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

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CHRIST, HE COMETH

HEAVEN'S NEAR AND HIS COMING NIGH.

IN A TWINKLE, THE CHURCH SAYS GOODBYE,

TO THIS WORLD OF THE WEARY AND WOE

As in the Gospel and prophets show.

HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING

THE CROSS, THE TOMB, O' DEATH NO STING.

NO MORE TEARS NOR SIN'S DARK BLIGHT

CHRIST - HE COMETH IN GLORY AND LIGHT!

- RLW



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Dear Friend:

Without doubt, Jesus calls Himself "the bright and morning star" in Revelation 22:16. Read it for yourself in the KJB. Even the NIV uses the phrase "bright Morning Star" in Revelation 22:16. However, the NIV changes the wording of Isaiah 14:12: "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning!" (KJB) to "How you have fallen from heaven, O morning star, son of the dawn!" (NIV) WARNING, ALARMS, SIRENS, DANGER, proceed with great caution! Jesus is the "bright Morning Star!" Satan is called "Lucifer, son of the morning." BUT the NIV changes "O, Lucifer, son of the morning" to "O morning star, son of the dawn." By the way, the NIV changes thousands of words which repeatedly alter the meaning and intent of God's Word. I've read the scholar's footnotes and background, such as the king of Babylon in Isaiah 14. But please explain the changes of words, omission of words and entire verses. Do your research. There is an aggressive attack on the person of Christ. The NIV, ESV, NASV - all are guilty!



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Acts 8:37 says, "And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." Now, try to read that verse in the NIV. Revelation 1:11 starts out with "Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last." The NIV omits the Messiah's eternal titles as does the NASV. Do you know about all that is taken away and added in today's modern versions? "For I testify unto every man that heareth the

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SERMON OF THE MONTH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

| Corinthians 3:5-23 • John 4:34-38

This is simply a personal quest. Will you pray with me along this journey? Capital Campaign is the connection of pastors and missionaries in all 50 US capitals plus each capital of every country worldwide in a partnership of prayer. The Voice in the Wilderness is so blessed to know some of our Lord's choicest servants serving faithfully around the world. With your support we will make an eternal connection. Our God is doing the work, and in this global prayer partnership we can unite in an eternally powerful connection of spiritual worth.

As stated, it has been my special privilege over the past dozen years to become acquainted with some of our Lord's choicest servants. We are "labourers together with God" and what a joy to be a part of the harvest work literally around the world. As His children, we are joint heirs in the riches of faith in Christ Jesus. Never in these few words could I extol and expound the wonder of it all. I pray for you and please pray for me as together the connection is made to preach and teach and reach this dying world with The Words of Life. The following sermon is a prelude to this venture. Note the **CONNECTION**.

I. Connection- "For we are labourers together..."

Thank our Father for the privilege to be a part of His family. Together we are connected around the world with brothers and sisters united in the love of Christ. Note three critical components to this connection.

A. Calculate – An inventory must be taken to commence building this connection. The farmer must have the seed on hand and the builder must have the tools ready.

POWER/PURPOSE/PLAN

The Word of God is quick and **POWER**ful...God's Word is our sole authority for faith and practice.

Daniel **PURPOSEd** in his heart....

Go ye into all the world...

With the inspired, infallible, preserved Word of God in heart and hand we have purposed and committed our all to His **PLAN** to take the gospel from here to the uttermost.

B. Communicate- "ministers by whom ye believed..." Indeed we are privileged to handle The Word and declare The Word. May God grant His wisdom and anointing to the mission. O that that precious soul who

- sits in great darkness see the glorious light of our Saviour's love and grace.
- **C. Contend-** We are not to be contentious but we are to Contend for the faith once delivered unto the saints. This is indeed a spiritual warfare. We must put on the whole Armor of God to be victorious. After all, this is the mission of Victory. Daily we are more than conquerors through Christ, and I have read not just the last chapter, but I have read all the chapters. His promises are all true!

Secondly in this Capital Campaign please note the **COMMISSION**.

- **II. Commission** (II Tim. 4:1-8) Here is an excellent challenge for us all. Thank God He has counted us worthy to put us in the ministry.
 - A. The Charge for Ministry v1 This charge is not before some mortal or man's government but rather before God and Christ. He will be the final Judge. With great sobriety, we accept His charge to faithfully execute the work of the ministry.
 - **B.** The **Calling** to Ministry v2 Preach the Word. Look carefully at what our Lord calls us to do here in verse 2. This covers it all. It is not only what a man preaches but also what a man fails to preach from God's Holy Book. Loose preaching leads to loose living in the Church.
 - **C.** The **Consolation** in Ministry –v7-8 The reward for Faithfulness is beyond our imagination. There is coming a crowning day. He will reward His faithful.

Too much is done today in the church with too little **CONVICTION** and passion. I've witnessed pastors with more conviction about their sports team than about the preaching of God's Word.

- **III.** Conviction- There is no looking back, no turning back, no sliding back. It is onward, forward, and upward for He is worthy.
 - **A. Christ-** ll Tim. 4:8 "The Lord, the righteous judge..." Who do we represent. He is worthy of all we have and all we can give!
 - **B.** Commitment- "shall give me" (this is not hope so, could be so, or may be so but a know so assurance in Christ.) He is Faithful.
 - **C. Consummation-** "at His appearing" Think about it. Are you looking and longing for that blessed day? He is coming so we must be going. God help us to be working, watching and waiting for the trump! Yes, together we can believe, conceive and achieve the extraordinary.

