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What is A Blessing

The scripture says, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above" (James 1:17). Anything God gives comes from the heavens, not from the earth. Many people have mistaken the things from above with the things of this earth, such as houses, cars, jobs, or any material thing, which are substances of the material world.

Neither of these things are given from God, simply because they can be obtained without him. Any one without the slightest knowledge of God can get a house or a car, and even a good job, which standard American society is built upon. Yet, the things received from God can only be received with the knowledge of what God can, and will give.

What comes from above? What is Righteousness made of? There is nothing in the heavens that must be purchased with the wages of a day's work, but received through the process of faith. God does not pass out bonuses or pay raises; he gives fruits of the spirit that are profitable for the soul.

Love, peace and soundness of mind, and joy of the heart are blessings that come from above, and neither of these can be purchased with cash. This is where many believers of Christ make the mistake of determining what a true blessing is. When people recite what blessings they have received, they talk of how God has blessed them with a home, a new car, or some other material thing, and they never really thank him for awaking that day.

As a rebuttal to this simple theory many people will go to the scriptures and recite the one that says, "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof." That is true, the earth is the Lord's and everything that is in it, yet there is also a scripture that warns us not to lay up for yourselves treasures upon this earth. "Love not the world, neither the things of the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him" (1 John 2:15). The Lord makes sure that his children have the necessities of life and life is a blessing in itself because he gives us those necessities even when all others have lost theirs. In the face of famine and draught, God will sustain his people.

Life is a blessing. It was given from above. When any soul gets to the point where they have taken for granted the good things about life and has placed the receiving of material things over the daily miracles of life, then that person can never really appreciate God. They only worship God for the material things they receive from God, and they count these things as life.

Many preachers have taken advantage of this mistaken notion of God. They preach good fortune and prosperity to congregations encouraging them to tithe and give constantly so that God will bless them for their efforts. This is not the only way to receive a blessing from God, by giving money. Nevertheless, this is what preachers have convinced followers to do. Common knowledge says that if people tithe and give money to the church expecting a blessing from God, in actuality, the pastor of the church are the only one who benefits.

Many will refute this statement by saying the church also benefits, but how is the church benefiting, from things of the earth, or from things above? If the church benefits it should benefit from receiving things from above. This means that the members would be the most powerful and loving people on the earth,

yet, if they believe that material things are the blessings they receive: then they have not received anything from God.

It takes faith to receive anything from God. Whether one ask for it or tithe for it, if there is no faith to receive it then it will not be. Even if a person ask for something spiritual, if they do not have faith to receive it, then they will not receive it. If someone truly wants a blessing from God, one must first know how to receive it.

Wisdom is a blessing that God gives a person, which will lead them to spend wisely. Knowledge is a blessing from God that will lead a person to information for the things they need. Love is a blessing that enables a person to defeat any negative or depressing spirits or influences in their life and it strengthens the self-esteem. Patience and temperance are also blessings from above that help a person cope with day-to-day trials and in many situations.

All these are spiritual blessings from above that gird a person to endure the trials of life. Without these heavenly attributes, one could never appreciate life as a whole and they will be consumed with the cares and worries of this world. These attributes are things every believer should be thankful for and stand up to testify about, not what material things they have received or how by chance they received an extra something in the bank account.

Those type gifts are base more on the natural laws of sowing and reaping. If a person works they will receive the rewards of life, that is how society is set up. Anyone can obtain material things by working. The necessities of life that God gives are what one should be thankful for and all the fruits of above.

"Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?" (Matthew 6:27). In other words, one cannot have any more than what God has in store for them anyway, so be thankful for the blessing of life and the fact of having any knowledge of God.

To know God is more than any material thing. To awake each day and to have good health are blessings from above. Once a believer begin to believe that God is only in the business of giving material things, and they measure their growth in God by what they own and by what others do not own, a false spirit, or an Anti-Christ has deceived them.

Is very important to know God's will for his children's life first before assuming that he is here to shower a person with gifts. God is good, merciful, and just, and the world can be cruel and deceitful, so realize that the things from above can only be gotten through faith. That is a blessing.

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Inside The Black Church

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Inside the Black Church is a brief look at the moral foundations and structuring upon which the new Black church is built. In today's society, the rapid growth of immorality that besieges our families, our youth, and our social relations as a nation seems to have crept deeper into the sermons of our pastors and has bled into the ears and minds of those who seek salvation. The churches are more and more practicing secular traditions and trends in order to capture the attention of anyone who may be a potential, paying customer in their huge, new mega-churches.

It also peeks briefly at the influence the white churches and well renowned pastors and their traditions have on the teachings of the black preachers and pastors. This influence is very apparent to the naked eye yet has been justified as being seen by the spiritual eye, that these forms of worship and teachings are approved of God. The consequences of this secular emulation of the world by the church are seen in the behavior of today's so-called Christians. Even among the true worshipers of God, the gospel of Jesus Christ has been replaced with the deception of, "the love of money".

"And he brought me to the door of the court; and when I looked, behold a hole in the wall. Then said he unto me, Son of man, dig now in the wall: and when I had digged in the wall, behold a door. And he said unto me, go in, and behold the wicked abominations that they do here" Ezekiel 8:7-9

The passage in Ezekiel exposed the sins of the children of Israel brought upon them by the leaders. Deep within the crevices of the synagogues and temples of God's chosen people were being committed numerous acts of immorality and abominations. However, using the eyes of God, Ezekiel saw right through the outer appearance of the worshipers and straight to the sins.

In today's church world, there lies a thick layer of pretense over the creditableness of believers and the leaders. Only with the eye of God can anyone pierce through the wall and see the many abominations being committed by the church today. Not many will agree with these observations because many are blind to them, they can only see the surface of the church in its relationship to them. Even the leaders, pastors, and so-called Bishops of the many church organizations throughout the United States are blind to the ills they are inflicting upon the gullible minds of people who truly seek the knowledge and goodness of God. Therefore, the products of their teachings are also blind, which will eventually lead to millions of souls who are bound for eternal damnation.

It begins with the culture of the American society, which demands prosperity in a capitalist atmosphere. This means that anyone is free to pursue large amounts of wealth by free enterprise and will be justified by the Federal Government to use it to produce more wealth. It shows success and the accomplishment of the "American Dream", which gives a person status and a classification in society. Fame and fortune go together in this country and whether you are a corporate executive or an anointed preacher of the gospel, this is the mark of success. Well, the church has adapted this mentality and has taught it to the minds of millions of churchgoers.

It is a known fact that blacks have been striving to catch up with whites every since they have been freed from slavery. In order to arrive at the goal they have fought for civil rights, equal rights, social and economical rights (in which we still battle) and freedom from numerous forms of prejudice and discrimination. Along this road of struggle, blacks have measured success by the material things they own and the education they have acquired. In addition to the manner in which they speak, the fashion in which they dress, the status and positions in which they hold, and many other attributes and cultural traits of the white race. But in a hard fought effort to be recognized by, and equal to, white America, blacks have never stopped to find their own identity.

The Black Church is the only institution that can be considered the closest cultural identity to black Americans in the history of this country. However, the leaders of the Black churches pattern themselves after the fashion of the white ones. Some black preachers have degrees of religious education as a result of emulating white status: some Black preachers use the tactics of capitalist minded white preachers by converting their churches into money laundering houses of worship. Then there are the less fortunate black preachers who adopt the attitudes of the former Negro leaders - who fought for material and statistical recognition by intertwining the theory of material gain with the gospel of salvation in order to attain this recognition. Finally, there are the lower income black churches who still hold to the teachings and traditions that possess the slave mentality which is, faith in a better world, one without oppression and discrimination, but they too, are beginning to place great emphases on material gain and education.

Christianity can definitely be distinguished when it comes to culture. A country over seas may have an entirely different tradition of for instance, the family structure, than America would. Many countries place greater emphasis on children's' upbringing than does America, to the extreme of military schools that children attend immediately after high school, or even total abstinence until marriage. These are values that America has definitely slacked in, discipline, even in the churches. Africa, and many middle and eastern countries have a higher standard for teaching children, it is a more customary and conservative teaching, something America almost frowns on now days. Moreover, when either of those countries adapt Christianity as their religion, they strengthen the disciplines by using the bible's standards as an enforcer, so Third World Christian families would probably have stronger family units than the black American family. That is because the black church in America has conformed to America's secular, or politically correct methods of child rearing. This is due to the black church's attempt to model themselves after white Americans. If a black American family moved to Africa or another country, or just decided not to raise their children under American standards and traditions, they would definitely be stronger Christians, and probably more faithful.

If the black church and family did not place so much emphasis on material things and status quo positions of authority, they would be a stronger people. Nevertheless, this fantasy world was created by our earlier Negro leaders who sought out recognition and status among our white counterparts as a means to acquire equality for blacks. The Negro preachers such as Martin Luther King Jr., and the Reverend Jesse Jackson, were involved not only in the church, but also the freedom movement. They were so caught up in equality for blacks, that they did not stop to think they were creating a people who would only be considered, "off-white". All those who have capitalized on the freedom of the black American when it comes to education, wealth, success, and political power to free their minds and souls, and in order to secure their "place" among white society, have left off morals, righteousness, family values and simple faith in God.

Now there is, within the upper-class of black Americans, a new master, a new oppressor, a new capitalist minded force that the still, lower-class blacks are fighting against; the Black Massa. He has the education, the title and a little power, and now he closes doors on the feet of a wandering black face saying that "there is opportunity out there, I got mine, now you get yours." Sad to say, this mentality is within the church. The preachers have big names and big churches with administration offices and accounting departments; they carry cell-phones and are difficult to locate similar to a corporate lawyer or chief executive officer. They teach the congregation to strive for nothing less than that, and they justify these teachings saying that it is the will of God. The will of God is not to be rich and superior to the point that if another Christian does not capitalize on the opportunities that America has to offer, they are missing the blessings of God. They teach that God will send you to college and get you a large house (that he wants you to own property), and a good job. That his will is for you to drive a beautiful car and to dress in nothing short of the most expensive clothes, and all these things will he give you, if, you give him a tenth every month. This is nothing but a religious form of capitalism, nothing more, nothing less.

The Black church is also a pit of abominations for obtaining a status among the people. A political arena for title seeking, position loving black folks who would never obtain these status positions in the white world, so they boast of their positions as Bishop and Elder and Deacon and such titles. Their ego is hurting because they actually have no identity among the white social elite so they dictate over the heads of blacks that have not the knowledge of God's true will. They do not teach the righteousness and humbleness of the messages of Christ, instead they would rather use their positions to dictate your life; to get into your business and show you how to get to where they are, which is only a color away from white. They do not teach unity among the people, they teach individualism and personal prosperity. They do not teach giving to one another, they teach tithing to the church. They do not teach love for one another (not when it pertains to the giving of property) but they teach lending, sowing and reaping. All methods from which capitalism derived.

The Black church has become a fashion show for those who can prove that God is with them just by the things they possess. They do not realize that all material things can be gained by anyone who has a job. They do not realize this because the pastor tells them that this is God's will, that you be prosperous and obedient to his law of tithing. They place tithing at the highest point of obedience to God as anything else, over love, faith, and righteousness, any of the true fruits of the Spirit of God. They fail to even realize that material things do not come by faith. They come by having enough money in a bank account, or enough left on a credit card. They are beginning to teach that God wants a person to have good credit and that he frowns on bankruptcy, and unlearned black people who are just ignorant to the mysteries and parables of the gospel of Christ eat this stuff up. Only because it fulfills their material needs and secures them a means of survival, and preachers who teach these things know this. They have studied the white preacher on television. They have read his books on God and your finances, mixing principles of the bible with secular principles of financial wealth.

The black preachers build their churches like the white ones do, large and informal. Black preachers have informal churches because they lack the know how to relate to anyone individually, they only know how to capitalize in industrial type institutions. They have accounting skills and management skills; they have been to the bible seminary to learn religious capitalism. They have studied under their white superiors and role models. They set up church centers now, that offer all kinds of ministries and activities, just like community centers that are setup by government programs: programs that help the underprivileged and

the "at-risk". They are informally buried in red tape and paper work with the added touch so-called house visits from church officials, much like social work, to check on a family periodically. They setup day cares and learning centers (to be politically correct), in order for the single mother to work a steady job. Then, at the end of the month the preacher can gracefully remind her from the pulpit; "have you paid your tithes sister", after she has given them almost half of her check for their secularly setup day care center.

The Black church is no more than an extension of the white church and it's forerunner, the capitalist American society. The Black church does not know how to relate to their people in social terms, they do not even have the slightest notion how to start. They lack their own format of organizing the black community so they steal what they know from American government. They do not even realize that they hold the key to prosperity, unity, and social control over the black families and the black destiny right in their hands every Sunday morning. They cannot see that the Lord is not a supporter of individual prosperity but of community prosperity. He is not a supporter of material gain but of spiritual gain; he is not a supporter of a monthly percentage of your income but of a continual giving of your mind, body, and soul. He could care less about who makes how much on their job or what you wear to church or even if you come to church, but he is concerned about your peace of mind, sanctification of your body, and salvation of your soul.

The effect that these teachings have on the human soul is detrimental in the understanding of God's will and a future stability in the gospel. If you teach a child all the tactics of being successful in life but neglect to teach that child any type of discipline or morals, you have robbed that child of an overall life of happiness. If you teach a young man to get the best education that money can buy so that he can support his family, yet you neglect to teach him how to love that family, then you have defeated your purpose. He will eventually loose his wife and children to his love for his career. The same goes for the principles of the gospel in leading a flock. If you constantly teach them how to rise above poverty, and that God will get you there, then they will fail to see the true significance of God; they will miss the whole point to salvation. That is what the Black church has done in an attempt to rise to meet the American standard.

When the basic essence of the gospel is lost then a church will be filled with insensitive Christians, who lack love and all other fruits of the Spirit. Judgment (common sense) is one fruit that cannot afford to be lost in the Black church. If this characteristic is lost, then a person cannot look at someone and see if that person is hurting or not or whether or not they are in need. Their entire perspective of another is based wholly on assumption. The assumption that gain is godliness. The way they measure another person's success or sufferings in the gospel is according to their possessions. If something tragic happens to someone, then they assume that God is not with them or that the person has disobeyed God in some area. If a person has accumulated goods (material possessions) then they assume that God is with them and that they are obeying him. This is very bad judgment. The scripture says that the saints of God should have enough common sense, or endowed enough with the spirit of judgment, to judge the world.

In turn, when a Christian loses their judgment, then they lose the ability to relate to anyone's situation. When a person needs uplifting, they may assume they need correction; or when someone is driving through a stormy season they may assume the person is totally lost, without hope, and cast them off as cursed. There are even times when a Christian who lacks judgment mistakes a blessing from God as something from the devil. Because they are constantly looking for material goods as a reward of God, they completely overlook the simplest attempt at peace. There are other times when they cannot hear Gods voice, and in their attempt to obey God they obey a command from Satan.

"The love of money is the root of all evil: which while some covet after, they have erred from the faith," 1 Timothy 6:10.

The fruit of covetous leads to false doctrines, misinterpretations of the scripture, a misconception of God's true will, and a lack of love for a Christian's fellow brother. All these unfruitful acts of the gospel stem from the love of money; seeking fortune which brings glory; and glory, which is a form of recognition, is what the Black church searches for in order to compete with, and in the white world. However, there are more righteous ways of being heard and respected in this world of racism, and that is to have God on your side.

To overcome this spirit of inferiority and covetousness in the Black church, the first thing to be done is to pray and study the word. Stay in constant communication with the Lord, sanctifying the soul from all the evil temptations of this world. The devil has come to the Black church just as he came to Jesus to offer him the riches and glory of the world but Jesus resisted, knowing that the kingdom of God is richer and with more glory. We as a people of Christ have been trying to fight toe-to-toe with the arrogance of America's founding fathers, when all that is required of us as an oppressed people is patience and faith in God.

The leaders of the Black church must lead their flocks away from all manners of secular formalities devised by the American governmental system or any world government not formatted after the Kingdom of God. Such as programs set up to adopt dependents of the black race, or certain laws passed that appear to be in favor of the advancement of the race but are actually a smoke screen to soothe consciences and pacify egos, or a simple crumb from the tables of apathy for the purpose of temporal satisfaction. The leaders must instill within all Black Christians not only the strength to endure daily sufferings in order to perfect themselves, but the strength and understanding to turn from individual prosperity (in the form of capitalism) and learn to depend wholly on God and his plan for the church as a society within itself.

We are a holy nation. A nation that should be governed by the principles of the heavenly kingdom, not the worldly kingdom. In order to survive in this world God has enough providing ability to establish for the church a system such as the one in the book of Acts, 2:41-47, and 4:32-37. The saints then were full of the grace of God; the power of God was continually upon them. They prayed together everyday, not just for an hour on Tuesday night, but everyday. They sold all their material goods they had accumulated by working for the Roman government and combined it together to begin their own communal system. The scripture reads that they had all things common, meaning, their only concern and joy was Jesus and the powers of God. They did not care about whom had what and who lived where because they lived among each other. Everyone had exactly what he or she was in need of. If a family had three children and another had none, then the family with the children were given more food; that is only common sense, and no one was jealous of the other. That is because they walked in the spirit and not in the flesh.

Notice; this system of governing was not a capitalist system because it was not based on individual gain or survival of the fittest, but it was based on equality for all. There were no racial dilemmas about who was superior and who was not until the devil stepped in and claimed that the Jews should be in charge. So it must be realized that superiority among races comes from the devil, so why should a people of God ever be envious and emulative of a race whose influences come from the devil?

God's children are of all one color and he has no respect of persons. The Black church must recognize that the white man does not set the success standard. Nor is your expectancy as a person confirmed by what you own or what degrees you hold; but it is determined by the love in your heart and your faithfulness to God, not this country at all. The bible tells us that there are many false prophets and teachers in the church, especially in these last days. There are many false confessors of Christ who sit in the churches. Pastors must begin to weed them out by preaching to denounce worldly possessions, worldly status, and worldly values that effect our families. Once pastors begin to teach true gospel, many, many confessors of Christ will leave the church and return to the world, in whom they worship anyway. If they are sincere about their own salvation they will stay and suffer with the true brethren. Pastors must stop conforming to the world trends in hopes of converting people and must return to truth in order to save some. "Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues without right." Proverbs 16:8.

Pastors must deny the glory of the world themselves and renew their strength and spirit in the Lord. They are so caught up in attracting people to the mega-churches in order to compete with the white church down the block. So caught up in bringing tithes into the storehouse just so they can preach their messages of covetousness over the airways that they have forgotten about simple righteousness. There was a person who commented that; "church people are the meanest people he knew." What he said was partly, if not totally correct. Romans 3:10 reads: "As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one." This prophesy has come true as it pertains to the Black church simply because their heart is entrenched in possessions, appearances, and positions, and not in love.

Pray that Black Christians do not adapt the same mind set as the white ones had when they built this country. They built it in deceit, using the word of God as a hammer. They drilled into the slave's head that it was God's will that they serve them. They drilled into their head that they were to obey them and look to them for any reward or favor and acceptance. They catechized us into the psychology of supremacy and subservient, which in turn brought forth in the black mind and soul a complex that scared us deeply. In addition, in the process of this evil inflicted upon us, it conditioned and trained us, without our knowledge, to become as arrogant and competitive as they, as we grew in a society of capitalism.

However, the black mind by nature, does not function well in a competitive environment. In an attempt to defeat its competitor, it tends to lose all sense of objectiveness, thus destroying any chance of unity. This is what capitalism does. It tends to distort justice. Look at how political elections are fought. With scandal, and lies and deceit, these are all attributes of competition. In the black mind and soul there is too much passion. The black mind truly seeks peace. It searches for love that runs deep and will embrace it. It rejoices when good surrounds it, and it is strong when others are behind it. The black mind is just and fair, if it has not been corrupted, and it reaches out its hand when its heart has been touched.

Blacks, Homosexuality, and the Church

Growing up on the west side of Detroit in the 70s and 80s, there was one gay guy that we knew of and maybe one tom boy in a 5 mile radius, which contained 1 high school, 3 middle schools, and close to 10 elementary schools. Today, there is an epidemic of gay lifestyle reaching kids as young as 6 years old all across the nation. Something is wrong.

Nature reveals one common thing, while societal standards stress another, and regardless of what politics, courts, or activist groups pronounce on society concerning any trends outside of traditional lifestyles, Black America always seems to get caught in the crossfire and emerge wounded in the end.

Such is the case with divorce in the 70s, drug use in the 80s, HIV/AIDs in the 90s, and now homosexuality. Whichever way the wind blows the immoralities of society, Blacks are tossed in the breeze along with whites, and as a result of racial emulation, we fight, we protest, and demand various rights all to the detriment of our own being.

The Black church and the men (and women) who lead them, are currently caught up in defending the politically correct lifestyles of gays. Never mind that the very Bible they preach from condemns such lifestyle yet at the same time offer deliverance. But because these people are caught in the cycles of social unrest, they defy the Word and the purpose of the Word, believing they are doing the right thing. In other words, they ignore God and choose to obey the world.

Even if one does not believe in God or the Bible, nature teaches us that there are only two species of human beings; male and female. And these two pro-create to bring forth another life. One can assume that without this natural function, life as we know it would never be. So to defy the absolutes of life in order to justify a behavior contrary to nature's function, again says something is wrong.

Love between two people is not wrong, regardless of the gender, but humanity would never advance if there were only two of one gender in the world: and common sense is the child of divine judgment.

The church must stay focused on the absolute and not bow to the seductions of political correct trends that lead society to undermine the truth of life. And Blacks who protest to gain rights to a lifestyle that leads only to the destruction of the Black community - or any community - should consider the fact that we (Blacks) have always ended up on the dying end of the social deal.

- For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:
- Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.
- Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,
- And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.
- Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:

- Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.
- For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:
- And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.
- And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;
- Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,
- Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,
- Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:
- Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

Romans, 1:20-32

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The Church and Money

There is concern as to the methods the church uses to collect and spend money. Popular opinion is split on the enforcement of tithing and various fund-raising methods such as book, CD, and cassette tape selling by the church, in addition to conference admission, prayer line fees, and even indirect membership fees to some mega-churches. When these methods are questioned, many defend such practices as needed for the expense of church operation. But let us weigh the cost.

The equivalent to such operation is that of a family attempting to maintain a living. For instance, as a family grows, the operating expense for that household grows and the need for more income becomes priority.

If the family wants to live comfortably with all the modern conveniences and supply their basic needs, they would need not only bill money but also disposable income. Such is the church, however, there is a difference.

The church has a mission to adhere to just as important if not more important than the family's reason for being. The church is responsible for bringing people into the knowledge and presence of God, the Creator, while the family is responsible for living as respectful and productive citizens within their society. To do so, they have to gain the skill-set and knowledge needed through education and work experience.

The church also has a two-fold mission: to fulfill their mission from God and to maintain a physical abode; however, the church should not use their mission as a means of paying their bills, which is what many have resorted to doing.

The church can, however, operate a separate business aside from their Godly mission, but using God's word to pay the bills is wrong because the selling of His words - no matter how packaged - forcing funds, fees, tithes and offerings from hard working people is not a part of the mission.

The pastor must teach the members to trust God in all things, including all provisional aspects of the church. God promises to provide for the people, the church, and the pastor but today's cost of living and luxury lifestyles has captured desires of the pastors to the point they desire riches to compete more than having trust in God.

They want to build big and fast and instead of having churches that serve the immediate community, they want worldwide ministries that require billions of dollars in operational cost, while the surrounding communities suffer from poverty and despair.

If pastors had true faith in God, and taught the members love for God instead of love for money, they would see members giving more for the church upkeep. Forced-funding discourages people. If one loves, they support who they love and want the best for them. Simply believing in this concept is considered faith, but the church today does not have the patience to live by faith, instead, they are impulsive and live by the sight of the eyes, prestige of men, and trends of society.

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A Church Divided

Society is divided into factions primarily based on culture and racial background because by nature people who share similarities will collectively associate. Color, class, and educational background are subcultures in the nation, which proves this theory of nature. Whether we want to acknowledge it or not, these same variables divide the churches in the nation also, with denominational beliefs as an added factor. Is this wrong as in sinful, or is it ok as a law of nature?

Some believers of God see this division as a problem that should not be, and others do not see anything wrong, but believe it to be natural. Though the Bible says that "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ" (Galatians 3:28),

meaning that color, class, or gender should not matter in Christianity, separation and division of congregational worship based on these subcultures in society remain.

