSUNAMI and the Local Church

A BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE

You've heard the heart wrenching reports about the thousands who died as a result of the Tsunami's raging across the Indian Ocean. The disaster was described as being of "Biblical Proportions." Keep in mind there is coming a day of great woes and judgments poured out upon this earth. The Tsumani, the war in Afghanistan and Iraq nor the terrorists atrocities around the world including 9/11 do not compare to the soon to come prophetic events. That is why the recent Tsunami must be placed in a scriptural context.

A gargantuan humanitarian effort has been launched to bring aid to those suffering. One organization reported receiving \$15 million per hour to help the relief efforts. No doubt many Christians in America and around the world are donating money to groups taking medical, clothing, food, water, and other types of assistance to the areas impacted by this overwhelming catastrophe. I am

personally thankful for all those who care and desire to reach out and help. This is not a criticism but just a word of admonition and perspective.

Our Lord has called his preachers and local church to carry the gospel and love of our Saviour throughout the world. This we have been doing and continue to do. As salvation is taken to the lost – hospitals, schools, better living standards plus a multitude of benefits are results of people embracing Christ as Saviour and the Bible as the rule and authority for life. Dear reader, if you are moved by this "Tsunami tragedy," if you are compelled to give money, time, and energy as a result of thousands dead, dying and suffering because of an earthquake and tidal waves, I have the answer for you. Get involved in your local church. Get involved in world missions and the "great commission." Get involved in what our Lord is already doing in India, Sri Lanka, Sumatra, Asia, the Pacific and around the world. There is no better way, ABSOLUTELY NO BETTER WAY, to reach souls for Christ, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, provide educational/medical needs and reach out in love to the needy than to strengthen Bible believing, practicing local churches obedient to the "great commission."

"Now, Bro. Williamson, are you saying not to contribute to the Red Cross and other humanitarian organizations trying to give relief to those in urgent need?" Please understand this clearly. God has given us His Word to direct His children in the way to go if we will "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not

unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths" Proverbs 3:5 & 6. Will you please read Proverbs 3:7-10 and note the commands that lead to God's blessings. Repeatedly the Lord has set plainly the way for His people to walk and how His people can be a blessing to those "without."

Secretary Colin Powell immediately announced the U.S. would give \$15 million to help in the tsunami tragedy. Then the liberal U.S. media began its attack accusing the administration of being stingy and callus. Soon the government upped its aid to \$35 million and then \$350 million (as of this writing). The liberal press continued its negativism. The truth is, America has been and is the most generous nation on earth even to those who would do harm to the very hand that reaches out to help. I have said for years that you could dump the entire U.S. economy into India and due to corruption and religion, those who needed the help would never benefit. The rich would get richer and the poor would remain oppressed. You cannot throw money at problems. (By the way, one India religious woman is giving \$22 million in aid). Again,

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Thank you!

A TESTIMONY TO GOD'S PROVISION

This is a testimony, an account of God's provision. Someone has said, "Jesus is not all you need until Jesus is all you have." Many a servant of the Lord has seen Divine intervention when they themselves, nor any other mere mortal, regardless how sincere, could have met the desperate moment. And it is indeed in those critical times we must "stand still and see the salvation of the Lord." Pharaoh is bearing down and life's Red Sea is about to swallow us up. Then "With God all things are possible."

We moved to Dallas, Texas, in October 1996 to officially begin ministry with The Voice in the Wilderness. For almost a year, I had begun writing articles for *The Voice in the Wilderness* magazine as an initial introduction to this aspect of the work. The Lord had given an amazing tool of ministry to Dr. J. Royce Thomason in this printed missionary. It has been a joy to learn the many details of its production. Thousands each month are blessed and challenged by this wonderful publication.

Additionally, this monthly "Voice" is the lifeline of all our missionary endeavors. Shortly after arriving in Dallas, I began writing some of the missionaries and ministries to get acquainted. What a blessing to correspond with some of our Lord's choicest servants – many serving under extreme conditions and circumstances. Gladness and rejoicing filled my heart upon hearing the good reports as these precious people did God's will on the mission field. Yet, as often as my heart was thrilled, there were grievous times.

For several years, Dr. Thomason in good faith had been sending each month a check for \$100 to a stateside ministry that would, in turn, forward that money to a missionary for the printing of Bibles. Now, for certain reasons, I am changing the names of countries and people desiring not to hurt anyone but to only give our Lord glory for His wonderful provision. To be good stewards, as well as, to be knowledgeable of the various mission fields we supported, my correspondence was directed toward learning more about each missionary and the ministry that the Lord had given them. For clarification, I am going to call the stateside missionary organization "ABC Mission."

After several letters and phone calls between myself and ABC Mission it was discovered that Bibles had "not" been printed for several years nor did anyone know where the money was that had been contributed by The Voice in the Wilderness. Following further investigation, ABC Mission sadly learned that the missionary in "XYZ" country had left his wife for an adulterous affair with another woman. To make a long story short, ABC Mission was responsible for the discipline of their missionary, but The Voice in the Wilderness was responsible for the money contributed to print Bibles. Across thousands of miles, language and cultural barriers, the Lord did some amazing things. Ultimately, \$9,000 of The Voice in the Wilderness contributions was located in a bank in XYZ country. The money was recovered; the Bibles were printed and delivered to the native people. What a joy it

was for me to be present, preach and share with these precious folk, the dedication of these Bibles for the ministry in which they were intended. Huge obstacles had been overcome by our Lord's provision.