Next month we continue to develop "The Capital Campaign" with "The Acts Plan" foundation to His Church's success.

RELIGIOUS NEWS

AND COMMENTS

PUBLIC SCHOOL **SOLUTION** - In Pitt County, NC, the local newspaper in Greenville (The Daily Reflector 2/4/08) published an article by Josh Humphries. He reports that local stores are "stocking up on items approved in the policy for student uniforms including black, khaki and navy pants and skirts in assorted colors." The new uniform policy was approved in June of 2007 by the Pitt County Board of Education and will be put into place for the 2008-09 school year. The new policy will insist that "all shirts will be required to have a collar." The students will be able to choose three colors- white and two chosen by their school. The policy, which will be put in place the first day of school, will allow a two week "grace period" for students transferring into the school system. Students who do not abide by the new policy will face disciplinary action from their principal. {Editor: This is a public school system, and the type of garments would not necessarily meet my approval; but isn't it amazing that the world understands the need to address

the clothing problem. Churches and Christian schools ignore or refuse to Biblically teach Godly dress. "Christian Camps" are lowering their standards. WAKE UP CHURCH!}

SAVING CHINA - Julie Monger of Asia Reach Ministries writes that everyone is trying to "save China" in their own way. Some talk about eliminating the one-child policy; others talk about cleaning up the environment, making it safe for their children and grandchildren; while more talk about paying more attention to the handicapped which will result in a better society. While all of these programs will be good for China, we must not forget that no amount of social progress will 'save' China if they are not saved spiritually through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross." Even though the media may keep the social issues in China in the forefront, we must not be distracted by it.

WHO SAID THIS? - "I have asked God to forgive me and I ask all who have sat under my ministry

to forgive me for preaching a Gospel emphasizing earthly prosperity. If we equate earthly possessions and earthly relationships with God's favor, what are we to tell the billions of those living in poverty? . . . Many 'in name only' Christians would curse God if they lost all of their material possessions." (*Turn page upside down to read answer below. - ED*)

Jim Bakker, from federal prison

BATTLES FOR 2008

- In a letter from Christian Law Association (January 2008), we're asked 4 questions that will shape this next year. 1) "Will sexual privacy (translate that legal term of 'privacy' to mean 'perversion') trump religious liberty in our courts?" 2) "Will the right to publicly pray in Jesus' Name be allowed?" 3) "Will Christian students be disadvantaged in the receipt of government benefits?" 4) "Will Christians be discriminated against in the workplaces of our land?" The letter went on to say: "I believe that we all need to pray and humbly seek the face of God for our nation. The hope of America is in the local church and the Word of God. The hope of America is Jesus Christ!"

ATHEIST AT IT AGAIN! -

California atheist Michael Newdow

filed two lawsuits claiming that the Pledge of Allegiance and national motto are unconstitutional because they are "establishments" of religion. The Ninth Circuit heard the case about the Pledge and agreed with Mr. Newdow; but the Supreme Court reversed that decision based on jurisdictional grounds. Mr. Newdow has brought both of these cases back to the Ninth Circuit court in San Francisco on appeal. Kevin Snider of Pacific Justice Institute said, "The national motto, 'In God We Trust,' is a perfectly permissible, commemorative acknowledgement of our nation's history and traditions. Without coercing anyone to adopt any religious viewpoint, it reminds us that our rights are a gift from God and are not at the discretion of the government." President of PJI, Brad Dacus, also said, "It is vital that we prevail in both of these cases so that we can pass on to the next generation the heritage of faith and blessings of liberty that we have been given. An atheist's right not to believe in God simply does not mean that all public acknowledgements of our nation's religious heritage must be silenced." Pacific Justice Institute 12/3/07

PERMISSION GRANTED? -

A Presbyterian church in the Chicago area has been prohibited from using property that they purchased for

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services The Korean-American church, which was started in the mid 1990's, was renting space for service; but they grew rapidly and began to investigate for a place of their own. After a six-year search, the church found a place in Northbrook that would meet their needs. The zoning code would not allow for a church to be built on the property desired by the church even though other civic and social clubs would be allowed to use the property; but the Village Trustees and realtor encouraged the church to purchase the property and build Within a few months of the purchase of the property, the Board of Trustees recanted their previous decision to allow the church to use the property for worship services. They even went further to not allow any new church assembly uses of property in their jurisdiction, even though they realized that the policy was discriminatory. The church went to court to have the Trustees decision overturned; but the courts agreed with the Village Trustees. The church has now appealed to the US Supreme Court. Brad Dacus remarked, "We are urging the Supreme Court to review and overturn this decision so that churches are not treated differently under federal law based on the region of the country where they

are located." *Pacific Justice Institute* 11/28/07



"ISLAMIC JESUS" - The following is taken from *The Berean Call (1/23/08)*:

"A director who shares the ideas of Iran's hardline president has produced what he says is the first film giving an Islamic view of Jesus Christ, in a bid to show the 'common ground' between Muslims and Christians, Nader Talebzadeh sees his movie, 'Jesus, the Spirit of God,' as an Islamic answer to Western productions like Mel Gibson's 2004 blockbuster 'The Passion of the Christ,' which he praised as admirable but quite simply 'wrong.' 'Gibson's film is a very good film. I mean that it is a well-crafted movie but the story is wrong- - it was not like that,' he said, referring to two key differences: Islam sees Jesus as a prophet, not the son of God, and does not believe he was crucified. Talebzadeh insists it (the film) aims to bridge differences between Christianity and Islam, despite the stark divergence from Christian doctrine about Christ's final hours on earth. 'It is fascinating

for Christians to know that Islam gives such devotion to and has so much knowledge about Jesus. By making this film I wanted to make a bridge between Christianity and Islam, to open the door for dialogue since there is much common ground between Islam and Christianity,' he said."