The Bible should be used to break the barriers of ethnic segregation and classism in the minds of those who believe in God so that no one ever looks on another to decide their worth. However, because of the different cultures in the church today, it is obvious that practicing Christians do not understand the concept of the above scripture.

Researchers today who publish statistics of racial stratification in America, proudly proclaim the advancements of racial assimilation in the church; profiling individual churches who have ethnically diverse congregations. In their profiles, they try to figure out if this assimilation is good, or just the beginning of a resistance to integration.

Throughout America's history, we know that whites tend to move away from certain areas when blacks or other races begin to move in, and that they begin new schools, businesses, and entire counties so to remain the predominant majority. So, researchers seem stumped as to if this is what is happening in today's churches. Well, from a historical perspective, it is.

On the other hand, maybe God is fulfilling the scripture of Galatians by implementing social assimilation. However, this social assimilation has just begun and has a long way to go in this society and because it will take a while does not mean that God is not powerful enough to fulfill His Word, it means that society is simply resistant to His will.

The Word will work if practiced fervently, but it is not being practiced where social assimilation is concerned. People, by nature, feel more comfortable with their own kind. Is that an accurate concept, or a ridiculous one? Maybe the scripture refers to who can be saved in different races, classes, and gender, and that anyone can come to God no matter who they are, and maybe God knows that regardless of if they come and be saved or not, people will get saved among their own kind. After all, God created the different ethnic groups so He understands them.

Black Christians in America face two obstacles, prejudice and the tricks of the Devil, whereas whites face only one obstacle, which is the Devil. However, many people believe that race does not make a difference in Christianity, and this is true according to the scripture, but as proven by human nature, society resist the scripture and practice their own rules of social collectivism, which allows for segregation instead of assimilation.

Racism has become such a touchy issue and one that has taken so many turns as to its definition that many cannot see the truth. Reverse racism is now an issue, that is, blacks are racist if they do not like other cultures and choose to separate from them. If Blacks are racist based on their preference of whom they like and do not like, then why is it that when Blacks go to white communities, churches, or schools, whites leave and start new ones? Not to say that no Blacks are prejudice and that all whites are, but if the issue is blatantly disregarded, especially in Christianity, the issue will always go unsolved.

The truth is, there is a form of racism in the Christian mentality. Though separation of ethnic groups is a common practice, the will of God is not lived through the scripture by practicing Christians. For example, to this current age (the year 2007) publishers of Christian books and paintings continue to portray Jesus as a white man. This act symbolizes the mentality that the white sector of the church has; which is that race

matters. To portray Jesus, as any other ethnic background remains inconceivable to many whites, therefore, whites can never deny that it is they who promote racism and racist notions in Christianity.

Biblically, this is wrong and a sin because it is a form of partiality and hypocrisy. If a person cannot see this for what it really is then they are not rooted in reality, but in an illusion planted by Satan, who would rather not bring unity, but dissension in the church. The Christian thing to do is to unify, not deny. Do what the Word says, not what society practices. If ethnic assimilation is believed to be what the Bible promotes, then this is what we should do, but if ethnic assimilation is not believed to be the message of the Bible, then we will do what society enforces, which is ethnic segregation. Christianity requires love because God is love, but how can one who practices segregation because of color have love?

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Defiling the Temple

Christians are quick to tell someone who drinks, smokes, or does drugs that they should not defile the temple; the temple being their bodies, because God does not dwell in no unclean thing. In fact, Christians use this theory in this respect only, not entirely understanding what they are saying, nor what the Bible really means by defiling the temple. True, the body is the temple, but the body of who, the individual person or the church body of Christ. Most would say both, but let's look at the scriptures and search for the truth.

Two scriptures address defiling the temple and we will interpret both. The first is in 1 Corinthians 3:16, 17, which reads, "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple is holy, which temple ye are." At first glance, anyone could interpret this to mean the believer's body itself, and many preachers and Christians interpret it thus way. However, the scripture is speaking of the entire body of Christ and not an individual body. How does one know this?

The believer must always read the verses before and after the selected text to get full understanding of the concept because if taken in part, anyone could misinterpret the Bible's meaning. The actual meaning of the temple begins in verse nine which reads, "For we are laborers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building." The word "building" in verse nine refer to the church body or temple, as in all, and not one body, or individual. Then the scripture goes on in verse 10 to explain how every man should take heed how they build upon the foundation of God's building: the foundation being Jesus Christ (vv. 11). Verses 12-15 warn believers how they should build unto God's church and how their works will be tried by fire and if any man's work were destroyed, they will suffer lost.

Then, back to the original text of verse 16, which reveals that we are the temple of God, as in the church of believers together. Though each has his or her distinct ministry in God and they should build carefully, we are all building the temple of God. Therefore, if any one uses any substance to build the temple of

God that does not stand through the fire, or they attempt to bring something into the body of Christ that God would not approve of, they have defiled the temple; not the temple of their own body, but of the body of Christ.

The next scripture that address the body as the temple, to all intents and purposes, does refer to the individual body. Yet, again, Preachers and Christians misinterpret this scripture and apply it to more than what it actually refers. The scripture is in I Corinthians 6:19, 20, which reads, "What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

Indeed, the scripture distinctly says that the individual body of the believer is the temple of the Holy Ghost, but in what way does the previous scriptures refer to ways that a believer defiles the temple? First, the fifth and sixth chapter of 1 Corinthians discusses the behavior of the saints in the church of Corinth. The beginning of chapter five talks about fornication and how a church member laid with his father's wife. Then it talks about all who commit sins of the flesh, such as covetousness, extortion, idolatry, drunkenness, and more, and warns believers not to keep company with such people.

Then chapter six talks about taking your brother to court and believers exercising the spirit of judgment, God deemed it a sin to have bad judgment of menial matters in the church. Then in verse 12 the scripture says that "All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient," meaning, a person can do whatever they want but everything they want may destroy them and capture them in sin. Then God compares someone who has been captured by some evil force to that of a harlot, implying that they have committed spiritual fornication.

Finally, verse 18 says, "Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body." Pay close attention to what the scripture says. It says that every sin that a man does is done without the body, except fornication, which is done with the body. All other sins are committed with the mind. If a person commits idolatry, drunkenness, covetousness, adultery, backbiting, spitefulness, or any other type sin, they commit it using the mind; even anger is deemed equal to murder. But the only sin that a man can do with the body is fornication. To further prove this, Jesus says in St. Mark 7:18-23,

"And he sayeth unto them, Are ye so without understanding also? Do ye not perceive; that whatsoever thing from without entereth into the man, it cannot defile him; Because it entereth not into his heart, but into the belly, and goeth out into the draught, purging all meats? [meats for the belly and the belly for meats].

And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, [which when conceived in the flesh defiles the body] murders, Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man."

Therefore, sin and evil originates from the heart and mind. Nothing from the outside is considered sinful, such as alcohol, tobacco, or even cocaine, and even if these things enter into a person, they do not defile the temple because what defiles the temple, as the scripture says, comes from within a person. As radical

as this interpretation may seem, it is biblically justifiable and supported by reason. The only reason people believe otherwise, is because this is what preachers have taught without regard to what the scriptures actually says. Thus, spiritual discretion and judgment is needed to correctly apply this concept but remember, bad judgment is a sin.

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Fried Chicken, Cadillac's, and Lipstick

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At the turn of the century throughout to the nineteen thirties and 40's, Afro-Americans relocated from southern plantations to urban ghetto's of northern cities. There they found a temporal paradise in which many strove to success through education, factory jobs, organized community and church affiliations. Set completely free from the bonds that gripped and restrained them to the controlled activities overseen by their white taskmasters, blacks were released to pursue almost whatever they wanted, within reason. Black leaders rose up to speak for the masses: politically, economically, and religiously, in the face of much opposition. Many benefited from the fight for social freedom although many fell to the traps set for the newly emancipated Negro. Drugs, alcohol, and prostitution plagued many black neighborhoods as a deterrence to the fight for success and to overcome oppression. If the political representatives could not reach the masses, or if the militant movements did nothing for their dignity, church leaders shouted the words of the bible into the faces of drug pushers, dealers, and addicts in hopes of freeing them from ghetto hell.

One most famous phrase shouted by hell-fire and damnation preachers of the 30's and 40's was, "drinking, smoking, and cussing." Nearly every sermon began or ended in this phrase. It became so popular that anyone found with a bottle, butt, or cuss word coming in or going out of their mouth in the sight of a preacher or even a church member, automatically felt the guilt and condemnation of hell beneath their feet. Unto this day, the phrase still sends chills through the souls of many people when coming from the mouth of any preacher. Though this tactic delivered many from the bonds of ghetto destruction, there are other sins of the flesh and spirit being committed by Christians that were not, and are still not being addressed by church leaders. Fried Chicken, Cadillac's, and Lipstick are a few that will be discussed from here on.

How can fried chicken be a sin? The chicken itself is not the sin but the way it is prepared and the effects of its consumption by millions of people. Greasy foods are the topic. They cause heart failure and high blood pressure that leads to all sorts of sicknesses and high doctor bills much like cigarettes do. Other high risk, greasy foods like pizza, bacon, salty foods, fat/lard-cooked foods, and especially fast foods, that are soaked and cooked in grease and who knows what else. The southern diet consumed by "Afro-Americans" such as ham-hocks, collard greens cooked in pork, all fried foods, and high amounts of

butter, which leads to outrageous levels of cholesterol, all contribute to sicknesses and diseases that "defiles" the temple of God.

Defiling the temple is the scripture preachers and many Christians use to warn against the use of alcohol, cigarettes and other substances. Yet, they never address the fatty and greasy foods they consume each day that does the same to destroy the body. Hypocrites you might say, or maybe just a tradition brought from the ghetto. Preachers talk constantly about how God wants his people to be prosperous by using the scripture from 3 John 2 which reads: "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in good health, even as thy soul prospereth." They quote the prosperous part but never cease to neglect the good health part. That is because many preachers care not about the health of the saints but only about being prosperous. This leads us to the Cadillac aspect of this article.

Material things are dangerous if one's heart is set on them and not the godly things of the bible. Covetousness is the sin being committed here. Many preachers are stereotyped into the role of driving big cars and having nice things as an example to the congregation. The biggest myth being spread by church people is that "the congregation wants their leaders to be prosperous". That is only a myth and has nothing to do with the word or will of God. It is lived up to in the black (and white) community to the tee. It is a shame that church people, and their leaders, cannot live according to the humbleness of the word of God but live up to the standards and myths of the world. Prosperity is a portion of God's will but not to the point of covetousness. Preachers teach that God wants his people to own property. How is that justifiable when the people were selling their property in the book of Acts? How can that be justified?

Drinking is not necessarily a sin. The apostle's suggested wine as a healer in the New Testament and it was always traditional to have wine during supper and feast in those days. Nevertheless, because there was lots of drinking and boozing in the 20's 30's, and 40's due to prohibition and the depression, preachers have related drinking to sin and damnation. This is not reasonable thinking to a man of God. Wine can be used in modesty but not drunkenness. Yet, if a Christian is seen coming out of a liquor store, they will surly hear the situation from the pulpit the next Sunday. Cocaine is a dangerous thing, and a substance that will kill the soul and the body and should be condemned, even strong drink need not be consumed by even the average person, but there are things that are not considered illegal in the world that is just as destructive to the flesh, and preachers need to address these behaviors.

Lipstick promotes vanity. Where are the warnings against vanity? Even though alcohol, fatty foods, and tobacco is addictive and causes harm to the body, vanity cause harm to the soul. Yet, it is practiced commonly among women and men. Make-up, hairstyles, earrings and jewelry are all considered vain and meaningless to the advancement of the gospel of Christ. Nevertheless, in today's churches, every Sunday is a fashion show. The scent of perfume and cologne can be sniffed throughout any church congregation. Lipstick, hair spray, bobs, weaves, relaxers, fades, cuts, trims, tattoos, and many other vain displays of self-centeredness is just as destructive to a Christian as drinking, smoking, and cussing. Yet, preachers do not approach these issues. They do not address them because they partake in them.

As a defender of the people of God against all false preachers, teachers, and prophets, I, brother C.R. Hamilton, want to add these to the sin-list. Fried Chicken, Cadillac's, and Lipstick. Since many Christians and leaders are shouting how the times have changed and that us traditional folks need to come into the new millennium, preachers need to realize there are many other forms of sin being committed by them and their followers, that should be preached from their pulpits.

God and Country: Serving Two Masters

By CR Hamilton

The historical American slogan "God and Country" is an example of a double standard if there ever was one, especially in the context of American religious and political ideology. Understandably, countries like Israel, India, or China can claim this type slogan because they base their religious and political ideologies on the acknowledgment of an ancient Supreme Being; but America, in its current Christian religious and Capitalists political system cannot.

In the context of the slogan "God and Country", the very Bible confessors claim to follow, says that a believer of the Christian Messiah (Jesus Christ) must choose either Christ or the country they live. "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon" (St. Matthew 6:24).

The scripture means that in the case of any two opposing forces, such as God and any other entity contrary to His purpose, the believer must choose one or the other because they cannot serve both equally. Therefore, when people confess to and believe in the slogan "God and Country", deep within their subconscious, they either love God or hate the country, (hate as in cannot love) or vice-versa, or they are holding to one simply for the sake of declaration and duty and subconsciously tolerating the other. If one asserts that neither analysis describes their belief, then they have not full comprehension of the scripture's meaning or God's purpose. This mentality of either or is not discretionary but by the natural laws of human will, inevitable.

Israel, whom God promised to make of a great nation under the covenant of the Old Testament with laws and ordinances justified their existence, gave them a purpose, and fulfilled His promise by establishing them a land flowing with milk and honey. China, who serves Buddha, lives under the precepts and direction of their god and according to how they believe Buddha desires a society to operate. Any nationality of people on this earth who has occupied a territory from the beginning of time, no matter what god they believe, live and operate their society based on the desires of that god.

Any nationality that has adopted a religion and formed a nation based on that religion is not legitimate under natural law because they must make the nation work according to the religious belief. One such country is the United States; Christ never promised any people of his a country here on earth, in fact he said that all who believe in him would be pilgrims and wanderers throughout the earth having no certain dwelling place. In other words, Christians have no claim to any land or country here on earth, not according to the Messiah.

The founders of the United States built upon the grounds of America a nation using Christianity as a foundation, after they escaped the tyranny of Britain. They adopted Christianity, came to America and called themselves pilgrims, Puritans and Christians, and lived life according to the Holy Bible. Though

they were possibly much more dedicated to God and their purpose than today's average American is, the early settlers were in no way as tolerable or compassionate as we are today.

In a state of building a society - which must have been morally and emotionally strenuous - they practiced slave labor; corrupt business ethics (as in thievery against the Indians), and waged war with any one who opposed their efforts, all in the name of Christianity.

As proud and successful in their efforts they were to have founded and built a nation away from the tyranny of the Mother country, American settlers confused the purpose of the very Bible they studied with the principles and political theories of building a nation. Thus by conjoining the two concepts, using God as a springboard for Country, the founders formed Christian Capitalism. More ironic though, there is a striking contradiction between the latter two.

While Christianity is based on equality for all, capitalism is based on survival of the fittest and social classism. Therefore, to proclaim the two together in the slogan "God and Country" is a direct contradiction because God encourages equality through Christ, yet America promotes inequality through capital, thus calling it Democracy.

If America and Christianity is to coexist, the follower of either will have to denounce their devotion to one and serve the other or else they are in transgression of the Word of God. For the confessors of "God and Country" to justify their belief, they must realize that Christianity and the American political and social system does not work in conjunction and they need to seek out the answer to God's proposed government system.

What Jesus says about Tithing

Let us address the biggest untruth that any false preacher has ever told; that when Jesus was here on earth He was rich. Jesus was not rich when He walked the earth. The reason preachers tell people this is that Christianity means Christ-like, and Christians strive to be like Jesus, so preachers say this to get people to start thinking about how to get rich, as they claim Jesus was.

As an example to the flock, the preacher must be a product of his own testimony, so he creates and sells audio and videotapes, and books about how an average believer can inherit the riches of Christ. While the congregation consumes these goods, the preacher gets rich. People never stop to think about what is going on, how the preacher is actually getting rich by selling them things on getting rich, not because God is prospering the preacher with a heavenly inheritance.

We as Christians are rich in righteousness and heavenly fruit, not monetary wealth. A desire to be rich will consume the soul in unnecessary lusts that destroy righteousness and heavenly fruit and with a little spin on biblical concepts and the added touch of the Malachi Theory (will a man rob God); the preacher guarantees his opportunity to be rich. The strategy is like a neighborhood bully's hustle.

Many people seek riches in today's society and many will compromise morals for money, and there will always be crafty villains who will capitalize on that compromise. The sad thing is that the compromise is going on in churches and church leaders are the villains.

The theory of Jesus being rich is taken from the scripture of 2 Corinthians 8:9, among many other implied scriptures, which reads, "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich." The riches the scripture refer to are spiritual riches not material substances: spiritual riches of glory and honor and righteousness, all attributes of God's kingdom. What need would anyone have of material things in heaven?

In heaven, the bible says the streets are made of gold, the gates are laid in rubies and valuable jewels, and the crowns are made of silver and or gold, but none of these things are used to profit of the other, like it is used in this world; therefore, material substances have no real value compared to the riches of heaven. If people believe monetary things has meaning or value in heaven, then they live in a conceited and materialistic fantasy world.

The Lord desires that His children be rich in the qualities of heavenly riches, where the physical has no value. He did not send His Son, Jesus, to earth to die on the cross to make us rich with substances of the earth: that is a lie and contrary to scripture. "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break though nor steal" (Matt. 6:19, 20).

The reason preachers teach Christian prosperity on earth is no mystery: it justifies their earthly greed. They stress the deed of tithing constantly because they claim to want to see God's people prosper, but the truth is ten percent of each individual member's monthly earnings from a 10,000 or so member congregation secures the church prosperity and the preacher's, and that is the underlying motive. From time to time, preachers will teach other topics as marriage, faith or family, but again, these topics also have an underlying motive that usually leads up to money.

Jesus walked the earth from city to city preaching righteousness and never asked anyone for a dime. He told the disciples "Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses" (Matt. 10:9). He was instructing them to not be concerned about money, but about preaching the gospel. The purpose of the gospel has nothing to do with money, but salvation: not prosperity, but perfection.

Jesus never asked for tithes from the multitudes, He never took up offerings in the synagogues; He never said anything about being under a curse if people did not pay tithes. One of the disciples would have recorded a New Testament commandment on tithes if Jesus had stressed tithe paying, but He did not. Jesus never wore expensive robes, jewelry, rode in any beautiful carriages, or owned anything of real value that brought relevance to the gospel.

He did not cease to teach against seeking for riches and glory or any of the things of the world. He spoke against fame and fortune and told the disciples that the world would hate them, and would not love them. He fed the multitudes with food of the physical and spiritual nature, and He never charged them money or suggested they give an offering to God for what He taught them. However, this is what today's preachers do.

Another parable that denounces the search for riches and money is in St. Mark chapter 12 vv. 41-44, called the widow's mite. In this parable, Jesus showed that the amount of the widow's offering to the church, which was only two mites, had no heavenly value, but because it was giving her all that won her honor with God. Though others gave more money than the widow did, they gave only a portion of their earnings, which is the concept of tithes, and not all of their earnings.

What the widow did was more acceptable with God than what the others did. The moral of this parable is, the sincerity of a person's commitment to God is counted by what they have to sacrifice, not how much they have. It also proves that God does not care about how much goes into the offering plate, whether a tenth, a fifth, or a twentieth of the giver's earnings, but whatever goes in must come from the heart, and whenever it is financially handy or reasonably logical for the giver.

The parable of the rich fool in St. Luke 12:16-21, is another that talks against the riches of the earth. The rich man's wealth increased abundantly throughout his life to where he was resolved what to do with the riches. His most logical conclusion was to build a bigger barn to store his goods, and then he would lay back and relax the rest of his life, (live off the interest so-called). Not to imply that saving and maybe investing is wrong, but people must make provisions for each aspect of life, which includes the salvation of the soul.

The rich man never considered what would become of his soul on the night he was to die, nor did he think about what would happen to his goods afterward. Many people in the world would leave their estate to heirs, so the heirs can carry the burden. Nevertheless, Jesus said that it is not wise to "Layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God" (v. 21). How does a person become rich toward God? They seek after the things of God, which are spiritual.

The parable of the hidden treasure in St. Matthew 13:44 is about a man who stumbles upon the treasures of heaven in a field and hides them for himself, then he goes and sells all that is of earthly wealth to him and buys the field. The man counted the riches of the earth nothing compared to the riches of heaven.

This mentality is what Jesus tries to relay to believers, to not trust in and depend on the treasures of earth but instead the treasures of heaven. Yet, preachers are not teaching this mentality to believers today, they are teaching them to seek the treasures of heaven in material form here on earth.

A deceptive spirit is affecting the church today that suggests a change of plans according to Jesus, which is; no more does He want believers to wait for heaven to get the treasures of heaven, but He will give believers the treasures of heaven in the form of earthly riches, and people believe this spirit. Believers must remember that "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever" (Heb. 13:8). He has not changed.

The parable of the goodly pearl in St. Matthew 13:45, 46 teaches the same as the parable of the hidden treasure, however, in this one, the man found a great pearl, instead of treasures, and sold all that he had to buy the pearl. Preachers take these two parables and twist the meanings: they teach that the moral of the parables is that in order to get the treasures of heaven believers must give all their material things, including earnings, to God, or at least to the one who represents God, which is the preacher. Yet, the preacher's definition of the riches of heaven means material things, not spiritual.

The parables' meaning of the riches of heaven means spiritual things, not material. Preachers convince believers that the riches of heaven are the material things of earth, that is, if the believer wants the riches of heaven in earthly form. However, the parables do not confirm the message in the preacher's perspective because it is not a literal theme, it is the essence of a mentality, which confirms the essence of heaven and not earth.

Because the parables use riches and treasures as illustrations, preachers take it to the literal realm to justify their lust for material goods, riches, and wealth, and because this spirit has infected society and the church, people believe in the literal and choose not the spiritual.

The parable of the Prodigal Son in St. Luke 15:11-32 is a beautiful illustration of the spirit that encourages believers to get treasures of heaven here on earth. The son asked his wealthy father for his share of the inheritance then left home and spent it all on riotous living, women, and excess of wine. When he hit rock bottom and came to his senses he returned home. His father forgave him and gave the son another inheritance simply because his father felt the son learned a valuable lesson.

The lesson was that the son never had to ask for his share of the inheritance in the first place, all he had to do was live and be content, but the son's longing for the substances and pleasures of the world overtook him and he wasted his inheritance until he came to shame.

Many people do not realize that when asking God for their share of the inheritance in the earthly form of material goods and so-called blessings of God that they are asking amiss and in covetousness, also because the pastor has convinced them to get what is theirs. If given the chance to have all that God grants in one lump sum could be dangerous because the deceitfulness of riches choke and destroy the goodness of the heart.

Countless parables of the New Testament plainly condemn the pursuance of money and today's pastors choose to ignore those parables. The reason people continue to follow misleading preachers is that people do not read their bibles, so they will never see or believe preachers are deceiving them.

The parables of Jesus Christ not only warn believers of falling into the mentality of the love of money, but also are lessons of how to gain and keep the riches of heaven, which are spiritual fruits of the heart and soul, not the pocket. Common sense must govern the followers of Christ concerning what things are destructive in the world. The love of money is one of the most destructive, so believers must know to be suspicious of a preacher who places great emphasis on money.

People are willing to believe that God wants to make them rich before He does anything to their soul when the scripture plainly says "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matt. 6:33). The righteousness of God comes first and during the believer's search for righteousness, He supplies the necessities of life and adds to the believer financial needs for the ministry.

Another scripture preachers use to heighten the lust for money is "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth" (3 John 2). Preachers constantly twist this scripture out of proportion until there is no more substance, meaning, or creditableness to the scripture. The only reason they use this scripture is to convince people that God wants them to prosper, and it is true. This is what the scripture says and the Scriptures are true.

