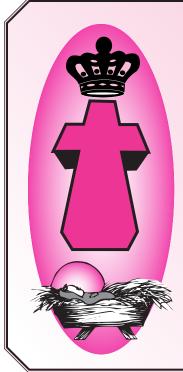


"The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make His paths straight." - Mark 1:3

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From Cradle to Cross to Crown Soon 'twill be the trumpet sound.

The Prince of Peace, HIS gift of love Sent down to us, from Heav'n above.

#### Isaiah 9:6

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

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During this very special time of the year, my gratitude and prayers hold you closely in my heart. Your support and faithfulness paved the way for the progress made in 2007. It seems simple, but in all sincerity, THANK YOU for being a friend. May God richly bless as you serve Christ. As we celebrate His love together may our year-end and 2008 desire be to bring honor and Glory to Him who is worthy! Amen. Go in health and in the JOY of Jesus.

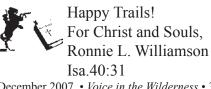
The Voice in the Wilderness long time supporters know the Thanksgiving and year-end offering is always critical for this faith ministry. Bro. Royce told me in 1996, when Terry and I came on board, without a good year-end response The Voice in the Wilderness would not survive. The Lord continues to bless and His people have been faithful. Help us close out 2007 in the black and position for a strong start to 2008. The enclosed envelope is for your convenience and to help expedite needed funds. Thank you for responding.

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#### What You DON'T Preach

#### It has been well-observed that it is not only what you preach that is significant, but also what you do not preach.

Thank God for Pastors and preachers who faithfully stand week after week preaching the inspired, infallible Word of God. I personally know many of these dedicated servants. Yes, and some have paid a high price for their commitment to faithfully "hold forth the Word of Life." Not always do their congregations want to hear the Book preached straight. Yet in love and truth the pulpit ministry is unwavering. Thank God!

Some great students and preachers of the Bible suggest setting a time every week, perhaps Sunday night or Wednesday where the pulpit ministry is dedicated to preaching through the Bible verse by verse from Genesis to Revelation. That will insure a systematic and complete study of God's Word. Then, topical study is valuable with regular preaching on various subjects and issues.

For 2008, consider studies in the following areas. Run references and list Scriptures to see how specifically God's Word speaks on:

- 1. Abortion
- 2. Aging
- 3. Amusements
- 4. Abstinence
- 5. Alcohol/Addictions
- 6. Bitterness
- 7. Behavior
- 8. Character
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- 9. Creation
- 10. Cremation
- 11. Christian Education
- 12. Doctrine
- 13. Discernment
- 14. Death
- 15. Deacons
- 16. Depression/Discouragement
- 17. Divorce and Remarriage
- 18. Evolution
- 19. Encouragement
- 20. Forgiveness
- 21. Finances
- 22. Free Will of Man
- 23. Fear
- 24. Fads
- 25. Government
- 26. Gambling
- 27. Gossip
- 28. Giving
- 29. Homosexuality/Perversions
- 30. Heaven/Hell
- 31. Healing
- 32. Ignorance
- 33. Internet
- 34. Israel
- 35. Insecurities
- 36. Jealousy
- 37. Justice/Judgment
- 38. Kindness
- 39. KJV
- 40. Liberty/Law
- 41. Love/Lust
- 42. Lawsuits
- 43. Missions/Mission
- 44. Movies
- 45. Music

- 46. Miracles
- 47. Money/Materialism
- 48. Nakedness
- 49. Nimrod
- 50. Nimrod Worship
- 51. Obesity
- 52. Offense
- 53. Parenting
- 54. Patriotism
- 55. Philosophy
- 56. Pastors
- 57. Public Education
- 58. Peer Pressure
- 59. Prayer
- 60. Procrastination
- 61. Precept upon Precept
- 62. Quiet Time
- 63. Quality
- 64. Queen of Heaven
- 65. Reincarnation
- 66. Religions of the World
- 67. Spanking
- 68. Stress
- 69. Sports
- 70. Suicide/Euthanasia
- 71. Stewardship
- 72. Tattoos/Body Piercing
- 73. Time Management
- 74. TV
- 75. Unknown Tongues
- 76. Unction
- 77. Unclean/Uncleanness
- 78. Uncircumcised lips
- 79. Uncircumcised eyes
- 80. Uncircumcised hearts
- 81. Versions of the Bible
- 82. Vision
- 83. Witchcraft
- 84. Wisdom
- 85. Wine
- 86. Worship
- 87. X-rated What the Bible says about sexual purity.
- 88. Youth/ Youth Ministry

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- 89. Yahweh
- 90. Zion/Zionists
- 91. Zeal
- 92. Continue with your own list!

There are many obviously important topics I have not listed - most Pastors, I trust, across America and around the world will preach on. These are only a few that get overlooked.

Think about it. Because there have been the faithful, we today know Christ. They were faithful to the mission and the ministry of the Word. Paul exhorted young Timothy to "preach the word, be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine."