A SLIPPERY SLOPE - Former Vice President Al Gore said, "I think gay men and women ought to have the same rights as heterosexual men and women-to make contracts. to have hospital visiting rights, to join together in marriage. I don't understand why it is considered by some people to be a threat to heterosexual marriage. . ." Evan Wolfson, executive director of Freedom to Marry (a pro-homosexual marriage group) was encouraged by Gore's comments by saying, "Gore [is] again pointing the way- and ending exclusion from marriage is one climate change the world will be better for." Peter LaBarbera said that his group, American for Truth About Homosexuality that opposes the homosexual agenda, predicted the jump from civil unions to marriage 2 or 3 years ago. Gore started his slippery slope in 1996 when he publicly supported the Defense of Marriage Act; but by 2000, Mr. Gore announced that he supported civil unions. He is not

the only one who has taken the slipperv slope since 2000 when Vermont voted to adopt civil unions. Since then Massachusetts is the only state that allows same-sex marriage, which is recognized by Rhode Island (they recognize any homosexual marriage performed in other states). Connecticut, Vermont, New Jersey and New Hampshire all allow civil unions. The 27 states having amended their state constitutions to protect marriage are: Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia and Wisconsin. New Mexico. Rhode Island and New York have no laws on their books that take a position on homosexual marriage. Christine Nelson, a program manager for the National Conference of State Legislature, said that Vermont lawmakers are considering changing their civil union law into a marriage law. She went on to further say, "Civil unions involve the full range of benefits of marriage but without the word marriage or without what we would call 'solemnification' of the relationship. I actually think the movement now is on the other side

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EVANGELICALS THE NEW LIBERALS?

..."Come out from among them and be ye separate"

- II Corinthians 6:14-18
- Are NAE officials weighing in on "Green Earth" and "Global Warming"? Evangelical preachers and churches are going green and yoking up with environmentalists to spread the eco-new age message of the left.
- The caller identified herself to the radio talk show host as an evangelical Christian. She then proceeded to express some very liberal ideas and political positions. Then, too, her thoughts were in opposition to Biblical teaching. These are "perilous times."
- The Weather Channel did a feature on "evangelical" Christians, preachers and churches who now champion causes formerly held by newage tree huggers, evolutionists, atheists and those of very liberal, anti-Biblical positions.
- One evangelical Pastor made his support clear, from the beginning of the Civil Rights movement and now the Green Earth, environmental and proglobal warming position. He is presently quite outspoken

in his pulpit and now in the mainstream media about man's responsibility to save this planet.

Tim Funk of *The Charlotte Observer* attempted to define evangelicals as having a long history in Protestant Christianity. Funk went on to say, "But in the US it has come to mean Protestants who stress personal conversion; the importance of spreading the Gospel message; the authority, primacy and, in most cases, the literal truth of the Bible; and the belief that Jesus' death on the cross reconciled God and humans.

"Evangelicals tend to be theologically conservative. Many are also politically conservative, but not all. Some high-profile Christian evangelicals – author Tony Campolo, Sojourners magazine founder Jim Wallis – are liberals who usually back Democrats.

"'Born-again' is a term emphasized by evangelicals, who use it as shorthand for a personal, transformational experience that involves a commitment to follow Jesus Christ. The hyphenated term became part of the US political vocabulary in 1976, with the campaign of Democrat – and Southern Baptist – Jimmy Carter, who called himself a 'born-again

Christian.' Starting in 1980, with the emergence of Ronald Reagan, white evangelicals became a key part of the Republican coalition. But in 2008, after years of ignoring evangelical voters, Democrats running for president are also wooing them.

"Christian fundamentalists, who generally separate themselves from what they consider a sinful modern culture, are distinct from evangelicals, who tend to use culture to build up the church. In South Carolina, Bob Jones University, which is largely closed off from secular society, is an example of an institution that abides by fundamentalism

"Between 25 percent and 40 percent of the US population claims to be evangelical."

Quite frankly, Mr. Funk, evangelicals are as confusing a bunch as are politicians. Some history at this point may be helpful for the reader. Harold Ockenga used the term "New Evangelicals" at a Fuller Seminary address stating that New Evangelicalism ... "differed from fundamentalism in its repudiation of separatism..." Years later Ockenga added "...New Evangelicalism has changed its strategy from one of separation to one of infiltration."

It is important to keep the word **separation** in mind. Is separation biblical? Is separation a God given command for His people? Watch carefully.

This New Evangelicalism said "no separation." Evangelicals married themselves to the notion

that God used evolution to create the universe. The flood of Noah's day was only a local thing. Ultimately, Evangelicals said there are errors in the Bible.