However, God no more gives prosperity than He does allow people to prosper. But what about the rest of the scripture, like good health? If the love of health was the root of all evil, and health influenced a person's status in society, preachers would be aerobic stars. Good health is in the scripture also and is what God desires for His people so what about the congregation's health? There are Old Testament ordinances for diet as are Old Testament ordinances for tithing, but preachers do not emphasize the ordinances of diet in their sermons. What profit would that bring?

There is no tithe for the sake of good health and a good diet alone will not get a soul into heaven. If a believer does not maintain a good diet or good health, is it a sin? No, but preachers do not teach this, although they teach the curse of tithes. What do the Scriptures say about eating fried foods and fatty foods?

What does the scripture say about too much sugar or too much grease and butter in food: things that kill the body? There is no church offering for the medical ministry nor do churches ordain men and women as ministers of health and fitness, (at least not as of yet) but they keep records of member tithes. Why focus on only one half of a scripture?

The Bible admonishes believers not to fall for these racketeering games of earthly riches. Follow righteousness, faith, and love, as the Bible says. Believers should never study and search the Scriptures for theories of obtaining money but search the Scriptures to obtain eternal life and prosperity will follow. Give only what is affordable at the time to the church and let God do the rest.

No preacher should ever burden believers with the guilt of sin and curses because they neglect or refuse to tithe to the church, but preachers must encourage believers to give what is affordable and financially convenient for the believer. "For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not" (2 Cor. 8:12).

Neither Jesus nor the apostles ever mention anything to the believers about tithing. They stressed and practiced giving. To give according to what he or she has or giving all that he or she has (to a trustworthy believer only) is necessary, but never a portion or a tenth. This is the mentality the Lord desires for His children to possess. Believers are under no biblical duty to contribute at all and preachers should not compel them to do so.

However, a believer should give to the church for the operation of the physical church building including utilities, food for gatherings, and other necessary things for everyday operation. Preachers insist that people are required to give, that it is mandatory of God and if they do not give money to the church then they are cursed. This is not the purpose of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The scripture says, "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver" (2 Cor. 9:7). This scripture confirms that believers are under no direct obligation or commandment to give anything to the church but what they have determined in their own heart to give. Preachers should never pressure believers to give money to the church, and believers should never feel they have to because they will then give grudgingly.

When preachers teach the above scripture they twist its meaning and interpret it thus: "a person should give according to what they have purposed in their heart but we all know that God requires a tenth, so in

addition to the tenth, the person should give a little more." They add tithing in as if tithing is a given, but this is not true. The church of Jesus Christ does not have to tithe.

Preachers give believers no choice but to follow their lead, and right back into the commandments of the Law. No preacher will ever tell the believer to give only what they feel is right, but the preacher will always stress the deed of tithing along with a little extra from the goodness of the believer's heart. Many times, the preacher will ask for tithes, an offering, a love offering, a contribution for the building fund, a donation for the family in isle two, a gift offering for the couple engaged, and they ask all in the name of building the work of God and the church ministry.

There is no end to extortion for church money, and as believers grow in the righteousness and spirituality of God, they will see that there is no limit to how and on what bases the false prophet will solicit church members.

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The Root of All Evil

The Bible states, "For the love of money is the root of all evil" 1 Timothy 6:10. It does not say that money is the root of all evil, but the love of money is the root of all evil. Many of today's Christians will defy all natural law, human logic and biblical doctrine to justify the innocents of earthy riches and defend why their pastor drives a Bentley, lives in a multimillion dollar home, and travels in a personal jet.

People believe that there is nothing wrong with being rich and prosperous beyond the average person's wildest dream, however, there is something wrong with it. In fact, the rich were not spoken of to highly by Jesus during his ministry, but were always warned of hoarding money while neglecting their salvation. Some would reason that a person could have both, but that thinking also defies biblical reasoning.

"Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself. But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition." 1 Timothy 6:5-9.

According to the above words, it would be better to be content with food and raiment than to be rich because riches lead to many temptations. But how many of today's Christians actually quote and practice this logic. They believe, do, and teach the exact opposite and so do many church leaders. To think that money and riches is innocent in the fight for salvation is ludicrous and hurtful to the soul.

What is so disheartening to see are church members who throw money on the pulpit while the pastor is preaching? This show is displayed much on televangelist ministries and is an abomination in the face of the above concept of scripture. However, as the scripture says, it is the love of money, not the actual money, which causes men to err in faith.

People believe that giving money to the church or to the work of the preacher somehow solves problems and seals any wrongdoing. In fact, preachers teach a scripture from Ecclesiastes 10:19, which read: "A feast is made for laughter, and wine maketh merry: but money answereth all things." Little do people realize that the chapter from Ecclesiastes 10 speaks particularly about being wise and not foolish, however, preachers will not reveal this concept.

The reason they do not teach otherwise but leave the congregation believing that money is the answer, is because of the spirit of the love of money. And people would rather believe this spirit for the same reason.

Living in a country such as America while attempting to live a Christian life is contradictory at most. American society exalts riches and prosperity and the churches have adapted to the same mindset and therefore apply no wrongs to riches. Even though the Bible clearly discourages riches and warns against believing in the power of money, today's Christians will do only what their environment dictates, being led by the evils and love of money.

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Pastor Pays for Integration

Below is an article found on USA Today about a pastor who extended an invitation to whites to attend his church for money. This is not a productive solution to religious integration for a number of reasons.

La. black church will pay whites to attend

By Diane Haag The (Shreveport, La.) Times

SHREVEPORT, La. - Greenwood Acres Full Gospel Baptist Church will pay white people to attend services during August to increase the diversity of its congregation.

Bishop Fred Caldwell says he will pay \$5 per hour for Sunday services and \$10 an hour for the Thursday service. The idea came to him during his sermon Sunday.

"Our churches are too segregated, and the Lord never intended for that to happen. It's time for something radical," Caldwell says.

He is basing the initiative on a parable from Matthew 20:1-16, the story of the workers in the vineyard. A landowner hired men to work in his fields for the day and throughout the day kept seeking more workers. No matter what time they came to work, the workers were all paid the same.

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Though this is a noble effort by the pastor, it is sad to say that there is not enough money in the world that would get white people to voluntarily and permanently integrate for too long with Blacks, even in the church.

Many people may disagree and claim that their church is diverse but it is guaranteed that the pastor of that church is white. White people are first reluctant to sit under a Black pastor. Second, there are too many white churches where they may feel more comfortable for them to go to Black churches.

Paying people, any people, to attend church totally undermines the power and grace of God. And if the motive is to integrate then the primary will of God is undermined because it does not address salvation, but integration.

The parable from the Bible does not represent his stance completely because if the idea is to reward those who worked in the field then all should be paid and not just the white people.

As stated earlier, the effort is noble but is not the answer.

The Poverty Spirit

Many pastors have proclaimed the definition of the "poverty spirit" from the pulpits into the ears of their congregations, especially over the past 10 years. However, is there such a thing as the poverty spirit in the eyes of God, or is it a man-made doctrine pronounced upon church members?

As defined by today's pastors, the poverty spirit is a mental deficiency that both believers and non-believers alike possess while ensnared in certain thinking. Thinking that is contrary to prosperity and success. In no uncertain terms or certain biblical doctrine, this theory says that people who possess the poverty spirit have accepted life as it comes without trying to improve themselves or their economic situations by using the inheritances God left for them.

It says that people have succumbed to a type of contented mind-set that restrains them from seeking the riches of the Kingdom. In more uncertain terms, this theory says that people should get their inheritance here and now on earth and not wait for the promises of heaven. Preachers preach this and expect their members to take heed and grow financially, for the benefit and up building of the ministry of course.

What this has led to is when peoples' economic situation looks to have not changed over a period of time from bad to better, the problem must be that these people are possessed with the poverty spirit because they cannot grow and prosper the way God has promised.

It implies that these people are disobeying God because they have refused to accept His gifts and blessings and must be disobedient to His word because they are not reaping the rewards. When people feel they have disappointed God by not prospering enough financially to overcome the supposed poverty spirit, their self-esteem drops and they feel they are unworthy of God and all He has to offer, which include happiness and joy.

Never mind that the possibility of economic recessions and downturns may have an effect on the economic well being of the labor force as a whole, as it did after 911. During this time, when many people lost jobs and the economy of many different businesses dropped, preachers did not have an answer for the physiological effects of time and matter and thus were not able to differentiate between reality and spirituality.

People just assumed that something unforeseen was tossed into God's plan for their prosperity and sought after any reasons to excuse their sudden financial losses and slow downs. Preachers, of course, sought out Bible verses to justify what happened to the economy by preaching encouragement and faith.

The truth is, if the economy had gotten worst and society had fallen even deeper into a world of lack and poverty, all people, even the rich, would have felt the brunt of reality and the meaning of the poverty spirit. Poverty is not a sin and neither is riches a blessing and the Bible encourages neither, however, it is better to eat herbs with the poor than share an ox and make merry with fools.

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Revelations on the Rapture

The Rapture is an event Christians regard as the day when the Lord Jesus Christ returns for His church, the body of Christ. The event unfolds like this: it will be a normal day and the world will be operating as every other day, when suddenly all Christians will disappear from the very spot they are standing before the eyes and to the amazement of anyone around them. If the Christian happens to be driving a car, the car will veer out of control after it is abandoned. If two people are standing at a water cooler and one is a Christian, the Christian will miraculously disappear and their clothes will drop to the floor.

Where will they go? They "shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air" (1 Thessalonians 4:17), and those who are not Christians, or did not have Jesus as their Savior (according to the popular doctrine) will be left standing and wishing they had received Him. From that time, the world will go into total chaos trying to understand this phenomenon. Husbands and wives, children, co-workers and friends will suffer the loss of loved ones to a force beyond their understanding. While this event is supposed to bring many to a realization that Christ is real, there will also be many skeptics attempting to explain this event in scientific terms.

Church leaders have accepted this rendition of how the Lord, at His Second Coming, will come to receive His people and leaders have termed it the Rapture. Bible scholars have written books, correlated together through biblical doctrine to confirm the same theory. As a result of this acceptance, Christian stores sale merchandise like tee-shirts and bumper-stickers that blurb witting sayings about the Rapture, such as "in the event of a Rapture, this car will be out of control," and "beam me up Jesus." The Christian world has settled with this explanation of the Second Coming of the Lord and not many of today's church leaders have searched for anything deeper.

However, when pondering this theory seriously, and in terms of the abilities and power of God, the Rapture theory cannot possibly reveal what will really happen. Inevitably, there will be a Second Coming of Christ, and true Christians will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord, because this is what the Bible says, but it will not happen as scholars say it will and churchgoers expect. They left out a few obviously logical details. First, the word "Rapture" is not in the Bible at all. This fact automatically subtracts from the theory and blissful description the word Rapture imparts, which is joy, ecstasy, and the bliss of a seventh heaven, which sounds good and what the scholars intended to provoke, a state of ecstasy. Nevertheless, is this ecstasy what the Second Coming will bring?

Despite man's fantastic imagination and wishful thinking, along with his misinterpretation of God's Word, the Second Coming of Christ - according to the Bible- will only be blissful to those Jesus comes for. The day will begin as normal, but a preceding event must first take place before the His arrival. In fact, this preceding event will be the reason He comes again. Scholars seem to view Jesus as a magician who performs feats of "the eye being quicker than the hand" leaving the audience astounded, which is where they make their mistake. Though the Lord does astound people, He rarely does it with showy antics. God works the opposite way of man's mind, which is why men cannot perceive Him wholly.

When a person is looking for Him to come from the left, He comes from the right. When they look for Him from the east, He comes from the west. In the case of the Rapture, or Second Coming, Christians are expecting to be taken before the eyes of the world leaving the world in repentance and shame, but when the Lord returns to gather His people, the rest of the world will not see it because it is the soul, not the body that He is coming for. The scripture says that, "flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption" (1 Corinthians 15:50). If He comes for the soul and not the body, any logical person would reason that in the case of the Rapture, the clothes would not be the only things that fall to the ground; if the soul is gone then the body will fall also. And if there are 50 million Christians in the world, there will be 50 million dead bodies on the ground. Though this too may seem like an alternate Rapture theory, neither is this what will happen.

Many church leaders will quote the scripture that says, "we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye" (1 Corinthians 15:51, 52), to justify that the body will be taken and then changed in mid air once we meet the Lord. However, the scripture also says that this body is of the earth must return from whence it came, back to the earth, therefore, how can the body be changed and returned to the earth at the same time? This is where believers must study the Word and pray fervently for understanding. Many church leaders know that Christians do not study, as they should - and neither do they -so they continue to teach this illogical and imaginative theory, neither themselves searching for deeper meaning. Well, what is the deeper meaning?

In Romans chapter 7, vs.-25, Paul uncovers a plot that his flesh has set for his spirit man. He discovers a war in his members, in which the will of his flesh is warring against the will of the Holy Spirit within him, bringing him into captive to the laws of sin and unrighteousness. In deeper meaning, Paul reveals the two natures of humankind, the fleshly and the spiritual being within man: the flesh being the body and the Holy Spirit in man being a reflection of the person's soul. One who has received the gift of the Holy Spirit has a desire from the Spirit to conform their soul into what God desires them to be. This is where Paul found a serious fight, to regain control of and the destiny of his soul. The Holy Spirit is the power that will "Rapture" the soul of the Christian and if there is no Holy Spirit in the Christian, the soul of the person is then lost. The Lord is not interested in the flesh because the flesh is that which he wants to destroy. Therefore, if the flesh is left to die on earth it is no great lost.

If one understands that there are two natures within a single person, especially and actually, in a Christian, then they must realize that both the body and the soul cannot return when the Lord comes to receive His people. Furthermore, it is natural and written law that the body must return to the earth from whence it came because it was sown from the earth and cannot bare the image of the heavenly (1 Corinthians 15:44- 49). So now, where are we in terms of the "Rapture" theory? If suddenly the Lord returns one day, and He - because of His own word - cannot take the body because we as Christians "must put off this body" and 50 million dead bodies around the world appears nowhere in the written word of God as prophesy, then the Rapture theory has no validity.

Other church leaders will argue the point that the scripture says at the coming of the Lord, "Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left" (St. Matthew 24:40, 41). They use these scriptures to justify that the Rapture theory is accurate according to what the Bible says. However, how accurate and God-like is this concept. What is its actual meaning? In the parable, it may seem that there are two people together doing whatever it is they are doing, but spiritually, it is only one person but with the two natures, Paul talked of in Romans chapter seven when he explains the war of the flesh and of the spirit.

In Corinthians chapter 15, the scripture says that there is a natural man and there is a spiritual man, and that the natural must come before the spiritual in all things (vv.46). We as humans were born first of the flesh, of the natural body, and when we are born again we are born of the spirit and have a spiritual body, or are attempting to build a spiritual body. When a person has gone through the second birth, by being born again of water and of the spirit, they are daily attempting to change the inner-man or fleshly-man into a spiritual man, thus there is a war within their souls of the two natures.

In the Second Coming of the Lord, He will take the spiritual man and leave the natural. He will take the reborn-man and leave the sinner man. This is the revelation of the field in St. Matthew 24. The one will be taken and the other left. The spiritual man will be taken and the natural man left behind. This biblical theory and revelation makes void the theory of bible scholars who have not searched the spiritual depths of God. Following this train of thought, it seems there will be dead bodies all over if God comes only for the spiritual man and not the natural. However, we must go deeper into the scriptures to find out what happens to the natural bodies when Jesus comes for His church, and what happens to the rest of the world who had not the new birth.

In 2 Peter 3: 4-10, the Bible explains that the world will not be destroyed by water the second time but by fire. It says "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass

away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with a fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up" (vv. 10). Again, many preachers will relate this passage of scripture to the end, after the Great Throne Judgment, but the passage distinctly says "the day of the Lord" which is the day of Jesus, not God, and the day of Jesus is the day of the Second Coming. So if on the day of the Lord the earth and the works of the earth, meaning all things made from the earth, will be burned up, that means that some force of an immense heat will cause this traumatic destruction of humankind. What could it be?

Either man will destroy himself with the inventions of nuclear arms, or some falling asteroid from space will hit the earth. Nevertheless, so God can remain a righteous God, He will not be the one to be blamed by man of man's destruction, but as written in the article Prepare to Survive, God will allow man to destroy himself. If man is foolish enough to erase God from humanity then he is foolish enough to destroy himself because he has not the knowledge of Him who created him. Therefore, it will be by man's own hands that the world will end. Afterward, God will judge the world.

Yes, there will be some world left because the Bible says that after that day there must remain three-fourths of the world and of the world's population (Revelation 8:7-12). This begins the tribulation period. Humanity will attempt to rebuild and go on but there will be no Christians - as the evil man desires - and there will be no Jesus, nor a portion of His spirit to receive, for He will remove His spirit from the earth. There will be only one religion and one god to worship, which will be the anti-Christ, and all those who did not receive the spirit of God. This is when those who thought they were worshipping God will scream into the air "Lord, Lord," from St. Matthew 7:21-23.

In theory, the world will not know that the Lord has returned because the too will be under heavy attack from whatever fervent heat it will be that strikes the earth. No one will know that the Second Coming has taken place but those whom Jesus has come to receive. The church will never get the glory and attention they are claiming from the event of the Second Coming because their bodies and those of the world will be burned together. The spiritual man will be taken and the natural man will be left. The body will return to the dust from whence it came and the soul will return to God. This is the truth about the Rapture. If there are any other questions or concerns, consult the Bible and search these mysteries to see if they were so.

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Know the Truth About Salvation

INTRODUCTION

With so many religions in the world today, and numerous denominations in the United States alone, the chances of finding the absolute truth comes down to those who sincerely want it. An open mind is not the only thing needed in a search for the truth but an open heart that holds a desire for the knowledge of God, and a simple belief in the words that have been recorded about Him.

Know the Truth rightly divides the precepts of the Holy Bible in order to render a clearer picture of the will of God for everyone's soul salvation. Without complicated theories or hype about how to be saved, the booklet remains simple enough for even a child to understand. Again, all that is required on the part of the reader is faith in the word and promises of God, not in the author.

"And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, Lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" (St. Matthew 3:16, 17).

The above scripture gives us all the perfect example of what it takes to please God, born again of water, and of the Spirit. After John baptized Jesus, and the Holy Spirit of God came upon him, God made it known that he was well pleased in his Son. Before this blessed event took place, in verse 15 Jesus reminded John that he must be baptized of him in order to "fulfill all righteousness." To be righteous means to be in right standing with God, and Jesus gave us the beginning fruits of acceptance into the kingdom of God. Furthermore, God acknowledged Jesus as his Son and this is what it truly means to be a child of God.

Common sense - and the word of God - will reveal anyone that there is only one possible way to get to the kingdom of God. Regardless of the different world religions and theories of salvation, and the various doors to the kingdom many church denominations have left open, God has but one door to His kingdom, and it was unlocked by His first-born son Jesus Christ.

The actual event of Jesus and John the Baptist is again, the foundation to salvation. Born again of water and of the Spirit completes salvation as required by God. No other method can precede this act of the new birth. Different church denominations will veer around this act with their own interpretation of salvation only because they fear the truth, or do not know the truth. Therefore, they try to make it easier for a soul to enter by proclaiming such false doctrines like accepting the Lord as your personal Savior and they will be saved, and of course, they back this theory with a scripture in which we will dissect later in the booklet. Nevertheless, the truth is, the leaders who teach this theory have themselves taken the easy way out.

Certain churches tell you that the first step is to get saved, then to get born again, which is not only a false doctrine but contradicts the scriptures. Once a person is born again of water and of the Spirit, they are saved. This is what will save them from going to hell. When the Holy Spirit of God descends down into a person, the same Spirit will resurrect them at his gathering of believers. A person cannot be saved then get the Holy Spirit, for it is the Holy Spirit that saves.

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost" (Titus 3:5).

Along with this scripture, there are other scriptures to confirm the one and only new birth. The believer must rightly divide the word of truth in order to get the full picture of salvation and not assume the theories of an unlearned teacher. No amount of good deeds, tithes or offerings, faithfulness in church attendance, hours of bible study, or any other almsgiving acts can substitute for the correct method of salvation.

"Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (St. John 3:3). "Verily, verily I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God" (St John 3:5).

The word baptism comes from the Greek word "Baptizo" which means "to make fully wet: to wash." To be made fully wet - as Jesus was when John baptized him - one must go down into a body of water - and he "came straightway up out of the water" (verse 16), after John totally submerged him into the water making him fully wet. This is the actual, physical way that a person is to be baptized, not sprinkled or splashed, neither is it only symbolic. If it were only a symbol Jesus would not have done it physically.

The spiritual meaning for being water baptized is to wash away your old sin nature. We were all born into sin and are considered sinners by nature. Even if a person has never broken any of the original Ten Commandments, they are still considered sinners and must be regenerated by the water baptism. You repent for the immoral acts of sin that you consciously commit and then get water baptized in order to wash them away. "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:4). Thus, the water baptism begins for a person the start of a sinless life.

Another misconception in the doctrine of water baptism is the name in which it is to be done. Traditional churches teach from the scripture of St. Matthew 28:19, in which Jesus commissioned the disciples to go and baptize all nations in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. However, let us search the scriptures and see what name the disciples used when they started baptizing people. In the book of Acts after the believers received the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost, and after Peter preached to them what was prophesied of Joel concerning the Christ, a group of men asked Peter: "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:37, 38). Peter plainly stated to the men that they should be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. He did not say in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Why? Because the Holy Ghost revealed to Peter that Jesus was, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

Another example of the baptism in Jesus name is recorded in Acts 10:48 when Peter baptized other believers who had received the Holy Ghost but had not yet been baptized. "And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord." And who is Lord? Jesus Christ is Lord. Not only did the disciples baptize in the name of Jesus Christ, they did many other miracles of the kingdom in his name. "Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk" (Acts 3:6).

Paul cast out a demon from a woman who mocked at them for many days, and he did it in the name of Jesus Christ. Acts 16:18. All power is given to Jesus Christ and everything that is to be done in the will of God is to be done in the name of Jesus Christ. The only reason some churches teach the title of the

Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, is because they have not the true revelation of the Spirit or who the Christ really is, they only rely on intellectual understanding of God, not Spiritual understanding. They fear the supernatural powers that come within the essence of the Holy Ghost and from the authority of Jesus Christ, which is also why they make up alternative ways of salvation, because of the fear of truth.

In the book of Acts 19:1-7, Paul had run across a group of believers who had been water baptized by John's baptism - which was the baptism of repentance - and had not yet received the gift of the Holy Ghost. They told Paul that they had not even heard of the Holy Ghost, but they were only believers of the Christ. They had a zeal for righteousness and they believed in the baptism of John, but Paul told them that John preached of believing in the one that would come after him, which was Jesus Christ. Then the scripture reads: "And when they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied" (Acts 19:6).

Another reason church leaders today avoid the true gospel is because they do not believe in speaking in tongues after receiving the Holy Ghost. Speaking in other tongues is not only a gift of the Holy Spirit, but also a confirmation of receiving God. The scripture reveals tongues (which is spoken of throughout the New Testament) as one of the many attributes of God. It is ordained of God and a part of the new birth. Tongues are a way the Spirit within you communicates with God after the new birth. "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercessions for us with groanings which cannot be uttered" (Romans 8:26).

The Spirit baptism, the Holy Ghost, or, the Holy Spirit is all the same thing. To be born of the Spirit is to receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. Jesus promised the disciples and all that believe on him this precious gift. It is the actual essence of God inside of you - if you receive it. It is real. Many people do not believe in things they cannot see so they take for granted the presence of the Holy Ghost. A ghost is a spirit, and God is a spirit, so people actually take God for granted because there is no evidence of his presence. However, the Spirit of God shows much infallible evidence. It takes a sincere belief in the Spirit in order for it to show itself to you, or come inside you. A person must be ready to receive it and the gifts and supernatural powers that it brings with it, and must not fear. If one believes in the Spirit and desires for it to enter them, then it will come; it is a promise of Jesus Christ. It will come inside your body, bring to life your soul, and illuminate your mind that you may see the evidence of God. Afterward, you will know beyond a doubt that God is real.

The Holy Ghost does not appear once then goes away. It stays with you forever. After you receive it, wherever you may be, it will be there in the morning when you awake. The world has stereotyped the receiving of the Holy Ghost into a picture of people running and jumping and shouting out of control, and many people react this way because they feel they should live up to this enactment. Nevertheless, one can receive the Holy Ghost as quietly and calmly as the Lord gives it. Because of this stereotyped picture of the Holy Ghost, many are frightened away from receiving it. In a way, you could say that the church could be responsible for discouraging many potential believers because of the show they put on in church.

