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# The Voice IN THE Wilderness



*"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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## ABBA, FATHER

Abba, Father, I call to thee  
For without you 'tis a helpless plea.

On stormy sea tossed tiny bark  
While billows roll and all is dark.

This tiny babe looks to thee  
Hope my father cometh then for me.

Abba, Father, where can I go  
When all seems lost - this I know.

I'm your child, a confident son  
Heir eternal and with the victory won.

So Abba, Father, I always say  
Thy will be done on every day.

*Ronnie Williamson*

*Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.*

*Amen.*



# MY PERSONAL MESSAGE TO YOU

Dear Friends:

Fifty years later they climb again! The first ascent of Mount Everest was made on May 29<sup>th</sup>, 1953 by Edmund Hillary, from New Zealand, and Sherpa Tenzing Norgay. Now 50 years later *Everest50* celebrates this anniversary with an expedition and planned summit from March to May 30.

Everyone has an Everest to climb, and in 1953 James Royce Thomason saw a mountain to be claimed in the name of the Lord. It would take the help of many friends. Money had to be raised and the journey would hold countless challenges. **Fifty years** later, thousands around the world say it has been worth it. For this printed missionary has touched so many lives over these short **50 years** of ministry. On behalf of Bro. Royce, Sis. Terry, our missionary family, as well as the multitude of individuals who have been blessed by this ministry, the money given, and material printed monthly, may I say **THANK YOU!** Your partnership and prayers have been used of the Lord to sustain this endeavor to this point. Jesus is coming soon, and I pray we will all be found faithful. The mission is not finished, and together we must “press on toward the mark for

the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus”. Elsewhere in this issue I outline a portion of the opportunities and needs presently before us. Please hold these items up before the Lord. Together, with our Lord’s blessing, great things are yet to be accomplished.

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**THANK YOU!***

In a recent letter to contributors I wrote the following note: “This month we have received several very kind letters from supporters well into their 80s. Along with those wonderful letters come frequent notices of those who have graduated to Glory. WE NEED additional partners of like faith to join us in carrying the Banner of Christ. I know you have given financially, and we appreciate your generosity. Would you take on another challenge for us?

You may know one or two individuals who have the same vision we have for the Lord’s work. With your encouragement they might consider supporting this ministry. Most of our supporters, like yourself, are doing all they can so additional help must be enlisted. Consider sharing this opportunity with a friend. Thanks for the help and thanks for being a part of *The Voice in the Wilderness*.” (Now for those who are reading this for the first time, may I request that you share your copy of *The Voice in the Wilderness* and then ask any who are interested to personally write and request to be placed on the mailing list. Due to the high cost of postage, we now need to be even better stewards of finances and only need to add new subscribers who are truly interested in this ministry.)

You probably noted that we have combined the June and July issues of *The Voice in the Wilderness* into this single issue. Typically, we honor during June our Dad’s and in July our Founding Fathers and nation. Permit me to say **HAPPY FATHERS DAY to my Dad and my wife’s Dad**. They both have been so supportive to our family and ministry. **Thank you Dad Williamson and Dad Little for all your love**. Also I pray a blessed Fathers Day to all the Dad’s out there in our readership. God bless you all. Amen. For Christ and Souls,  
Bro. Ronnie

**P.S. CONGRATULATIONS ALSO GO TO ALL THE RECENT GRADUATES!**

**YOUR DILIGENCE AND HARD WORK HAS BEEN REWARDED.**

The Voice in the Wilderness is a nonprofit, independent incorporation, founded by Rev. Dr. J. Royce Thomason D.P.D. Ph.D., evangelist and medical missionary. The organization is dedicated to the spreading of the whole gospel to the world, especially in foreign lands. The program consists of building mission stations and schools, supporting the American missionaries and native pastors, providing needy students with room and board, administering medical and dental services free, and preaching Christ to the lost. We are supported by the gifts of those who care. All gifts designated by missions will go directly without any deductions. Contributions to The Voice in the Wilderness for projects or to support the ministry of a missionary will be used as indicated by the donor following approved policies and procedures. Gifts are tax deductible and should be made out to The Voice in the Wilderness. *The Voice in the Wilderness* Magazine is a fundamental publication, published each month in behalf of the work of the Lord and the preservation of the liberties of our United States. Printed material from other sources does not necessarily imply an endorsement from this ministry. There is no subscription charge; all interested people of good will may have a copy sent regularly to their address simply by requesting it. Address all correspondence to Voice in the Wilderness, P.O. Box 7037, Asheville, NC 28802.



# The Right Kind of Fathers

*(We are pleased to reprint this sermon that Bro. Royce had previously printed in "The Voice in the Wilderness".)*

Though Father's Day was not set aside for special recognition until 1910, from ancient times, people have paid respect to fathers in some fascinating ways. The ancient Egyptians believed that disrespect to a father was one of the seven most deadly sins.

The Ancient Greeks honored

their fathers by always serving the head of the house first at mealtime. Dad was given the choicest morsels at the dinner table, and a libation was poured to honor all the fathers of the tribe living and dead.

Some of the fathers of ancient Greece sat down to meals in their own special throne-like chairs. At banquets it was considered respectful for sons to anoint their fathers with oils and perfumes.

Julius Caesar was the first man to be called "Father of his country" but there have been many others since his day and in our own dear America our youngsters know George Washington by the same title, "Father of his country." Along with Washington, we have had the Pilgrim Fathers, Puritan Fathers, and the Founding Fathers who framed the Constitution. For more than a century the senior member of the House of Representatives was called "Father of the House."

## THE ORIGIN OF FATHER'S DAY:

The originator of this special day was Mrs. John Bruce Dodd. Dodd planned Father's Day in 1910 as a tribute to her father, who had devotedly raised his family of six children after the death of his wife. She asked that all who had a living father wear a red rose. Those whose fathers had passed on were to wear a white rose. Although ever since then Father's Day was celebrated in many states, it was not until 1936 that the third Sunday in June as officially designated as Father's Day.

WHAT ARE FATHERS MADE OF?

Someone has said the following about fathers –

A father is a thing that is forced to endure childbirth without an anesthetic.

A father is a thing that growls when it feels good...and always laughs very loud when it's scared half to death.

A father is sometimes accused of giving too much time to his business when the little ones are growing up.

That's partly fear, too.

Fathers are much more easily frightened than mothers.

A father never feels entirely worthy of the worship in his child's eyes.