At this juncture, the story takes another twist. One of the missionaries that The Voice in the Wilderness had been working with in XYZ country was charged by his sending mission board with immoral conduct. In addition to what had transpired with the Bible printing, this revelation was very grievous. What was The Voice in the Wilderness going to do now to continue its ministry in XYZ country when the primary source of contact with the native people was in jeopardy?

After several years of controversy and intense efforts to salvage this relationship, The Voice in the Wilderness was forced to withdraw support and association with this missionary. This, of course, complicated our vision to minister in XYZ country due to lack of contact. Again, the Lord provided in an amazing way with an open door through several national missionaries. Presently, The Voice in the Wilderness has even expanded, in many ways, its assistance with the missionary work in XYZ country. It has been a joy to see the hand of the Lord answer prayer and provide brothers and sisters of the highest character and caliber that any ministry could hope to be associated with. During the past eight years, repeatedly, the Lord's hand has been apparent in providing for needs that

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otherwise seemed impossible.

The missionary ministry of The Voice in the Wilderness is a “by-faith” work. From personnel to finances, the Lord has graciously blessed and enabled The Voice in the Wilderness to participate in the mission of getting the gospel to those around the world. Miles and money, culture and language, are only a few of the challenges on the mission field. Constantly, our enemy, the devil, is aggressively attacking the Lord’s work and His servants world-wide. There are many details and complexities involved in the day-to-day operation of any ministry. From the pew to the pulpit, each of us must keep in mind that there is an adversary. The devil as a roaring lion is constantly on the prowl to devour and destroy the efforts of God’s people. We must be vigilant in our prayers and walk that Satan not gain a toe-hold in any aspect of our service for the Lord. Even when individuals fall and God’s people are deeply grieved, we must be reminded that our efforts and resources are given “as to the Lord.” What we do and what we give is not “as unto men.” Certainly individuals benefit from our contributions, and God uses men to accomplish His will. However, all we do is not support “a man or men,” but all we do is “as to the Lord.”

Colossians 3:23 *“And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men.”* “As to the Lord” – how many live there? That is the place of death unto life. Death to self and life unto the Lord. That is the place of celestial air. Not the stuffy, stale breath of self, but the fresh, clean, clear breath from above. That is the place of freedom not bondage “as unto man,” but freedom from

stinginess, freedom from fear of loss or misuse when given “as to the Lord.”

“There was a day when I died, utterly died to George Mueller, his opinions, preferences, taste, and will – died to the world, it’s approval or censure – died to the approval or blame even of my brethren and friends – and since then I have only to show myself approved to God.” George Mueller, as we all, must bring into perspective all of life. The life that we have is by His grace, a gift that He has given out of His goodness.

The ushers gathered around the altar to pray as God’s people prepared to give the tithes and offerings. Unknowing to these men, sat one in the pew angry with the Pastor. As the ushers passed the offering plates

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among the congregation, this man said repeatedly in his heart, “I’ll show that preacher. I’m not giving another dime to this church until he changes his tune. I’ll show that preacher.”

Every church needs members with such a sweet spirit. Nothing but pity for such a miserable soul when his giving is so low that it is done based on a man.

I. A Violation of Grace

“As to the Lord” is a demonstration of Grace. Is He your Lord? That’s by Grace. It is only by His Grace that we may have such a relationship and opportunity. To think one can punish another by not reflecting or sharing the evident graciousness of God with another is a violation

of Grace. Why should we expect personal gratification when just the ability to do or give is to recognize God’s Grace? From breath and life itself to every daily blessing, His graciousness is bestowed upon the undeserving. “For by grace are you saved through faith...” Nothing, absolutely nothing we can do merits salvation. And it is only by His Grace from the moment of salvation to the present that any believer can extend a hand and heart in an act of graciousness that originates from the Lord’s graciousness.

Why do you do what you do?
– Because you like that person
– Because you expect that person to reciprocate – Because you want the attention, reward, or it makes you feel good. After all, it is your gift, your time, your money, - right? WRONG! Anything the child of God has is because the Father was gracious.

II. A Violation of the Gift

Dear brother and sister in Christ – all that the Father has so graciously placed in hand and heart is His gift to you. What is required? – “It is required in stewards that a man be found faithful.” The gift God has given, all that one possesses in Christ is to be managed in faith, “as to the Lord.” Release that blue-knuckled grip and let the Lord do the utterly amazing. It is selfishness, it is wickedness, it is a violation of the gift to hold back that which is a trust placed in stewardship. “The earth is the Lord’s, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.” Thus, where do you claim ownership and control? “Daily He loadeth us with benefits.”

1. “HIS” is the gift of life, life

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abundant and life eternal.

2. "HIS" is the gift to be a blessing to others in the ministry of reconciliation.
3. "HIS" is the gift of giving that only means greater joy for the giver. "Give and it shall be given..."

As beneficiary of such marvelous grace and wondrous gifts, how can the Christian not serve "as to the Lord?" Charles Spurgeon said, "The very motto of the Christian should be 'I serve.'"