False prophets have also given the powers of the Holy Ghost a bad name by displaying pretentious shows of healing and casting out of demonic spirits. These acts were also done in the days of the early apostles' where unsaved men would use the authority of Jesus' name to cast out devils, which in turn discredited the apostle's true demonstrations of the power of God. Yet, the Holy Ghost is given sincerely to those

who seek sincerely. Those who understand its authority use the powers sincerely, and the gifts of the Spirit operate correctly for those who practice them correctly. "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you" (St. Matthew 7:7).

"Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them" (St. Mark 11:24).

The Holy Ghost is the Spirit of God and God is love. It is the Spirit of truth, and Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. The Holy Ghost is a comforter; one that will keep you focused in the times of life's trials and tribulations; though hard times of pain and heartaches. It gives you joy in the mist of corruption; it gives you peace in the mist of confusion. It makes you humble and meek in the face of arrogance and pride. It fills your heart and mind with the characteristics of righteousness when evil attempts to consume you. It gives faith to trust in the promises of God when the situation gets beyond your understanding and control, to remind you that He will always provide for you and never leave you barren or without daily encouragement.

The Holy Ghost strengthens you in the presence of all your enemies and gives you the victory over all the works of the adversary. He (the Holy Ghost) is a teacher of truth so you will never believe a lie. He is a guide on the road of salvation so that you do not go astray under the deceptions of the devil. He protects you from all evil; heals you from sicknesses, and delivers you from your own sins and iniquities. Give Him the chance and He will solve all the problems in your life. The fruits and gifts of the Spirit are all attributes of God that a person cannot experience unless they have received the Spirit. There are cases where a person might practice forms of witchcraft using the forces of the spiritual world, powers of the prince of darkness, or spiritual wickedness in high places, but these illusions of power cannot match the dominion of the spiritual realm of the kingdom of God. Every gift must, or should be, used in a manner that exalts the kingdom of God. The Spirit perfects that which is lacking in a soul by molding it into a form of righteousness and goodness, which has a power all its own.

The things that cannot be seen with the natural eye can be seen in the Spirit. A spiritual person can perform things that cannot be done by the natural man. "But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God" (1 Corinthians 2:9, 10).

"Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offense unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men" (St. Matthew 16:23).

When men begin to make up their own ways of entering the kingdom of God, they begin to err from the truth of Gods word. Some men alter the truth of salvation in order to gain followers; they figure that many people - as they are - refuse to believe in something they cannot see and would rather worship gods according to their own desires. In other words, they want the easy way out and there are many false teachers who adhered to their wishes. Thus fulfilling the scripture of 2 Timothy 4:3,4. Please read. There is only one way to be saved; to enter the kingdom of God; to go to heaven, and that is to be born again of water and of the Spirit.

The most popular method taught of getting saved by unlearned traditional preachers comes from the scripture in Romans 10:9 which reads: "That if thou confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus Christ, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." All scripture is true and profitable for doctrine yet a follower of the gospel must rightly divide the Word of truth.

The 10th chapter of Romans was dedicated to the unbelieving Jews who rejected Christ as the Savior of the world. They first had to recognize this fact in order for them to begin the process of salvation. This confession of Christ as the Savior can be done, and has been done, by the devil himself; but this does not mean that he will be saved. The devil knows that God raised Christ from the dead and that Christ is the Savior of humanity, yet his destiny is already planned; he cannot be saved. The scripture in James 2:19 reads: "Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble." It is a shame that even the devil knows there is a god (and many people acknowledge the devil) but people will not believe in the powers and salvation of the Lord.

Anyone can confess though mere words have no meaning if you do not have faith. The devil will stand before a crowd and say; "Yes, I confess with my mouth and believe in my heart." but this does not guarantee salvation. The confession and belief are elementary to bring you to salvation, and eventually you will be saved. Further down in Romans verse 13 it reads: "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Again, this act is one that jump-starts your faith of God. Once you conclude that you truly believe and desire to live for the Lord, and then you seek and ask for the gift of the Holy Ghost. Only after you receive the gift of the Holy Ghost, and are water baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, will you be saved. "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarded of them that diligently seek him" (Hebrews 11:6).

So you can confess, believe, and call on his name, the devil does all those things also, but unless one receives the gift of the Holy Ghost, to be born again, you will not enter the kingdom of God. The difference is thin and it takes a sincere soul to understand the truth; one who really wants to know God and not just to pretend he is saved, or to belong to the trendiest church scene. It is also difficult to know the true believers from the false, but one who has received the gift of the Spirit should be able to recognize the wolves in sheep's clothing and their teachings of false doctrine.

After the Holy Ghost is received by anyone, the gifts will begin to appear. "And these signs shall follow them that believe; in my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover" (St. Mark 16:17, 18). It takes faith and belief in these scriptures in order for them to manifest. Any of the gifts of the Spirit takes faith in order to operate. Moreover, in order for your faith to operate properly, you must have love; and God is love. God is also a Spirit. Therefore, if you receive the Holy Spirit of God you can manifest the gifts of the Spirit through love.

Today's' Christian do not operate in the gifts of the Spirit like they should because they find it a bit embarrassing to go around claiming to have supernatural powers. Many Christians have even received the Holy Ghost yet fail to bring forth the faith to operate in the gifts. The truth is they are afraid they will be mocked by the world that stereotype and classify those who operate in the gifts as belonging to a cult. "But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him" (St. John 4:23).

Both spirit and truth are required of a believer after they receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. Worship of God consists of an adoration of God. A desire to know Him and His will for your life. A desire to be molded into the image of His Son Jesus Christ: a desire to be righteous according to the standard of God's righteousness, not your own: to seek the heavenly powers of good, and not evil, and to use those powers to bring others into the faith of God. Worship of God enables a believer to realize things as they truly are and not the illusions of the world: to accept the truth even in the time of doubt: to know the truth and uphold it in the face of persecution by millions of others, in the face of mockery and contempt by those who seek to deceive you. One must speak the truth when pain may be the result, yet speaking it in love and hope of salvation, not as a cloak of maliciousness.

A true worshipper of God never compromises the truth for a portion of this world's wealth or glory or status, (like thousands of preachers are doing today, and have done throughout history). A true worshipper knows the standard of God and lifts it up against the devil. A true worshipper is hated by the world, not loved; family members and close friends because of his devotion and adoration of his Lord despise him. True worshippers accept the necessary things of life with great contentment rejoice in the joy, peace, and love that he receives of the Lord everyday. He is constantly learning new things about the kingdom of God and never rest at the price of deception. He loves the saints of God so deeply that he, like Jesus, would give his life to save them. He has a never-ending hope for those that are lost and blind to the deceptions of Satan, that they will some day know, just how deep the love of God runs.

"And hope maketh not ashamed, because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us" (Romans 5:5). The plan of the devil is to sidetrack anyone he can, as long as he can, from knowing the truth. So many preachers these days have been trained and taught by older preachers who themselves were deceived that it is very difficult discerning who is telling the truth any more. Many people use this excuse for not going to church but at the day you stand before God, and he opens the lambs book of life, (which is the New Testament), and begin to recite the scriptures to you, you will be condemned by your own resistance to the truth, because the truth is written in His Word.

No one can blame the church or the preachers who preach false doctrine for the damnation of millions of souls on that day; only you will be able to answer for your own soul salvation. Since people choose to hear what they want to hear, and live the Christian life the way they feel is acceptable to God, not only will you be condemned by lack of faith in His Word, but you will be convicted of crucifying the Son of God: along with all the preachers who neglected to acknowledge the truth in this age of mercy and Gods grace.

For all those who seek the riches of this world beneath the cloak of a bible, and for those who financially profit from the words of righteousness, and those who mock souls that practice the gifts of the Spirit, along with those who chose not to live life in truth; your reward will be with the one whom you have so selfishly omitted from your life. The one in whom you talk of and pray to and ask from and sing to and teach about, yet have failed to truly know. The one who died for all the sins you are wickedly committing each time you resist the words and promises of His new covenant of grace. Moreover, the only one who can save you from the convictions of your heart, by love, mercy, and faith in His Holy Spirit.....AMEN!

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Tithing: In the Age of Grace

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INTRODUCTION

Tithing in the age of Grace searches each phase of tithing throughout the bible. As the giving of a tenth to Melchizedek by Abraham, as an inheritance to the tribe of Levi during the period of the Law, these two theories cover the Old Testament. The coming of Christ and his standpoint on tithing, the early church and their methods of receiving money, up unto today's church and in what ways it practices tithing.

The book of Hebrews thoroughly covers the first two stages of tithing, which will be studied in the first portion of this booklet. The second portion of this booklet will examine Christ's stand on tithing along with other relevant scriptures in the New Testament. By the end of the composition, the reader should be able to endorse his or her own judgment in the matter. By testimony of the word itself and through the inward unction of the teaching of the Spirit of Truth, (the Holy Ghost); to discern whether or not the church of Jesus Christ should be tithing in the age of Grace.

Part one - Hebrews

Chapters 6-11 of the book of Hebrews cover the theory of Christ being the high priest of God forever after the order of Melchisedec. Within a thorough analysis of the theory, there is a divine enlightenment concerning the duty of tithing as it pertains to the followers of Christ. In order to unfold the revelation, we will follow each passage and precept beginning with chapter 6, verse 1 of Hebrews. (In order to preserve space and for the reader to get full confirmation of this study, the author asks that the reader have the Word of God opened to the selected text).

In chapter 6:1-3, the writer of Hebrews admonishes the saints to leave the principles of the doctrine of Christ and go on unto perfection. "And this will we do, if God permit." verse three. There are levels of growth within the walk of the gospel and in order to leave the principles of the doctrine of Christ, the beginning level, one has to first be rooted in the doctrine. Having understanding of each of the above basics of the doctrine; repentance, faith in God, baptisms, spiritual gifts, the resurrection of the dead and of the judgment, the saint can then grow into the perfecting stage of the gospel.

Once a believer is rooted in the doctrine, they cannot be uprooted or led astray after the Lord directs them into their calling, to perform Gods will for them in their life. The beginning phase (the one of grounding), is to mold the believer for the work in which God has called them, and this is the central meaning for the first 3 verses in chapter 6. An understanding of this message will be needed, and referred back to, as we go further into this search.

Verses 4-8, in its revealed meaning, simply admonishes the believer of the consequences to reap if one never advances from the basics of the doctrine of Christ in order to go on unto perfection. They fail to bring forth a harvest of the gospel and are nigh unto cursing, because they have crucified Christ in their refusal to enter into the perfecting phase of the gospel; moreover, they never fulfill the will of God for them in their lives. Verses 9-12 encourage the believer to continue on in the gospel through faith and patience in order to obtain the promises of God.

With this basic foundation laid by the first 12 verses of chapter 6, we hope that the reader has found himself to be rooted in the gospel and ready to go on unto perfection. In order to obtain perfection, the believer must be ready to remove from them, any burdens of the Law and press forward into the true gospel, which comes only by faith and grace in Christ. The following passages and precepts of the next five chapters will confirm this advancement.

In verses 13-17, it can be confirmed that the scriptures resort back to the promise made by God to Abraham, in which God blessed and multiplied him. God confirmed it by an oath, seeing there was no higher authority to swear by, thus establishing the fact that all of the heirs after Abraham would also inherit the blessing. Verses 18-20 holds that it is impossible for God to lie which give the heirs of the promise all the more reason to pursue the promise, especially if the forerunner, (Jesus Christ), has paved the way for us, "made high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec." verse 20.

In conclusion of chapter 6, we have established the fact that a believer must, at some point in their walk of the gospel, leave off the principles and move on unto perfection. There is a clear distinction here that there is more than one phase of understanding God, if one does not advance from the beginning level then there would be no way for them to appreciate the next level, not to mention it being difficult to understand.

The scriptures encourage the believer to follow after the promises of God as an heir of the blessing to Abraham - made without a doubt by God and under the influence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ - who went before us into the veil as an high priest making intercession for our sins. With this in agreement we will continue on.

Chapter 7, verses 1-4, renders a complete explanation of the role of Melchisedec who received an offering from Abraham, a tenth of the spoils he [Abraham] acquired after destroying the kings who had taken his nephew captive. According to scripture, Melchisedec was considered the high priest of God, made like unto the Son of God, and initiated the deed of tithing as it first appeared in scripture. It represented honoring God with the first fruits of any goods gained by anyone due to instruction and assistance from God.

The incident involving Melchisedec and Abraham represented the proposed plan for the heirs of Abraham - the twelve tribes of Israel and all those who pursue the promises of God - to honor God with the first fruits of anything material obtained by the heir and as a result of instruction or assistance from God. As we continue on in the search, we must remember that the incident between the two, Melchisedec and Abraham first set the foundation for the bases of the Levitical priesthood made under the Law.

"And verily they that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham." verse 5.

As far as being made like unto the Son of God, verse six explains how, although Melchisedec did not come from the loins of Abraham since he existed before Abraham, he received tithes from Abraham and was inspired by God to bless him. Thus, establishing Melchisedec's authority with God, moreover, revealing the omnipotence of God by implementing the fact that Melchisedec was God. This, afterward, formed the foundation of the following dispensation as it pertains to offering to God. Verse seven simply forms a law of nature not to be disputed.

Verse eight distinguishes mortality from immortality along with a clear establishing of carnality from spirituality, an understanding which will be needed in order to fully understand the principles involving tithing under the age of grace. The differences must be understood because as we continue on, the scriptures will reveal that the law is carnal but grace is spiritual.

The Levite died under the law while practicing carnal ordinances and all under grace worship continually by the power of an endless life; therefore, anything carnal has no part within the realm of spirituality or immortality. Verse nine, 10 reveal the fact that the law was being established, (particularly the law of tithing), before Levi was even born; nevertheless, it was counted as in effect when Abraham gave a tenth to Melchisedec.

Verse 11 is interpreted thus; there would have been no need for Jesus to die on the cross in order to bring the saints to perfection if the Levitical priesthood established perfection, or from under the law. If, on the other hand, perfection did come by the law, then we all, unto this day, would be called to be priest the same way Aaron was a priest.

Verse 12, (and this is an imperative thought), clearly state that there must be a change in the law - which involved tithing - if there is a change in the priesthood. The fact that Jesus is now the high priest after the order of Melchisedec means that tithing, under the law of ordinances, is of no effect in the age of grace. But, to further prove this theory, we will continue on with our analysis.

Verses 13-23 are actually self-explanatory and self-evident. First of all, it proves that Jesus came not only to fulfill the law, but, in many instances to disannul the law. Because the law could make any one perfect - and perfection is the purpose of his coming in the making of disciples and followers - the law proved to be unprofitable by reason of death. The Levitical priesthood had to be passed down generation after generation because it was a carnal priesthood.

But now that Jesus is the high priest after the order of Melchisedec, who has the power of an endless life, the priesthood is established eternally and does not require carnal offerings and sacrifices. These verses also verify the fact that Jesus was not even born into the tribe of Levi but into the tribe of Judah, therefore, he was not chronologically authorized by the law to take the office of a priest. Furthermore, with an oath, Jesus was made the high priest by God, unlike Melchisedec and the Levitical priest, and this oath was to establish perfection, and not by the written law, but by the New Testament which is justified by spirituality not carnality, or carnal ordinances.

Verses 24-28 confirms the fact that Jesus has an unchangeable priesthood which is unlike the Levitical priesthood because the Levitical priest possessed infirmities that needed supplementing by way of daily sacrifices, first for their own individual sins, and then for the sins of the people.

They had to come to the altar each day and offer sacrifice in exchange for the forgiveness of the sins they committed each day. But Jesus, who offered himself one time for the sins of everyone committed from here on out, and does not require different high priest to offer daily, is surely a better testament of salvation, confirmed by an oath from God.

During the next three chapters we will focus on selected verses, and we will confirm the ideas by way of passages related to the ideas. For instance, verse two of chapter 8 reveal that the priesthood of Christ was established by God and not by man. It did not require man made rituals for the sanctuary and tabernacle, but the attendance upon these was now spiritual and not carnal, or physical.

For the remaining precepts of chapter 8, the ideas can be interpreted by explaining the following scripture: "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill" (St. Matthew 5:17).

The law that was given to the children of Israel includes the following: The Ten Commandments, the ordinances of attendance upon the alter and the sanctuary, (which consisted of offering the blood of dead animals by the priest for the sins of the people), and the order of the Levitical priesthood as it pertained to the law of tithing - enforced for the stability of the nation and the economic good of the tribe of Levi. Each tribe in the nation of Israel was given an inheritance according to the promise made by God to their founding father Abraham.

The promise was that of a new land, one flowing with milk and honey, that the nation of Israel was to possess after they succeeded out of the wilderness from following Moses. All the tribes received a portion of the new land. Some receive portions of the land that was not across the river Jordan, nevertheless, they received the promise. But the tribe of Levi did not receive land as their inheritance, instead, they received the office of the high priest and were instructed to take tithes of the people in order to sustain them physically, and to intercede for the people's sins by attending to the alter.

Then there were many other added ordinances, such as, laws of property; laws of ethical and judicial behavior; laws and ordinances for rituals of diet, family, worship, and much more; and all these rules and regulations - in which the children of Abraham were to follow - were considered, the law. These laws were to be taught to and lived by every citizen of the nation without any help from a comforter, (which the believers of today have the privilege of possessing). For the record, any soul who does not possess the comforter (Holy Ghost), in this age of grace, are still bound to and will be judged by, the laws of the Old Testament.

God knew that man needed this extra help in keeping the law, the most difficult being the Ten Commandments. So, he sent forth the Spirit of his Son to live in man, or whoever received his Son, in order for the law to be lived and fulfilled in whoever received the Spirit. Thus, in verses 10-13 the Lord announces a new covenant, a New Testament, under a new and everlasting priesthood. One that there will be no need to obey carnal ordinances and rituals for the sacrificing of sins because he will totally wash away all sins and remember them no more using only one sacrifice; his only begotten Son, Jesus

Christ, who taketh away the sins of the world. Then in verse 13 he states: "A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxen old is ready to vanish away."

God enforced this new covenant because he desired for his people to be perfect, and since the law made no one perfect because of the infirmities of the flesh, he sent forth his Son, in the likeness of sinful flesh, to overcome the sins and disobedience of the flesh. The children of Israel walked in the flesh; they worshipped God in the flesh, and they died in the flesh. They will also be judged by the law, based on whether or not they kept the law as directed by Moses and upheld by the high priest.

But, when God decided to have mercy on humanity, because he loved us so, he reformed the covenant in order to help our infirmities. This is when he sent forth his Son so that whoever believed in him might overcome the flesh, and death, and live eternally; and this is called the Grace of God. Therefore, he did not destroy the law but fulfilled it with one that would prevail over all written law: "Love worketh no ill to his neighbor: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law," (Romans 13:10). And this is all he requires from a believer when it pertains to salvation - love.

Chapter 9 verse 1 of Hebrews describes the first covenant as having a worldly sanctuary. This means that all the ordinances and rituals of worship services were fleshly and physical. Verse 2-7 details all of the physical characteristics of the tabernacle along with the priests' daily services in relation to the offerings for sins. Verses 8-10 probes deeper into the symbolic meaning of the services. These were not yet made manifest but were only a type of forethought as to what was to come. Revealing the fact that these carnal services were only practiced until the time of the reformation, or changing of the covenant, which would then make the believer perfect as pertaining to the conscience.

The consciences' of the children of Israel were least effected by all the ordinances and attempts to keep the law. The priest offered for their sins in fleshly means thus only justified their sins in the flesh, and not in heart or mind. This aspect of perfection must be remembered as we continue on, that, under the inspiration of grace, the spirit and interceding power of Christ is to perfect the mind, soul, spirit, and flesh, and not just the flesh only, as the ordinances or the law did.

The remaining of chapter 9 expounds on the ordinances of offering blood upon the altar for the remission of sins. The children of Israel offered the blood of dead animals as a sacrifice for the forgiveness of their sins. The high priest could not go in unto the tabernacle without the offering of the blood of an animal; this is the carnality of the law.

The believers today do not have to offer the blood of a dead animal for their sins every day because that is what Christ did when he offered himself for the sins of the whole world. Not only was he an offering for our sins but he died just as the high priest died and past on the priesthood to the next generation, yet Christ rose from the dead, (something they could not do), to give eternal life to anyone who believed he rose. Christ entered, not just into the physical tabernacle, or holiest of all made with hands, but he died and entered into the presence of God himself, in order to make intercession for the sins of those who believe.

Chapter 10 verses 1-3 state that, the yearly sacrifices - which were carnal - can never make a believer perfect (another thought to be remembered once we reach our point in discussion) "for then would they not ceased to be offered?" verse 2. We would still be offering sacrifices each day and year in order to

cleanses us of our sins, yet our consciences would never be clean, due to the carnality of the services; therefore, we, and God, would always remember our sins within the guilt of our consciences'. But God promised, and confirmed it by an oath, that he would not remember our sins no more.

Verse 5 is an essential part of this lesson; it provides a root to our theory once we prove that nothing is more important, or even honored by God, than the body itself (which includes the heart, soul, and mind).

All burnt offerings or any kind of sacrifices we give unto God, especially those of material value, cannot take the place of your willingness to be a living vessel for his use. Verses 6-14 establish this truth, and also verify the fact that the one offering of Jesus upon the cross replaced those sacrifices and offerings. He offered himself ONE TIME for the world. There is nothing else that can be given upon the altar as a sacrifice ordered under any commandment that was not covered by the offering of Jesus Christ; therefore, any ordinance carried over from the law has no effect or honor with God. For, all these carnal commandments were disannulled by grace.

Verses 19-25 exhorts all believers under grace to take advantage of this period of grace and be not entangled with the laws of ordinances. There is a new way in which we are forgiven and accepted by God. Not through carnal ordinances and offerings, or through the intercession of any high priest but one. He does not require the blood of goats and bulls, and since he is not from the tribe of Levi, neither does he require a portion of your tithes. We are no longer under those aspects of the law, even though Christ is made high priest after the order of Melchisedec. Abraham gave Melchisedec an offering only one time.

It was recorded only once that he gave him a tenth, therefore, if Jesus died once for us then we are required to offer unto Jesus one time, and that not of a tenth, but of all that we own; chiefly, our whole body, which is our reasonable service. The scripture exhorts us to hold fast to our faith in the everlasting covenant and not in the old; having our bodies, hearts and minds washed with pure water, the water that cleanses us from our sins forever, not just for the year.

Verses 26-39 of Hebrews chapter 10 is in relation to the start of our booklet, at the beginning of chapter 6 of Hebrews. It draws on chapter 6 by reminding the believer that, if a soul does not advance to the point of perfection (which calls for a certain knowledge of the principles of grace), then certain hindrances begin to occur in their growth. It emphasizes that there are no more sacrifices remaining for our sins if we fail to come to the obedience of the gospel as it relates to perfection.

If a believer counts the blood offering of the new covenant as an unholy thing, or as something offered in vain, then that soul will draw the vengeance of God upon them. In order to fulfill obedience under grace one must have faith in the covenant, and not in carnal offerings and ordinances. In order to be justified by faith through grace, one must disregard any suppositions that anything offered to God in the form of material substance has no meaning with God; it is the body only that God will honor.

"Now the just shall live by faith:" verse 38. We must have faith in the new covenant, not in divers washings and meat and drink offerings that were a part of the law. We must see Jesus as the high priest of the new covenant, not our pastors or earthly sanctuaries. We must not trust in earthly riches or man-made traditions and ordinances of worship, but the true worshippers will worship God in Spirit and in truth.

The truth being, there are no more carnal offerings that God will except. The truth being that Jesus is the ONE TIME high priest and we only have to offer to him one time, and that being our bodies. The truth being, under the divine covenant of grace, offering to God is as simple as this: tithe once and give all.

Part two - Perfection in Grace

Once the book of Hebrews interprets the meaning of the law versus the law of grace in chapters 6-10, chapter 11 begins to explain faith, which is needed for spiritual justification in this age of divine grace. Faith in Jesus Christ will deliver a soul from under the bondage of the carnal ordinances of the law, and from the curse of sin and death, (which the law breeds), and take him into the revealed and divine laws of grace. In this second part we will continue our search for perfection in grace while dissecting the law of tithing, replacing it with the new law of giving - which is the unveiled method of prosperity under grace.