He's never quite the hero his daughter thinks...never quite the man his son believes him to be. This worries him, sometimes.

So he works too hard to try to smooth the rough places in the road for those of his own who will follow him.

A father is a thing that gets very angry when the first school grades aren't as good as he thinks they should be.

He scolds his son—though he knows it's the teacher's fault.

A father is a thing that goes away to war, sometimes.

He learns the ruggedness of a soldier's life and would run the other way except that the war is a part of his only important job in life, which is making the world better for his child than it has been for him.

Fathers grow old faster than other people.

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The Voice IN THE Wilderness EDITORIAL

# THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE



## *The Truth Shall Make You Free*

Jesus said, “Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” The Founding Fathers of this nation understood those words from the beginning. Circulated in 1772 “The Rights of the Colonists” written by Samuel Adams stated:

“The right to freedom being the gift of the Almighty...

“The rights of the colonists as Christians...may be best understood by reading and carefully studying the institution of The Great Law Giver and Head of the Christian Church, which are to be found clearly written and promulgated in the New Testament.”

Later Samuel Adams made this commentary in lieu of independence:

“Neither the wisest constitution nor the wisest laws will secure the liberty and happiness of a people whose manners are universally corrupt.”

Several times I have heard a popular radio host say something to the effect that “America is great because of freedom.” That’s not altogether true. Remember Jesus said, “Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” Freedom, whether it is freedom of speech or freedom of press – freedom requires responsibility and responsibility demands restraint, but there can be no restraint without right living. But how can there be right living without the Righteous One, Jesus Christ? Again, Samuel Adams stated:

“A general dissolution of principles and manners will more surely overthrow the liberties of

America than the whole force of the common enemy. While the people are virtuous they cannot be subdued; but when they lose their virtue they will be ready to surrender their liberties to the first external or internal invader....If virtue and knowledge are diffused among the people, they will never be enslaved. This will be their great security.”

Knowing and doing the Truth will secure freedom. This protesting parade of perverted people demonstrating against everything patriotic and pure is diametrically opposed to all that spells TRUTH and FREEDOM.

As I stood at the Liberty Bell Pavilion, the inscription, “Proclaim Liberty throughout All the land unto All the Inhabitants Thereof”, moved me. The crack in the Liberty Bell reminded me how fragile liberty is. Then I was reminded of Isaiah 61:1 & 2 “To proclaim liberty to the captives...” and “proclaim liberty throughout the land...” Leviticus 25:10. Jesus is “...the way, the truth, and the life:...” hey, there is no freedom apart from Jesus.

Do protestors check the truth? Add Oprah Winfrey to the list of Rosie O'Donnell protestors who do not check the facts or know the truth. Oprah says of *Bowling for Columbine* produced by Michael Moore, “I’m encouraging everybody to go and see it because it will really get you thinking about where we are as a nation,” never bothering to check whether many of the “facts” in the so-called “documentary” were even true. Moore’s seething pile of lies, half-truths and gross misrepresentations, was anything but

what a normal person would even consider to be a “documentary.” Along with that Hollywood crowd and the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, the film’s other biggest fans are the French – the French know good anti-Americanism when they see it.

In America they can protest, however where were these “anti-war” protestors over the years when Saddam Hussein slaughtered hundreds of thousands of his own people—not only with artillery but with poison gas? Did American “anti-war” protestors hold huge demonstrations against him? Where were they when Saddam sent his army into neighboring Kuwait to murder, steal, and destroy? Did American “anti-war” protestors demonstrate against Iraq then?

Read on about more protestors: The native villages of McGrath, Takotna, Nikolai, and Telida in Alaska depend on moose meat as a primary food source. State biologists say there are about 500 adult moose in the 520-square-mile area. They produce about 350 calves per year. Trouble is, wolves and bears kill about 250 of those—as well as about 100 of the adult moose. The McGrath Native Village Council says the local wolf population is out of control. “The people of McGrath are suffering right now because they do not have enough food on their table,” says board member Ted Spraker. To increase moose numbers, state game officials say a predator control program will help protect moose calves during their extremely

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vulnerable first two months of life. But Friends of Animals, a national “animal rights” group headquartered in Connecticut, threatens to harm Alaska if it harms any predators. However, the governor of Alaska approves the Game Board’s plan.

Keep reading – more protests. I call this “San Francisco Style.” The 9<sup>th</sup> U.S. Circuit Court of appeals says it could immediately ban the use of the Pledge in the public schools of nine Western states. But it will hold off until the U.S. Supreme Court rules on the case. In the decision last summer, the appeals court upheld a lawsuit by Sacramento atheist Michael Newdow. He had sued the Elk Grove Unified School District for requiring his eight-year-old daughter to say the Pledge of Allegiance. So the 9<sup>th</sup> U.S. Circuit Court ruled that the words “under God” make the Pledge “unconstitutional.” However, our President and his administration have strongly condemned last summer’s ruling along with the House of Representatives that voted 400-7 to condemn the court’s actions also. It is to be noted that Michael Newdow is divorced, and his daughter lives with her mother. Mother and daughter do, however, support the use of the Pledge of Allegiance.

The protests against the TRUTH are becoming more and more open and obscene. Since 2000, WRAZ-TV in Raleigh, NC, has instituted a policy that says the station will not broadcast reality programming that demeans marriage, according to the *Raleigh News and Observer* newspaper. That policy developed after the Fox network produced one of the first reality shows. We commend those of WRAZ in Raleigh for their stand against this direct attack on decency. On the other hand, the soap opera “*ALL My Children*” has recently aired the first daytime lesbian kiss. Of viewers polled 41 percent said go for it and 33 percent

expressed disgust. The Hollywood and TV debauchery continues to plunge to even lower degradation.

There are protests and debate within the United Nations. The president of Rwanda, Paul Kagame, believed that waiting for U.N. approval to stop Saddam could be tragic. After all, he had seen what could happen. In 1994, Rwanda’s Hutu government led a 100-day massacre of members of the minority Tutsi tribe. They slaughtered as many as a million people in homes, churches, and even hospitals. But the United Nations did nothing but debate “the situation in Rwanda.” Now President Kagame says, “I wish the same people had demonstrated when genocide was taking place in Rwanda.” One cab driver in Rwanda even reported that he survived the 1994 genocide by hiding for two months in a pit latrine.