"Father take my life, yes, my blood if thou wilt, and consume it with thine enveloping fire. I would not save it, for it is not mine to save. Have it Lord, have it all. Pour out my life as in oblation for the world. Blood is the only value as it flows before thine altar" (Jim Elliot).

Do we give and live "as to the Lord?" To do less is:

III. A Violation of Good

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." Must we debate His Grace? Must we delay His Gift? Must we doubt His Goodness?

Why "as to the Lord?" – Because "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from our Father! To not live, to not give "as to the Lord" is a violation of the very good He has bestowed. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven."

John Wesley said, "If doing a good act in public will excite others to do more good, then 'Let your light shine to all: Miss no opportunity to do good.' O' but preacher, you do not understand. That person is

despicable. My pastor said and did such and such. I was so hurt, so humiliated, so angry..."

Charles Spurgeon wrote, "I am told that Christians do not love each other. I am very sorry if that be true, but I rather doubt it, for I suspect that those who do not love each other are not Christians."

Go ahead, live a life of bitterness. Refuse to serve. Be a "*mealy-miser*." You have constructed your own prison. You have built your own gallows.

Take time to review the many wonderful lessons of Job. Then take particular note of Job 42:10 – "And the Lord turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends:..." God's grace, gift, and goodness did not return while Job was disputing

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with his friends. The Bible says, "And the Lord turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends." "Also the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before."

We have the power to make the choice. We can choose to live our lives "as to the Lord," or we can choose a life of rebellion against God, resistance against His will, and waste away in bitterness. Mr. Spurgeon said that some Christians do not love each other. I do agree with Mr. Spurgeon, if that be the case, they are not Christians. How can bitterness and sweetness spring from the same well?

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

one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." Ephesians 4:31-32.

Paul outlines in Galatians 5:19-21 the works of the flesh and among that list is strife, and envyings, which Paul says I tell you that they which do such things shall not inherit the Kingdom of God. Spurgeon was biblical on his assessment.

I beseech you – can we determine to live here "as to the Lord?" When The Voice in the Wilderness gave \$9,000 for the printing of Bibles the money was given "as to the Lord." Men went astray, but that which was given "as to the Lord" was not lost. I am amazed and my heart rejoices in my God's provision. When I do and give "as to the Lord," He will provide that none be lost. Whether you are placing your tithes, offering, or faith promise in the plate as the ushers pass by, determine to do it "as to the Lord." In faithfully supporting your pastor and local church (and let me say, I do whole heartedly support the local church), do it "as to the Lord:" when in life, persecution comes, and it will, live on "as to the Lord." Be faithful in your witness for Jesus Christ. Share the Good News with a lost soul today! And if that lost should refuse or even abuse, give the Gospel message "as to the Lord." Please, just a note to our faithful readers – if the Lord should lead you to partner with The Voice in the Wilderness and our missionary work, do it "as to the Lord." "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink or whatsoever ye do; do all to the glory of God." Husbands, wives, children, parents, and servants, the apostle Paul exhorts us to live "as to the Lord."

-RLW



WHY AMERICA = UNDER GOD?

— William J. Federer wrote an article dated 9/24/2003 entitled, “Three Secular Reasons Why America Should be Under God. Below are a few excerpts from his article:

RIGHTS

- To have individual rights the government cannot take away, rights must come from a power “higher” than government.
- The Declaration states “all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights... That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men.”
- Without God, government transitions from being our servant to our master.
- President Harry S. Truman addressed the Attorney General’s Conference, 1950: “The fundamental basis of this nation’s laws was given to Moses on the Mount... If we don’t have a proper fundamental moral background, we will finally end up with a totalitarian government which does not believe in rights for anybody except the State!”

EQUALITY

- If there is no God – then men are not only not “created,” they are not “equal,” as Darwin espoused, some are more evolved than others.
- In his *Descent of Man*, Darwin referred to Africans and Aboriginal Australians as “savages” and stated: “Civilized races of man will almost certainly exterminate and replace the savage races throughout the world... The break between man

and his nearest allies will then be wider, for it will intervene between man in a more civilized state, as we may hope, even than the Caucasian, and some ape as low as a baboon, instead of as now between the negro or Australian and the gorilla.”

- This concept influenced the Dred Scott Case, 1856, which stated slaves “had for more than a century before been regarded as beings of an inferior order... so far inferior, that they had no rights which the white man was bound to respect; and that the Negro might justly and lawfully be reduced to slavery for

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his benefit.”

- This influenced Margaret Sanger, who, prior to World War II, founded Planned Parenthood and hired Nazi Party member Ernst Rudin as her advisor. In her book *Pivot of Civilization* (1922), she called for “The elimination of ‘human weeds’... overrunning the human garden;... for the cessation of ‘charity’ because it prolonged the lives of the unfit; for the segregation of ‘morons, misfits, and the maladjusted’; and for the sterilization of genetically inferior races.”
- Sanger influenced Hitler to consider

the German, or “Aryan,” race as “ubermensch,” supermen, being more advanced in the supposed progress of human evolution. This resulted in their perverted effort to rid the “human gene pool” of “utermensch” – races considered less evolved, through the gas chambers. Stalin followed this example, exterminating 25 million “inferior” Ukrainians.