We have established the fact that as long as a soul is under the law he will never obtain perfection, therefore, perfection must come by grace. We have also established the gospel truth that tithing was an ordinance under the law by reason of the tithes being an inheritance for the tribe of Levi. We also came to the conclusion that, when Jesus was made the high priest after the order of Melchisedec, a change in priesthood meant also a change of the law.

In connection with these discovered, biblical truths, we will openly reveal the customs of many of today's churches that use tithing as a means of support, constituted by Old Testament rituals. Whether leaders justify tithing from under the law or from under the promise of Abraham, we will show that there is a new and better way to support the church financially. Also, we will enlighten those who use tithing as a means of support to the revelation that, as long as they continue in this ritual, they will fail to see complete perfection as offered by Christ.

Before Abraham gave Melchisedec a tenth of the spoils, God required from Abraham a complete trust in his words. In Genesis 12:1 it reads, "Now the Lord said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:" This commission from God was a great one.

It called for Abram to rely wholly upon the voice and promise of the Lord. He had to trust in his words and actually do what the Lord said to do. He had to leave his land, his family, and all that he knew and go into a strange land, one that he had never known before. The Lord promised him prosperity and security if he obeyed him and Abram did, and he received. This is faith in the grace of God.

Believing that the Lord will provide when one has no idea what lies ahead. He had no other instructions or promises to rely on but the voice of God. He did not have the law of tithing in order to base his prosperity upon, neither did he have any other ordinances or commandments that would assure his future standing with God, he only had the inspiration of the Almighty to lead him.

Chapter 11 of Hebrews is based upon this same principle. It describes the conditions under which the patriarchs, prophets, and women of God had to rely on, not just their money or their church traditions and sanctuary's services, but on the providing power and words of God; and they did not even inherit the promises of God. "And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise" (Hebrews 11:39).

Faith calls for a leaving behind of what we once knew and moving on to something not even seen, but perceived through the divine inspiration, or grace of God. It calls for casting off perpetual traditions that lead to nowhere and sacrificing those things and people you count and rely on, and plummeting into the promises of God. Faith takes up where dependency leaves off. So, faith came long before the idea of tithing (which was only a symbolic forethought of the way the nation of Israel was to be run).

Melchisedec was a shadow or representation of the high priest to be brought forth for Israel, and Abraham was a forerunner of the nation of Israel, just as the law was a shadow and type of the grace to be revealed. Because the nation of Israel served God under the law of carnal commandments, tithes were collected not only for the supporting of the Levites, but for the sustaining of the nation as a whole. It was a physical law of nature.

But grace is a spiritual law, a law that requires faith, not an established system of physical maintenance. For example, to assure the payment of rent or house note, one relies on a job as the foremost means of support. But if a person has an imaginary house, one that is not seen what then, do they rely upon? Faith, to believe that the imaginary house is always there. This image of the house is the spiritual image, while, the actual house is the physical. It does not take faith to supply the physical needs; it takes the source of a material. In order to supply the spiritual needs, it takes the essence of inspiration. (But faith has been known to cross over into the physical world thus supplying a need, yet the spiritual can never be supplied by the natural).

The natural must always come before the spiritual in order for the spiritual to be fulfilled, as in the case of the law before grace, and the natural life of Christ before the spiritual, and even our natural lives before our spiritual. Yet, there is never a moment, in this world, where the spirit relies on the natural to sustain it.

Therefore, material goods or carnal ordinances cannot sustain a spiritual house of God. Neither can a spiritual law be sustained, or even comprehended by physical means. Tithing was a natural law; it was enforced to sustain the children of Israel and the tribe of Levi. It was a law that operated off the fruits of the ground, the spoils of material goods and increases. Tithing has no place in a spiritual law.

In order to gain anything of God through grace, you must have faith, and faith is the evidence of things not seen. You cannot sow a seed in the ground and when the grass has sprung forth you can say it came forth by faith, no; it came forth by the natural law of reaping; same principle of tithing. The Israelites tithed to the Levites, and God, the first fruits of the ground or of any goods they were supplied with from God, and this was to guarantee their future stability as a physical nation.

But when Jesus came, he brought with him a spiritual law, one that did not require sowing and reaping of the earth but of sowing and reaping of spiritual seeds. You cannot sow material seeds and expect spiritual blessings; you will only get natural blessings. You cannot give anything material in exchange for spiritual gifts; you can only give spirit offerings. Therefore, in order to acquire anything from God in the age of grace you must have faith and sow a spiritual seed, or a seed unseen, in order to receive from him anything from above.

Some people will say, "How is the church suppose to pay their light and gas bills if the congregation sows only spiritual seeds, the church needs actual money?" First of all, if the saints of God had a deeper

understanding of grace, they would know that unlimited power lies within the essence of grace. It is an extremely high level of spiritual power that is full of love and all other spiritual fruits, like generosity.

If a person loves the Lord to the full extent of grace they would surely give a generous amount of physical money in exchange for occupancy of a physical building. If the saints were entrenched in the power of grace they would gather more often than two or three nights a week to worship God, they would gather everyday like the saints of the early church, and they would experience this powerful amount of grace and love. If the saints knew the heights at which true grace climbs they would have enough love in their hearts to denounce many other forms of material gain which will enable them to give to the upkeep of the church.

Now, tithing pays the bills yes, but this is its downfall, notice:

"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith, these ought ye to have done, and not leave the others undone" (St. Matthew 23:23).

Jesus condemns the leaders of Israel because tithing was the only thing they enforced. Just as many churches do today, they will tell the congregation that if they do not tithe, they are committing a sin. This concept lacks good judgment, not to mention mercy and faith. How can a person have faith when they are tithing for a material foundation? Under grace, faith is the substance of things hoped for, not known; the evidence of things not seen, not things seen, such as the light bill receipt.

Furthermore, Jesus was speaking to the Pharisees at a time that the law was still in effect (for he had not yet risen), therefore, he included tithing as a property of the law; he compared it to judgment, mercy, and faith as being weightier matters of the law. So tithing is an attribute of the law, not of grace. If a person continues to practice any aspect of the law they will never come to understand grace, or can they come to perfection.

A perfect example of grace is described in the book of Acts 2:41-47, and 4:32-37. The believers were not tithing, they were selling what they already owned and worked for and giving it unto the Apostles. They were denouncing material things in exchange for spiritual riches and fruits. They were GIVING! At the end of Acts chapter 4, verse 36, 37, there is a simple, yet powerful passage that emphasizes the fact that even a Levite; "having land, sold it, and brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet." verse 37.

This is a clear example and confirmation that the laws of tithing and receiving of tithes were overpowered by the essence of grace. Tithing is easy to trust in because it is a sure means of supplying the needs; but leave the comfort zone and enter into faith and one will know true grace and the true providing powers of God.

Another confirmation that faith is better than actual substance, is portrayed in the request of Jesus to his disciples, which reads, "And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life." (St. Matthew 19:29).

This commission from Jesus to all those who would follow him is similar, if not exactly what God instructed Abraham to do; to leave all and follow him into a new land and be blessed for ever more. This

action under the age of grace calls for faith unfeigned; it calls for an absolute trust in Jesus Christ and his gift of grace, and the promise of hundredfold blessings, not only in this life, but also in the life to follow. Now many would rather have this promise from the Lord Jesus Christ under grace, than that ONE blessing in Malachi to come from the windows of heaven after giving your tithes and offerings.

In short, it is better and more justifiable to serve God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ when it comes to the promises under grace of an everlasting life, than to die and fall short by crucifying Christ because of a dedication to the carnality of the law. So, in order to come unto perfection, a soul must be removed from the curse of the law; and in order to obtain the promise, a soul must first do the will of God; in order to do the will of God, one must first know that will.

"Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law." Romans 3:28

Peace to the souls that this study has reached...AMEN!

Women Bishops

Because today's Christendom world has become caught up in the secularism of society, church leaders teach contradictory doctrine to unlearned believers which will eventually lead thousands of souls toward the darkness of Hell. One main contradiction of these teachings is the church's ordination of women as Bishops, which is a definite contradiction of the Holy Bible.

If there is anyone in the Christian world who can make sense of this evident contradiction, please do. How can a woman be ordained a Bishop if the Bible says otherwise? "A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach;" (1 Timothy 3). The same applies to Elders and Deacons.

Explain, with any and all reason and common sense, how a woman can be the husband of one wife. Without going into any modern-day man-made sexist laws, or using politically correct reasoning, justify how this can be so. If this explanation is not justified reasonably, then all church leaders who teach this are contrary to the Bible and should not teach the concepts thereof.

If there are any women in Christianity that have been ordained as Bishops, according to the Bible, they should not be there and should obey the Word of the God they profess to love and worship. Please comment on this article or use it to contend with anyone who would agree with this modern-day doctrine of false Christianity.

This is another of the many, many contradictions of modern-day Christianity.

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Women Preachers

The once controversial issue of women as preachers and church leaders is no longer a controversy, but an accepted part of church organization. Because of society's paranoia of sexism in mainstream lifestyle and the forced hand of government policy, women have taken on many more leadership positions in the church in every denomination, despite what the Bible says on the issue. This is a classic case of the church's transformation to the standards of the world. Those who have infiltrated the church with such beliefs have twisted the words of the Bible to fit society's standards and their own desires.

The Bible gives two direct rules concerning women and their ordained positions in the church and several implications to a woman's authority in the gospel, including various concepts that clearly explain a woman's duty to Christ, to the church, and to their family. However, each of the above areas are also defined by society concerning a woman's position, authority, and duty to Christ, to the church, and to their family, and we will compare the two using both the Word of God and its concepts, and the concepts, rules, and laws of society.

First, we must understand that this new movement of women's leadership in the church erupted from society and not from within the church. The church - which includes all believers of God - did not suddenly one day decide to protest the rights of women feeling that the men in the church were sexist, no, it was the women in the world, outside of the church, who brought this mentality to the church. For years, religion and church organization has continued as it was from the days of old concerning men's roles and women's roles. Only in the past 50 years, have these traditions change because of the gender battles that changed society, which gave women more power in the operation of society. Therefore, this mentality spilled into the church from society and did not stem from the church thus proving that the church has conformed to the world's ways.

When this mentality seeped into the church, church leaders sought out scriptures from the Bible that would supposedly support the women's upward positioning in the church. They not only used scripture, but they used concepts and theoretical reasoning to back their positions. To argue these theories, we will use scriptural and biblical reasoning that will uphold God's will: beginning with scripture.

The most popular scripture used by the women's movement and supporters to convince church-goers that God has no problem with women preachers comes from Galatians 3:28, which reads, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus." This scripture supposedly proves that it does not matter what race, status, or gender a person is if they believe in God that determines what a person can do for God. They argue that this scripture gives women the right to occupy any position in the church they want so long as they believe, and that it makes no difference to God. Along with this scripture they use Romans 2:11, which reads, "For there is no respect of persons with God."

Neither scripture directly says that women can take authoritative positions in the church, yet the scriptures are the only two in the Bible that the women's movement use as solid doctrine to support their claims. The scriptures are mere implications because neither scripture directly speak about the position of women, but

about anyone concerning anything. For instance, if the subject were race these scriptures would serve to integrate discriminated people into the gospel of Christ and into the kingdom of God. Furthermore, if the issue were on master-slave relationship the scripture would apply, as far as the slave being permitted the right to seek after the salvation of God and of His kingdom. God does not have respect of persons where it pertains to anyone being included into the gospel of Christ and His kingdom.

The scripture in Galatians 3:28 follows a concept of the Bible that discusses judgment against certain people, not about church position. The concept is a broad general statement that speaks on the rights of people to have access to the kingdom of God. If read from the beginning of Galatians chapter two, one would see that the discussion is about judgment and not church organization, therefore, no one can rightly and justly conclude that the scripture supports the women's rights to take authoritative positions in the church. As so, with the scripture explaining God's respect of person's in Romans, God does not discriminate against who can enter the kingdom and who cannot. If every scripture were read about God's ability to be fair towards people, none would refer to a woman's position in the church, but as a general statement period.

However, the Bible does directly address church organization where position is concerned and it speaks about women in particular, not in general. Unlike the above scriptures of Galatians and Romans that make broad statements, the following scriptures distinctly apply to women's positions and roles as doctrine, or biblical law. Furthermore, more often than not, church leaders will ignore the following scriptures and place more emphasis on Galatians and Romans. The first scripture reads, "Let your women keep silence in the churches; for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law. And if they will learn anything, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church" (1 Corinthians 14:34, 35).

To silence the mouths of foolish and cynical people, understand first, that the scripture means exactly what it says and there is no other interpretation or hidden concept. Some will argue that Paul wrote the scripture and that it was only his opinion, however, the scripture also says, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (2 Timothy 3:16). Any person who attributes any of the Bible's concepts to the credit of the author of that concept is attempting to escape what the Bible teaches. God gave all words of the Bible to the men by revelation of the Holy Ghost and the men recorded the words in a book. The scripture of Corinthians means what it says.

Women should keep silent in the church, as in not talking, questioning, or preaching. The scripture does not mean that women should help in keeping people from talking during the sermon - many would attempt this deception - because the scripture refers back to whom it is talking about when it says, "it is a shame for a woman to speak in the church." The scripture also exerts the fact that this rule of church worship comes from the law of the Old Testament, which is the only law carried over from the Old Testament. Preachers will carry over from the Old Testament the law of tithing but they will not adhere to the law of the submission of women, which again confirms that the church has conformed to the world.

When the scripture in Corinthians talks about women asking their husbands at home, it also means just that. Submission to the head of the marriage is a part of the gospel and this rule should remain in force. Society has equalized the marriage now so that the wife has as much authority as the husband, which they enforced with written law by way of the government: however, the Bible does not recognize man's law if

it interferes with what He says. The man is still the head of the relationship and if God says that the woman should ask questions at home and not raise her voice in church, then that is what the church should obey.

The next scripture that directly confronts the authority of women is in 1 Timothy chapter 2, which reads, "Let the women learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. For Adam was first formed, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in transgression" (vs. 11-14). The scripture distinctly says that women are not suppose to teach or usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence, which confirms the scripture in Corinthians. Teaching and being in authority over men means preaching to, leading, or pastoring men or a man. Though the Bible says that women should not take authority, it is the reason why God does not allow it that confuses people.

Why, people ask. Why should not a woman pastor churches and preach the gospel of Christ. Then they get theological and suppose God is not like what we think and that he is a liberal and hip God, and He understands. So, they ignore the Word and become presumptuous about what the scripture means. They have long forsaken the Word of God and any reasons why God would say that women should not preach. No church leader has explained to people why God disallows women to take authority over men and people take advantage of this lack of knowledge and impart their own rules.

As the scripture above states, "Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived being in transgression." The point of the scripture is to make plain that women are the weaker vessel and are more vulnerable to the attacks of the Devil and his scheme to destroy the church, believers, and humankind. When the woman ate of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, she caused an unchangeable curse that lasted more than four thousand years, which was the curse of death, Had Satan tempted the man, the story may have ended differently, but that is not what the Bible wants us to know.

God wants us to acknowledge His plan and perfect will by accepting the absolute that God did not create woman equal to man but women are, in fact, created for man. "Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man" (1 Corinthians 11:9). This is how God planned life to be and this is how the world, especially church leaders, should live. Each species has their God-given role in life and we should respect that role and not attempt to change it for our own benefit or in subservience to the world. The essential reason why women are not suppose to take leadership roles over men is that it is against what God has created.

The next obvious reason is that women are equipped for life differently than men. God gave women the natural ability to nurture the child, He did not give that ability to men and men should not take it upon themselves to assume the role of a nurturer if they are not equipped with what is natural. On the other hand, because women are not equipped with what men have naturally, which is the responsibility of leadership over the earth, society, his wife, and children, women should not attempt to take on that responsibility but should concentrate on what God ordained.

The above reasons are not Biblical but naturally obvious. If biblical sense is to be made for why women should not lead men, or flocks, then believers must believe and obey the two doctrinal requirements for women, which are to keep silence and not usurp authority over the man. However, the Bible does justify the weaknesses of women compared to men in 1 Timothy 3:7, which reads, "Likewise ye husbands, dwell

with them according to knowledge, giving honor unto the wife as the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered." The Bible says that in a marriage, the woman is the weaker vessel and that the husband need relate to her with that as a consideration. The concept of the scripture is clear, God created men stronger than He did women: physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

Yet, the above still does not convince those who are adamant in their beliefs that women have rights to leadership positions in the church. Once they ignore the doctrine in the scriptures, they move on to various examples in the Bible that supposedly show that women can preach the Word. For instance, in the parable of the woman at the well in St. John chapter four, they justify that Jesus ordained the woman as an evangelist because she carried the Word into the city and preached to the religious leaders. It reads "The woman then left her water pot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men, Come see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is this not the Christ?" (St. John 4:30).

From this act, people say that the woman went and preached to the city about Jesus, and many preachers teach this to people and the people take this as true. They then go a little further to prove that the people believed the woman, therefore, she brought forth the Word and that means she is a preacher. They quote, "And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me all that ever I did" (vv. 39). However, the preachers never point out the part in the above scripture that says the woman "testified" not preached, and they never go any further to see what the scripture says after that, and what the people said about her message.

In verses 40, and 41, the scripture says "And many more believed because of his [Jesus] own word; And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him for ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world." In other words, even after the woman came and testified about Jesus, the people (and the Bible) says that they believed in Christ but not because of what she said or because of what today's liberal church-goers would have unlearned folks to believe, that the woman preached and people believed, but the people believed because they heard Jesus for themselves. Therefore, the woman was not a preacher.

People today attempt to use many other concepts of the Bible to prove that woman can preach and lead flocks of God but the Bible is always in defense of itself. God does not contradict His own Word and neither has He not done a new thing - another concept of the scriptures they use - and called women to preach and lead His flocks. The truth is that women have roles and those roles are to nurture and raise children to be loving and faithful believers of Christ and of God: to be virtuous women and wives and to be in submission to their own husbands and to the male leadership of the church.

Because the churches today are under the influence of the world, and have a hard time obeying the doctrine of God, the church is falling to the seduction and deception of the Devil. The natural order of life and of the church is in total opposition to what God desires and it is getting worst. First, the office of an evangelist was at one time the only office women dared to assume because of the "woman at the well" concept, but when they saw that men fell for the intrusion, they went a step further. Women became deaconess, the female version of the deacon, and then they became ministers, recognized by secular institutions of religious learning. Then when there was no opposition to that, church organizations began ordaining women as assistant pastors, and co-pastors, and now they are Bishops and Apostles, the highest offices in the church and no one is opposing the moves.

In all of the above, no church has yet to biblically justify the ordainment of women as either leadership authorities. The façade has snowballed into an illusion of what the world has implanted in the church. Despite what the Bible says about the qualifications of a deacon, elder, or bishop, which refers to each as men and husbands, the church world today will enforce what they believe to be acceptable to God. This abomination and disrespect of God's Word will ultimately consume the church to the point that nothing in the Bible will have authenticity, but religion will be what man believes it should be.

A woman who follows the concepts of the Word of God will live blessed of God and would better understand her calling. Women may prophesy, testify, and attend to their biblical duty which is to, "teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands" (Titus 2:4, 5). God equipped women specifically for the above purposes and only a woman can attend to this duty successfully. When a supposed servant of God veers from what God has ordained for them naturally, then the course of nature and the purpose of the church, falls to the scheme of the Devil.

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How We Came To Be: - The Story of America's Black Nation

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Without safeguarding the reputation and dignity of the so-called African-American in the United States, and without belittling the rationale and God-given character of the Anglo-American, this study will approach the equality issue in America in the utmost empirical view. Using sound, biblical reasoning and historic evidence, the following study will explore past, present, and future relations between the two ethnic groups to evaluate any progress, regress, or stability as a result of both coexisting in this land in regards to the possibility of equalization.

The biblical perspective is based on human nature and the preordained purpose of God, and the historical perspective is based on man's natural lust and conquest for world supremacy and dominance. By the end of the study, a clearer picture of the relations between two world powers will develop as to whether equalization is possible amid the incoherence and politically correct jargon of today's theoretical framework of the social structure. Henceforth, the term "Whites" will substitute for Anglo-American, and the term "Blacks" will replace African-American.

INTRODUCTION

There seems to be some disillusion in many ways and among many people about the progress or regress of the relations between blacks and whites where it pertains to equality. Some say relations have improved and equality is not a far-fetched possibility, a theory based on sociological studies and statistics of historical data, and acceptance of this theory has eased tension among those who believe it. Still others

believe that there remains a problem in terms of inequality even to the extent of the outward show of "blatant bigotry" and others to the effect of day-to-day situations of "timid bigotry", yet, the dilemma cannot go unattended if only for the sake of the country's future. To actually determine where the problem of inequality in America lies - if there is one - one would primarily have to understand the mindset of selected individuals.

For instance, if you ask a young black male who lives in the ghetto of Harlem if blacks and whites are equal, he would probably say no, they are not. Yet, if you ask a young white girl who attends a mildly integrated college and gets along fairly well with her black classmates, she would probably say yes, race relations are improving. There are various answers and beliefs among many people to take into consideration when evaluating racial equality or inequality in America.

For the purpose of this study, we will view the dilemma from a macro/biblical-level that will allow us to angle the cultural lens at time and chance thus focusing on the preordained and expected mentalities of each ethnic group, both blacks and whites. In other words, the study will place society at present on the biblical prophecy of whose turn it is to rule the world.

In addition, the study will consider the institutionalized levels of the past and present America, and finally, zeroing in on individual ethnicity, world view, and opinion, will expose the mindset of the main players in the game of human equality. The depths of the study will rest on the foundation of honesty and fact without regard to preference or time. The resolution to any problem will never be reached without first acknowledging its beginning.

THE BLACK MAN AS MASTER

Before America, before the rule of Rome, before the white man, before the Birth of Christ, there was the legacy of Egypt. (Contrary to popular modern beliefs, Egyptians were Black people, not white people, as scholars today would have people believe). A nation built from the root of African granite and stone, Egypt stood as king and ruler among the world. A rich history of kings and queens that carried themselves in the stature of dignity and pride executed the authority and discipline it takes to manipulate a society.

Monopolizing the world's resources for the good of the entire world and maintaining a relationship with nature that gave them the strength and intuition to survive any crises of that day and age, the North African people walked in an arrogance that even God honored. However, in that arrogance they suppressed a nation of people of a different creed and subjected them to the unpleasant task of human bondage. For four hundred years, the nation of Israel was slaves to the taskmasters of the black man of Egypt.

When the time of deliverance came from on high, by God's own might, the Pharaoh's of Egypt stood firm against God's commandment to free the people of Israel from the Egyptians grip of slavery. Soon after the wonders of God, Pharaoh released Israel to him but as a product of 400 hundred years of suppression, the Israelites built the greatest empire known to humankind.

It was preordained that the Israeli nation served the Egyptians as slaves for the simple pleasure of God who wanted to demonstrate his power over humankind. He personally hardened the heart of the Pharaoh just so he could show different signs and wonders to the world before the Egyptians freed Israel.

Afterward, he convinced Egypt and Israel that he was God, and every other nation of the world realized his power.

Throughout the history of the Old Testament, God raised nations in power and plunged them into ruin for years at a time. Babylon, Ethiopia, Israel, Rome, Greece, and now America, are all partakers one way or another in the pleasure of God to ultimately show his powers. Nations have conquered other nations, monopolized the world's resources, fought endless wars for control of a land, and bound one another to slavery and or servitude. From a biblical perspective, slavery as a stride to world domination has always played a part in history, although, men neglect to see the overall purpose and plan of world ruler-ship and practiced the art of superiority and supremacy over the exploited, and in many cases skin color was a factor, but in most others, it was religion.

Another reason God allowed submission of one nation to another was for the disobedience that nation displayed because of a given commandment by God. Because of Egypt's pride and treatment of the Israeli nation, God imposed punishment upon them, even though it was by his consent that they oppress Israel. Acknowledgement of him is vital to the stability and future of any nation. Given the chance, a nation was suppose to recognize God's presence and adhered to his demands. But one might ask, how can you adhered to someone that demands you disobey him, as in the situation with the Pharaohs of Egypt when God purposely hardened the Pharaohs heart.