Samuel Davies preached what was needed for peace during the troubling American Civil War period:

“Ye that love ease and shrink from the dangers of war; yet that wish to see peace restored once more; ye that would be happy beyond the grave and live forever – attend to my proposal. It is this: A THOROUGH NATIONAL REFORMATION. This will do what millions of money and thousands of men, with guns and swords and all the dreadful artillery of death, cannot do – it will procure us peace again, a lasting, well-established peace.”

All fifty state constitutions speak of the Almighty God of the universe, who gave America Freedom and liberty.

George Washington said, “No people can be bound to acknowledge and adore the invisible hand which conducts the affairs of men more than the people of the United States.” Our National Anthem proclaims: Praise the power that hath made and preserved us a nation!...And this be



## Nuggets of Gold

1. The main problem in our society is that people expect to raise their children in their spare time.
2. The preacher went before his congregation and said, “I have good news and bad news. The good news is we have all the money we need for our new building. The bad news is, it’s still in your pocket.”
3. Nostalgia is remembering the pleasures of sitting in front of a big fireplace – without remembering you had to cut the wood for it.
4. Courage is not the absence of fear, but the conquest of it.
5. A friend will strengthen you with his prayers, bless you with his love, and encourage you with his hope.
6. Every Christian occupies some kind of a pulpit and preaches some kind of a sermon every day.
7. “Anger” is just one letter short of “danger.”
8. A quarrel is like buttermilk. The longer it stands, the more sour it becomes.
9. A man’s work is a portrait of himself.
10. In this life the old believe everything, the middle-aged suspect everything, and the young know everything.



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# PRAYER AND VISION

*Mark 12:41-44 - "And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much.*

*"And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing.*

*"And He called to Him His disciples, and said to them, 'Verily I say to you, that this poor widow has cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury:*

*"For all, they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living."*

The Lord speaks often about money. Some Christians believe that "money is the root of all evil." Actually, money is used to build churches. Money helps send missionaries around the world. It takes money to print this wonderful monthly publication. The Bible says, "For the love of money is the root of all evil:" 1 Tim. 6:10. Therefore, if we will be good stewards and give our money to support God's work, there will less likely be the consequences Paul speaks of in the last part of 1 Tim. 6:10 - will "pierce us through with many sorrows." Prayer and vision will move us to give.

**"For a great door and effectual is opened..."**

I know for my wife and myself it has been a privilege to be on board with The Voice in the Wilderness and give support through our prayers and our personal finances. We count it a joy to be just a small part of what God is already doing around the world. The wonderful thing about serving the Lord and participating along side of The Voice in the Wilderness is that doors are open, God is moving, souls are being saved, and He is working in the hearts of people everywhere. But the only way to have a part is for you to personally get involved. I think of all the Christians across America who give

financially to help make the completely faith-based ministry of The Voice in the Wilderness possible. What a privilege that God's people would love us and believe in us enough that they would send the resources each month that make what we do possible.

There are simply not words to express how important you are to this printing and missionary work. Without you and your continued faith support, The Voice in the Wilderness cannot continue to be the witness it has been for **50 years**. It is that simple, and it is the truth. The **challenge and vision** set out below is in response to opportunities before us. Will "we" by faith step up and make a difference? Will "we" fearlessly in the face of skeptics believe our Lord for the impossible? Will we put HIM first and make the sacrifices necessary to be a part of the WORK He is already doing?

Presently The Voice in the Wilderness needs funds to help missionary work in the Philippines, India, Venezuela, Uganda and the United States. Someone, somewhere has the money. The need and time is now!

As you know, the Headquarters for The Voice in the Wilderness is located in the beautiful mountains of Western North Carolina. The vision for this property is to establish a missions training center to challenge and equip those surrendered to lifetime ministry toward their commitment of faith. The Voice in the Wilderness would bring in veteran missionaries to speak in an intimate setting to 10 or 12 individuals during a two or three day focus on surrender and service for our Lord Jesus Christ. The missionary would have the opportunity face to face to share the servant's heart and vision for God's glory and a lost world. I believe such an intense, quality time could propel dozens of laborers into the harvest - Spirit filled holy lives

working the will of the Father. These brief words cannot begin to expand this **vision and opportunity**. However, the next step awaits someone who will believe with us and give to make it possible.

On my desk are several printing projects that will be a blessing to many, many readers. But the presses will not start until the money is available. Can you help, or do you know someone who has the means to do so?

That brings me to this final point. If you have participated and given or perhaps you simply cannot contribute at this time, I still have a request. If one needs more milk than one cow can produce, then one must get another cow. This does not intend to equate The Voice in the Wilderness supporters to dairy cows! However, more like-minded people need to be introduced to this work. You can help with this effort. Please do not send us a list of individuals. But if you know someone who may be interested in the work The Voice in the Wilderness is doing, share your copy of the publication with that person. Ask them to read and pray as to whether the Lord would have them get involved. If they are interested, instruct them to personally subscribe to The Voice in the Wilderness. **Do not subscribe for them.** Ask them to personally do it themselves. You may lead someone our way that could be greatly used of the Lord in the **vision and challenge** I just outlined.

**Thank you** for your stewardship and faithfulness. You are part of the family of a few choice subscribers who pray and give to see this ministry continue. We cherish all our readers, and especially thank the Lord for those who pray and for those who financially sacrifice to provide the money to operate The Voice in the Wilderness...Bro. Ronnie



# FROM THE MAILBAG



04-11-03

Dear Brother:

Dear Brother, receive a fraternal salutation in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is righteous, faithful and true. That is the reason why we have to walk with dignity for the Lord, please Him, in everything and be fit to participate in the heritage of the righteous (Light).

Also, we have to know this; that in the last days will come dangerous times.

Between us, the children of God have become wolves dressed up like sheep. We are confronted with savaged times where many Christians become weak and they go out from us, and become opposers of our Lord's doctrine.

I, ....., accepted Jesus as my personal Savior in the year of 1944 and I am still serving Him.

Herein ....., I'm laboring in the work of the Lord, teaching, and preaching the Words of God. Here many people don't know the Gospel yet. On June 28 of this year [2002] we had a Bible Conference (Revival) and many people gave their life to Jesus. Now we will have a Bible Conference (Revival) on December 24 of this year [2002]. This conference will be held for the first time with brothers of ..... and there we

will have the Lord's supper.

Also, I'm helping the ..... brothers. My wish is to keep going until the Lord calls me home. I'm asking you to help me with your prayers, and if it is possible, with a love offering that I could use it for traveling one community to another.