FEDERAL LAWS

- President John Adams stated in a letter to the Third Division of the Militia of Massachusetts, October 11, 1798: “Our constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.”
- British Statesman Edmund Burke stated in “A letter to a Member of the National Assembly,” 1791: “What is liberty without virtue? It is the greatest of all possible evils... it is madness without restraint. Men are qualified for civil liberty in exact proportion to their disposition to put moral chains upon their own appetites... Society cannot exist, unless a controlling power upon will and appetite be placed somewhere; and the less of it there is within, the more there must be without.”
- Daniel Webster, Secretary of State for three U.S. Presidents, was once asked what the greatest thought was that ever passed through his mind. He replied, “My accountability to God.”
- This accountability is expressed in

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NEWS BITS

FROM HERE AND THERE



ABSTINENCE – The Bush administration is a staunch supporter of abstinence education, and the Republican-led Congress earmarked \$170 million, including \$30 million in new funds, for abstinence education in its 2005 spending bill. Previous AMA (American Medical Association) policy opposed abstinence-only education, saying it could not support it “unless research showed that it was superior in preventing negative outcomes,” Dr. Hill said. The new AMA policy doesn’t address abstinence-only education per se. The new policy also opposes “federal funding of community-based programs that do not show evidence-based results. There are several studies which show that abstinence education is effective, especially in reducing teen pregnancy and abortion rates, said Dr. Hal Wallis, a Texas doctor who is on the medical council of the Sioux Falls, S.D. – based abstinence clearinghouse. Federally funded studies have shown that virginity pledges delay having sex and abstinence education is responsible for more than half of the decline in teen births, he said. Dr. Eric Keroack,

an obstetrician-gynecologist from Boston said, “Abstinence education is the first mechanism that has actually made a positive impact on the devastation caused by the errant sexual education programs of the 1970s and 1980s. *The Washington Times* 12/04

MARRIED ADULTS MORE LIKELY TO LIVE WELL AND BE MERRY

– The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) says in its new report, which reviews health data gathered from more than 127,000 adults from 1999 to 2002 that married adults are more likely to be healthier – physically and mentally – than divorced, widowed, cohabiting or never-married adults reports Cheryl Wetzstein for *The Washington Times*.

THE 109TH CONGRESS – On January 4, 2005 the 109th Congress convened with 269 days to finish its business before the targeted adjournment date of September 30th. Note some of the following facts:

- * 9% of the total Congress has turned over as a result of the last election.
- * The Senate has nine new members
- * Forty-six of the 435 House seats will be occupied by freshmen.
- * Many expect the Senate will be faced with at least one Supreme Court nomination to confirm.

Perhaps more.

- * The White House has signaled intentions to move on Social Security and tax reform.
- * House members are not pleased with the President’s proposed immigration policy.



CHINA’S SEARCH ENGINE

– Bill Clinton is promoting a rival search engine backed by China’s rights-abusing communist dictatorship. “I hope you all make lots of money,” the ex-president told execs at the launch of Accoona Corp., which repaid him with an undisclosed gift of cash to the William J. Clinton Foundation. “The Chinese government, one of several large backers, has granted Accoona a 20-year exclusive partnership with the China Daily Information Co., the government agency that runs an official Chinese and English Web site,” the Associated Press reported. “The deal gives Accoona data on some 5 million Chinese companies, which Accoona sees as a lucrative opportunity as U.S. businesses seek to do business in China ahead of the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing.” *NewsMax* 12/8/04

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INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR NATURAL DISASTER REDUCTION

– The United Nations in 1989 declared the 1990's the "International Decade for natural Disaster Reduction," and created a secretariat to run it, and it set no concrete goals or timetable for accomplishing them. In a recent study by a Christian relief agency, it was found that less than 10 percent of the money spent on disaster relief by government agencies and institutions like the World Bank goes to preventive measures. According to the study, Mozambique, anticipating major flooding in 2002, asked for \$2.7 million to make basic emergency preparations. It received only half that amount from international donor organizations. After the flood, those same organizations ended up committing \$550 million in emergency assistance, rehabilitation and reconstruction financing.

WORLD DISASTERS

...we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth...

5 WORST EARTHQUAKES

		Estimated Deaths
China	1976	242,000
China	1927	200,000
China	1920	180,000
Japan	1923	143,000
Soviet Union	1948	110,000

5 WORST DROUGHTS

China	1928	3,000,000
India	1942	1,500,000
India	1900	1,250,000
Soviet Union	1921	1,200,000
China	1920	500,000

5 WORST FLOODS

China	1931	3,700,000
China	1959	2,000,000
China	1939	500,000
China	1935	142,000
China	1911	100,000

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MANY TEACHERS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS DO NOT SEND THEIR KIDS THERE

– A Washington Times article stated more than 25 percent of public school teachers in Washington, D.C. and Baltimore send their children to private schools, a new study reports. Nationwide, public school teachers are almost twice as likely as other parents to choose private schools for their own children, the study by the Thomas B. Fordham Institute found. More than 1 in 5 public school teachers said their children attend private schools.

In Washington (28%), Baltimore (35%) and 16 other major cities, the figure is more and 1 in 4. In some cities, nearly half of the children of public school teachers have abandoned public schools... Michael Pons, spokesman for the National Education Association, the 2.7 million-member public school union, declined a request for comment on the study's findings. The American Federation of Teachers also decline to comment.

Public school teachers told the Fordham Institute's surveyors that private and religious schools impose greater discipline, achieve higher academic achievement and offer overall a better atmosphere.