Again, the purposes of God are always two and three-fold. God no more used Egypt as an oppressor to fulfill an earlier plan, one that was a lesson to the sons of Israel, than he did order Joseph into the land of Egypt to be enslaved. Hardening Pharaohs heart was only a subdivision in the stratagem for Israel to occupy their own land and to know whom their Lord was. Confusing, as it may seem, the preordained destination of a nation lies within the scheme of a supreme being who does all that is done for his own pleasure.

Subjugating a nation of people to the brutalities of another for more than four hundred years is but a mere component in the realm of logic that unfolds into the desired results of the originator. Likewise, equality has never been an absolute law of humanity; therefore, world dominance and ruler-ship has shifted from one nation to another over the course of history in respects to the differences of culture and geographical ethnicity, and, according to whose turn it is to rule the world. Egypt had their turn. Now it is the white man's turn, and the black man's turn to suffer in consequence of a 3000-year old punishment. Yet, who knows what lies ahead for the destiny of either nation, black or white?

THE WHITE MAN AS SUPREME

After the birth and death of Christ, many nations adapted Christianity as a world religion. Nations from every corner of the earth attended the day of Pentecost and heard men speak in the tongues of different languages. Whether a person, or scientist, acknowledge this turning point in humankind as one to market the gospel of Christ throughout the world and among the various nations, is one of personal preference, nevertheless, the Birth of Christ marked history as the beginning of the end.

Without controversy, recorded documentation of how the world received Christianity, as a religion was one that leveled the playing field for all. No one man or nation begat Christianity, nor can any one take full credit nor assume reproach for its beginning; therefore, Christianity is not deemed a man's religion,

but again, a cog in the logic of God. Also, as a reflection of his relationship with the Israeli people, Christianity, and Christ, serves as a catalyst to the fulfillment of a world originated and operated by its creator. Beyond all reasoning of man, the destiny of every nation relies on acknowledgement of the existence of God.

Supposedly founded on this belief, America is in the beginning to mid stages of disobedience to God. They also, will suffer punishment just as all other nations did who rose above the acknowledgement of God. Moreover, the institution of slavery served according to nature, as a device used to build and to assess the character and faith of a nation, which is presently the white man.

The greatest myth circulating through the minds of many people, both black and white, is that slavery was ordained as a benefit to the black man because it introduced him to Christianity. However, it is evident that the black man, during the time of correlated rule of Egyptian and Ethiopian nations along side the Roman and Israeli nations, already knew of Christ; therefore, there is no way Christianity was new to the black man nor slavery as a benefit for him. Slavery is for the benefit of the oppressor, never the oppressed.

If there is, any benefit gained from the act of slavery for the oppressed and further justified as a religious one, it would have to be viewed from a biblical perspective and not a human one. Men are obviously ignorant to the biblical perspective if they have resorted to enslaving a nation, unless, they see the destiny of the enslaved in the form of deliverance and reward, and their own destiny as eternal punishment.

For, if the Pharaoh had known that Israel would, soon after freedom, establish their own system of government, and that his nation would self-destruct, he would have never enslaved Israel. Thus, the white man of America even in reasonable intelligence can never justify the enslavement of the black man as being a benefit to them without acknowledging that they, themselves, will soon fall to destruction.

Along with the supremacy theory comes arrogance, and arrogance is definitely a factor in the mentality of the white man. Arrogance is a highly deceiving mentality that blinds even the most highly intellectual mind aware of its deception. Unconsciously and unintentionally, white men have utilized the supremacy theory to his own ignorance. In other words, he is so overcome with, and wise in his arrogance, that he will never admit to there being a racial or inequality problem in this country and especially that he is the cause. Consideration is vital in understanding what goes on in the mind of a white person.

Putting ones self in the white man's position can enlighten anyone to why they think the way they do. If a person were born into the role of supremacy, in a country where the majority rules, and taught or even influenced by the situations that stereotype ethnic diversity to the extreme, they would automatically accept their role, unconsciously, as superior. If circumstances were reversed, and blacks were in power, they would have the exact same mentality; this is only natural. So the white man can never actually be blamed for their mindset, for it is a given in the course of humanity.

Expecting nothing less than arrogance from the white man is customary and is to be tolerated and understood by the black man, or any other minority group within his country. Yet, tolerance of "blatant bigotry" and unnecessary violence imposed on the enslaved or oppressed is extremely difficult to accept as natural, although, this too, is explainable as a characteristic under the influence and result of arrogance.

In addition to the white man never admitting that he is the sole reason for racial inequality and turmoil in this country, and many parts of the world, and that it is because of his arrogance that the problem will never be resolved, he, also unconsciously-intentionally, fights to maintain his superiority, substantiating the theory of group threat. Yet, in his mind, he is being as fair as possible to all people of the world where it pertains to survival and dispersion of the earth's resources.

Equality is a concern of his where it pertains to all men of the world so long as all men are equal among themselves, wittingly acknowledging him as supreme. He cannot help that he is in world authority; to him, it is the curse, and undoubtedly an act of nature that he is supreme. To the distress of many though, his acceptance as the world's gift to mankind exposes the arrogance by which he operates, and sometimes it is only by the distress of others that the good of humankind will be satisfied [in his mind].

When establishing the foundations of America, the white man was only doing what was best for those in whose land he extorted and those in whom he enslaved. He, the white man, was at the time all that counted in the world. All others were sources of negotiation, goods, or capital. Negotiations and trade among other nations, including African nations, were mere investments in the world's future. In other words, it was always business, never personal, until, white men began to realize that blacks, Asians, and Indians, had minds and could actually learn by being taught. Before that, as stated before, they were only capital and property.

Once the white man reasoned that other ethnic cultures other than his own could contribute to the building of his nation did he begin to see them as actual humans. The assimilation of the three different cultures, African, European, and Indian, after so long a time of cohabiting with each other, enlightened the white man to the fact that he was, in so many words, possibly expendable. Therefore, he regressed to the defense of group threat, where members of the dominant group perceive that the minority group threatens their well-being. As a result, he adapted the mentality of protecting what was his to assure the future and betterment of the world. No one could ever assume the role in which nature had thus ordained him (the white man) to stand.

This is when the white man began to concoct a plan to deter the advancements of other nations. To do this he had to covet and own most of the world's resources to assure complete control of the world. Many nations would not bend to the conquest of the white man thus he resorted to schemes of compromise in the form of deception. He had to think and stay one step ahead of other nations or at least control something of value and need of that nation. So, when it was time to consider what the world needed to survive, he reasoned that oil, land, and many other amenities necessary for survival had to be under his control, thus, he approached the people whom occupied and lived on those resources and either forced them off, deceived them, or compromised a fraudulent deal with that country.

If actual resources could not do the trick then he resorted to what he knew best would restrain any opponents in case his treasures were threatened, which was violence. Moreover, to this day, it is by violence that he retains the world. Beyond that, he has no knowledge of how to maintain his power and authority over the world, for, in the event deception, force, or compromise fails, war is declared on whatever nation refuses his offer. Much like the mafia.

ETHNIC ASSIMILATION IN AMERICA

The above situation of Egypt and the nation of Israel are similar, if not identical to the crises of the American black man and his taskmaster the white man. The only difference in the two is that, the Israelis left the land of Egypt to dwell in the land that God promised the Father's of Israel, yet after blacks were freed from the bondage of slavery, they remained to this day within the land of the whites.

This is central and vital to understanding the underlying concept of ethnic equalization between blacks and whites because the possibilities of group threat increases. This was one of the reasons the Egyptians decided to enslave Israel because Israel's population had increased even to outnumber the Egyptians. Although whites willingly brought blacks to America against their will, after a number of years the black population increased, yet not perceived as a threat.

At one time, the rumor circulated that there was a conspiracy to annihilate the black population in America using drugs as a self-destructive force among blacks. Again, many today believe that the prison system is another form of population control of the black male, yet these are mere presumptions. Nevertheless, now that blacks are free and the population continues to increase, whites may feel threatened in other areas such as economically and politically.

Rarely have one nation had to live among the oppressor as have blacks among whites. Normally, in history, the slave nation was sent afar off into a place prepared and especially made for them, or they were slaughtered by the dominant race in an attempt to annihilate them all together. In several ways, the latter act of annihilation, or at least possible destruction of the black slaves of America, was eventually considered as opposed to shipping them back to their native land. Yet was there ever an attempt essentially to send the black nation back to Africa, or did the black nation decide to stay after being giving an option.

The answer to this question is another central point to this study because compared to a case of a battered wife by an abusive husband, out of phobia and over-assertiveness, both fall into a state of either severed love or intense hate. In other words, blacks and whites have established a love-hate relationship, which may mean an improvement between the two that carries with it a mutual respect for each other's social role. Nonetheless, there is an attachment between the two cultures and exist a bond that, even though formed by the act of slavery, has come to endurance, acceptance, and tolerance on both ends, black and white, yet what constitutes equality?

There are various forms of equality such as personal respect, social status, and simple humanity. Of course, after hundreds of years of slavery, the descendants of any nation who are born and die in the state of slavery come to accept it, even long after protruding through the questions of why. At the same time, the descendants of the oppressor grow to accept their role as master, and possibly even to a gracious manner. Thus, even in the process of an unbroken cycle such as slavery, social roles, regardless of what nature, eventually lead to some form of equality, which in this manner is in terms of mutual respect for that role.

For instance, during the rule of Egypt over the Israeli people, Joseph, the son of Jacob, an Israelite, rose to a status higher than that of many Egyptians, demonstrating personal acceptance and stratification among two different cultures. Therefore, it is possible for two individuals performing opposing social roles, one

of slave status and one of superior, to respect one another for that role. Nevertheless, the assimilation of two nations and the question of equality requires more than personal acceptance.

Blacks themselves began to adapt the white man's mentality as he grew in America. In comparison to a child that grows under the influence of his or her parents, blacks actually had no choice but to accept one or more of these mentalities, be it oppression, arrogance, or violence (for instance, street gangs emulate the gangsters of the roaring twenties and can never be accused of possessing a violent temperament by nature). Supremacy, though, is a characteristic of the white man that can never be adapted by the black man, simply because blacks were not born into that state of mind.

Although, arrogance due to superiority can easily be adapted, and even now is. The superiority mindset among blacks has repeatedly proven to be detrimental to the well being of a black person and especially those around him. The reason is, blacks do not fully understand what it means to be superior, at least not in the present cohort, they only imitate what they see whites do which erects a wall more of pretense than authenticity. In other words, whites are better at superiority and arrogance than blacks because they were placed in this position naturally and blacks only assume it. A black person lacks the confidence that upholds arrogance and replaces it with pretentious assertiveness that no one adheres to but other blacks. Whites will never seriously accept the authority of a black person but only endure it as an act of accommodation or standardization at the most, but never superiority.

For this cause, blacks that assume superiority status are as outcast to the white man and by other blacks that contend the supremacy theory all together. A subculture of blacks is anomies within a nation of cultural assimilation and especially inequality. In an attempt to gain recognition among whites through what whites said would gain them that recognition - which was an education and hard work - blacks blindly and vainly followed the advice only to realize that it gained nothing more than high social status within a world of their own, with that in question.

Striving to better themselves and fit into the cultural norms and mores' of white America, blacks received some acknowledgement of their achievements on a personal level by way of individual compliments by white friends presumably under the constraints of courtesy, yet on a social-institutional level that acknowledgement has but scratched the surface of equality in the face of supremacy.

BLACK INEQUALITY

As long as ethnic-assimilation is stressed with equality as an objective, there will never be unity among blacks, because the struggle is not one for the black man, but for the black man to be white. The pursuit of this goal is in total ignorance and indignity of ones own ethnic identity, but pursued through envy of an attribute of sheer self-indulgence.

Essentially, the initial question is whether the two races should be integrated, or segregated, not whether they will ever be, or rightfully be equal: that is biblically impossible, at least in this life. Although blacks socially, occupationally, and institutionally integrate with whites, there remains, within those times, segregation which gives rise to inequality.

In the cafeterias of culturally diverse institutions of learning, and in the high-rise office buildings of every downtown, in more instances than none, the whites will sit with the whites and the blacks sit with the blacks. The blacks that have fallen into the norm of racial anomie, or the elite, black middle class

who believes in being socially equal to the white man, are forevermore separated from the black masses, which challenge the theory of social equality and request by nature, human equality. Therefore, the black population is divided on the surface.

Middle class blacks believe as the white man believes. He agrees that with hard work and stick-to-it-ness, any one, no matter what color can achieve the American dream. He is also convinced that racial inequality is not as serious a problem as perceived by the masses of blacks, simply because if he made it to such status - no matter how irrelevant that status is to the white man - that any one can make it. He believes that there are not as many barriers that halt the black race where it pertains to succeeding in this nation especially when he is seated beside the white senior corporate officer of one of the nations fortune 500 companies, making suggestions already being considered by the executive. He is convinced that the opportunities offered by the American government to the underprivileged is more than sufficient for a person who wants to succeed, and furthermore, that poverty is now only a condition of those who accept it, not of those confined to it.

This mentality is spreading rapidly throughout the nation, that poverty is a result of ones own choice. No one has to live in poverty if one does not want to because there are many opportunities for equalization among the elite. Whites truly believe that the days of black ghettos are over and the only reason the residues of blacks remain in poverty is by choice. This is no more than a quick cop out to clear the conscious of the white man.

In addition, he has convinced the black middle class - who never ceases to emulate his mindset - of the same. In other words, slavery is over, Jim Crow is dead, equal opportunity is there if you want it, so do not blame the white man any longer for your troubles, or feelings of inadequacy. They have literally, and with a sad attempt, tried to clear themselves of the troubles of blacks and their own shame of racism. They are freeing their conscious' of the guilt that will never actually cease to be a part of their mind simply because slavery and discrimination is a deep-rooted, immoral sin against humanity, and one never forgotten of God.

The fact remains that there is an ethnic-inequality problem in America. Whites own and control all the means of production in America, at least the ones that matter, and blacks own none of it. Would that be because blacks are incapable of organizing and operating a productive industrious facility? No, it is because they lack unity. The division among the black race, driven there by the white man in the early days of slavery, can be repaired at the discretion of the black race itself. Yet, it never will be if the only power structure of the black race is fashioned after the white mentality, that of oppression and arrogance.

To control any means of production is not yet a realization of blacks, at least not by the ones who have the most influence, because they remain caught up in the power and status structure of individualism. They continue to seek equal rights and fight for ways to further assimilate with the white man without regard to what is central for the growth of the black race, which is unity. No other ethnic culture in the United States or in the world is more divided than the American black man is.

The middle class blacks seek recognition and acceptance into the white race continually by agreeing with his theories, adjusting to, and following after his lead. The suburb is the gathering point of the black middle class: a means to attain and compete with the whites. They want equal schools and equal political

representation in the communities, yet status is the hidden factor, which can only be gained in the suburbs, and not where it pertains to their own communities.

Status and recognition is important to the black middle class. Without it, they have no identity. Lost and confused by the strategies of the white man, middle class blacks are going nowhere fast in the plight for social and economic equality. Without knowledge of controlling and maintaining industrialized institutions of economic productivity, not to mention of themselves, blacks are no more than what they were in the early part of the twentieth century, service workers.

They succeed in occupations of individual services such as physicians and lawyers and consultants, in addition to small capital ventures like small presses and government funded educational institutions, but they have yet to embark on larger entities. Clothing manufacturers, steel corporations, mining, oil, and lumber ventures are what the white race controls and no black man has dared learn or attempted to establish a corporation of this stature. If there are some who have tried and failed, and their reasoning is because whites have cornered the market and placed large monopolies on those type industries, then how can any black man in his right, logical state of mind say there is not an immense inequality problem in this country.

There is not a race problem, no, not according to the blacks that have succeeded in menial service occupations, because there is opportunity, and the average black has no excuse not to succeed. However, where is that same mentality where it pertains to industry? At, and in the corporate boardrooms and office cafeterias, no, there is no such thing as inequality, not as long as a black man is giving used advice to some fat-cat bureaucrat. Yet, in the world of reality where domination plays a key role in the survival of the fittest, the black middle class service worker is no more than a peon in the wheels of society.

Blind to the facts before his face, this black middle classman has lost all instilled within him through the plight of his ancestors. Assimilation among the white man is a joke to be told another millennial away. The struggles of the black man in America will be a fight remembered for its defeat due to the mind of the very ones who are partakers of that fight.

The black middle classman, who would rather fend for himself under the windows of opportunity, and equalize these United States to his power-seeking advantage, than unite with his own to establish an identity based nation. Who would rather believe that there is not a race problem, or that there is a race problem but only when it affects what it is he wants to accomplish. Never mind the souls of the ghetto in which his white counter part has poisoned his mind against to believe they are, in fact, lazy, shiftless, hustlers who live off the government that only tries to help him.

How can cultural assimilation and equality be good for America? If the white man ever realizes that, the resources of the world are here for everyone and not for him to control. Greed drives him to divide, conquer, and manipulate, and by any means necessary, he will protect what is his and continuously believe that he is ruler of the world. Nevertheless, the time must come when he must subside to the next supreme ruler, and who knows if then it will be his turn to slave.

America is in a state of decline simply because the lies and hypocrisy of the white man has surfaced even to the obvious. The less obvious, such as the black middle classman, will never see what the bible has

projected for the world because he is fascinated with the power structure of the white man. Therefore, when the white man falls, so will he.

Separation for the sake of maintaining assimilation, and acknowledgment of the fact that as a nation blacks will never be as the white man's equal, is a temporal solution for America. It would be better if the white man agreed to get along with his black counterparts instead of continually attempting to neutralize him, and others, for the sake of greed and selfishness. The black man will survive longer if he realizes that without unity or at least equalization between his own, there is no nation.

Individualism destroys any form of unity and that is why the black race is divided at the present. The supremacy theory practiced by white men have been taken too literally by the black middle classman, because regardless of how many poor whites there are and how many of them are rich, there is a common goal among them all. They have an identity that is fueled by supremacy and arrogance that, again, the black man lacks. He feeds off the mentality of the white man and turns to express this blatant and illiterate form of bigotry on his own people.

Nevertheless, when God decides it is time to finish off humanity, because of their constant disbelief and bickering among each other over who gets what and when, then the world will understand why there was never any one world ruler, but only one God to acknowledge.

Another Jesus

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The Bible mentions another Jesus - besides the one born as the Savior - that will be worshipped by a people misguided in the overall concept of the gospel of Christ, the message of religion, and the purpose of salvation. The passage is in the New Testament book of 2 Corinthians 11:4, and reads, "For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him."

The above picture is supposedly Christ the Savior, created by a people misguided in the basic concept of the gospel of Christ and in the facts of religious history. This depiction of Jesus as a white man carries with it an ideology that assumes the character of whites, which sends a different message to the world than the message sent by the true Savior himself.

It says that the Savior of the world is a white man and possibly that the God who created him is also white. This concept puts the destiny of all people of the world in the hands of whites. For a race of people to assume this kind of ultimate responsibility for the souls of a race of beings is not only foolish and blasphemous, but also dangerous to the faith of billions of people.

Because of the audacity of the white race to depict the world's Savior as one of their own, many people automatically refuse to acknowledge that Savior simply because of the animosity they may hold against

the white race. With that in mind, it would be also foolish to continue to use a false image knowingly. Though it may be unreasonable for a person who has God-given common sense and the ability to reason and see through this façade of spiritual fraud not to acknowledge the Savior simply because he is depicted as white, it is equally unreasonable for the guilty party to continue this façade having this knowledge.

One basic concept of Christianity - or any authentic religion - is honesty. However, this form of deception is a perfect example of what Paul talked about in 2 Corinthians and of how these worshippers will not preach and teach the true gospel of Christ, but the gospel of another Jesus. There will be a different spirit than the one the Christ brings to the world, which is one of truth, righteousness, and love. The spirit of this other Jesus is one of deception, arrogance, and hatred, hatred of all people other than white people.

The unbelievable part is that this depiction of Jesus remains a part of mainstream religion, shown in churches, books (children's books), and television shows, and in Bibles. Had this form of deception ceased back in early America, during the civil rights movements of the 60's, or even as a dying fad in the late eighties, and some other true-to-life depiction of the Christ had been promoted, maybe this article would not endure. Nevertheless, it endures because these images, the concept, and the ideology of a white Savior are a continual presents in mainstream society without hesitation.

Furthermore, not only is the religious aspect of this façade abominable, but also from the root of this false religion overseen by this false god, there sprang an organized system of world rule called capitalism. After whites convinced the world to believe in a god made after their own image, they then proceeded to convince the world that a capitalistic form of democracy is a godly defined government system. With Christianity as a compass and capitalism as the captain, whites sailed around and conquered the world leaving a mark of a beastly Savior.

Acknowledging the fact that God is the god of all humanity and that He is of no origin or race, nor religion, we as true believers in the creator of humankind, must do as Paul suggest in the scriptures and "bare with them." They are a people misguided and bound by their own iniquities. They are blind and may never see beyond their own blue eyes. The government of God is not one of capitalism but of equality and justice. How capitalism ties in to the gospel of this other Jesus is simple, if you have the money, you have the power.

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Where Did Cain's Wife Come From

The beginning of time and humanity is a phenomena mankind will never know, despite what science or religious relics document or proclaim. The profound mysteries of life are hidden deep within the cosmos of time and existence and we, as a people, can only grow into its revelation. One thing is for sure and cannot be disputed, nothing is absolute, and that is a fact, (pun intended).

Many people, in an effort to excuse away the existence of God or a supreme being that judges the deeds of mankind, argue the question of the whereabouts of Cain's wife using a form of logic that lacks any serious reasoning but instead reveals an intolerance to truth. Some people, however, are genuinely curious about Cain's wife and accept the will of God as His own business.

We have printed the forth chapter of Genesis to walk through and reveal the answer to the long sought question of where Cain got his wife. Afterward, we will expound more on the concept of spiritual revelation as opposed to man's academia and carnal understanding.

The Bible says; Genesis 4

- And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD.
- And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.
- And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD.
- And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering:
- But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.
- And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen?
- If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.
- And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.
- And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?
- And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground.
- And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand;
- When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth.
- And Cain said unto the LORD, My punishment is greater than I can bear.

- Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the earth; and from thy face shall I be hid; and I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth; and it shall come to pass, that every one that findeth me shall slay me.
- And the LORD said unto him, Therefore whosoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold. And the LORD set a mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill him.
- And Cain went out from the presence of the LORD, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden.
- And Cain knew his wife; and she conceived, and bare Enoch: and he builded a city, and called the name of the city, after the name of his son, Enoch.

Now, people want to know where Cain's wife came from if there were only Adam, Eve, Cain and Abel on the entire earth, this is the first assumption people make, which is a wrong assumption because of the concept of time.

In the third verse it says: "And in process of time it came to pass," which means over a period of time, yet the Bible never makes mention of how long of a time it was that passed. If Adam and Eve bare Cain first and then bare Abel, neither does it say how long after Cain, Abel was born.

Cain could have been forty years old when Abel was born (for it was known in those times that men lived 900 plus years). Thus, after Cain was born and in the process of time, Adam and Eve could have had fifty other children who wandered to various parts of the land over a period of 500 or so years.

Simply because one passage comes directly after another does not mean that Cain killed Abel the next day after they offered their offerings onto God or that God punished Cain the week after and Cain found his wife that same week. God's time is not like our time. The scripture says that "But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day" (2 Peter 3:8).

Depending on whether or not one believes in the creation theory or not, or believe in God or not, any thinking mind must understand that assumption is a lethal element in the search for knowledge. The carnal mind of man cannot comprehend or make perfect sense of the things around him that he has no real answers for, so any person who seeks to escape the truths of life must realize that revelation comes in a willingness to know.

Other revelations that can be gleaned from the above passage using the spiritual eye:

- The difference between Law and Grace
- God's preference of choosing love over tithing
- The birth of Satan Any more questions?

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Many Church Organizations are Similar to Cults

Are you or a Family Member a Victim?

The following statements, compiled by Dr. Michael Langone, editor of Csj.org - Cultic Studies Journal, often characterize manipulative groups. Comparing these statements to the group with which you or a family member is involved may help you determine if this involvement is cause for concern.