Can you imagine a preacher coming to the pulpit and saying, "You should repent, to some extent, or else you might be damned, more or less, and possibly go to Hell, in a measure." Yet, today these therapeutic, ear-tickling sermonettes for Christianettes amount to a watered down stew for confusion with no substance. Now, as much as ever, people need to hear the truth. Yes, spoken in love and compassion but specific and clear truth. It has been said, "Preach as though you will never preach again and preach as a dying man to dying men!" May God help us to be faithful

#### ...TO BOMBARD INIQUITY

We are trying to maintain in this place a church aggressive

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### RELIGIOUS NEWS AND COMMENTS

CROSS-DRESSING DAY **CANCELED** - Most schools here in the US have what they call "Spirit Week" where the children are encouraged to dress for the theme for the day. At a middle school in the Bay Area of California, one such week was occurring. The problem was that one day, school officials encouraged students to cross-dress or "gender switch". One mother of a 7<sup>th</sup> grader complained when she heard of the day. As disturbing as this day is, what is even more disturbing is the fact that the parents of the children were given practically no advanced notice regarding the day and only knew about it from flyers posted on the campus. The principal told the mother that she could keep her son home from school that day if she wanted to, but the day would continue as planned. After the mother contacted some lawyers, and they confronted the school's principal, a decision was made for the children to be encouraged to dress in school colors that day. Adam Clark, principal of the Adams Middle School, said, "We

want to encourage our students to be free thinkers, [but] we felt that the overall message wasn't coming across clear to some members of the community." <u>www.pacificjustice.</u> <u>org 10/30/07</u>

**YOGA FOR YOU** - There are many Christian colleges that are offering yoga classes to their students. At Baylor University in Waco, Texas, the class is described as "A time to relax, a time to stretch." If one looks closer at Baylor's website, they would find at least 50 references to yoga. For a complete listing of Christian colleges and universities that offer yoga classes, go to <u>www.</u> <u>lighthousetrailsresearch.com</u>. <u>www.</u> <u>thebereancall.org</u> 10/16/07



**DEMOCRACY AND ISLAM CANNOT COEXIST** - The following also was taken from <u>The Berean Call</u> (10/22/07) and Religious News - (Continued from page 6)

tells us of the conflict between Muslim laws and democracy. Syrian philosopher Sadik Al-Azm believes that while "there exists a conflict between Islam, in its original form, and democracy, this problem can be solved easily." "To do this Islam needs to jettison certain laws, first and foremost the concept of 'ahl al-dhimma' the socalled 'protected' status granted to followers of the only two other religions recognized by Muslims-Judaism and Christianity," Al-Azm said in an interview with Adnkronos International. In practice, ahl aldhimma, which is gaining popularity in an increasingly Islamized Iraq, allows non-Muslims, and only Christian and Jews at that, to follow their religion, while effectively stripping them of their political rights and privileges.

#### **CHRISTIAN AND MORMON**

- Dr. Bob Jones III, Chancellor of Bob Jones University, recently came out supporting Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney, who is a Mormon. William Holley, spokesman for the former Massachusetts governor, said, "We're proud to have Dr. Jones' support and look forward to working with him to communicate Governor Romney's message of conservative change to voters." Dr.

Jones told his hometown newspaper in Greenville, SC that the support of Romney is "critical to make sure former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani doesn't win the GOP nomination and that Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton doesn't win the election." Dr. Jones said, "If it turns out to be Giuliani and Hillary we've got two pro-choice candidates, and that would be a disaster." About his response to endorsing Romney, Dr. Jones said, "As a Christian I am completely opposed to the doctrines of Mormonism But I'm not voting for a preacher. I'm voting for a president. It boils down to who can best represent conservative American beliefs, not religious beliefs." Dr. Jones is not the only person associated with Bob Jones University to support Mitt Romney. Robert Taylor, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at BJU, said that he "believes the former Massachusetts governor is the only Republican candidate who both stands a chance of winning the White House, and will reliably implement the anti-abortion, antigay marriage, pro-gun agenda of Christian conservatives." Dean Taylor said, "The fact that I'm seen as a Religious Right person would hopefully get others to step out for him," and continued to say,

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# Children of the Light Choosing

It is my observation that we are experiencing a veritable epidemic of children from Godly, charactered homes deliberately choosing to plunge headlong into self-will and rebellion.

Sons and daughters of full-time servants (Pastors, Missionaries, Christian School teachers, etc.), who have been reared in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, are choosing to reject the truth, light, and character training they have received to enjoy the deceitful pleasures of sin.

I have lost count of the Pastors and full-time servants who have contacted me by phone, letters and e-mail about their "prodigal child." In most of these cases, the parents expressed shock and amazement over the sudden rebellious and sinful choices their son or daughter was making. Prior to these willful choices, the child was described as actively serving in their local church, teaching Sunday School, soul-winning, special music, regular worship--all the godly activities a Christian parent would expect from a spiritual, dutiful, and contented child.

The apparent obedience, spiritual growth, and contentment on the part of the child is what caught his or her parent off-guard. To see your child leading a soul to Christ one week and leaving one's home in open rebellion the next week is understandably difficult to comprehend.

#### Fruit of the Last Days

This tragic phenomenon ought to drive every parent and grandparent to their knees in fervent prayer for their children and grandchildren. These personal tragedies in these individual families attest to the deepening apostasy of the hour, and to the last days in which we are living. Our Lord warned that the sacred bands of family ties would be fractured and torn in the last days, even to the point of family members betraying one another to death!

What makes these spiritual defections so egregious is the "mountain of light and truth" over which these young hearts have to climb in order to give vent to their lower nature and carnal desires. An aboriginal denizen of a tropical rain forest meditates on the glory, expanse and order of God's creation and knows from that breathtaking creation there is a God in Heaven Who designed it all. Moreover, the Law of God is written in his heart, and he knows from a stricken conscience it is wrong to murder, lie and commit adultery. For some such natives, when they discover that a creator-God has a Son, they readily believe and commit their lives to Christ.