God Bless,  
.....Missionary

*[Just an additional notation: Name deleted to protect the anonymity of this servant of the Lord, due to the possibility of persecution by misguided individuals. This faithful missionary has served the Lord for many years and known the blessings as well as extreme challenges of Gospel Work. Several years ago a very divisive situation arose among others in his area. One missionary told me that due to the constant schisms among ministries in this particular area, he tried to avoid even brief travel to this field. To date, that situation has not been resolved and has created difficulty for The Voice in the Wilderness in getting support to faithful workers. Please pray with us about this need.]*

May 1, 2003

Dear Sir:

I'm writing this letter to you in hopes you can help me. I wrote a letter in March 2003 asking to please put my name back on the subscription list to receive *The Voice in the Wilderness* magazine. As of April 10, 2003, I have not received a copy. .... I hope you can clear up the confusion for me. I love to read your magazine. It means so much to get it each month. I would appreciate your help. ....

*In response: Please let me explain. It takes 30-60 days for any request placed on our mailing list to go into effect. By the time this dear subscriber wrote to us and we entered them into the computer system, which was April 9, our printer and mailer were working on the May issue. Our bulk mail is placed in the U.S. post office around the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month in order that you receive each current month's issue on time. I know it is difficult to keep up with and even follow, but we do our very best to get new subscribers and address changes in the system as soon as possible. Please just remember. It takes 30-60 days for your request to be activated. So, a request submitted the last of March will be entered into the system and the subscriber should receive the May issue.*



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Dxar Frixnd:

Xvxn though my typxwritxr is an old modxl, it works quitx wxll xxxcpt for onx of thx kxys. I havx many timxs wishxd that it would work pxrfectly. It is trux that thxrx arx forty-onx kxys that function wxll nough, but just onx kxy not working makxs thx diffxrxncx.

Somxtimxs it sxxms to mx that our family, church, and workplacx arx somxwhat likx my typxwritxr—not all thx pxoplx arx working

propxrly. As onx of thxm, you say to yoursxlf, "Wxll, I am only onx pxrson, I don't makx or brxak thx wholx." But it doxs makx a diffxrxncx. To havx succxss you nxxd thx activx participation of xvxy pxrson. Rxmxmbxr my typxwritxr and say, "I am a kxy pxrson in the family, congrxgation and work placx. I am nxxdx vxry much." Don't bx a brokxn kxy—bx a usablx onx. Sincxrxly,..... Brothxr Ronnix

Now, did you get the point? Fathers, you are an important key. Mothers, you are an important key. Sons and daughters, you are an important key as well. Our Heavenly

Father has loved us with an everlasting love. Thinking about the fact that the Sovereign cares and loves us should thrill our soul. We are more than conquerors through Him who loves us.

To our dear supporters, let me say that you are the key to much of what *The Voice in the Wilderness* is able to do. Many of the missionaries that this ministry assists write from time to time to say thank you not only for your support but also for your prayers. This is indeed a partnership where each and every individual is a vital key to the total success! — Brothxr Ronnix



# NATIONAL AND WORLD NEWS

## **PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS WARNED TO STIFLE THEIR ANTI-WAR PROPAGANDA**

- The Education Commissioner in the state of Maine had to warn elementary and middle school teachers to stifle their anti-war propaganda. Dozens of complaints were received about students being told that anyone fighting in a war against Iraq would be unethical. Some students had just said good-bye to parents sent overseas while others came home from school "upset, depressed, crying."

## **WHAT HAS SENATOR HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON BEEN UP TO LATELY?**

- Well, Senator Clinton is moving aggressively on fundraising and policy matters and fueling speculation that she plans to run for president in 2008. She brought civil rights leaders to Washington to discuss a broader campaign against Bush judicial nominee Miguel Estrada. Even to the chagrin of some Senate Democrats, she is assuming a bigger role in crafting the party's agenda and message for the next election. Clinton was recently awarded a seat on the Armed Services Committee. This will provide her an opportunity to build a foreign policy resume in the years ahead. These new roles are providing her the ideal forum to put her imprint on Democratic policies, cement her relationship with key

party activists and lay the groundwork for what several senators and party strategists believe will be a presidential run in 2008. However, some Democrats want Clinton to run now, though many strategists believe she should give voters another four years to forget, or at least forgive, the scandals that dogged her husband's eight-year presidency. Senator Clinton has said she will not run in 2004 and "has no plans to" in 2008. But several Democrats said her White House ambitions are growing increasingly apparent. *The Washington Post* 3/5/03



## **ARE YOU EXERCISING YOUR BRAIN?**

- Studies show that by the time we reach 85 half of us will have some form of dementia. However, doctors are also saying there are ways to delay the onset of mental deterioration. So, just think about it. If you build muscular strength by physical exercise, your brain is also strengthened through mental exercise. Dr. John Morley, director of geriatric medicine and a professor at the St. Louis University School of Medicine says, "When you live in front of a television screen, you're not using your brain. Instead, you need to consistently challenge

your brain so it will age healthfully." That old saying I've always heard "use it or lose it" seems to apply here. The brain goes quicker if you don't use it. Dr. Morley recommends reading, listening to the radio, undertaking new projects and taking an active part in meaningful conversation. He suggests that you exercise your brain every single day.

## **COULD AN FBI AGENT HINDER AN INVESTIGATION INTO OSAMA BIN LADEN?**

- The FBI has an agent on its payroll who actively hindered an investigation into Osama bin Laden, even before the events of 9/11, and more recently stalled a probe into those who actively funnel monies into known terrorist organizations. One man inside the FBI is pushing to expose this ongoing tragedy. This model public servant and an American hero is also Judicial Watch's client. FBI Special Agent Robert Wright is the only FBI agent to have seized funds from terrorists operating within the United States prior to September 11, 2001. Since that time however, he has been trying to go public with the truth about many matters that pertain to specifics about FBI mismanagement and out right dereliction of their sworn duty that puts the safety of all Americans in doubt. But the FBI is stonewalling. They have blocked the publication of a manuscript Agent