"Across the states, 12.2 percent of all families – urban, rural and suburban – send their children to private schools," says the report, based on 2000 census data....

[Report authors Denis P. Doyle, Brian Diepold and David A. DeSchryver say]... "We can assume that no one knows the condition and quality of public schools better than teachers who work in them every day. They know from personal experience that many of their colleagues make

such a choice [for private vs. public schools], and do so for good and sufficient reasons." *Via Sword of the Lord 11/04*

CHINA TESTS BALLISTIC MISSILE SUB THAT WILL CARRY NUCLEAR ARMS

– China's military has launched the first of a new class of ballistic missile submarines in what defense officials view as a major step forward in Beijing's strategic weapons program.

The new 094-class submarine was launched in late July and when fully operational in the next year or two will be the first submarine to carry the underwater-launched version of China's new DF-31 missile, according to defense officials.

"When fully operational, it will represent a more modern, more capable missile platform," said one official familiar with reports of the new submarine.

A second intelligence official said building submarines is a top priority of the Chinese, and the Type 094 will be "China's first truly intercontinental strategic nuclear delivery system."

A CIA report made public several weeks ago stated that Russia was a major supplier of technology to China's naval nuclear propulsion programs.

"In the very near future, China will have a secure, second-strike nuclear attack capability that it will use to bolster its nuclear strategy of seeking to deter the United States from aiding Taiwan..."

The range of a new Chinese missile is estimated to be about 7,500 miles, enough to strike targets throughout the United States. *The Washington Times*

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RELIGIOUS NEWS

AND COMMENTS



LEGAL OUTLOOK FOR 2005

— Dr. David Gibbs, of *The Legal Alert* January 2005 issue noted several events that took place in the year 2004 that affected Christians. Following are a few excerpts from his review:

A Historic Election - ...For the first time since the 1920s, Republicans now control every branch of government — including the Presidency, the Senate, the House, the Judiciary, and a majority of state governorships and legislatures. Conservative Christians are poised for some positive changes. The President was elected by the most votes ever cast for any presidential candidate in American history. Even the liberal news media had to report initially that evangelical Christians were largely responsible for this positive election outcome.

Gay Marriage Controversy - ...The highest state court in Massachusetts ruled at the end of 2003 that same-sex couples are legally entitled to the same marriage privileges in that state as heterosexual couples have exclusively enjoyed throughout all of human history. The repercussions from that decision continued throughout 2004... After Massachusetts began to marry same-sex couples, two local mayors in New York and California decided in 2004 that they should be able to do the

same thing no matter what their state laws actually said. Fortunately, during 2004, courts in both of these states ruled that all marriages performed by these renegade local officials were invalid....By the end of 2004, only the state of Florida was holding its ground and continuing to ban the adoption of children by same-sex couples. Gay rights activists are planning an all-out assault on this state law in 2005....Congress voted down a Federal Marriage Amendment in 2004; however, some Congressmen have vowed to bring the issue to the floor again during 2005. The gay marriage controversy will raise additional problems for churches and ministries in 2005. Every church should take the year 2005 as a banner year for redrafting their constitution and bylaws to protect themselves against lawsuits over issues of homosexuality. Will your church be able to continue to refuse to hire homosexuals on the church staff? Will your Christian school be permitted to refuse to hire homosexual teachers? Will your married couples Bible class be able to refuse to admit a same-sex couple into membership? The answers to all of these questions will depend entirely on what your church documents say about these issues.

Partial Birth Abortion - ...Congress finally passed a bill banning partial birth abortion and the President signed it into law in late 2003. Appeals in these cases were ongoing during 2004. While these court challenges continue, partial birth abortions were still being performed in America during 2004.

Ten Commandments - ...The highest court in our land agreed in 2004 to hear cases from Kentucky and Texas regarding whether displays of the Ten Commandments will remain legal in public buildings in America. In 1980, the U.S. Supreme Court determined that the Ten Commandments could not be displayed in public schools because the children might read them and think that the government was encouraging children to follow them. (The Court's decision actually said that!) Since that time, liberal legal groups have been attempting to remove the Ten Commandments from other public buildings across America. The U.S. Supreme Court has finally agreed to weigh in on this matter and a ruling will be issued sometime during 2005.

Pledge of Allegiance - ...The U.S. Supreme court, in 2004, dismissed the federal case in which they were arguing that the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance in America's public schools is unconstitutional because it contains the phrase "under God." Lawsuits can be brought to the federal courts again, and it likely will be during 2005.

Hate Crimes Legislation - ...Some local governments are already passing hate crime legislation increasing penalties for crimes perpetrated against protected categories of citizens, and the stage has been set for the possibility that pure speech may at some point be classified as a hate crime even if that speech is merely proclaiming the Biblical position

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on issues such as homosexuality. Christians must remain vigilant during 2005 to make sure that neither states nor local and federal governments attempt to impose such censorship on freedom of speech in America. Hate crimes legislation should be defeated in whatever jurisdiction it is proposed.

Pastoral Counseling - ...Pastoral counselors should always counsel from a spiritual viewpoint and should quote directly from the Bible frequently. They must also remember, even in a church disciplinary action, a pastoral counselor must keep confidential the information he learns through his pastoral counseling. CLA can assist churches in dealing with church discipline in a manner that is legally appropriate. Churches should call for help before they begin the process, to avoid costly mistakes.