In this light, it becomes a heinous spiritual crime for a youngster who has been in church and Sunday school all during his plastic and formative years to so lightly ignore the massive repository of truth lodged in his heart, and instead live like a barnvard animal! Our Lord warned that to whom much has been given, much will be required (Luke 12:48). He also stated in the Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-30) that we will be judged according to the gifts and graces we have received. The totally inflexible Law of the Harvest tells us that we will reap that which we have sown (Galatians 6:7-8). Accordingly, there will be reaping of a bitter harvest for these young hearts that so casually and blithely reject God, parents and Bible principles to do what is right in their own eyes.

#### The Dating Game

One factor in leading this youngster to betray and reject his spiritual heritage is the spiritually lethal boy/girl relationship. When Paul said to "Flee youthful lusts" (2 Timothy 1:22) he used a strong word of warning. In other words, a boy/girl relationship is not so benign, harmless and endearing as one may suppose. Quite to the contrary, these relationships which involve pubescent feelings, emotions, and raging libido can be so obsessive, controlling, and compulsive, that those involved can become absolutely reckless, irresponsible, and self-serving.

Those involved in serious dating can become very creative in frustrating the controls of concerned parents and authority figures. Such youngsters are so obsessed with fueling their relationship that it becomes life dominating. A parent who has foolishly allowed his child to date, or who has discovered clandestine dating on the part of his child, will now find he has the equivalent of WW III in the family when he tries to halt these destructive relationships. A child who was heretofore compliant and sweet, can now be heard hurling invectives and threats at his parent who has dared to intervene in his romance.

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#### Children of the Light (Continued from page 9)

An irresponsible, pusillanimous parent will look the other way when these trysts and romances develop. But a responsible parent will join the battle for the sake of his child's future, and endure intense and prolonged conflict to free his child of these destructive entanglements. When the child has attained his majority, the parent has no legal recourse, and can only pray the son or daughter will listen to reason, logic, and the principles of Scripture about God's Will. Unfortunately, it has been my experience that I would have more success in speaking to a wall than to dissuade romantically-involved hearts from the object of their lust. When lusts and feelings are in control, logic and common sense are rejected.

Parents must do all they can to teach courtship and involvement of parents in the marriage contract. "Dating" or pairing off must be taught for what it is: ungodly, fleshly, destructive and an abysmal failure.

#### **Treachery from Friends**

Another contributing factor in the lives of these prodigals is that the parents have been undermined by an uninvited unsuspected personality. Watch carefully to where rebels run when they reject 10 • *Voice in the Wilderness* • December 2007 hearth, home, and family. Many a parent has realized too late that someone whom they thought was a friend was actually a traitor! Secretly, surreptitiously, this family friend, relative or church member had been assiduously cultivating a relationship with the unwitting, single son or daughter.

Bible-believing, separated believers must realize they are vulnerable to this type of Satanic attack on their children. A proud and carnal heart finds holy living and a God-pleasing life to be "Puritanical" and to be "chains" on one's personality. Such busybodies make it their sacred duty to "rescue" a child from their repressive parents. With Satanic shrewdness, they play on the child's feelings and emotions: "Boy, you sure have to put up with a lot of rules at your house. If you ever need someone to talk to, I'm available."

Most children will naturally be drawn to a personality who sympathizes with them in any family conflict. In their immaturity and naiveté, they conclude their parents are their enemy because of their rules, restrictions, and guidelines, whereas this sympathetic listener is his true friend and really wants his happiness.

Whereas a Godly, responsible person will do all they can to get a prodigal back to his God-ordained

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family without delay and without sympathizing with his rebellion, a proud, carnal and/or misguided person will set themselves up as a "protector" of this poor unfortunate child, and will find fault with the parents, not the rebellious child.

It is wrong for a person or institution to side with a rebel against his parent. Such individuals may have a bias against Bible Christians, or perhaps they are the logical product of their humanistic education, or may enjoy the "control" they have over suffering families. Many of these folks do not pretend to be Christians. However, many of the situations of undermining to which I have been privy over the years have been orchestrated by professing believers! How incomprehensible is this that the God-ordained family unit would be undermined by one naming the Name of Christ?!

#### Wrong Thoughts Cause Wrong Living

A third contributing factor in the modern prodigal syndrome is that of maintaining a wrong thought life. Though it is amazing to an objective bystander, a rebel child has concluded in his thoughts he is doing the right thing. Scriptures tell us every man's ways are right in his own eyes (Proverbs 16:2). How can this be when a rebel is so obviously breaking God's law and the hearts of his family? This is *prima facie* evidence of the depravity and wickedness of our hearts.

Jeremiah17:9 "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" This passage highlights how we cannot trust our own hearts because our hearts are infected with the plague of sin and depravity. Also, sin is deceiving (Hebrews 3:13). One caught up in rebellious, sinful, self-serving ways can and will be deceived about the "righteousness" of his conduct. Although we are admonished to bring every thought into the obedience of Christ (2 Corinthians 10:5), a hedonistic rebel will take advantage of the privacy of his thoughts to rehearse and enjoy forbidden subjects.