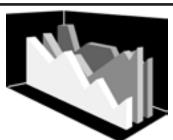
Hold on just one minute. Let's put the pieces together. In the 1940's a popular evangelist emerged. It appeared God was using him in large youth rallies and then in citywide crusades. In Los Angeles, well-known celebrities were converted on the "saw dust trail." William Randolph Hearst put out orders for his newspaper to "puff Billy," and this helped make the "Graham" name nationally known. Then Billy Graham's New York City Crusade with liberal sponsorship and "inclusive policy" completed the puzzle. It was a no separation rule with all the components in place -- The National Association of Evangelicals, The World Evangelical Fellowship, Fuller Theological Seminary, Christianity Today magazine and their spokesman evangelist Billy Graham. On the move is the New Evangelical machine of no separation, a changing times Bible with error at that, comprised of an eclectic hodge-podge of religious confusion. Oh, by the way, Graham did not start out with liberals and apostates in his campaigns. Actually, he stated he would never yoke up with such. Sadly, his influence has been the ruination of many churches and pastors.

As far as American churches

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NEWS BITS

From Here and There



POLITICIANS - Let us be kind, but after a while it's a joke. President George W. Bush made promises and Federal government gets bigger and bigger and more hideous. It was a joke when Bill Clinton said that "the era of big government is over." Did anyone believe him then? Now under Bush, federal and domestic spending has risen over 27% in real terms, while discretionary non-entitlement spending has gone up 4.5% per year. Even under Clinton, the annual increase was "only" 2.1% (Human Events). The prochoice, pro-gay marriage former Presidential candidate Rudy Guiliani opposed welfare reform in order to protect illegals. His give-away education and medical care for "illegal" and "undocumented immigrants" is a blood-sucking scourge on this country's economy. Will any of the Presidential hopefuls have a better federal joke to tell on the stump?

SPEAKS WHO WELL **DEMOCRATS?** - One need not be a political affairs genius just to listen to the critics proponents. Watch associations and who it is that speaks well of actions taken and typically a spot on assessment can be rendered accurately. Who are the Democrats? Those candidates running under the Democratic Party banner - are they "fur us or agin us?" Remember Shaykh Ayman al-Zawahiri's statement about Nancy Pelosi and the Democratic-led initiatives to end the war? Zawahiri applauded legislation to tie war funding to a timetable for the withdrawal of US troops from Iraq. Zawahiri said that it "reflects American failure and frustration" It was Al Oaeda's second-in-command

who applauded the Demo war bill. Democrat Harry Reid told the media, "This war is lost." One government official said it was "stunning" that Zawahiri was watching Congress SO closely. Ever heard of "aiding and abetting the enemy?" Do we need expert analysis of the Democrats and who they are? Even in the 2004 Presidential election. Democrat Iohn Kerry was quoted by name in communications from Osama bin Laden and Zawahiri Without doubt, the perpetrators of 9/11/2001 are waiting for US troops to withdraw from Iraq, Afghanistan and the surrounding region.



PENTAGON AND PORNOGRAPHY Time

(11/19/07) also reported that the Pentagon, after a 10 year ban will endorse the sale and Penthouse Playboy magazines on military bases. The Honor and Decency Act of 1996 does not allow the sale

of "sexually explicit material" on military bases; but a recent review board ruled that both of these magazines contain mostly ads and other nonpornographic material. Therefore it does not defy the Act passed in 1996 and can be sold in on-base stores.



PAPERS AND PRESIDENTIAL **HOPEFUL** - The following The Judicial taken from Verdict January Watch issue concerning the holding of White House records dating back to when Bill Clinton was in office. The following is an excerpt of an exchange between Tim Russert, Hillary Clinton, and Barack Obama:

Russert: Senator Clinton, I'd like to follow up, because in terms of your experience as First Lady, in order to give the American people an opportunity to make a judgment about

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Shoving Or Showing?

From the pages of the APM Christian Worker's Training Manual

Illustration 1: A little five-year old lifted her trusting heart to God one night and asked Jesus to be her Saviour. Being excited and fully committed to her new found Saviour, she became an active soul-winner among the neighbors and school friends. While attending a Christian school chapel service, the little girl, in her childlike faith in Jesus and concern for her unsaved friends, began to wonder if the school leaders were really doing a good job of leading boys and girls to Christ. Determined to answer her concerns, she went forward during the chapel invitation to assess the situation as many altar bound children were gathered in a separate room with another teacher. Thankfully, the little girl's fears subsided as she heard the teacher read verses to the children and explain how Jesus would forgive them of their sins. Knowing that she did not need to be saved again, but not wanting to reveal her reason for coming during the invitation, she mimicked the other children in bowing their heads for a silent prayer as the teacher prayed aloud. Because none of the school leaders ever spoke individually to the children before, during, or after this time about their spiritual condition, it was assumed that each child received Christ as Saviour at that moment.

Illustration 2: Eager to know that all her little pupils were safely heaven bound, a teacher asked all the kindergarteners to close their eyes for a moment after the Bible lesson. Confident that all eyes were closed, she then asked how many of them wanted to go to Heaven. All little hands present flew quickly into the air. The teacher then proceeded to lead the children in a group prayer of salvation.