Employee Diversity Policies - ...Such diversity policies are being instituted in many workplaces across America. Christian employees should be on the lookout for them during 2005.

Action Agenda - ...Christianity remains under attack in America as never before. The year 2005 would be a good time for Christians to seriously consider becoming involved. Sitting on the sidelines will doom your children and grandchildren to a future with far less religious liberty than what you have enjoyed in your lifetime. Get involved in your local church. Get involved in your local community. Get involved in telling others about Jesus Christ. The homosexuals are clearly out of the closet. Sadly, many Christians have climbed in....Please pray. Please stay alert and get involved. For the sake of the next generation, it's the least we can do!



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B O R D E R S AND ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION -

[Many good Americans have made phone calls, wrote letters, and sent emails, yet is anyone in Washington listening? The November election of 2004 made little if any definitive effort to bring the American borders as well as illegal immigration under control. The U.S. government and all its homeland security and such is in reality a part of the problem. The Voice in the Wilderness has printed numerous articles on this subject. Phyllis Schlafly hit the nail on the head once again in her Human Events article 11/8/04.]

She writes: The U.S. Constitution makes it the duty of the federal government to "protect each of [the states] against invasion," Congress should close all our borders to illegal entry by using increased personnel, technology, aerial surveillance, and military troops. Although 4,000 illegal aliens enter daily across the Arizona border alone, since 9/11 the Border Patrol has been increased by only 1,300 agents. The government has no way of separating out Middle Easterners, persons who committed crimes in the United States, returned to Mexico, and then are reentering our country, and persons with communicable diseases.

The Border Patrol estimates that over the last year it apprehended 55,890 people who are OTMs (Other Than Mexicans), that 190,000 have melted into the U.S. population, including aliens from Afghanistan, Bulgaria, Russia, China, Egypt, Iran and Iraq.

[Here in the state of North Carolina the problem of illegals being issued drivers licenses has been a serious problem. License examiners have been caught taking money under the table yet the consequences have not been commensurate to the crime.]

Schlafly writes: Congress should pass a law to cut off highway funds



to states that grant driver's licenses to illegal aliens. This is a national security issue and surely it is a more important use of the federal spending power than cutting off highway funds from states that don't nag drivers about wearing seat belts.

Congress should use its 60-day window to prohibit the Bush Administration from going forward with a Social Security "totalization" agreement with Mexico. Totalization would enable the illegal aliens to join our Social Security system with credit for time spent working illegally.

[Sadly, this critical issue has become a political beast and places America and her citizens at great risk. Again, unfortunately this past election expands this problem.]

Schlafly continues: Congress should stiffen its backbone against the Bush Administration plan to grant amnesty to illegal aliens under the euphemism of giving "the millions of undocumented men and women now employed in the United States... a new temporary-worker program that will match willing foreign workers with willing American employers when no Americans can be found to fill the jobs." Millions of foreigners are "willing" to work for a few dollars a day and Americans are not willing to work for Third World wages.

Terminate H-1B visas, since the U.S. has thousands of unemployed American engineers and computer specialists.

Since millions of Americans are without health insurance, repeal the federal laws that require local American taxpayers to pay for emergency medical care and schooling for illegal aliens, and enforce the law that forbids states to grant the subsidy of in-state college tuition to illegal aliens.

[These are perilous times. Continue to make those phone calls, write letters and even visit Washington, D.C. to stop by your Congressman's office to express concern about our borders and illegal immigration.]





The Making Of George Washington



Hear the heartbeat of this man, George Washington. This was his prayer at the young age of 20 years.

"Almighty God, and most merciful Father... Since Thou art a God of pure eyes, and wilt be sanctified in all who draw near unto Thee, Who dost not regard the sacrifice of fools, nor hear sinners who tread in Thy courts, pardon, I beseech Thee, my sins; Remove them from Thy presence, as far as the east is from the west, and accept me for the merits of Thy Son, Jesus Christ; That when I come into Thy temple and compass Thine altar, my prayer may come before Thee as incense; and as Thou couldst hear me calling upon Thee in my prayers and give me grace to hear Thee calling on me in Thy Word, that it may be wisdom, righteousness, reconciliation and peace to the saving of my soul in the day of the Lord Jesus Christ. Grant that I may hear it with reverence, receive it with meekness, mingle it with faith, and that it may accomplish in me, gracious God, the good work for which Thou has sent it. Bless my family, kindred, friends and country; Be our God and Guide this day and forever, for his sake who lay down in the grave and rose again for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen."

George Washington's father, Augustine, died when George was only 11. His mother, Mary, naturally undertook the role of both mother and father.

But even before he was 11 years

old, Washington's father had taught him some very valuable lessons. He taught him at the age of four, how closely life was linked to God. By planting seeds that eventually spelled the name George Washington, the father taught, as an object lesson, the "intelligent design of the Creator" and



of Providence.

That George learned this lesson well, is proved by many of his sayings and by his life continually. In 1754, he wrote, "We would have starved if Providence had not sent a trader from Ohio to our relief." Before his attack on Boston, he said to his officers, "The success, I well know, depends upon the All-Wise dispenser of events."