I am convinced the prodigal did not precipitously leave his home. Rather, after some time of mentally reveling in the beauties, blessings and felicities of the "far country," he constructed a mental image of a place and situation that only existed in his imagination. As he chafed under what he considered were the restrictions of his home and mundane duties beneath his dignity, his mental fabrications became more alluring. His lack of contentment caused him to look on his home and his familial

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UP CALL The Republican party threw away its opportunity to boldly stand and aggressively make the changes they pledged. Federal government continues to get bigger, more wasteful and intrusive The Democrats continue their rant attack against and all sacred and foundational to this Nation. Congress refuses to protect our borders and persists in the sellout. Would you look at that lineup of Presidential wanna-be's? Is this all our country has to offer? If so, it is a sad day for the voter and America

WE'RE IN TROUBLE- The following is taken from <u>Human</u> <u>Events</u>, written by their editor-inchief Thomas Winter: It's been many years since I've written you a letter like this, but a crisis unlike any other in our 63-year history - one that threatens our very existence - forces me to ask for your help. Just recently, the federal government's taxpayer-subsidized mail-delivery monopoly, aka the United States Postal Service, hit us with a one-two punch of postal-

rate and fee increases that have driven up our delivery costs by over 20 percent. First, our per-copy postal rate will rise 16.86 percent. Second, we're being hit with a brand-new "container fee" (don't ask- - it's absurd) that will hike our total increase to 20.3 percent. To put it in dollars and cents: it will now cost us an extra \$120,000 per vear to deliver Human Events- - a staggering sum for us that we simply can't afford. It's outrageous enough that the USPS can jack up our rates like this without fearing any loss of our business to more costefficient competitors- - something it can do only because federal law effectively protects it from private competition. But what really burns me up is that the new rate system was designed in part by lobbyists for liberal media giant Time Warner and other large publishers to benefit themselves at the expense of smaller competitors. So instead of Time Warner's mailing costs ratcheting up like ours, the cost of delivering liberal Time and other big media publications will barely increase at all- - even decrease in some cases. Meanwhile, smaller

publications such as ours, which can't afford expensive lobbyists, get hammered. {Editor- Thomas Winter is right and many small ministries have been hit hard. The Voice in the Wilderness needs your prayers and support.}

INCENTIVE TO GIVE-In 2006, Congress passed the which Protection Act allows individuals that are 70.5 and older to make charitable contributions tax-exempt up to \$100,000 directly from their IRA to a charity. This donation must be made by December 31, 2007 in order for it to be tax exempt. For more information on this check with your CPA Investor Fall/Winter 2007



#### **INJECTIONS IN CALIFORNIA**

- In San Francisco, city officials are trying to reduce drug overdose fatalities by allowing an estimated users to self-administer 700 narcotics under the supervision of nurses. Drugs that will be used on a daily basis are heroin, cocaine and other such addictive stimulates and downers Grant Colfax, director of HIV prevention for the San Francisco Department of Public Health, said, "Having the conversation today will help us figure out whether this is a way to reduce the harms and improve the health of our community." Hilarv McQuie, Western director for the Harm Reduction Coalition which is a nonprofit organization that promotes alternative drug treatment methods, said, "If it happens anywhere in the US, it will most likely start in San Francisco. It really just depends on if there is a political will here. How long it takes for that political will to develop is the main factor." Such rooms and facilities are in 27 cities in 8 countries. www.msnbc.com 10/19/07

CAUGHT AND CLEAN-

Upon returning home, Adrian and Tiffany McKinnon found that their house had been broken into and burglarized. Adrian sent Tiffany to visit her sister while he inspected the piles that were left behind. During his inspection of the family sunroom, a man came through the back door and walked directly toward him. Mr. McKinnon caught the criminal, held him at gunpoint and ordered him to clean up the mess that he had made in the house. When the police arrived, the thief complained about having to clean the house. The police just laughed and said that anyone else would have shot him. www.foxnews.com 10/19/07

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It is press time for the December 2007 edition of *The Voice in the Wilderness*. But I wanted to give you a preview report of a wonderful MissionVue of God's work in India. This is a unique and strategic field. Please pray for our brothers and sisters, pastors and missionaries serving in the great country of India. With a dozen major languages and hundreds of dialects, the challenges are great. Then with the second largest world population and a rising global economy, India is a prime launching pad for the 10/40 window. Thank you for your prayers and partnership in this vital area of outreach.

Dennis and Vonnie Jones accompanied my wife and me on the trip through the UK and then to India. Some photos from our journey are on the following pages. Watch next month for the complete report. Indeed, it is thrilling to see the precious souls touched by the loving message of Jesus Christ. May God help us to be faithful to go, pray and give!

Can you imagine worshipping in a small temple built to a monkey that fell dead out of a tree? I saw that stone statue of the monkey god. Or maybe you worship a pile of cow dung with a peacock feather sticking out. Then those that worship the monkey god and peacock-ornamented cow dung, view Christianity as the lowest of low religions. To them, it is absolutely repulsive to think of being a Christian. Try to comprehend that. Believe it or not, there are hundreds of examples just as extreme in the land of India. Thank God for those who, as you read these pages, take the glorious light of truth and freedom to those who sit in great darkness. I will say more about the liberating power of God's Word and the work of the Holy Spirit in a future article; but it takes the divine regenerating miracle of God to transform the lost. Only the inner work of the Holy Spirit convincing and convicting can bring spiritual life to dead religion.