1. The group is focused on a living leader to whom members seem to display excessively zealous, unquestioning commitment.
2. The group is preoccupied with bringing in new members.
3. The group is preoccupied with making money.
4. Questioning, doubt, and dissent are discouraged or even punished.
5. Mind-numbing techniques (such as meditation, chanting, denunciation sessions, debilitating work routines) are used to suppress doubts about the group and its leader.
6. The leadership dictates sometimes in great detail how members should think, act, and feel (for example: members must get permission from leaders to date, change jobs, get married; leaders may prescribe what types of clothes to wear, where to live, how to discipline children, and so forth).
7. The group is elitist, claiming a special, exalted status for itself, its leader(s), and members (for example: the leader is considered the Messiah or an avatar; the group and/or the leader has a special mission to save humanity).
8. The group has a polarized us-versus-them mentality, which causes conflict with the wider society.
9. The group's leader is not accountable to any authorities (as are, for example, military commanders and ministers, priests, monks, and rabbis of mainstream denominations).
10. The group teaches or implies that its supposedly exalted ends justify means that members would have considered unethical before joining the group (for example: collecting money for bogus charities).
11. The leadership induces guilt feelings or fear in members in order to control them.
Members' subservience to the group causes them to cut ties with family and friends, and to give up personal goals and activities that were of interest before joining the group.
12. Members are expected to devote inordinate amounts of time to the group.
13. Members are encouraged or required to live and/or socialize only with other group members.

Many of the above characteristics can apply to hundreds of seemingly normal churches and religious organizations throughout the country. Religious organizations are considered the most likely to be of cult status.

If your pastor shows either of the above signs, which is not a biblical principle, then they may be headed in the direction of cult status. For instance, there are hundreds even thousands of churches today preoccupied with making money or being prosperous, which leads to mind and action control.

Church leaders influence members in all the above areas, however, they use the words of the bible to do so. It is very important to read the bible and understand the overall concept of salvation. Knowing the difference between God's plan and a cult's method of influence is detrimental to your future.

Racism is Resurrecting, and Bringing the Damnation of a Race

Believe it or not – and many will not – racism is making a serious come back in American society, and even more so in Europe, where racism is almost medieval - and we do mean evil; racial hate and prejudice among whites of the euro-stock against every other color and race on the earth, especially Blacks, is mounting.

This time, however, it is not because whites have a whip in hand, it is because they have no whip and their power is diminishing. This is a classic case of resentment followed by retaliation. To hold to what little power they have left, they are desperate to remind every other race of their once superior reign as kings and queens of the earth.

That time has come to a slow and painful end for the once great European society and is now falling apart slowly under the brass feet of another kingdom. A kingdom of challenge, determination, and a staunch mission to make a global change, and the white race will soon pay for the chaos they have sown around the globe.

So because this is happening to them and they are now awakening to its possibility, like a school girl caught with her panties down, the great European now sees its shame yet instead of pulling up her panties and making amends with the nations they have destroyed and torn, they have decided to turn and shake her ass around and when she goes down, she will not go down without taking everyone else she can with her.

They have now resorted to humiliating others, taking the last piece of everything they can, and boasting words only the devil himself would dare say in the face of such a judgment, knowing that hell awaits him.

No one should expect whites to repent and turn from their ugly ways, no, because like Satan, they know their destiny so they will take with them as many willing sinners and evil people as possible, including the ones who have sold their souls for a slice of the white emperors wealth.

It is not too late to redeem oneself from the judgment coming upon this nation of blasphemers. Simply remember the true nature of humanity and join against the devil and his angels in the fight for power; power over the earth and its inhabitants. Power over the crime of racial superiority, prejudice and hatred for people because of their color.

The amount of slothful mental energy it must take for a person to not even attempt to see others as people of equal stature and to believe that because of skin color and the background from which they came decides who is better, does not warrant the philosophical decrees of wisdom this people has deemed to be a natural gift of God to them. That supposition alone contradicts itself in reason.

Nevertheless, whites – including politicians, business people, actors, comedians, all around the social spectrum – maintain in their own demented minds that they are somehow intellectually superior than any one else thus deserve everything. How wrong.

As truth reveals itself through life itself, and the divine light shines on whites so all the world can see their shame, there is no doubt that in the arrogance and determination to maintain their stipulated definition of supremacy, they will find fault with God.

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Mortal Man Dies: Gods Walk Eternally

On April 2, 2005, the Western World laments the end of another man's life, while the celestial gods walk the heavens and earth fulfilling the predestination of humanity according to the Most High God. The contributions to humanity brought by the West under the idolatrous religious traditions of Catholicism are but mere mortal delusions and trickery, while, the powers of the kings of the earth will bring the end time.

Abomination does not do justice to the comparison the Euro-paparazzi and U.S. media have made to Pope John Paul II and Jesus Christ. Jesus - like many spirit-anointed prophets of old - were God-touched, the Pope was a religious traditionalist homegrown in the ways of ancient Roman law: that same Roman law that funded the Trans-Atlantic slave trade.

As always, the West give rise to white skin as equal to heavenly beings while they would never give god-like attributes to Africans or any people of any other color than white. The hypocrisy is astonishing. The denial is engulfing. And the punishment is ensuing.

There are celestial kings of the earth unseen by mortal man and are above in power that judge the rulers of the people according to the laws of God, not man. These earthy men know nothing of the celestial gods but to mock them assuming and claiming all power in themselves through the all-mighty dollar. They hoard this all mighty while neglecting the powers above.

They (the mortal man) believe that they are all powerful and they rule the people to their own discretion, with and without mercy; so shall be their judgment by the gods. The time is near and those who can see the celestial must realize that all others who desire to be ruled by the earthy rulers will fall to the same judgment and punishment as they, regardless of color, race, or creed.

The dollar has captured the souls of millions. Science has deceived and taken control of the minds that lack that inner or peripheral vision. They are blind to the ways of spirituality and are lost in the chambers of death and of hell and of pain. So let them fall.

As the gods walk the earth this day, the West has now come face to face with all the lies and cruelties of their past and now have to give an account of their sins against humanity, all humanity. Be not afraid nor be faint in heart. For God will deliver and have mercy on those who He knows.

Come out of her my people!

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The Non-Denominational, Denomination

Logic, reasoning, or whatever else defines the absolute thought process of basic common sense was extremely defied when church leaders decided to classify their religious organization as non-denominational, which is an idiom if there ever was one. The concept, supposedly, is to distinguish themselves from all religious organizations and sects by claiming not to be of any religious denomination. However, that is exactly what they are, a religious denomination.

Technically, in order to gain government non-profit status, any organization must have a name; thus, the organizing leaders had to abide by the laws and the government by naming themselves. The fact that they chose not to be of the popular religious sects by name does not eliminate them as "of no denomination." Duh!

The real reason men established this mortal category has nothing to do with uniqueness, but has more to do with descent amongst themselves. Church leaders have divided the Christendom world into so many sections because of disagreement that they either ran out of organizational titles to call themselves, or simply threw up their hands in a desperate act of individualism.

The most curious part of this venture, however, is on what biblical doctrine and word did they find to justify their defection from their original religious sect. In order to establish an entirely new religious movement, church leaders have to come up with sound doctrine to prove that they are right pertaining to salvation and the original group is wrong.

With so many concepts and words of the Bible though, there is more than enough room for hundreds even thousands more sections of the Christian church. Given time, there will be a religious faction of the

church simply called, "Bible people." And they will collect from the government just as the other religious groups do.

It is sad how man have butchered the Christian church and its doctrine. There is no wonder people find it difficult to seek salvation, let alone the truth about it. This history of religious mutiny can be traced back to the days of the early Roman church and Catholic sector of Christianity. Men will never agree on social governance and this is why religion should never be mingled with state affairs.

If America were a church, there would be too many congregations.

2004 By Afromerica

The Religious Right Are Spiritually Dead

The irony is uncanny, how a group of people who claim to uphold the concepts of the Holy Bible, on which their country is supposedly built, are not in line with what that Bible teaches. Right-wing organizations, particularly influential Protestant preachers on down the line to conservative politicians, and hard-right conservative white men and women, can become so distant from the biblical concept of compassion.

The politically correct term "compassionate Conservative" is nothing more than that, a term attached to a group of people out to establish some kind of charismatic identity. Conservative radio talk show host and the callers who support them constantly speak against abortion, homosexuality and other liberal agenda claiming the practices are unholy, yet when it comes to care for the poor, another concept their "white-boy portrayed" Jesus Christ preached about throughout the New Testament, they shed any attributes of Christianity.

The reason they are like this (hypocritical) is because their doctrine of compassionate conservatism is built on the foundation of capitalism, which breeds greed, selfishness, and dispassion for the poor, more things Jesus preached against as being hazardous to true Christianity.

In the case of the catastrophe of Katrina where it pertains to Black America, one of Black America's most loved and respected pastors, T.D. Jakes, should shoulder to shoulder with a "compassionate conservative," President Bush in a photo opt, and claim later in a personal interview that no one should start placing blame right away. Even though it is obvious to anyone with the brain God gave them to judge this catastrophe righteously.

Understandable that the world was awaiting the rescue of thousands more from New Orleans before placing blame, but this Black man (T.D. Jakes) must have been asleep during the days when thousands of his own people were left for dead, a scene that brought tears and anger to the eyes and hearts of the majority of Blacks - and whites - in America. Not to say that he does not care, but the overall response to

the event was not only spiritual and revealed the heart of this country, and an issue long avoided by society and the church - racism, but it was a message from God.

Bishop Jakes was also revealed. He greedily sat in the seat of the religious right in this situation and no one has to ask why. It was because of the Faith-Based looting going on in the religious-political arena. Many religious right mega-church pastors are sharing in the prosperity of the country after their hard-hitting messages of fleeing poverty and blight and for Blacks to rise to the level of riches and godly inheritances.

The problem with this is that when they (the pastors) and their congregations rose from the blight of poverty, they forgot what the Bible says about caring for the poor and sharing their plight. They preach hard and fast about Jesus NOT being poor and that he was rich, but at least Jesus had compassion, much more than what these so-called religious men are showing.

Their doctrine of Jesus being rich is a lie and God will reveal that in due time just like he revealed the lies about American equality and equal opportunity. Think long and hard people, mega-church preachers, religious right evangelist and politicians along with all the Fox news affiliates and radio talk shows who lay claim to the belief and words of the Bible are religious, but religion is not spiritual-connectedness with God, religion is man-made worship and love of a god other than the true one, and their god is money, and what is the love of money...the root of all evil.

September 2005 by CR Hamilton

Deep South Witchcraft

In the deepest parts of the south, there are beliefs in a form of witchcraft most commonly referred to as "roots." To "put some roots on someone" means that a person, either man or woman (more than likely a woman) will cast a malicious spell on another bringing misfortune on their life or causing the victim to believe things that are merely an illusion of their darkest suspicions.

Practiced in many parts of the south, in places like Georgia, Mississippi, Alabama, and the most famous Louisiana, the practice of "casting roots" have placed fear in the hearts of many people and have been known to achieved their intended results on a person's life. But the reason the practice of "casting roots" works on some people is not that it is a ritual possessing a power beyond human control, but mainly because the victim believe the practice can work.

The Bible teaches that faith has the power to move mountains and that if one believes they can achieve anything under God's will. This concept of faith works both ways. Faith is a natural law that works whether for the good or for the bad, however, faith in terms of the bad is most often referred to as superstition and witchcraft. The force by which it acts is based on whether a person believes it can.

There have been people who will swear by the power of "roots" and will tell of stories where the practice have changed the victim's behavior and have wreaked havoc on their lives. And there is credible evidence to believe these stories because people feed it and believe, thus it happens. However, as there is power in the forces of "roots", there is the power to overcome and or never be effected by or be a victim of "roots."

The most vulnerable people are the people who believe in and fear the practice. Because of their belief, which is an attribute of faith, it works because of fear. But if a person were to doubt the practice, they would be less vulnerable. In fact, if a person simply refuses to believe in such a practice, their lack of belief, or faith, would make void the power thereof.

Now, since faith is the essence of all unseen forces, to have faith in what is more powerful than anything evil and destructive to life, people who trust in everything contrary to the potential forces and affects of "roots" possess the natural power to counteract even reverse the forces of "roots." When there is a possibility that someone wants to put into practice the force of "roots" on another's life, if the victim believes that whatsoever the "root-worker" cast will return to them two-fold, then the power of faith has to work in that way.

People without a strong belief in the supernatural also have an advantage. Because some people are hardened anyway against the powers of good and evil, this makes for a hard heart, in which meanness or coldness often permeates. A person with a mean heart cannot fall under the influences of a "root-worker" because the heart must first fear, but without emotion of any kind, meanness prevails and "roots" cannot work.

"Root-workers" are often bitter people who have a heart full of vengeance. They carry vendettas against society and against certain people. They practice witchcraft because they have forsaken that which they know to be true. In other words, "root-workers" know they are wrong and will do nothing to repent of the evil they practice. They have assumed the persona of a "little-god", a theory of the Bible in which a person has lost faith in the authority of God and has decided to use what gift they have received from God for evil and not good. But this identity rarely leads to a victorious life.

If you or someone you know has become the victim of a "root-worker", do not go to another "root-worker" to remove the spell, spending money for something that can be removed for free, but know that if the victim simply resist the evil imparted on them, they can prevail. Go to a power higher than the one feared, and victory is certain.

2003 by Cartel Q

The Anti-Christ is Rising

Western science has proven to be the anti-Christ spirit that is prophesied about in the book of Revelation. Over the last few years, scholars, Hollywood producers and scientist have set out to damage the

traditional image and core beliefs of Christianity, deceiving those skeptics who already have doubts about its authenticity. What is more, this tirade has given other religious cultures reason to undermine Christianity and any country that practices it.

Bent on scientifically proving that Jesus was married, had children and lived a normal life like everyone else, thus stripping him of all spirituality, they have went as far as to suggest that he was never resurrected, which will eventually suggest that he is not the Son of God nor the Savior of the world. With this hypotheses floating throughout society, these scientist can debunk the idea of true Christianity and the purpose of church worship service.

Knowing that there has been a war against Christianity in American and British society lately, people are naively and slowly moving away from the traditional belief in the concept of God all together. With removal of prayer from schools, the Ten Commandments from courtrooms, Christmas plays and carols from the public schools, businesses, and even some homes, agnostics are seemingly winning this war by destroying Christ and all he stands for.

In place of a godly society, they are pushing myths, alternative religions, scientific theories, witchcraft, sorcery, and many other pagan forms of worship. Once a godless society is in place, the higher powers can then push its agenda on the minds of the people, which will give them an ultimate power over the people, to control them as they wish.

As in the book of Revelation, the world will wonder after a false god who will raise himself above all that is powerful and mighty, and bring a form of peace to the world in its state of confusion that will give the anti-Christ all power.

“And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name” (Rev. 13:16, 17).

This, my friends, is the beginning of the end of this life. Prepare for the devil and his angels, yet pray that God have mercy on your soul.

Feb 2007 By CR Hamilton

Anti-Christianity: How the Mega-Church is Aiding in the New World Order

The theory of a global New World Order coincides with Bible prophesy of the coming rule of the Anti-Christ over all the earth, nations and people. Before this reign, however, there will happen a catastrophic event that will bring the rule to fruition; such that the event will confound science, scholars, and skeptics everywhere as to the possibility of a Supreme Being above man.

In a state of complete bewilderment, yet maintaining a sense of vain pride, man will offer the confused minds of the world an alternative to God, whereby the people will have no choice but to believe. This being or Anti-being will use all its sorceries to bewitch humanity into submission of a succinct World Order of life designed to calm and heal the distraught. Only then will the New World Order and the rule of the Anti-Christ become full bloom.

As of this day, society only experience pieces and portions of this coming world, such as collective exchanges of currency, individual identification methods, and political and bureaucratic rule of society. Prophecy tells of a time when no one will be able to buy, sell, or trade without having a mark upon his hand or on his forehead, which will connect that individual to the rest of the New World system.

Theories of national identification cards, microchips, bar scans and codes and tracking devices implanted into today's society foreshadows that which is to be; however, the times of the Anti-Christ will be much worst than now because it is a time of control without compassion. As of today, compassion remains within the hearts of humanity but will soon disappear from the face of the earth and from the actions of everyday human beings.

For, control is incomplete as long as compassion abounds.

The Bible says that "because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold" (Matt. 24:12), and once love is removed from the earth, control will prevail. So those living today have yet to see the worst of what is to come on this earth.

What is present today is a shadow and type of that time. The foundation of any civilization rest on the pillars of politics and religion together, from as far back as 6000 years ago unto this day. Regardless of man's attempt by law to separate the two, no one type of rule has ever completely existed without the other, even if the religion was of a pagan religion or the politics was dictatorial. One such example of a country that has stood without one (religion) and ruled by the other (politics) was the Communist Caucasus-Russian state, which did away with God and ruled on control alone.

The New World Order (rule of the Anti-Christ) will base itself on both - religion and politics, with money and wealth as its root, but its stipulated practice of religion will not be of a pure sense but of a subtle yet evil one, a sort of Anti-religion. A shadow and type of that religion is seen quite clearly by the trained eye, yet not so clear by the eyes of the blind, in the practice of today's mega-churches. The following explanation connects the two, the church and the rule of the Anti-Christ.

The book of Revelation chapters 2-3, 17 speak of the seven churches in Asia and seven kings; "five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space (Rev. 17:10)." The five that are fallen are doctrines and theories that did not stand during their time eras or have run their course in history, the one that is, is the present age (the mega-church), and the one that is to come is the religion of the Anti-Christ, and when it comes it will remain a short time.

To integrate the behavior of today's church with what will come about in the next reign, let us look at a reference to the following description of the church that is today and how they are bringing the religious world (members of the mega-church movement worldwide) into preparedness of the Anti-Christ rule.

Revelation, chapter 3 states:

14. And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;

15. I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.

16. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

17. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

18. I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

19. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

The lukewarmness of the church of Laodicea sickened God and was thrown-up (spewn) out of His mouth. It had no stability, no solidarity; no understanding of God's will and was thus cast out of The Body. In this current time age of prosperity and increase of personal wealth, the church has assumed the goal of gaining riches using the business tactics of capitalism to do so. Buying, selling, and trading in business, commercial products, and property to increase wealth among church leaders and members believing that wealth raises them to levels of power, respect, and control. This is a mirror image of how the New World Order will rise.

God tells them that in their thrust for wealth and great riches, they are in fact "wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked," as opposed to what they believe to be complete in all areas and "in need of nothing." Though they possess the wealth of the land, they are empty in spirit and walk through life in the motions without compassion.

If religious leaders can birth a multitude of people who believe that reward comes in material form as a result of menial sacrificial deeds, they can succeed in creating a people who lack compassion and are ripe for a system based on nothing more than buying, selling, and trading. If they believe that God rewards based on this type system, they will worship that God and unbeknownst any man who promises them such a world.

These people are blind to their ways, are filled with inner misery despite their riches, are spiritually poor (whereby they lack righteousness, true love, faith or any other fruits of the spirit), and they are naked before the world; their deeds are apparent to everyone but themselves. The church has no influence on the outside world at all, but is in fact influenced by the world and its evil practices, which have infiltrated the church itself.

Because of their wretchedness, God is giving them a chance to repent for their ways. He ironically counsels them to buy from Him, gold that has been tried by fire. In other words, if they believe they are rich and have need of nothing, God requires them to take their riches and purchase (buy of [from] me) gold (experience, trials and tribulations that have past the test of true suffering) that they may truly be rich in spirit and not monetary wealth alone.

Unfortunately, today's church does not interpret the above scripture to mean what is described above because they are blind to the true ways of God and are unconsciously compelled to do the work of bringing the New World Order and the kingdom of the Anti-Christ to pass. A one world currency is in the making and churches encourage members to stay current with new financial trends. This push for members to work hard, buy land, and own capital provides a sure financial base for church leaders and makes servants and followers of a cult-like system of control.

Soon after its rise to complete power and world rule, the core of the Anti-Christ (and mega-church) will become corrupt from the inside. It will be revealed that the world and its nations and people were seduced by an adulterous whore who deceives the kings of the earth with her sorceries and wine of fornication. And when that day comes:

2. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

3. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

4. And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

5. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.

6. Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double.

7. How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow.

8. Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her.

9. And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning,

10. Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come.

11. And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more:

--Revelation 18: 2-11

Aug. 2007 By CR Hamilton

Church Sells Memberships

An eyewitness to one of many abominable mega-church worship practices has come forth to share with Aframerica an incident that should not go unnoticed or unpunished. While attending the church of Bishop Thomas Weeks and Juanita Bynum early Sunday morning, the witness said that sister Bynum told the prayer group that they needed to purchase a t-shirt with the church name on it. And if they did not purchase one, they could not attend next week's prayer meeting.

One does not have to be a religious holy roller or a Doctor of theology to know that no one has the authority to keep people from God's church. If they want to pray at church, there should be no purchasing prerequisites for doing so.

This witness also told that a few months ago while visiting the church, Bishop Weeks told the congregation that if they did not pay their tithes that day, that they would be receiving a letter in the mail at their home telling them they could no longer come to his church. Ain't this a blip? Who in hell (no pun intended) does he think he is?

So Aframerica decided to research this so-called mega-church of God. While visiting the church website, Aframerica discovered that this organization is not out for the purpose of saving souls, but obviously - by the set up of the website - to make money, money, money. [Visit the site.](http://www.bishopweeks.com/)

This type marketing and advertising of God's word is a disgrace to religion and a destructive force in the Black community. These people should be stoned, and yes, Aframerica said it. There is no fear of God's wrath against what we said because if God were a just God, he would know that this ministry of Weeks and Bynum is more of an abomination than telling the truth about it.

July 2006 By CR Hamilton

Prophecy of Europe: The King of the North

This read is going to touch on reality and spirituality unlike your pastor or any Western history book ever has. The title will unfold within the article and is the truth. The white man was sent from God to deal with the original man.

Many so-called wise minds, including scholars of Euro-decent, believe that Blacks are cursed of God; at least those with a religious inkling of thought. Many believe that white (Europeans) are God's gift to the world, to bring others to civilization and development, which is partly true.

Europeans are from God to the world but not as a gift, but as punishers of the original man (men): the Black African, the Hebrew (Olive man), and the Red man, or Biblically known as Ham, Sham, and Japheth of mankind.

Regardless of how many times or how far back the white historian tries to write himself into history, ancient anthropology, scribes, and artifacts never fail to reveal the absence of the Europeans during the dawn of man or even hundreds of thousands of years afterward. So whether one believes in the biblical account of humankind or the theory of Darwinism, new found recovered history cannot lie.

However, for the sake of the majority of the beliefs of humanity, this work will address this issue from a biblical perspective. The separation of mankind from one another by geographical boundaries and languages proves that the Creator had a divine plan and that plan continues unto this day.

Drawing from the Old Testament book of Daniel (prophet of the end time), we will unfold a mystery of the white man that he has yet to discover about himself or that he has chosen to ignore. An Aframerica Spiritual Interpretation (ASI) will follow every other verse for clarity.

The Prophecy

Daniel, Chapter 11

"1": Also I in the first year of Darius the Mede, even I, stood to confirm and to strengthen him.

ASI - Daniel speaks of Darius the Mede who was a ruler of the old Babylon the Great kingdom, which is today located in the areas of the Middle East, Baghdad, through to the Persian Gulf, in and around the cradle of civilization. He speaks to him concerning the future of the nations.

"2": And now will I shew thee the truth. Behold, there shall stand up yet three kings in Persia; and the fourth shall be far richer than they all: and by his strength through his riches he shall stir up all against the realm of Grecia.

ASI - Persia is modern day Iran (the Olive Man), and the Middle Eastern kingdoms (countries today) including Iraq and Iran. [Please use your own imagination to realize whose these names and places are referring to]. Grecia is modern day Europe, or Ancient Greek (Hellenic origin). In the above passage, the "rich" kings of Persia will rise against the kingdom of Grecia.

"3": And a mighty king shall stand up, that shall rule with great dominion, and do according to his will.

ASI - The king referred to symbolizes a royal family that rules and controls the resources of the Middle East throughout time. No one man or family in particular.

"4": And when he shall stand up, his kingdom shall be broken, and shall be divided toward the four winds of heaven; and not to his posterity, nor according to his dominion which he ruled: for his kingdom shall be plucked up, even for others beside those.

ASI - Over time, the kingdom (riches) and resources are broken down and split up around the world and partitioned to other areas of the earth. Resources as in Oil, and other valuables.

"5": And the king of the south shall be strong, and one of his princes; and he shall be strong above him, and have dominion; his dominion shall be a great dominion.