Think about it: We all have little children close to our hearts whether they are our family's blessings from God or simply the ones who come for candy on Sundays. As their precious innocence grows into a childhood full of inquisitiveness and learning, our Heaven-mindedness tugs at our hearts, knowing that they must choose Jesus to have a home with Him one day. With such a desire to take that one jewel with us to Heaven, we sometimes **shove** the children to Jesus instead of **showing them** Jesus. Jesus cautioned the adults to permit not manipulate the children to come to Him when He

said. "Suffer the little children to come unto me." Surely it would have been much more simple, in our human minds, to have said - "Have each child repeat this prayer: Dear Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, forgive me of my sins, come into my heart and save me, and I will thank you in Jesus' name, Amen." BUT – Attention all Christian Workers – that prayer is not even in the Bible! Nevertheless, in our eagerness to secure a mansion for our little ones, we quickly ask, "Honey, do you want to go to Heaven," and, of course, most children will just as quickly answer, "uh-huh." Then off we go to have them repeat a prayer. If it were a certain prayer that saved us. surely many other "religious" people would be in Heaven today. Remember what Philip said to the Ethiopian eunuch when the man asked what was hindering him from baptism. Philip said, "If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest" (Acts 8:37). Not, "do you want to go to heaven" or "have you prayed the prayer." Also, Paul told the jailer, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." Of course, we should not dismiss the significance of "confess with thy mouth" or "call upon the name of the Lord" as we quote in the Romans Road that many Christian workers use with children. God does want us to express through prayer our belief and trust in Him. However, we must be careful to let them come unto Him in their childlike faith and trust, even if it means many days on our knees in prayer.

Illustration 3: If anyone had been on their knees in prayer, it was the (Continued on page 26)

DO YOU KNOW A CHILD?

The Voice in the Wilderness is excited to introduce:

CLUB MIT

(Missionary'in'Training)

In the spirit of the days of the Apostle Paul, the Aquila/Priscilla team desires to train boys and girls to serve the Lord. Club MIT will **engage** children in being a steadfast worker for Christ, **encourage** them to be a boy or girl pleasing to the Lord, and **equip** them to be a missionary every day. Club members will be excited to read lessons from Aquila & Priscilla in each edition of *The Voice in the Wilderness*. If you know a boy or girl, please encourage them to enrol today in **CLUB MIT**. (see pages 28 & 29)

All new Club members will be welcomed with a special mailing from Aguila & Priscilla!

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

On March 20, 1727, Sir Isaac Newton, one of the world's greatest scientists, died. With his mother widowed twice, he was raised by his grandmother before being sent off to grammar school, and later Cambridge. He discovered the principles of calculus, the laws of gravity, and built the first reflecting telescope. Using a prism, Newton demonstrated how a beam of sunlight contained of all the colors of the rainbow. In 1704, Sir Isaac Newton wrote in his work entitled "Optics" - "God in the beginning formed matter." Regarding the Bible, he wrote: "The system of revealed truth which this Book contains is like that of the universe, concealed from common observation, yet the labors of the centuries have established its Divine origin."

ON THE LIGHT SIDE

One time a man was trying to read the newspaper without being disturbed, but his little girl kept bothering him. He finally got some scissors and cut up a map into small pieces and told her to try to put it back together again. He thought that would take her a long time, long enough for him to finish the newspaper. He was surprised to find that she put the map together very quickly. He was so impressed that he asked her how she did it. He knew she knew nothing about geography. She turned the map over and on the other side was a picture of Jesus. She had put the picture of Jesus together and then turned it over to the map. In her innocence she uttered a precious truth. She said, "Daddy, if you put Jesus in the right place, the whole world is all right!" How true this is in our lives. We should exalt Jesus to a place of Lord and King in our lives. The ascension, then, meant that Jesus was exalted to the right hand of God.

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MISSION SPOTLIGHT



India and the United Kingdom

A Mission Vue Challenge with

Cross Vue School of Missions

MISSIONVUE INDIA 2007

Over the past 12 years, Bro. Williamson has been privileged to minister in India on 8 mission trips. It has been not only a joy to support Gospel work through The Voice in the Wilderness in India but also a special blessing to participate in churches our Lord has raised up through other men. Bro. Mani and Bro. Baba share their testimony of God's miracle at the Bethel Church while Baba's wife and Bro. Williamson listen to this amazing story of grace.





This was indeed a time of testimony, praise and song. God has done great things. From Bro. Hemant's missionary call from America to the connection with Bro. Mani and the miraculous salvation of Bro. Baba, the story of Christ continues around the world.

A baptistery in the heart of a Hindu village. These precious children pose for a quick photo of the Bethel baptistery where dear brothers and sisters take the next step in obedience in the journey of faith in Christ. Are these future preachers, missionaries and soul-winners for Jesus? Pray so!



are concerned it is obvious what "evangelicals" produce. Did we get our fill of Jimmy Carter's brand of "born-again" and politics? The guy is still a dangerous embarrassment. What kind of world view, philosophy and politics can be expected of Mike Huckabee? I'll give you one guess.

D. L. Moody was so impressed with Wellesley College, and what Henry Durant had founded in 1874 that he made Durant an original Northfield Trustee. Moody said in essence, "I want the same kind of school Mr. Durant has established. I'm going to ask him to come and be the speaker for the first building I'm erecting." Thus when Northfield's cornerstone was laid, Henry Durant was the dedication speaker.

Henry Durant said of his own school, founded in 1874, "I would rather see Wellesley College in ashes than that God could not be first in everything." Maybe you're not aware of this, but the radical liberal left-wing politician Hillary Clinton is a graduate of the school founded by Henry Durant. It was at this school that she was mentally brainwashed and became a confirmed political and left wing theological radical, at the same school founded by the man who said, "I would rather see Wellesley College in ashes, if God should not be first in everything."