> Hallelujah, what a Saviour! RLW

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Thousands gather in the background to visit the Taj – a tomb built for a Mogul's love. Yet more wonderful and precious are the five sweet ladies in Christ who are living Temples of the Holy Spirit of God. O' the amazing marvelous beauty of God's eternal love and life.



Bro. Dennis and Bro. Baba exchange greetings at the village church. The Voice in the Wilderness plans to make available to supporters the amazing story of God's saving grace in an Indian village. Your heart will be stirred by this wonderful DVD presentation.

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## 'Twas The Night Before Jesus Came

"Twas the night before Jesus came And all through the house Not a creature was praying, not one in the house Their Bibles were lain on the shelf without care In hopes that Jesus would not come there.

The children were dressing to crawl into bed. Not once ever kneeling or bowing a head. And Mom in her rocker with baby on her lap Was watching the Late Show while I took a nap.

Hen out of the East there arose such a clatter.I sprang to my feet to see what was the matter.Away to the window I flew like a flashTore open the shutters and threw up the sash!

Hen what to my wondering eyes should appear But angels proclaiming that Jesus was here
What a light like the sun sending forth a bright ray
I knew in a moment this must be THE DAY!

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The light of His face made me cover my head It was Jesus! Returning just like He had said. And though I possessed worldly wisdom and wealth. I cried when I saw Him, in spite of myself.

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In the Book of Life which he held in His hand. Was written the name of every saved man. He spoke not a word as he searched for my name; When He said, "It's not here," my head hung in shame.

The people whose names had been written with love He gathered to take to His Father above. With those who were ready he rose without a sound While all the rest were left standing around.

J fell to my knees. But it was too late:
I had waited too long and thus sealed my fate.
I stood and I cried as they rose out of sight:
Oh, if only I had been ready tonight.

In the words of this poem the meaning is clear: The coming of Jesus is drawing near.
There's only one life and when comes the last call
We'll find that the Bible was true after all!

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## WORTH A VISIT THE CREATION SCIENCE MUSEUM

This will be worth your visit. The professionalism, scholarship and quality is tops.

In 2005, my wife and I were in Washington D.C. and reported on an interesting find (see below).....



Images such as this have been printed in text books and painted in museums all across America. Along with the allurement of dinosaurs goes the teaching of evolution. Young impressionable school age minds have been indoctrinated and robbed of God. good and innocence. Any wonder why the depths of perversion are prevalent today? INTELLIGENT DESIGN OR EVOLUTION - Responding to a recent question about intelligent design in public schools, President Bush responded, "You're asking me whether or not people ought to be exposed to different ideas, and the answer is yes." The problem for evolutionists is that they do not want the idea of a Divine Maker taught to students. They say that the idea of intelligent design is not credible because it is not published, and it should not be published because it is not credible. World 8/20/05

Long overdue is a museum that is honest. The Creation Museum has done an excellent job. My family and I enjoyed and were blessed by our visit.

#### I. Delightfully Spectacular

Without a doubt, the Creation Museum gets an A+ in quality and production. The professionalism is tops. The research, planning and construction of the entire property are impressive. With churches taking young people and senior saints on trips to parks, tourists' traps and shopping trips, I would suggest the Creation



The Creation Science Museum is set up on the "7 C's in God's Eternal Plan." From Creation to Consummation, these seven pivotal events are vividly portrayed.

Museum a far better and more enriching experience.



The Word of God is our sole authority for faith and practice. That being true, we stand firmly on the inspired, infallible Scriptures. Yet many have questioned, even denied Bible truth. Churches have departed from God's Word and the proliferation of Bible versions omit, add to and change Scripture leading to a trail of contradiction and confusion. Thank God that He has preserved His Word for this generation. We have His compass for life and an anchor for our soul!

#### **II. Definitively Spiritual**

"The Bible is the key to the past, present, and future." Using the 7 C's, Creation, Corruption, Catastrophe, Confusion, Christ, Cross and Consummation, the Museum presents truth through science and does it convincingly.

#### **III.** Disappointing Stumble

Oops – Obviously brilliant minds as well as individuals in sincerity set out to portray the Bible Story from Genesis 1:1 to the Consummation. Yet I must make this observation and caution. I firmly believe the proliferation of Bible versions creates confusion in the Church. God is not the author of confusion. When versions omit www.thevoiceinthewilderness.org verses, change verses, etc. that weakens the foundation. What Bible, which Bible, how do we know we have God's Bible? The museum stumbles here and creates the 8<sup>th</sup> C – Contradiction. Again in all sincerity, the Museum states the foundation and authority is the Word of God. Yet when these "Higher Minded Critics" set out to write a better Bible cutting a little here, adding a little there and with an eclectic hodge podge of source texts crank off their printing presses version after version, profit\$ upon profit\$ erode the very foundation the Creation Museum endeavors to uphold.

#### Worth A Visit (Continued from page 19)

In my hand, I hold a copy of the *Quran (Koran)*. Note these words found in the Preface: "The Muslims were promised by Allah that this book would always remain free from falsehood, alteration and misinterpretation. We are the only people following a Divine religion who can claim to have a book which is pure and unaltered, which had been given to the Prophet directly from God and written down in his lifetime **and preserved** 



The Voice in the Wilderness continues to stand firm on the Masoritic text and the Textus Receptus, the King James Version as God's preserved Word for English speaking peoples. The seemingly "Difficult Struggle" the Creation Science Museum stumbles over created a "Contradiction" in the "7 C's"- the 8th C in the museum! The facsimile of the Greek Codex Vaticanus, then the recognition of B. B. Warfield's error punctuates a tragic nearsighted "CONTRADICTION."