In 1778 he wrote to General Nelson of Virginia, "The hand of Providence has been so conspicuous in all this that we would be worse than

an infidel if we lacked faith. If we make freedom our choice, we must obtain it by the blessing of heaven on our united and vigorous efforts."

Authentic history records several instances when Washington's life was saved by neither chance nor human agency.

When he was over 20 years old, he went with his brother, who was dying of consumption, to Barbados. The small pox disease was then almost invariably fatal; but George having contracted small pox, recovered wonderfully in less than three weeks.

The next year, 1753, his second miraculous escape was during a trip to Venago. His Indian guide at a distance of 15 paces, fired at him, but did not hurt him. Then Washington and his companion went through the forests for days without a guide, pursued by hundreds of bloodthirsty Indians ready to torture and kill. In crossing the Allegheny River, among the cakes of drifting ice, he was thrown into the water. He saved himself by seizing a floating log, thus escaping to an island. There he stayed all night in the cold in wet clothes; but the next morning the river was frozen over and he was able to cross on foot.

School textbooks fail to include the wonderful truths about this country's founders. Until 1934, the account of George Washington in the "Battle

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at Monongahela” was included in student textbooks in America. Every officer on horseback was shot down, even General Braddock was killed, with the lone exception of George Washington. Riding back and forth across the battlefield, Washington gave this account.

“But by the all-powerful dispensations of providence, I have been protected beyond all human probability or expectation; for I had four bullets through my coat, and two horses shot under me, yet escaped unhurt, although death was leveling my companions on every side of me!”

Fifteen years later, an Indian chief gave this eyewitness testimony:

“I am a chief and ruler over my tribes. My influence extends to the water of the great lakes and to the Blue Mountains. I have traveled a long and weary path that I might see the young warrior of the great battle. It was on the day when the white man’s blood mixed with the streams of our forests that I first beheld this chief [Washington]. I called to my young men and said, ‘Mark yon tall and daring warrior...Quick, let your aim be certain, and he dies’. Our rifles were leveled, rifles which, but for you, knew not how to miss – ‘twas all in vain, a power mightier than we, shielded you.

“Seeing you were under the special guardianship of the Great Spirit, we immediately ceased to fire at you. I am old and...something bids me speak in the voice of prophecy:

“Listen! The Great Spirit protects that man [pointing at Washington], and guides his destinies – he will become the chief of nations, and a people yet unborn will hail him as the founder of a mighty empire. I am

come to pay homage to the man who is the particular favorite of Heaven, and who can never die in battle.”

The famous Indian warrior who was in that battle said, “Washington was never born to be killed by a bullet! I had seventeen fair fires at him with my rifle, and after all, could not bring him to the ground!”

...Did you know that on June 1, 1774, when the Colonies were seeking God’s will as to whether they should break ties with England, George Washington was at church, fasting and praying...?

...The air seemed frozen with the bone-numbing cold. It was winter in Valley Forge. The soldiers could be traced along the road of misery not by their prints in the snow, but by their bloody half-frozen feet. Misery was everywhere. Thousands of brave soldiers without the barest of necessities were suffering beyond the extreme. Could independence in this hour of desperation even be a consideration? Even the commander’s reputation was under attack. There was only one answer, only one place to go.

Isaac Potts, a Tory Quaker, gave testimony. He was there. He heard and saw and was changed. Passing through the grove Potts suddenly heard a voice. Advancing ever so slowly, this utterance was lifted in great earnest. Approaching cautiously, friend Potts saw with his own eyes among the bower of ancient oaks none other than the Commander-in-chief of the American armies on his knees in prayer. Tears flowed down the cheeks of George Washington as, in great agony, he cried out to heaven. Isaac Potts was moved to his very core. Rushing home in much agitation, friend Potts called out for his wife, “Sarah! My dear Sarah!”

Potts felt as if he had been on holy ground and his wartime persuasion had been over-turned. “Sarah, if there is anyone on this earth whom the Lord will listen to, it is George Washington. Thee knows that I always thought that the sword and the gospel were utterly inconsistent and that no man could be a soldier and a Christian at the same time...If George Washington be not a man of God, I am greatly deceived—and still more shall I be deceived if God do not, through him, work out a great salvation for America...” (“America’s God and Country” – Federer; “The Bullet-proof George Washington” – Barton)



Nuggets of Gold

1. Patrick Henry ought to come back and see what taxation *with* representation is like.
2. One can be born free and then be taxed to death.
3. Today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday.
4. Men argue for tolerance but will not listen to reason.
5. When you feel “dog-tired” at night, it may be because you “growled” and “grumbled” all day.
6. It’s all right to be cautious – but even a turtle never gets anywhere until he sticks his head out.
7. The way some people find fault you’d think there was a reward.
8. Your willful absence from church is a vote to close its doors.
9. Judge each day, not by the harvest, but by the seeds you plant.
10. Stopping at third base adds no more to the score than striking out.