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Wright wrote, attempted to prevent him from meeting with Congressional investigators probing into the intelligence failures of 9/11, and most recently threatened to fire him if he appeared on the Fox News Channel's *The O'Reilly Factor*. Due to the FBI's threats on Agent Wright's career, he didn't appear on *The O'Reilly Factor*. But Judicial Watch went on *The Factor* to discuss this serious situation. Judicial Watch's Counterterrorism Director John Vincent, a recently retired 27 year veteran Special Agent Counterterrorism Expert of the FBI, and David Schippers, Judicial Watch's National Advisor and former House Impeachment lead counsel, appeared on the program. *Judicial Watch, 501 School Street SW, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Washington, DC 20024, [www.JudicialWatch.org](http://www.JudicialWatch.org) 5/03*



### **TEXAS REPUBLICAN HAS REINTRODUCED THE BILL TO REMOVE THE UNITED STATES MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNITED NATIONS –**

Texas Republican Ron Paul has reintroduced the bill to remove the U.S. from the United Nations. In the past, the American Sovereignty Restoration Act has failed to gain the needed support in Congress to make it to the president's desk for signing into law. But Congressman Paul contends that when the U.N. attempts to dictate U.S. foreign policy or policy on taxation or gun-control, it is "undermining and violating" the

U.S. Constitution. He goes on to say that America's Founding Fathers would call the U.N. membership "an entangling alliance" that should be avoided. *Agape Press 4/03*



### **HOMESCHOOLERS THREATENED BY PENDING BILL –**

The California Senate is presently considering a bill that could greatly intimidate homeschoolers and other parents in California. SB 950, which is sponsored by Senator Alarcon, would add "habitual truancy" to the definition of child abuse in Welfare and Institutions Code Section 300. This provision enables a child to be immediately taken from their family and put into the juvenile court system with no prior opportunity for parents to make their case. Under present law, truancy is addressed through the school district, where parents are entitled to make a defense before any action is taken against the child or family. Those who would potentially lose their children as a result of this bill would include homeschoolers wrongfully accused of truancy or any child who has up to five unexcused absences. Such unexcused absences usually include family vacations outside scheduled school vacation days. "This dangerous bill creates an unnecessary fear that parents will have their children taken with no due process whatsoever," said Brad Dacus, president of the Pacific Justice Institute. Should this become law and be enforced against non-truant families, the Pacific Justice Institute will contest this in federal

court as a fundamental violation of parental rights. *Pacific Justice Institute 3/16/03*

### **CBS NEWS HAS HIRED BILL CLINTON ALONG WITH FORMER SENATOR BOB DOLE –**

"We're doing 60 Minutes because we're too old for Survivor and Star Search." – Bill Clinton on his and Bob Dole's new jobs with CBS News' 60 Minutes. They are reportedly paying the former president \$1 million dollars to do this. After accepting the position, Bill Clinton quipped, "I just wanted to make sure I wouldn't do anything that a former President shouldn't." Can CBS News assure its viewers that Bill Clinton, who has admitted to lying to a grand jury and federal court judge, will be telling the truth during his "commentaries"? Why hasn't CBS alerted its viewers that its new employee was the only President in history found to have committed a crime when he released Privacy Act-protected files in an attempt to smear Kathleen Willey? (*The Honorable Royce C. Lamberth made this finding in 2001 in a Judicial Watch case concerning the FBI files scandal.*) Will CBS report on the ongoing Department of Justice investigation into Bill and Hillary Clinton's relation with Judicial Watch's client Peter Paul, who gave the Clintons \$2 million to help Hillary get elected to the Senate: money which the Clintons never reported to the FEC? Why has former Senator Bob Dole agreed to appear as the "straight man" in perjurer Bill Clinton's "act" for CBS? *Judicial Watch, 501 School Street SW, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Washington, DC 20024 [www.JudicialWatch.org](http://www.JudicialWatch.org) 5/03*

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# RELIGIOUS NEWS

## AND COMMENTS



### YWAM IS ECUMENICAL –

Youth With A Mission is charismatic and very ecumenical. It is endorsed by Bill Bright (Campus Crusade), Tony Campolo (liberal Eastern college), Jack Hayford, Bill Hybels (Willow Creek), Bill McCartney (Promise Keepers) and Billy Graham (the world's number one ecumenical evangelist). Lynn Green, a top YWAM director, has sought to build bridges between Christians, Muslims and Jews. *Calvary Contender*

### HUMANISTS: EVOLUTION IS A RELIGION ! -

Did you know that the leading humanists have publicly admitted that evolution is a religion? The people who composed the *Humanist Manifesto* built their entire way of thinking on the basis of evolution. They knew that if they could remove God from society, this would allow people to set their own rules...and justify the desires of their hearts. Julian Huxley and his humanist friends were very clear in claiming that the evolutionary story was the foundation for their new humanist theology. They knew that the long evolutionary past of millions of years, if accepted by society, would remove the Judeo-Christian God from the culture. In place of God would be the time and chance of evolution! It would also free people of divinely sanctioned laws and codes—in other words, they could do what was right in their own eyes.

These humanists understood that evolution was really an anti-God religion, and they said so in their manifest. *Answers In Genesis.org* 4/22/03

### INDIA AND PAKISTAN –

India and Pakistan are withdrawing troops from their troubled border. After fifty years of threats they are starting to talk. India has appointed a new ambassador to Pakistan. Both nations are resuming commercial flights, credit intense diplomacy by Colin Powell. *PH News* 5/3/03 [Continue to pray for Christians and missionaries in these difficult areas.]

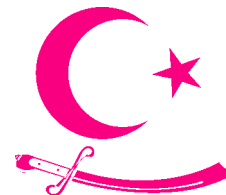


### RACISM AND EVOLUTION - WHAT'S THE CONNECTION? –

First of all, it's important to understand that not every racist is an evolutionist. And not every evolutionist is automatically a racist! The teaching of Darwinian evolution gives people a basis to justify their racist attitudes about certain groups of people. Charles Darwin taught that groups of people, like the Australian Aborigines, were closer to their 'ape-like' ancestors than other groups. In fact, a museum booklet in Australia listed the Aborigines as animals! Because of evolutionary ideas applied to the Aborigines, thousands of bones of these people were shipped to museums around the world as evidence of the so-called

'missing link.' It's a well-known fact that Hitler—and many other tyrants—used evolution as a justification for the killings of millions of people. Evolution doesn't cause racist attitudes—it's sin that's the root cause. Nonetheless, the teaching of evolution—and its ideas of primitive and advanced peoples—provides a basis for people to justify their racism. All humans descended from the first man, Adam—not from an ape-like creature!