Tragically a school established with so noble a purpose now travels

far from that original path. Hillary Clinton grew up a Methodist, which laid the foundation for the Bible studies and prayer groups she led while Arkansas' First Lady. However the '60s and '70s brought great change in that professed faith. Her experimentation with New Age psychobabble to the perverted personnel she hired into government positions while in the White House reveals a radical contradiction. Her almost militant pro-abortion stance speaks volumes. These obvious agendas, liberal politics not to speak of blatant anti-biblical positions steadfastly embraced demonstrate a belief system far from the conservative let alone scriptural in any stretch. The audacity of so many in politics and yes in churches who use God, the Bible, prayer and Christianity to delude those who are not anchored to the unmovable, unchangeable Truths of God's Holy Word.

The last sermon D. L. Moody preached in New York City was preserved, in part, in written form. Dr. Theodore Cuyler, the famed Brooklyn pastor, reported what D. L. Moody said on that occasion. Moody stated: "Five and twenty years ago in my native village of Northfield, I planted two Christian schools for the training of boys and maidens in Christian living and consecration as teachers and missionaries of Jesus Christ. I bequeath as my legacy those training schools for Jesus to churches in America!"

Where would D. L. Moody send his sons to school for training? He could either send them to a prestigious Ivy League school in the East which had a name that was living, but according to the Book of Revelation was spiritually dead; or he could send them to a smaller orthodox college out in the Midwest that perhaps lacked the academic prestige, but possessed the Biblical truth and stood right. D. L. Moody made the wrong choice. The Moody parents were going to have sons who graduated from a prestigious university - so that's where he sent them, to a highly esteemed school, Yale University. (Note: Above material in italics is from Why Do Fundamental Schools Go Apostate? By Dr. Don Jasmin)

Today we have the radical liberal Hillary Clinton graduating from Wellesley College, and it takes very little research to see the liberal product of Moody Bible Institute. Where there is no solid Bible Separation and men voke up based on friendships, politics, money, convenience or accommodation, a tragic chapter will inevitably be written. I Chronicles 12:32 states. "And of the children of Issachar, which were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do..." May God help us to be men and women of understanding. These are days that demand spiritual discernment and wisdom from above. "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers...come out from among

them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord..."

The following pathetic article from the *North Carolina Signature Magazine* reads:

"Voices for Change - While [Mitchell] Gold and [Bob] Williams enjoy searching for furniture to add to their homes and to inspire new pieces for their collections, they are vehemently committed to community advocacy and philanthropy. 'A big part of our philanthropy has to do with equal rights, civil rights. You know, being the recipient of the attacks from various politicos, it just kind of sucked us in,' says Gold. 'We're just the kind of people that can't sit by and let it happen.'

"In 2005 they founded the nonprofit organization, Faith in America, whose mission is to stop discrimination against lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people. And both are also involved with The Humane Society and ALFA, (AIDS Leadership Foothills-area Alliance), a local AIDS organization in Hickory."

The error of so many churches, denominational organizations and religious groups claiming the name of Jesus and Evangelical associations is a seedbed for more perversion to come. Do not be deceived. This evil world system is agenda driven. Satan is desperate; and as the prophetic clock ticks, he will do any and all to destroy those who will not come to the Truth!

Preach The RISEN Christ!



"The stone was rolled away from the door, not to permit Christ to come out, but to enable the disciples to go in." (Peter Marshall)

"No pain, no palm; no thorns, no throne; no gall, no glory; no cross, no crown." (William Penn)

"We are not preaching the Gospel of a dead Christ, but of a living Christ who sits exalted at the Father's right hand, and is living to save all who put their trust in Him. That is why those of us who really know the Gospel never have any crucifixes around our churches or in our homes. The crucifix represents a dead Christ hanging languid on a cross of shame. But we are not pointing men to a dead Christ; we are preaching a living Christ. He lives exalted at God's right hand, and He 'saves to the uttermost all who come to God by Him.'" (H.A. Ironside)

"Gospel preachers nowadays preach the gospel of the Crucifixion, the Apostles preached the gospel of the Resurrection as well." (R. A. Torrey)

"The silver thread of resurrection runs through all the blessings, from regeneration onward to our eternal glory, and binds them together." (Charles Spurgeon)

THINK ABOUT IT!

A lady in Europe, almost 100 years ago, was very much opposed to Christianity and all its doctrines. She died a wealthy woman at the age of thirty. They buried her according to the instructions she had left behind. Her grave was covered with a slab of granite which was then surrounded with square blocks of stone. The corners were then fastened with heavy iron clamps. The inscription on her grave read, "This burial place, purchased to all eternity, must never be opened." She did not believe in the resurrection and ridiculed that Christian doctrine by her burial instructions. Her grave was made so securely that if humans left it alone, she felt certain it would never be disturbed. In time a little birch tree seed sprouted by the edge of her grave. It grew and grew, slowly exerting pressure on the iron clamps. Finally the clamps broke on one side. In time the growth of the tree continued to lift up the huge piece of granite until it was resting on its side on the trunk of this huge birch tree. This mocker of the resurrection found that God is not mocked.

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your experience, would you allow the National Archives to release the documents about your communications with the President, the advice you gave? Because, as you well know, President Clinton has asked the National Archives not to do anything until 2012.

Clinton: Well, actually, Tim, the Archives is moving as rapidly as the Archives moves. There's about 20 million pieces of paper there. And. . .they are releasing as they do their process. And I am fully in favor of that. Now, all of the records, as far as I know, about what we did with health care, those are already available. Others are becoming available. And I think that, you know the Archives will continue to move as rapidly as its circumstances and processes demand

Russert: But there was a letter written by President Clinton specifically asking that any communication between you and the President not be made available to the public until 2012. Would you lift that ban?