I CORINTHIANS 13

LOVE suffereth long = **PATIENCE**
LOVE is kind = **KINDNESS**
LOVE envieth not – **GENEROSITY**
LOVE vaunteth not itself – **SELFLESSNESS**
LOVE is not puffed up – **HUMILITY**
LOVE doth not behave itself unseemly – **COURTESY**
LOVE seeketh not her own – **GIVING**
LOVE is not easily provoked = **GOOD TEMPER**
LOVE thinketh no evil – **GUILELESSNESS**
LOVE rejoiceth not in iniquity – **PURITY**
LOVE rejoiceth in truth = **SINCERITY**
LOVE beareth all things = **STRENGTH**
LOVE believeth all things = **TRUST**
LOVE hopeth all things = **ENDURANCE**
LOVE endureth all things = **PERSEVERENCE**
LOVE never faileth – **SUCCESS**

I Corinthians 13:1-13

1. Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.
2. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.
3. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.
4. Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,
5. Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is

- not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;
6. Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;
 7. Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.
 8. Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.
 9. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.
 10. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.
 11. When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.
 12. For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.
 13. And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

Joy is **love** exulting.
Goodness is **love** in action.

Peace is **love** in repose.
Faith is **love** on the battlefield.

Long-suffering is **love** untiring.
Meekness is **love** at school.

Gentleness is **love** in society.
Temperance is **love** in training.



Abraham Lincoln's 2nd inaugural address was on March 4th, 1865. He stated, "With malice toward none; charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and his orphan – to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace, among ourselves, and with all nations." Immediately afterwards, Lincoln kissed the Bible, bowed, and retired from the platform. Another quote from Lincoln states, "Intelligence, patriotism, Christianity, and a firm reliance, are still competent to adjust, in the best way, all our present difficulty."
Lincoln said:

- "You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift."
- "You cannot help small men by tearing down big men."
- "You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong."
- "You cannot lift the wage earner by putting down the wage payer."
- "You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than your income."
- "You cannot further the brotherhood of man by inciting class hatred."
- "You cannot establish security on borrowed money."
- "You cannot build character and courage by taking away man's initiative and independence."
- "You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves."



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do not misunderstand. World relief organizations will make a difference for many suffering. Yet keep in mind it takes millions of dollars to mobilize this giant relief machinery. If only day-by-day from Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost, from the Pacific to Atlantic, Africa, Asia, Europe, the Americas, and to all people, God's church will obey His Word, we will as Jesus did – "preach good tidings unto the meek;...bind up the brokenhearted, proclaim liberty to the captives, open the prison to them that are bound and proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord (Isaiah 60;1-2). Go do what is right. God's way is best! Amen.

Would you pray that God's people who find themselves amidst the broken and hurting will have the grace, love and resources of our heavenly Father to reach out with His Good News to those who may only know bad. The door may very well be open to bring eternity in view. From loss may come victory. From this darkest valley may shine the dawn of glorious light. From what may appear a horrible disaster the truth of hope can spring eternal.

Our Lord, Omniscient and all wise has given what on this earth to better meet life's challenges than HIS CHURCH!

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all three branches of government: President's oath of office: "So Help Me God"; Congressmen and Senators' oath: "So Help Me God," and witnesses' oath in court to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth – "So Help Me God."

- It was known that witnesses or politicians would have opportunities to twist the truth or do dirty, backroom deals for their own benefit and never get caught. It was reasoned, though, that if a witness or politician believed God existed and was watching, that person would hesitate when presented with the temptation. They would have a conscience. They would think "even if I get away with this unscrupulous action in this life, I will still be accountable to God in the next."
- But if that person did not believe in God and in a future state of rewards and punishments, when presented with the same temptation to do wrong and not get caught, they would give in. In fact, if there is no God and this life is all there is, they would be a fool not to.
- From Bill Clinton to Enron, we see where absence of an internal law will take our country – crimes are

only wrong if one gets caught.

- Unfortunately, the less internal moral code we have as a nation results in the government having to pass more external legal codes to keep order – and each new law takes away another little piece of our freedom.

IMPORTANCE TO AMERICAN GOVERNMENT

- President Calvin Coolidge, while speaking at the unveiling of the Equestrian Statue of Bishop Francis Asbury, Washington, D.C., October 15, 1924, stated: "Our government rests upon religion. It is from that source that we derive our reverence for truth and justice, for equality and liberty, and for the rights of mankind. Unless the people believe in these principles they cannot believe in our government."
- **President Ronald Reagan summed it up, August 23, 1984:** "Without God there is a coarsening of the society; without God democracy will not and cannot long endure....**If we ever forget that we are One Nation Under God, then we will be a Nation gone under.**"

-William J. Federer, Amerisearch, Inc., via www.townhall.com 10/21/2004

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Parting Thoughts

- 📖 “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.” – *Jesus Christ*
- 📖 “It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible.” – *George Washington*
- 📖 “Let the children...be carefully instructed in the principles and obligations of the Christian religion. This is the most essential part of education. The great enemy of the salvation of man, in my opinion, never invented a more effectual means of extirpating [removing] Christianity from the world than by persuading mankind that it was improper to read the Bible at schools.” – *Benjamin Rush*
- 📖 “We’ve staked the whole future of American civilization not on the power of government, far from it. We have staked the future of all our political institutions upon the capacity of each and all of us...to govern ourselves according to the commandments of God. The future and success of America is not in this Constitution, but in the laws of God upon which this Constitution is founded.” – *President James Madison*
- 📖 “The Bible holds up before us ideals that are within sight of the weakest and the lowliest, yet so high that the best and the noblest are kept with their faces turned ever upward. It carries the call of the Saviour to the remotest corners of the earth. On its pages are written the assurances of the present and our hopes for the future.” – *William Jennings Bryan*

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