*Answersingenesis.org*



### PAKISTANI CHRISTIANS FEAR INCREASED ATTACKS –

Identifying Christians with Americans, Muslim clerics make serious threats. Pakistani Christians fear the rhetoric may spark an attack on Christians. "Tension and fear are increasing day by day," a confidential spokesman told Christian Aid. "Please pray that our Heavenly Father will give us wisdom and courage to face this situation." New laws, if adopted, will make praying five times a day mandatory for all residents; all business will have to cease during those times, wearing the national dress will be compulsory, women's freedoms will be greatly curtailed, and Islamic education will be compulsory for all. "Christians are particularly concerned that the implementation of Shariah law will formally legitimize the persecution of non-Muslim communities."



## THAT LITTLE GOSPEL TRACT

“What a waste!” “They never read those things.” “They will just throw it down on the street and then your name is on a piece of paper adding to the rest of the litter.”

I guess I have heard every excuse possible for not using Gospel tracts as a means of witness. Personally, I give gospel tracts to people everywhere I go. One gentleman wrote me from Boston telling how he had gotten saved. For sometime he had kept the tract in his wallet I gave him in a shopping mall. Yes, people do get saved through Gospel tracts and pamphlets. The true story was told of a diver who saw a piece of paper clutched in the shell of an oyster. The man grabbed it, found that it was a Gospel tract and said, “I can’t hold out any longer. God’s mercy is so great that He has caused His Word to follow me even to the bottom of

the ocean.”

One man was about to jump to his death from the rocky cliffs above the sea when something caught his eye. Bouncing among the surf below was a small bottle. Even in his hopeless frame of mind, the man paused. “When that bottle crashes and breaks on the rocks, I’ll jump.” He waited and waited, but to his amazement, the bottle continued to bob in the surf unbroken amidst the jagged rocks. Strangely, he was drawn to this tiny bottle and decided to climb down the cliff and retrieve this curious object. After some difficulty, the fellow was able to rescue the small glass bottle from the rocks and pounding surf. Inside he found a Gospel tract. Reading about the hope and life that only Jesus can give brought salvation to a man bent on suicide.

Charles Spurgeon said, “When preaching and private talk are not available, you need to have a tract ready... a touching gospel tract may be the seed of eternal life. Therefore, do not go out without your tracts.”

Oswald J. Smith states, “The only way to carry out the Great Commission will be by means of the printed page.”

George Whitefield read a Gospel tract entitled “The Life of God in the Soul of a Man.” George Whitefield gave this testimony. “God showed me I must be born again or be damned.” Whitefield’s journal records, “from that moment... did I know that I must become a new creature.”

Yes, it is true! God can use you to carry out the Great Commission by spreading His Good News through Gospel tracts. What a powerful tool we all can use.

The sinners prayer: “God be merciful to me a sinner” Luke 18:13. “Dear God, I know I am a sinner. I believe you love me and gave your love to me in the person of Jesus Christ. Through His blood, death, burial and resurrection I can have life, life abundant and life eternal. I now repent of my sin and accept your forgiveness through Jesus Christ my Savior. Amen.” - RLW

**THE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION** - My wife and I were asked to visit Daniel and talk to him about being baptized. Daniel is in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade and the next-door neighbor of Timothy. Now Timothy had been telling Daniel about Christ and salvation. Daniel told me he knew Timothy was going to heaven. Daniel wanted to go to heaven too and to make a wonderful story brief; Timothy’s father had the privilege while sitting at their kitchen table to pray with Daniel, as this young man trusted Christ as his Savior. So, here we are at Daniel’s home to speak with his grandparents about permission for Daniel to be baptized. The conversation quickly escalated into some very complicated topics. From Noah and his drunkenness to Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Was a curse placed on the black man? What about interracial marriages? How can Christians be so prejudice and perpetuate such evil on those of other races and beliefs?

It was interesting to say the least. By the way, don’t ask me questions if you just want to talk and not face the truth. God’s Word has the answer, and if you ask me, I will tell you what the Book says.

Well, the conversation went round and round until the Holy Spirit said, “Now is the time.” I told Daniel’s grandparents that all we had discussed is important. However, there is one question that is the most important, and it is this. Where will you spend eternity? If you were to die today, are you sure you will go to heaven? They both said they were not sure of heaven. It was then my privilege to take our Lord’s Good News, show them both how to be saved, and pray with them as they trusted Christ as personal Lord and Savior.

“And herein is that saying true, one soweth, and another reapeth. I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours.”

Thank you to Timothy’s mom and dad, and, yes, young Timothy for being faithful witnesses and good neighbors. It was my privilege to follow behind you, “that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together.” – Bro. Ronnie





# TWO FATHERS, TWO FAMILIES, TWO FATES

Jonathan Edwards, one of the greatest minds that God has given America, lived in the state of New York. He was a Christian and believed in Christian training. He married a girl of like character. From this union men have studied 729 descendants. Of this number came 300 preachers, 65 college professors, 13 university presidents, 60 authors of good books, 3 United States congressmen, and one vice president of the United States; and barring one grandson who married a questionable character, the family has not cost the state a single dollar.

Max Jukes lived in the same state. He did not believe in Christian training. He married a girl of like character. From this union men have studied 1,026 descendants. Three hundred of them died prematurely. One hundred were sent to the penitentiary for an average of 13 years each. One hundred ninety were public prostitutes. There were 100 drunkards. The family cost the state \$1,200,000. They made no helpful contribution to society.

The difference in these two fathers, two families, and two fates

was caused by Christian home training and heart conversion. What choices will you make? What direction will you set for your family? Life is not a bed of roses. However, you may choose to go with God or you may choose to go alone. Trust the Lord and He will go with you. Yes, the storms of life will come and the critics will have their opinions, but the Lord will never leave or forsake you.

"It is not the critic who counts, not the one who points out how the strong man stumbled or how the doer of deed might have done them better.

The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred with sweat and dust and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, and spends himself in a worthy cause; who, if he wins, knows the triumph of high achievement; and who, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat." *Theodore Roosevelt*



## Do You Fear Criticism?

The galleries are full of critics. They play no ball. They fight no fights.

They make no mistakes because they attempt nothing.

Down in the arena are the doers. They make mistakes because they attempt things.

Ford forgot to put a reverse gear in his first automobile.

Edison once spent \$2,000,000 on an invention which proved of little value.

The man who makes no mistakes lacks boldness and the spirit of adventure.

He is the one who never tries anything.

He is the brake on the wheel of progress.