#### unchanged thereafter."

New Bible version after new Bible version purports to correct words, phrases, verses, yea, meanings originally set forth by the Word of God. Higher Critics continue to print their versions until Rome, ecumenicals and Apostates stamp their better seal of approval upon their pathetic work. The precious blood of Christ and His Deity is attacked. Even the inspiration and infallibility of Scripture they deny. And for the 8<sup>th</sup> C these "New Versionists" caution "Bible" readers not to view the



The French philosopher Rene Descartes said, "I think, therefore I am." God said, "I am that I am." This display clearly presented the obvious-different views are because of different starting points.

opening chapters of Genesis as absolute, valid, accurate historical records. These translators with their liberal, unreliable, modernistic Bible versions present the 8<sup>th</sup> C – Contradiction, and attempt to again cause confusion and corruption.

After touring this beautiful facility so professionally done, I was saddened by the stumble over such a vitally clear point. Scripture compromise is denounced. Millions of years, Day-Age view of creation and the Gap Theory is rejected. B.B. Warfield along with the error of others is indicated. But with all the Genesis 1:1 believing scientist and highly educated, talented individuals involved in the building of the Creation Museum, somewhere, somehow a tragic stumble occurred. That is sad

Toward the end of my tour, I came to a large dinosaur display that one had to ascend a flight of steps to view. At the bottom of the stairs was an elderly couple just standing and looking a bit forlorn. Thus far, I believe all the museum was handicap accessible or had elevators, I think. Anyway, at this point, the man and woman said to each other, "I don't do steps."

The Creation Museum stumbled and missed a step. I believe they could have graciously took a stand, possibly used, but put a disclaimer on



After writing Ken Ham and Answers in Genesis, it was obvious from their response the proliferation of Bible versions would not be an issue for the Creation Science Museum. However, it is urgent that the warning be sounded.

some of the books and literature in the gift shop and not a one of the several hundred thousand people visiting thus far would have objected. Dear reader – just remember, God has given His inspired, infallible Word and has preserved His perfect, pure Word for us today. Some may stumble at this, but here I step up and stand. His Word is the "lamp unto my feet and light unto my path." No need to stumble here.

Thus far, since opening, over 215,000 visitors have toured the Creation Museum. Over \$27 million have been invested in the project. It is first class. Even the food in Noah's Cafe was excellent and reasonably priced with generous portions. For additional information, visit their website – www.creationmuseum. org or call 888-582-4253.

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and revolutionary. Why build or maintain any other church in this City of Churches, where there are enough to accommodate all the people who are disposed to go to the house of God...and perhaps more than enough? If you have nothing particular, nothing unique, nothing different, then what a waste of bricks and brawn and brain.

But we have an idea of a church. We have built this house of God as a place where we mean to bombard iniquity. We want to smash sin, without any apology for smashing it. We have started in this line, and we mean to keep on and study to be as well pleased with curses as blessings from the people.

If there are any of you who do not like to go to a church which is assaulted of many newspapers and of the outside world, which cannot understand its policies and its principles, stand clear of this church! We mean until the day of our death, and for a few days after, to keep society up by the discussion of themes vital to its interests and vital to the interests of the immortal soul.

During the past six months, theatrical people have been after us, and the Unitarians have been after us, and the Universalists have been after us – one of their prominent men recently saying that he did not think there would be any hell except for one man, and that the pastor of the Brooklyn

Tabernacle! But still we go on, as God gives us strength and health and spirit to do His will. We have only taken, as it were, the outside casement of this rampart of iniquity. On! On! "If God be for us who can be against us?"

-Talmage

#### **BEWARE OF ALL HONEY**

From a letter by John Wesley to Joseph Cownley, an early Methodist preacher.

I see a danger you are in, which perhaps, you do not see yourself. Is it not most pleasing to me, as well as you to be always preaching of the love of God? And is there not a time when we are peculiarly led thereto, and find a peculiar blessing therein? Without doubt, so it is. But yet it would be utterly wrong and unscriptural to preach of nothing else. Let the law always prepare for the gospel. T scarce ever spoke more earnestly here [he was in Ireland at the time of writing] of the love of God in Christ than last night. But it was after I had been tearing the unawakened in pieces. Go thou and do likewise It is true the love of God in Christ alone feeds His children. But even they are to be guided, as well as fed. Yes, and often physicked [doctored] too. And the bulk of our hearers must be purged before they are fed. Else we only feed the disease. Beware of all honey. It is the best extreme; but it is an extreme.

I am your affectionate brother.

-John Wesley



#### Good News FROM Founders Hall



The Voice in the Wilderness hosted the second CrossVue Summit in October 2007. Pastor James Pauley with 5 of his leaders from Faith Church came for a season of prayer and planning for their local church ministry.

Pastor James Pauley speaks to the men prior to prayer time. This summit was dedicated to hours of prayer and intercession for lost souls, ministry and missions.