Clinton: Well, that's not my decision to make, and I don't believe that any president 22 • Voice in the Wilderness • March/April 2008

or First Lady ever has. But, certainly, we're moving as quickly as our circumstances and the processes of the National Archives permits.

Russert: Senator Obama, your hand is up?

Obama: Well, look, I'm glad that Hillary took the phrase "turn the page." It's a good one, but this is an example of not turning the page. We have just gone through one of the most secretive administrations in our history. And not releasing these records at the same time, Hillary, that you're making the claim that this is the basis for your experience, I think, is a problem.

Editor: Judicial Watch has been asking for the release of these documents since 2006.

FOCUS ON THE TEMPLE MOUNT The Antiquities Authority Israel has discovered fragments of ceramic tableware and animal bones that date back between the 6th and 10th centuries BC during the time of the first Jewish temple. This Palestinian and Islamic peoples because they have claimed that Israel has no right to the Temple that Mount and Solomon's

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Temple was near Jericho not Jerusalem. In 2001 at Camp David, Arafat said that it was a "fact" that the Jews never had a temple in Jerusalem. Since 1967, Palestinian Arab academics have tried to prove that the Jews have no religious claims in Jerusalem and to the Temple Mount. Keep an eye on Israel and especially the Temple Mount because it is the "heart of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict." The Berean Call 12/5/07



PLANNED WHAT? - Planned Parenthood has recently unveiled Strong" their "One Million campaign which they plan to spend \$10 million to convince one million people to vote for pro-abortion candidates 2008 This is a result of the 400 bills that are related to abortion considered by state legislatures in 2007, a 50% increase from 2006. A majority of these laws would allow women to view an ultrasound of their child and to be given information about pain of the abortion on the child and the growth of the child in the womb. The Alan Guttmacher Institute, the research wing of Planned Parenthood, released data that shows a 25% decline of abortions since 1990. The 2008 elections are important because the next President will have the opportunity to appoint as many as 3 justices to the Supreme Court. Many believe Roe v. Wade is close to being overturned, as close as one vote in the Supreme Court. The other law that the abortionists are interested in is the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA). This law would overturn the pro-life laws that have been passed by state legislatures over the past 30 years. The American Center for Law and Justice released the following statement: "The Freedom of Choice Act would create an absolute right abortion that would override any federal, state or local law that simply 'interfered with' that right, matter how no compelling the iustification for the law." Mrs. Clinton said that she would sign into law the House version of FOCA. www. irnnews.com 1/28/08

of things-that there are more states looking at how you can, frankly, side-step the issue of marriage and simply provide benefits to people who want to be in same-sex relationships." In 2006, the Federal Marriage Amendment was voted on, but never approved. According to Nelson, it "hasn't come close to passing either house." www.irnnews.com/1/30/08

PARLIAMENT PROPHECY - The number 666 is one that is very familiar to Bible scholars. Recently it has an interesting connection to the British House of Commons. John Austin, a Labour Member of Parliament. recently put a motion to debate the doing away with blasphemy laws in Britain. His motion was order number 666. Bob Russell, a Liberal Democrat from Colchester, said. "It is incredible that a motion like this should have, by chance, acquired this significant number. The number is supposed to be the mark of the Devil. It looks as though God or the Devil have been moving in mysterious ways. What is even stranger is that this motion was tabled last night when MPs were debating blasphemy." The Berean Call 1/18/08



Nuggets of Gold

- Keep your face to the Sonshine and you cannot see the shadows.
- No one can do everything, but everyone can do something.
- We cannot direct the wind, but we can adjust the sails.
- Most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be.
- Some Christians can't be called "pilgrims" because they never make any progress.
- We may not all be great but we can attach ourselves to a great work.
- Be grateful for the doors of opportunities and for friends who oil the hinges.
- A coincidence? No, a small miracle where God chose to remain anonymous.
- You are only as valuable to God as you are available to God.
- A smile is a curve that straightens things out.

words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book..." Revelation 22:18-19. Please read "A Look at the Book and the Blood" in the March 2003 edition of *The Voice in the Wilderness*. We must understand the times.

Dear reader, as we celebrate our risen and coming again Saviour and Lord Jesus Christ, may our hearts be moved to an ever Higher and Holier commitment to Him Who is worthy. Blessed be His Name!

Will you please pray for The Voice in the Wilderness as we contend for the faith once delivered unto the saints? The powers of Hell are evident. From the Text issue to separation in music and dress, and even our stand on hot topics like divorce and remarriage, the base of support has narrowed due to so many embracing the world. How can you know the High and Holy if the Bible you read comes from a corrupted text? The Voice in the Wilderness continues to stand firm on God's preserved Text and the Authorized Version If God's inspired, infallible, preserved Holy Word is your position, then we need your prayers and partnership. Daily, more people bow and are moved by the deception of this age. We need you to stand with us. Please respond to our requests given on pages 4 and 5 of the January/ February 2008 edition by using the form found on page 31 of this edition. Thanks for caring.



Happy Trails!
For Christ and Souls,
Ronnie L. Williamson
Isa. 40:31

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"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."