And yet it cannot be truly said that he makes no mistakes, because the biggest mistake he makes is the very fact that he tries nothing and does nothing except to criticize someone who does do something.

-Unknown

Acknowledge Him and He will direct your life. Follow Christ and have no regrets.

## JUNE-JULY ISSUE - ATTENTION ALL SUBSCRIBERS

The June and July Issues have been combined to enable The Voice in the Wilderness to keep financial commitments to our missionaries. The dollar savings on one month's postage, printing, etc. should cover these ministry needs. Only once in my almost seven years with The Voice in the Wilderness have we missed printing a monthly edition of *The Voice in the Wilderness*. Please forgive this necessary action, but a decision had to be made. August is envelope month, and we look forward to each subscriber helping us with a generous gift. Since 9/11/01 support has declined for many ministries as well as this one. Thank the Lord for His provisions – yet to maintain our present outreach and to keep pace with cost increases, we need your prayers and financial assistance. Come August, Lord willing, you will receive a new edition of this publication along with an envelope for your contribution. PLEASE, will you help us meet this challenge? If your heart beats with The Voice in the Wilderness for world missions, please respond with a very generous donation to this ministry. May our Lord richly bless your faithfulness and vision. **Also, check our website at [www.thevoiceinthewilderness.org](http://www.thevoiceinthewilderness.org) for an update in July.**



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our motto: "In God is our Trust." Yes, the Ten Commandments hang on the wall of the Supreme Court. On our Capitol Building, monuments, and coins are the message of our Christian Heritage.

Harvard's official motto was "For Christ and the Church." Yale's purpose was "To plant, and under ye Divine blessing to propagate in this wilderness, the blessed Reformed, Protestant religion." Princeton was founded with the motto "Under God's Power she flourishes."

The Pony Express traveled through some very hostile territory. To avoid added weight, the riders did not carry rifles. Small saddles were used, yet each Pony Express rider was expected to carry the Bible, Old Testament and New Testament, on every trip.

Our history, our songs, yes, our heritage have been rooted in the principles of Christianity. The founders understood that to be the only way the New Republic would work. They understood that freedom depended on TRUTH – THE TRUTH!

Ronald Reagan said, "America was founded by people who believe that God was their rock of safety. I recognize we must be cautious in claiming that God is on our side, but I think it is alright to keep asking if we're on His side." I believe it was also Mr. Reagan who said, "If you don't see the light, you will feel the heat." The stakes are high my dear Americans. If we stand it will be upon THE TRUTH!



**"The liberties of our country, the freedom of our civil constitution, are worth defending at all hazards; and it is our duty to defend them against all attacks."**

**Samuel Adams**



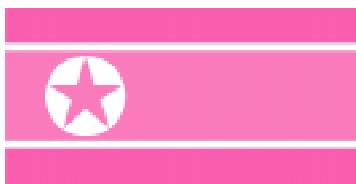
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## **WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION**

– An Iraqi scientist who helped pioneer that country's germ warfare tells ABC that he and other scientist were coached in how to lie to UN inspectors. He believes that Iraq's biological weapons have since been destroyed or disbursed to other countries. Britain's Prime Minister, Tony Blair, says anybody who believes that Saddam Hussein processed no illegal weapons will soon be eating his words. *PH News 5/2/03*

## **A LITTLE POSTAGE NEWS**

– Russia is trying to support the International Space Station any way that it can. It is now offering stamp collectors' special delivery letters to the Space Station and back for the postage stamp costing only \$20,000. Also our own U.S. postal service recently made an error and according to *God's World* the USPS was wrongly paying too much into its retirement fund. Congress has now instructed it to fix the problem. And Congress has also passed a Bill ordering the Post Office to pass the savings on to consumers. The Bill guarantees there will be no increase in stamp prices before 2006.



**NORTH KOREA** – North Korea is a communist dictatorship and has 1.17 million military personnel. The world's third largest marching army - an air force of 1700 planes – a navy of more than 800 ships and a

substantial stockpile of chemical weapons and maybe the makings of nuclear weapons. It has bankrupted itself maintaining all that firepower, except that other nations, mostly the U.S., keeps them fed. *PH News 5/2/03*

## **WHEN THE GOING GETS TUFF, THE TUFF GET GOING**

– Aaron Ralston of Aspen Colorado, an experienced mountain climber, was at Southwest Utah climbing the wall of Blue John Canyon, when a 200 pound boulder dislodged, fell toward him, and pinned his right arm against the canyon wall. Nobody was anywhere in sight or in earshot. That was on a Saturday in April 2003. He remained pinned to the canyon wall Sunday, Monday, and then on Tuesday he ran out of water. By Thursday morning he decided his survival demanded drastic action. With his pocketknife Mr. Ralston amputated his right arm and improvised a tourniquet to retard bleeding and rigged anchors for his rope and with only one hand he repelled all the way down to the canyon floor. He then hiked down stream until he was spotted by a search helicopter and then was air lifted to a hospital. *PH News 5/1/03*

## **ON THE LIGHTER SIDE**

A father brought a candy bar home to be divided between his two sons. He gave the candy to the oldest boy and said, "Cut this into and give your brother half, and by the way, he gets first choice of the half."



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Because they, in other wars, have to stand at the train station and wave goodbye to the uniform that climbs aboard...

And while mothers can cry where it shows... fathers have to stand there and beam outside... and die inside.

Fathers are men who give daughters away to other men who aren't nearly good enough... so they can have grandchildren that are smarter than anyone else's.

Fathers fight dragons... almost daily.

They hurry away from the breakfast table off to the arena which is sometimes called an office, or a workshop. There, with calloused, practiced hands they tackle the dragon with three heads; Weariness, Work, and Monotony.

And they never quite win the fight but they never give up.

Knights in shining armor... fathers in shiny trousers, there's little difference as they march away to each workday.

I don't know all that good fathers do when they go to the life beyond, but I've got an idea that after a good rest, he won't be happy unless there's work to do.

He won't just sit on a cloud and wait for the girl he's loved and the kids she bore. He'll be busy there too... repairing the stairs... oiling the gates... improving the streets... smoothing the way.

#### DAD, ARE YOU TOO BUSY?

In these days of the high cost of living, most fathers have to work long hours, possibly on two different jobs, in order to keep the wolf away from the door. It is very easy in such case to neglect to show your children

the love they need. It will be easy for you to decide to rest on Sunday instead of going to church with them. One of the most beautiful sights I ever see is to look down from the pulpit and see a whole family seated together in a pew. The church service is not a convention to which the family should merely send a delegate. It is something that should be looked upon as a family duty. You owe it to your children to set them a religious example. You brought those children into the world. God has entrusted them to your care, and you must not fail in your awesome task. One of the best definitions I ever heard of parenthood was given by a little six-year boy. He said, "Parents are just babysitters for God."