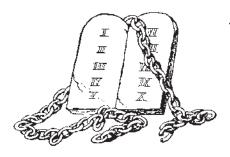




Steve, Rebekah, Terry, Mom and Bro. Williamson head out on the "Maiden Voyage" of the new motor home. This trip took them to TN, KY, IN, OH, WV, VA and back to NC. The Lord again protected us as a tractor trailer truck engine exploded while passing us, throwing parts of the motor block and metal into the motor home hitting the headlight and grill. The deadly debris would have entered the average car's windshield. Thank God for His care. The motor home is in the shop for repairs

#### Religious News (Continued from page 7)

"we're not electing a pastor--we're electing a president." When asked about Fred Thompson, Dean Taylor said, "I just don't see the energy there." <u>www.foxnews.com</u> 10/17/07 and www.wsj.com 10/15/07



GOD ' F N **COMMANDMENTS** - One would think that if there was a movie made about stories found in the Bible that God would be mentioned. But Radio Disney in advertising for the Disney cartoon film "The Ten Commandments" has taken the phrase "chosen by God" out of the advertisements. Cindy Bond, president and COO of Promenade media, said, "In connection with the Ten Commandments, I did find it offensive. God in our movie is the main character. You rip the whole guts out of the piece." Her response was because of an email received by Promenade media from Radio **Disney Network Sales Associate** Jason Atkinson which said, "Our

BS&P (Broadcast Standards and Procedures) said both scripts need to include the studio mention and omit the following line: CHOSEN BY GOD. . . Please let me know if you have any questions." Radio Disney said that mentioning God is not prohibited in the company's standards and procedures. <u>www.</u> <u>foxnews.com</u> 10/18/07

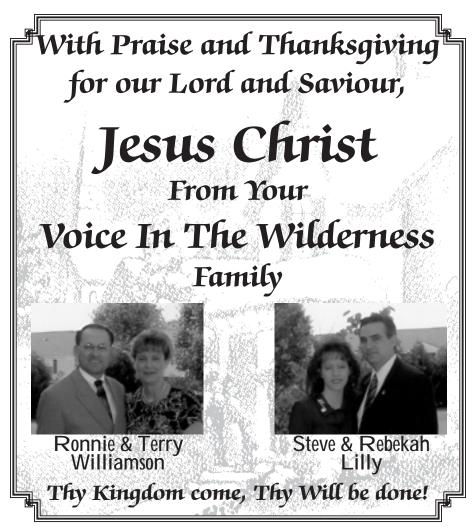
#### **ON THE LIGHTER SIDE**

The following is from a Scottish classroom:

A couple of years ago, a Primary 4 class were doing the Nativity for their school. There were auditions for the part of Joseph, and one wee lad wasn't too happy he only got the Innkeeper's job. It was a big affair with all the local bigwigs and the press in to report on it.

When Mary and Joseph arrived at the Inn, and Joseph asked about a room, instead of saying "No, sorry, but you can have the barn" as was scripted, he said: "Nae bother, in ye com' pal, loads'a room here. All major credit cards accepted. Bed and breakfast."

The Head Teacher was turning bright red, thinking "Oh no." But the audience loved it.. even though the children didn't know what was going on!



#### IS GOD'S WORK IN YOUR WILL?

"One of the most important documents a man ever signs is his will. I can tell better what a man had in his heart by reading his will than I can by reading his obituary. His obituary tells the world what his friends thought of him; his will reveals what he had in his heart.

- A. M. Vollmer

For as (a man) thinketh in his heart, so is he-Proverbs 23:7. Out of (the heart) are the issues of life

- Proverbs 4:23."

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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#### Children of the Light (Continued from page 11)

relationships with a jaundiced eye. What should have been a heart filled with rejoicing and thanksgiving for his many blessings, was instead filled with grousing, complaining and discontent. Ultimately, after a family fuss, a dirty distasteful job or some similar agitation, the prodigal set out to realize the pristine beauties of a country that only existed in the chambers of his imagery.

Ultimately, he became homesick, hungry, and friendless. It took the humbling and disgusting competition with hogs for something to eat that caused him to "come to himself." He came home and was forgiven, but with many scars, a lost potential, a disgraced testimony, and a wasted inheritance.

He paid a huge price for the luxury of entertaining wrong thoughts. Scriptures command, *"Keep thy heart with all diligence;* for out of it are the issues of life" (Proverbs 4:23). Keeping our "heart" in a Biblical sense is a reference to our mind, or inner being. The enemy of your soul will help you to realize the object of your sinful thinking, therefore, do not entertain wrong thoughts! Replace them with Godly, wholesome thoughts. It was wrong, salacious thoughts that caused King David to commit adultery with another man's wife, and ultimately to murder her husband! Because of this sin and his refusal to control his thoughts, the sword never departed from his house.

Some of our students have been involved in immorality. I am convinced none of them awakened one morning and decided to flush their purity down the toilet. Rather, they started a wrong thought life, fantasizing about boy/girl relationships. This, in time, led them into a flirtatious, "boy crazy" spirit in which they began to act and dress wrong. Soon, their provocative ways surrounded them with unsavory young men who had a lustful and carnal agenda.

Rather than being cared for by a Prince Charming who adored her and met her every need, she was ravished by an unprincipled, uncharactered beast who was only too happy to take advantage of a girl eager to get out from under her parents' authority.

Her thought life had included the false notion that her Godly parents were her enemies, who were trying to keep her from happiness. It is not surprising then that this girl, who had been entertaining wrong, x-rated thoughts for months and years, is no longer interested in standards, soul-winning, church attendance, or the family's testimony. Moreover, there is a no more selfish creature on the planet than a self-willed rebel. They care nothing for the pain, grief and suffering their prodigality causes in their family or for anyone else.