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parents of a first-grade girl. For many months the young child had been questioning her parents about salvation. Trusting and following the direction of the Lord, both mother and father, at varying times, patiently answered their daughter's questions. Many times, while explaining spiritual things, the parents would come to that eternal question, "Would you like to pray to Jesus today?" But continuously the answer was, "No, not today. I just am afraid that maybe I don't believe that Jesus would really take me to Heaven, and I know that if I don't really believe then when I pray I won't really be saved." (Oh, the understanding of a child!) Many weeks continued in this pattern and, with every day passing, each parent became more anxious of their child's eternal state. But, God is faithful, and one day she decided to believe in Jesus. How thankful were her parents to be able to listen to the prayers of their daughter as she told Jesus that she believed in Him, wanted her sins washed away and a home in Heaven.

How about you: Are you as burdened as those parents for an unsaved child? Have you ever felt pressured to quickly ask the "yes" questions and facilitate a prayer of salvation? If yes, then remember that a prayer of salvation may comfort your ears, but it is prayer for salvation that starts Heaven's choir. Use the following points as suggestions when dealing spiritually with young children.

- 1. If a Bible lesson is being taught, always give opportunity at some point after the lesson for children to talk with an adult about spiritual things.
 - a. Give a formal invitation where children can come to an altar to be counseled by a trained Christian worker.
 - b. During an invitation, have children raise their hand if they need someone to pray with them about a spiritual decision. Have a worker go to the child's seat for prayer.
 - c. During the invitation, instruct the children to come and talk to a worker after the Bible time has concluded. Be sure to offer a designated time so that the children will remember when that time comes that they need to talk with someone. This effective method discourages peer-pressure decisions and allows the Holy Spirit to burden the child's heart until he meets with a worker at the designated time.
- 2. When talking with a child about his spiritual condition, do not ask only

positive, manipulative, or leading questions that simply require oneword answers. Always ask specific thought-provoking questions that need a sentence answer.

Leading Questions

Do you want to be saved?
Do you want to go to Heaven?
Do you want Jesus to forgive you of your sins?
Do you want Jesus to save you?
Do you want to pray?

Thought-provoking Questions

Why did you come to talk with me? Why do you want to go to Heaven? How can you get into Heaven? What is sin? Who does Jesus let into Heaven? Why do you want to pray?

3. Remember, when talking about salvation with children, be sure to ask questions as you are talking to determine if they understand your terminology. Do not assume that they understand words such as: saved, salvation, trust, believe, forgive, God, Jesus, Heaven, pray, sin.

One example on how to explain the concept of salvation is:

The Bible tells us that our sins are like filthy or dirty rags (Is. 64:6). God said that we would have to be punished for our sins and that He would never allow sin to come into Heaven. God sent His Son Jesus to come down to this earth a very long time ago to take the punishment for our sins. You see, God knows everything. He knows about all the bad things that many have done or said or thought of a hundred years ago, and He even knows about the bad things that people will do tomorrow before they even do them. So, because Jesus is God's perfect Son, He could take the punishment for our sins. The punishment was death. But the Bible tells us that God did a miracle (something only God can do) and Jesus did not stay dead, but He came up out of the grave and went back to Heaven to be with God the Father. You see, when Jesus took our punishment, He took all our filthy rags of sin and put them on Himself, and He lets us wear all of His goodness (Is. 61:10).

Praise the Lord for that garment of righteousness that our Father clothes us with. May the Lord help us to not shove a child into a questionable salvation experience, but to show them "the way that leadeth unto life" (Matt 7:14).

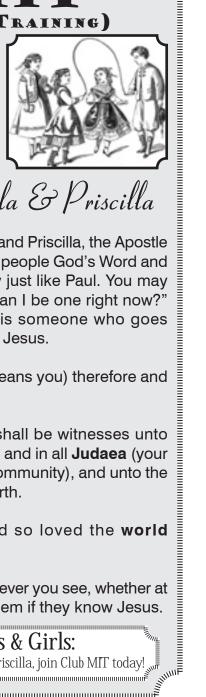
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Someone- Mt. 28:19- Go ye (this means you) therefore and teach all nations. . .

Somewhere- Acts 1:8- . . and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem (your family), and in all Judaea (your neighbors), and in Samaria (your community), and unto the uttermost (everyone) part of the earth.

Somebody- John 3:16- For God so loved the world (people)...

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Blessings on you and the work you are doing.

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Sunday school and each Tuesday, he has a Bible Study at our senior Center. That is surely a praise the Lord!

> Keep up your wonderful ministry! Love and Prayers, Pastor and Mrs. Shope

(Mrs. Shope sent this poem with her letter.)

PETTICOATS OR PANTS

You can shop in good old USA In England and in France And you can't find a decent dress Just blue jeans, shirts and pants.

We're so confused since stylists came And put our girls in pants, We're at a loss, we just can't tell Our Uncles from our Aunts.

You can't tell girls from boys at all It's leading us to ruin We're so mixed up, in such a state We don't know what we're doin'.

A politician may be smart He yells and raves and rants But he can't change this land to vote Our women out of pants.

A ccept the Bible's written assessment: "As it is written, there is none righteous, no, not into the world, and death by sin; 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

aversion: "For if when we were preach;..." Romans 10:8 enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son..." Romans 5:10

"... By one man sin entered and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:"

"But what saith it? The "Dear God, I know I am a sinner

B elievest thou this?"

C onfess with thy mouth..

C all in Faith...

C ommit your heart, your all.. Romans 10:9, 13

word is nigh thee, even in thy and Jesus died on the cross, mouth, and in thy heart: that shedding His blood and rose A cknowledge your own is, the word of faith which we from the grave for me. Forgive me of my sins and thank you for salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ my Lord.

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