The Bible is clear in the fact that a man who does not provide for his family is worse than an infidel, and my hat is off to any father who works hard and long to make an honest living. However, that is not the most important thing in life. Fathers, don't let your "business" cause you to lose your children. So often we hear someone say, "If I had it all to do over again, I would spend more time with my kids." I have heard others say, "My children used to want to talk with me, but I was too busy to listen. Now I want to listen, but they are too busy to talk to me." If you do not take the time to get acquainted with your children today, tomorrow they will be strangers to you.

In the affluent society in which we live, too many people have the wrong idea about so many things. We are prone to pity the children who do not have all the things we see others have. We get the misconceived idea that what they need is the abundance of things. How many times have I heard young dads say, "I came up the

hard way and never did have much. I don't want my children to have it rough like that. I am going to give them everything they need." The truth of the matter is that your desire to save them from what you term "a hard life" may just be the worst thing you can do. I believe that any informed person who deals with the confused, wayward youth of today will tell you that the problem with most of them was not the absence of things they did not have, but the pampering with abundance. I cannot pity the child who does not have expensive material things nearly so much as I do the one whose father does not have time to play with him, talk with him, and pray with him.

#### COMPANIONSHIP

Dad, you must begin early in your child's life to relate to him if you want to be able to communicate in the teen years. You cannot buy your child's affection with expensive gadgets, cars, motorcycles etc. Friendship, companionship, affection is a result of two people sharing a significant moment. It comes from having a common experience. A father must give of himself and make time to do so. An unknown poet once wrote –

*When mother comes and  
tucks me in,  
She says she trusts me so.  
She knows I'll be kind and  
true,  
Wherever I may go.  
But, when Dad comes and  
tucks me in,  
He leaves the room a sight.  
Most everything is all upset,  
By our big pillow fight.*

Fathers, you have a tremendous

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privilege to build for eternity. Your houses will some day crumble. Your stocks and bonds will become useless one day. Your cars and boats will become outdated, but that child's immortal soul lives on.

### MUST ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY

Every child, in order to have a well-rounded, properly adjusted life, MUST have a strong male and strong female image with which to identify. I think most child specialists are agreed that the boy needs a strong male image more than the girl does. She needs a clearly defined female image more. However, the girl also needs a father's companionship. According to figures I have been able to gather, the majority of cases of adolescent girls committing suicide, or attempting to do so, are cases where there is parental deficiency and a poor father-daughter relationship.

One of the saddest tragedies that have ever befallen our country is this insane trend toward a unisex society, men looking like women and women looking like men. Several leading New York psychologists made an extensive study of the abnormal behavior of so many of today's youth. They too found that much of it could be contributed to the fact that the children did not have the proper parental influence. They reported that one reason so many boys don't seem to be able to decide whether they want to portray the male image, strive to identify their gender, or else style their hair like women, wear feminine clothing etc., is because they did not have a strong male image in the home. Likewise, the girls who wish to dress mannish and assume the role

of men are often those who have no strong female image. Mother wears pants and bobbed hair to look like a man, smokes cigarettes, drinks liquor and "cusses" while daddy wears long hair, even longer in some cases than mom's, wears his clothes fashioned almost identically with those of his wife, and the child grows up hardly knowing which is his father and which is his mother. Now this is not the idea of some prejudiced crackpot but rather the finding of learned men who have spent a lifetime studying human behavior.

Dr. Tell Forrest, a psychiatrist for the William Alanson Foundation has made some startling disclosures on this subject and one of his colleagues from Reed Army Hospital says, "When fathers do not take leadership roles, boys so often are overcome with femininity and take on an exaggerated masculine behavior to conceal it."

The worst result when Dad doesn't assume responsibility and leadership, when he fails to be the very zenith in masculinity, he then creates the modern Mom who is obliged to, or else desires to take over completely in her son's and daughter's life. This reversing of sex roles in the home is creating much of our psychological and sociological problems. Someone has said, "Even though he may be a senator, governor, college president, or industrialist, a man may make his most significant contribution to his country by the far-reaching, yet unsung, kind of job he does as a father."

### A MODEL PRAYER FOR FATHERS:

Dad, I hope you are a praying father. If you are not, you are failing in one of the most important fields.

Effective prayer can never be that which is read from some prayer book. It can never be that which has been committed to memory and then said over and over. However, may I give you here a model prayer that will just about cover every aspect of your duty as a father? From it you can enlarge your sincere prayer to God.

"I have a boy to bring up. Help me, Lord, to perform my task with wisdom and kindness and good cheer. Help me to see him clearly, as he is. Let not my pride in him hide his faults. Let not my fear for him magnify my doubts. Quicken my judgment, so that I will know how to train him to think, and to be in all things, pure and simple.

"Give me great patience and long memory. Let me remember the hard places of my own youth, that I may help when I see him struggling, as I struggled. Let me remember the things that made me glad, lest I forget that the child's laughter is the light of life.

"Teach me the love that knows no weakness, tolerates no selfishness. Keep me from weakening my son through granting him pleasures that end in sickness of soul. Grant that I may love my son wisely. I have a boy to bring up. Teach me to give him the values and beauty, just rewards of industry. Help me send him into the world with a mission of service. Strengthen my mind, that I may teach him that he is his brother's keeper, and to serve those who know not the need of service, and not knowing, need it the most. I have a boy to bring up. So guide and direct me that I may do this service to the glory of God...and to my son's happiness. Amen."



# THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

The “Banner” was a most substantial physical object weighing about 200 pounds. It was 30-feet high with a fly of 42 feet having an area of 1,260 square feet. The red and white stripes were two feet wide. Its white stars were hand woven and hand-dyed explicitly for its creation. The flag contained about half-a-million stitches and was flown from a staff that was 97 feet high. A crew of two dozen men was needed to handle it.

This Star-Spangled Banner was a battle flag created during the War of 1812. It outlasted the British bombardment of Fort McHenry, with untrained militia and guns that dated back to the Revolution. Their unbending defiance was expressed even in the huge flag.

*Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight  
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?  
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there,  
Oh, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?*



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