#### What is the Status of Their Souls?

Are such prodigals saved? God knows. Their lives surely do not appear to be that of the new creature in Christ. If a prodigal lives on in his rebellion and is not chastened severely by the Lord, we would be forced to conclude his was an illegitimate birth. If he is chastened and repents, we would rejoice. However, he would now have to live with the shame, scars and regrets, though forgiven.

Young person, have you given your heart to your parents and to the Lord? If your heart is like the Prodigal's, the god of this world will help you fill it with thoughts of a "far country" of your own. Your love, loyalty, and affection belong to your family and to the Lord, not to the "crowd" or another person or family. What are your desires? Unbridled lusts (desires) conceive of "far countries", which then bring forth sin, which then brings forth death. (James 1:13-15)

Keep your thoughts pure and

godly and you will keep your heart!

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- A good gift for all is the presence of a happy family all wrapped up with one another.
- "Good Will Toward Men" is spice in the season.
- One of the nice things about Christmas is that you can make people forget the past with a present.
- Nothing destroys the shopping spirit faster than looking for a place to park.
- Christmas is a time when everybody wants his past forgotten and his present remembered.
- The love and time you spend with family is far more important than how much you spend.
- The exchange of gifts ought to be reciprocal rather than retaliatory.
- This season reminds us that a demonstration of religion is often better than a definition of it.



Mission Spotlight (Continued from page 15)



Precious sisters in Christ pause for a photo in the village. Sister Williamson holds the hope of a future preacher-boy.



You are witnessing the Genesis of a new church plant in India as Pastor Hemant signs papers for the housing and meeting place. The expense in the capital of India is equivalent to rental cost in America. Pray for this new opportunity.



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your 6000 lift About 2% of The Voice in the Wilderness readers have shared a financial gift with this ministry in 2007. To all those who have given, we say a heart felt THANKS! However, the demands and commitments of this ministry have far exceeded the income The Voice in the Wilderness needs at least a \$25,000 yearend offering to pay off immediate needs. Possibly you are among the 98% that has yet to share a financial gift with The Voice in the Wilderness this year. Please, we urgently need your help! Enclosed is an envelope for YOUR GIFT to The Voice in the Wilderness. Don't delay. Your prayers, partnership and participation are crucial to the continuation of this fundamental. Bible ministry. Thank you for YOUR GIFT! Note page 13 "Incentive To Give" News Bit article for helpful info.

Dear Mr. Williamson,

Received my issue of "Voice in the Wilderness" for September and am very disgusted with the issue. I tried to read it, but it is so mixed up it gave me an Excedrin headache and I gave up.

If your future issues are going to be this way, please, please take me off your mailing list.

When Bro. Royce was in charge it was a joy to look forward to this publication, this last one is for the birds.

#### Sincerely,

Subscriber



From The

Thank you for your prayers and support. You letter is so helpful. The US Postal Service increased First Class mail by two cents  $(2\phi)$ . With that increase. The Voice in the Wilderness bulk mail rate went up an extra \$900.00 per month. We simply could not



**A** ccept the Bible's written assessment: "As it is written, one." Romans 3:10

A dmit man's attitude: "For Romans 5:12 all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" Romans 3:23

A cknowledge your own is, the word of faith which we from the grave for me. Forgive aversion: "For if when we were preach:..." Romans 10:8 enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son..." "Believest thou this?" Romans 5:10

"... **B** y one man sin entered there is none righteous, no, not into the world, and death by sin; **C** all in Faith... and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:" Commit your heart, your all..

> " B ut what saith it? The "Dear God, I know I am a sinner" word is nigh thee, even in thy and Jesus died on the cross,

**C** onfess with thy mouth...

Romans 10:9, 13

mouth, and in thy heart: that shedding His blood and rosed me of my sins and thank you for salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen."

afford such a drastic hike in rates. Our printer did some investigation and discovered the booklet size would mail at the bulk letter rate, saving The Voice in the Wilderness \$900.00 per month in postage cost. That is good stewardship, and that savings can be invested in souls and missions. By the way, Satan is doing everything possible to put fundamental ministries out of God's business. Since we changed our format, several other ministries have gone to the identical change.

You mentioned the "mixed up" aspect. It will take a few issues to get the "bugs" out, but I know you understand the complexities of type, layout, graphics, proofing and printing such a publication. Bro. Royce understood these matters and had several people help in this area. Yet numerous months, you the reader, never knew how Satan attacked and fought the production of this little paper. Thank God for faithful readers and supporters like yourself who have prayed and www.thevoiceinthewilderness.org

held this work up to the throne of grace for protection.

Also may I mention, you can get a large print copy or simply print one article for easy reading through www. thevoiceinthewilderness.org. If you do not have a computer, the local library, office supply, family member, friend or possibly your Pastor and local church could print you a copy. That is an option that many utilize who are interested in a fundamental, old-time, KJV ministry. There are not many left. Thank you for standing with us.

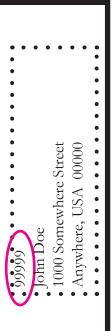
> For Christ and Souls, Ronnie L. Williamson Isa. 40:31

P.S. If you know someone who wants the original 8<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>x11 format and can pay the extra \$900.00 per month, I would consider changing back. However, I think they would rather give that money for missions and souls, not to the federal government. Thanks again for caring.

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