ASI - The king of the south is the spirit of the Middle East and Northern Africa that remains strong above the rest of the world, even of the sons born into royalty. The resources and rule in that region of the world are unchangeable and will stand forever.

"6": And in the end of years they shall join themselves together; for the king's daughter of the south shall come to the king of the north to make an agreement: but she shall not retain the power of the arm; neither shall he stand, nor his arm: but she shall be given up, and they that brought her, and he that begat her, and he that strengthened her in these times.

ASI - The king's daughter refers to the weaknesses of the kingdom that makes agreement with other nations, mainly those of the north, or Europe. But she cannot maintain the agreement nor can either of the current rulers or kings of that time.

"7": But out of a branch of her roots shall one stand up in his estate, which shall come with an army, and shall enter into the fortress of the king of the north, and shall deal against them, and shall prevail:

"8": And shall also carry captives into Egypt their gods, with their princes, and with their precious vessels of silver and of gold; and he shall continue more years than the king of the north.

"9": So the king of the south shall come into his kingdom, and shall return into his own land.

ASI - During this time is the rise of the kingdom of Palestine and of the Arab world over that of Africa and Israel that pushed his armies through Jerusalem and later toward the north in Greece, and also pushes downward through northern Africa, Syria and Egypt, conquering nations and kingdoms thus establishing Arab rule.

"10": But his sons shall be stirred up, and shall assemble a multitude of great forces: and one shall certainly come, and overflow, and pass through: then shall he return, and be stirred up, even to his fortress.

"11": And the king of the south shall be moved with choler, and shall come forth and fight with him, even with the king of the north: and he shall set forth a great multitude; but the multitude shall be given into his hand.

"12": And when he hath taken away the multitude, his heart shall be lifted up; and he shall cast down many ten thousands: but he shall not be strengthened by it.

ASI - The above were the wars of Egypt, Babylon, Troy and Greece to struggle for the lands and to war for power, and Greece rises but does not prevail yet.

"13": For the king of the north shall return, and shall set forth a multitude greater than the former, and shall certainly come after certain years with a great army and with much riches.

ASI - After many years, Greece rises again and Alexander the Great (of Euro-decent) returns to conquer the lands of Africa and the Middle East and then pushes toward the east, China and the Isles, setting up taxing governments and kingdoms over the people.

"14": And in those times there shall many stand up against the king of the south: also the robbers of thy people shall exalt themselves to establish the vision; but they shall fall.

"15": So the king of the north shall come, and cast up a mount, and take the most fenced cities: and the arms of the south shall not withstand, neither his chosen people, neither shall there be any strength to withstand.

ASI - Division is rampant in the south (northern Africa down throughout the Sahara) and trade becomes a matter of survival. The old kingdoms fall to intrusion of foreign armies and Rome set up governments in Israel and North Africa, which led into the birth of Christ. Referring to Israel as the chosen, the mid east falls to Roman rule.

"16": But he that cometh against him shall do according to his own will, and none shall stand before him: and he shall stand in the glorious land, which by his hand shall be consumed.

"17": He shall also set his face to enter with the strength of his whole kingdom, and upright ones with him; thus shall he do: and he shall give him the daughter of women, corrupting her: but she shall not stand on his side, neither be for him.

ASI - Europe began to search out Africa and conquer kingdoms and peoples and land and this is when they took over Egypt as their own; they raped the women and mixed with Arabs and Jews and Africans, and began to colonize that area of the world as their own and make agreement with the rulers for trade and commerce.

"18": After this shall he turn his face unto the isles, and shall take many: but a prince for his own behalf shall cause the reproach offered by him to cease; without his own reproach he shall cause it to turn upon him.

"19": Then he shall turn his face toward the fort of his own land: but he shall stumble and fall, and not be found.

ASI - During this time, Europe began to divide as each sector partitioned the resources and lands of the world for their own gain and they establish stronger governments amongst themselves, Rome, Britain, Germany, France, Spain, Dutch.

"20": Then shall stand up in his estate a raiser of taxes in the glory of the kingdom: but within few days he shall be destroyed, neither in anger, nor in battle.

"21": And in his estate shall stand up a vile person, to whom they shall not give the honour of the kingdom: but he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries.

"22": And with the arms of a flood shall they be overflowed from before him, and shall be broken; yea, also the prince of the covenant.

"23": And after the league made with him he shall work deceitfully: for he shall come up, and shall become strong with a small people.

"24": He shall enter peaceably even upon the fattest places of the province; and he shall do that which his fathers have not done, nor his fathers' fathers; he shall scatter among them the prey, and spoil, and riches: yea, and he shall forecast his devices against the strong holds, even for a time.

"25": And he shall stir up his power and his courage against the king of the south with a great army; and the king of the south shall be stirred up to battle with a very great and mighty army; but he shall not stand: for they shall forecast devices against him.

"26": Yea, they that feed of the portion of his meat shall destroy him, and his army shall overflow: and many shall fall down slain.

ASI - Israel will come into agreement with Europe and will attempt to regain control of the region but will not succeed because of the advancements of Europe. In exchange for power, Israel will conquer and make war with surrounding lands (northern Africa and Middle Eastern nations such as Palestine), but not without resistance.

"27": And both these kings' hearts shall be to do mischief, and they shall speak lies at one table; but it shall not prosper: for yet the end shall be at the time appointed.

ASI - Europe and Israel will conspire to control the region and will succeed but not honestly. They will grow and prosper in the world but the time of vengeance for the other nations (Africa and Middle East) is not yet come.

"28": Then shall he return into his land with great riches; and his heart shall be against the holy covenant; and he shall do exploits, and return to his own land.

"29": At the time appointed he shall return, and come toward the south; but it shall not be as the former, or as the latter.

"30": For the ships of Chittim shall come against him: therefore he shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation against the holy covenant: so shall he do; he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant.

"31": And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate.

ASI - The European nations will grow and prosper from the riches of the world and from the land of Israel, and even as Israel is defiant to God and will worship Idols so shall the European neglect the truth about God, the gods of the Middle Eastern and African lands, even the God of the Fathers. Verse 31 is the calling of the Beast, the anti-Christ and all that is against the holy covenant of Israel and the gods and the Fathers of the Holy Land. They will begin to worship the All Mighty dollar.

"32": And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.

"33": And they that understand among the people shall instruct many: yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, many days.

"34": Now when they shall fall, they shall be holpen with a little help: but many shall cleave to them with flatteries.

"35": And some of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make them white, even to the time of the end: because it is yet for a time appointed.

ASI - Those who do wickedly are those who follow after the idolatry of riches and the riches of the lands they have stolen from. They believe no longer in the daily sacrifice or the covenant of God but in the power of their forces. But there are those who know the truth and hold to the truth and to the power of God, who are not deceived, and they will be tried and persecuted and enslaved and oppressed many days. They have little faith and are over-burdened and they hold on but many still fall into the corruption of money and riches and power of the world.

"36": And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done.

"37": Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all.

"38": But in his estate shall he honour the God of forces: and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things.

"39": Thus shall he do in the most strong holds with a strange god, whom he shall acknowledge and increase with glory: and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for gain.

ASI - Europe is now in complete control of the world's resources and is oppressing the people of the world by withholding and partitioning the goods. He has no regard for the gods of anyone but his own, which is not God but is of corruption. But the time is not yet.

He oppresses women, and has no regard for life or dignity. He honors military power (the God of forces), and even does away with the god of his fathers. He worships money and power and pleasures of life and he convinces many to believe and worship the same. He continues as he conquers and divides Africa among his people for the glory of power and riches. This is the Scramble for Africa.

"40": And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.

ASI - Africa tries to rise and fight him but he comes at him with his armies and forces and destroys the king of the south and the nations within it. He rapes the countries and peoples and transports them using ships, and he enters the land on feet to destroy.

"41": He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon.

ASI - Edom, Ammon, and Moab are all Jordanian nations in close relation to Israel but of Africa decent, which serves as a buffer between Palestine and Jerusalem.

"42": He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape.

"43": But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps.

ASI - Europe takes control of northern Africa and eventually all of Africa from top to bottom in his conquest for world power. They have deceived and by force taken the world and to this day remain atop. However...

"44": But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many.

ASI - There is a threat to Europe and the white man, which is the East, China and the Asian nations, the Red man. Also, his own brother, the Russian Caucasian will rise against him because he has dealt deceitfully with him in his conquest for power. So he is angry and increases persecution against the weak.

"45": And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.

ASI - In the end, Europe will sit high on the world in power and glory with his throne in the virtual place of the Holy Land while protecting the interest of Israel. Thus he sits, but his time is near. And when it comes, there will be no one on earth to help him or ease his pain.

Fret not my Black brothers and sisters and other colorful people of the world. We will rise from oppression and be exalted once again to our natural place on earth. For he shall destroy himself with his own devices and the world will become a place for the original man to once again roam free...Amen.

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Mega-Churches Will Fall To The Beast

Irony at its best will befall the leaders and believers of mega-churches in time to come. The prosperity movement insists that God's foremost plan is to raise believers out of poverty by bringing forth the harvest of financial blessings upon their lives, so long as the believers sow into the harvest through tithes.

Witnesses have supposedly proved the inspiration and practice time and time again that God will make the believer rich and prosperous beyond their wildest dreams. Pastors of mega-churches grow their ministries three and 4-fold with members who seek financial gain through the promises of God.

The irony is that the Bible foretells of a time when the world will advance into a system that will require all people who want to survive and or live a normal life, to receive a mark in their right hand or forehead that will allow them - and them only - to buy and or sell goods and services. The scripture reads:

15: And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

16: And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

17: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name (Revelation 13).

Spiritually speaking, Revelation has a three-fold meaning, as in past, present, and future. The passage above speaks of a coming age. The present age will soon end and life, as we know it today will be vastly different. This time may not arrive permanently for two or 3 generations, maybe more, but it will come.

The reason so many doom prophets today speak of the Mark of the Beast is because the situations in society are leading up to fulfill the prophecies of the Bible that were foretold thousands of years ago. The book of Daniel and the book of Revelation are most profound and accurate when speaking of these last days.

What is most convincing is that the prophecies written years ago are being fulfilled today. The Mark of the Beast is a campaign led by its creator, the anti-Christ - the world ruler who despises all that Christianity stands for. He has the power to bring forth the Mark. And because the world has become so divided among class, - the rich and poor - and resources are becoming scarce, it is this spirit that is moving toward hoarding resources, money and power that has led to the rise of the Mark of the Beast.

The anti-Christ needs a way to control distribution and to guarantee his prosperity and satisfy his greed, in which the love of money (the root of all evil and another biblical principle) drives him to pursue. He believes that money brings power and power brings followers, people he knows will do whatever he says even if their lives depend on it.

If he can persuade many that the only way they can live, eat and survive is to take the mark, he knows he has turned those against the true God, the God who provides for the poor in spite of the rich. This mindset is in sync with the church and the prosperity movement.

If prosperity preachers can convince as many people as possible that God will prosper them above and beyond the poor of this world, they know they have followers for life. Once they have these followers, they guarantee their own prosperity and hoard their riches.

When the time comes, however, for the full plan of the anti-Christ to come forth and people are forced to receive the Mark of the Beast, there will be no reason prosperity preachers and believers not to believe this is the real Mark of the Beast if it guarantees prosperity, let alone survival. They will suppose that the anti-Christ is the Christ because it falls right in line with the teaching of their current pastor.

If, however, a believe is wise enough to realize that the Mark of the Beast is just that and they refuse to take it, they will have to sacrifice all they have and begin to live in poverty and fear of death. It is this

time they will realize that all their works toward prosperity was in vain and that it was not the foremost plan of God. They will also discover that their pastor was wrong.

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Black Leaders and Mega-Church Preachers: A Modern-Day Minstrel Show

Consider this a heartening admonition. God spoke to America through the waters of Katrina and continues to speak. He speaks of compassion, understanding, honesty, truth; and bewails of misery, suffering, anger and strife. Many hear what the Spirit says yet too many are deaf to the voice of God choosing to delete the message in fear of self-discovery and revelation. Still we go about business as usual living a lie.

The only source of information the people of this country have has violated the laws of human dignity by humiliating a race of people mockery style, and they continue to and will continue because they know no other way to express themselves except through the ingrained poison of racial imagery. It hurts, that man obeys cruelty, resulting in frustration as the reciprocal earthy reaction.

Politicians continue to politicize. Religious leaders continue to religiousize, basking and flaunting in their robes of secular royalty and teaching their Godless doctrines completely ignorant to God's last message to the world. "Do Not Forget the Poor." Is this the same God who they speak of from their pulpits? It cannot be.

The God they preach of speaks of prosperity and riches and millionarism, with no reference or mention of the poor except to berate them as disobedient souls lost in the world as non-tithers. Is this the same God? Is this the God that beautifies the mega-church and leaves the ninth ward and urban America in poverty? Is this the same God that leads the blind to throw money at the preacher's feet as he lies about His will?

They gave to the victims of Katrina and opened their homes and "took in" and did not "pass by:" all this they did...after the storm. What were they doing before the storm about the poor, those who needed them, those who lacked and were lost and were poor and miserable? The thousands, the hundreds, those in poverty, the same poverty and the poverty spirit the preachers condemn as a curse from God, the God that makes you rich and prosperous and wealthy, like them, the preachers.

Who live in 1.5 million dollar houses and drive 100,000 dollar cars, and fly in 400,000 dollar jets and own 1.5 million dollar churches that seat 30,000 members who pay an average of 500,000 dollars a year in tithes, that go toward the idolatry of television vanity that mesmerizes the dead, and toward the pastor's well-being that his people ignorantly believe is his just due, the church buses that drive souls to another dead church to worship a god that deems the poor, sinful because they do not pay tithes.

These men can say they walk with Presidents. Presidents who fly over. Presidents who belong to the plot to control, mold, and withhold from the people. Presidents who walk with other men who care not for the

same God the preacher speaks of. Do politics and God coexist as one? Only in America, and not in America. God is on the dollar. The dollar speaks mysteries to Presidents, of Presidents, it speaks to the men that walk with Presidents and to the men who preach about the dollar.

These men who preach about God are not telling the truth about God, they are telling the truth about the dollar, World Changers, Potters-houses, and Missionary Baptist Churches, that are led by men who preach about a god. These men are Black men who have been conditioned and molded and controlled and now they withhold the truth - if known by them.

They are Black men who are on television and who put on a show, a minstrel show before the world for the President and the men who walk with Presidents. They are not men. They do not talk with men who are in the other pockets of the President.

In the other pocket are the Black men and women who walk in opposition alongside the President. They are political gods who trust in and believe in the power and might of the all mighty vote of Democracy. They have no doubt that the vote and the rights by American laws and constitutions and amendments will set them FREE!. Free of oppression and hatred from a lineage of hate toward one man. Just one man has caught the hell and pays with his and many lives. The Black man.

Untrusted, ignored, (collectively), mocked, displayed, portrayed, politically-religiously-made, by the handy work of the minstrel puppet master, the bastard born without father or mother but born of a demon who surfaced from underground and from the waters and walked on all fours, and talked with grunts and groans of misery, hatred and anger toward those not like him.

The Black men who walk along side this illusion has betrayed the people God speaks of and loves and who he talks about all through the Word and sacred scrolls of ancient times written and recorded by men who lacked and who died in deserts, on mountain tops, in valleys, who were thrown from ships, swung from trees, and who were shot and killed on stages and balconies, by the men who walk with Presidents.

Now, now, our Black fathers are walking with these men. They tell us to trust and to believe in these men and that man, and to be rich because God was rich and forget about the souls who suffer daily, daily in poverty. The poverty created by these men and by this system.

These Black men, these preachers and politicians do not believe in their people but they hate their people. They hate Black people because they hate themselves, this is the reason they have denied themselves and have forsaken themselves and their people, to be with and walk with the President and the men who walk with him. These Black men, our fathers, our brothers, our men.

The warning. Flee from these men because they could care less. They are so beautiful, can you not see this. They are beautiful men who speak lovely words and walk with grace and flattery and deceit and hatred toward those listening for what they believe are the words of the one they seek for salvation, peace, truth, love and power from above.

My God. Reveal these men and the men they walk with. Reveal their hearts and their minds. Remove the layers of bricks from the walls around their dens and their places on High. Open the doors of knowledge to the people and the doors of truth and the gates of deliverance from that which is wicked and vile and

cruel. The people, the poor, the lost and those who cannot find their way are without and have been without.

Hatred of evil is a perfect hatred.

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Uncle Toms, White Preachers, and the Black Church Experience

White America is attempting to trash-talk Black Liberation Theology as something evil and unchristian like. They are at this moment thinking of ways to convince as many people as possible, including Blacks, that this doctrine of Black self-help is against all that Christianity stands for. Yet in their misunderstanding of the principles of Christ, they are about to draw the wrath of God upon them and this country.

First, let us deal with the miseducation of the Uncle Tom Negro. He will gladly stand on the side that condemns Black Liberation Theology because he has done so all along: any doctrine that mentions how Blacks should depend on self and not on white government or to protect themselves against white oppression, scares the hell outta them and their white counterparts.

He will agree with whites who hypocritically call Black Liberation Theology racist ideology or reverse racism. He will gladly shed, disown and denounce any traces of Black culture for a piece of white assimilation and continue to shake his head at Black youth and their methods of social rebellion regardless of the rebellious actions of white youth. The Uncle Tom will defend white delinquency as simply growing up while labeling Black delinquency as criminal in need of prison time.

The Uncle Tom will talk down about Black Liberation Theology leaders and authors and anyone remotely associated with BLT such as James Cone, Malcolm X, the Black Panthers, and the like while remaining in defense of the white man chicken-pecking movement of Civil Rights. He will speak publicly and loudly against actors who promote BLT or Black Nationalism or speak a word against America and he will write articles, books, and term papers on how disgraceful BLT is and why Blacks should denounce it to its core.

He will talk of white Christian principles while spewing hatred for the attempt at freedom from oppression. He will proclaim how Christ was not Black or white nor did he speak racial issues and turn and go home to the picture of white Jesus in his living room. He will stand up proudly and mock Africa, the Caribbean, Black Europe, and Black America while with his life defend all that is white, European and what he believes to be Christian.

Now, about this wrath that will reign down from God if white America continues to blasphemy the word of God and the mission of Jesus Christ. White preachers appear on talk shows and television claiming that BLT is an evil thing. They are misquoting James Cone saying he believes Blacks should kill God if God

is not for the Black man. This is a narrow-minded attempt to convince ignorant people to demonize Black progressive thinking.

Black Liberation Theology is not a doctrine that desires God dead of He does not support the Black cause, it says that if God is a God that condones race discrimination, then he is not a God that Blacks should look to, and rightly so. Anyone with a mind can know that if God is white and condoned slavery and the oppression of Blacks or any people, that that God is no god but an evil satanic entity. And this is what white America does not want to face. That the God they built America upon is actually against the way they built it and the way it is currently run.

A note to Black America would suggest that Blacks do not denounce Black Liberation Theology but embrace it closely. Hold tight to the belief that God does not condone racism and discrimination in any form and would never support a people who continue to blatantly oppress others based on skin color. Hear the Spirit and do not be swayed by the deception of false doctrine. God does not operate based on race or on lies but on goodness and truth.

If white America continues to claim that the lessons of self-help and liberation for Black America are an evil lesson, they are lying and spiritually enforcing oppression upon people against their will. They are attempting to vilify the Black church by claiming that preachers who teach that racism is wrong are racist themselves. However, if Black preachers speak against racism and use parables of the Bible to demonstrate oppression and liberation, do not be deceived but hear the Spirit of God and know the truth, which is racism is evil and teaching others to free themselves from it is called deliverance.

A voice crying in the wilderness is warning America that if the instigators of America's racism are not brought down but allowed continuously to breed animosity and racial discord among the people, those in power who allow it will personally fall one by one to a horrible state. And if the social structure of America is not rearranged to tolerate and include all people regardless of color, then that structure will crumble to an irreparable state.

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Blacks and the Misunderstanding of Christianity

Two ways exist in which Black America has missed the point and purpose of Christianity. The first deals with many Blacks believing that Christianity is the white man's religion, and the second deals with how current Black Christians practice Christianity.

Blacks who believe Christianity is the white man's religion are those who have not given Christianity a chance as a religion. They, or some other, have convinced them that Christianity is a religion used by white people to thwart Blacks away from the true African Religions and gods. They believe that if they

worship Christianity, they have become victims of the white man's plot to make Blacks a subservient people.

Few, if any Blacks, who have experienced true Christianity in its core, have this view because they realize that if practiced correctly, Christianity is a powerful and spiritual tool in life. The problem is that whites have twisted Christianity to fit their own racist views of the world. This deters Blacks and other races from practicing Christianity because they cannot discern the truth from what is untrue or dig through the thick deception of Christianity and race.

The current Black Christian also, has not experienced the true nature of Christianity because it is not being practiced in its true form today. It has become commercialized and materialized to the point that the power has no effect. The words of the Bible are being used, not to bring salvation to the soul, but to add substance to the pocket.

Many church leaders have convinced Blacks that the Bible and God are to be used for prosperity and gain of substance instead of righteousness and faith. This has caused other Blacks to turn from Christianity because they see through the façade of prosperity preachers and want no parts of this secular religion.

Both groups have sold themselves short on the teachings of the Bible and will miss the purpose totally if they are not guided down the correct road to salvation. No person wants to worship a god that cannot identify with all races or that protects and provides only for those who provide financially for the church or god. No Black person wants to be a part of a religion that promotes the savior as a white male without regard to the Black girl and or boy who they see everyday in their communities.

Christian leaders in society along with the media have disheartened many people away from the concept of true Christianity because of stereotypes and pictures of a false god. There has been no effort to correct the distortion by white leaders and social figures because they have no knowledge of what true Christianity is themselves.

If the practice of true Christianity is taught among the people, then it can reach more people and serve its purpose, to save souls and to protect them from the evils of this society, as well as heal them from deadly diseases, deliver them from destructive spirits, and save them from the destruction of this current world. Cutting through the hype and lies and getting to a logical view of salvation takes common sense, not an education.

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What The Black Church Must Do

The Black community is facing serious crises in many areas and obviously political crusades are no remedy. Black America should never depend on the United States Government systems to correct,

equalize, or better our situations, but should look to our own gatekeepers; and ourselves: the Black church being the primary foundation for direction.

The church, being a morality-led, value-based organization must give structure and hope to Black America both young and old, and provide for them the opportunities toward a stable life, strong relationships, and eventual success and security. Instead, Black churches emphasize the value of money, which begets more negative characteristics such as arrogance, greed, selfishness, ect., instead of positive characteristics like self-discipline, communal development, and trust.

Beginning with the community, Black churches, members and leaders, must walk the streets, own the businesses, control the youth by offering them constructive activities, oversee the elderly, fatherless children and widows. Instead, they have moved from the Black communities and into the suburbs to capitalize on suburban income. And while the Black communities crumble beneath the heels of American capitalism, church leaders enjoy the fruits of member earnings and faith-based capital.

In the schools, Black churches must offer alternatives to the public school systems such as private and charter schools teaching values, self-discipline, and respect as well as the three Rs, science, health, and our true history. Instead, they depend on government incentives that are barely enough to sustain one classroom let alone an entire community. This is where they must extend the hand of faith and love instead of charging market prices for their so-called private church schools.

In economics, church leaders and members have the know-how and skills to open and operate small to medium businesses that cater to the Black community such as health care for elderly and low-income, affordable child care instead of market rates, grocery stores that sell fresh foods instead of expired foods so many of our inner-city stores carry.

They can teach networking and business development skills, implement aesthetic programs for the children, and build transitional housing and work programs for recent release prisoners. Over time, drug use and crime would subside in the Black communities and progress will take hold. However, church leaders have not these visions for the people or the community but visions for themselves and their church buildings.

Concerning the moral character of the community, they must provide counseling classes and after-work sessions for working people instead of depending on the social services, child support, and court systems of the government. Instead of raw bible classes, they must address social concerns using biblical and proverbial concepts that people can relate to, this is a form of ministering without using hell-fire and brimstone tactics.

They must offer marriage and child rearing seminars in lieu of divorce courts and child support systems; financial, legal, and business prep courses instead of begging for government funds for social programs. Furthermore, they must educate Black children to the realities of American society and give them a sense of positive self-esteem, worth, and strong values.

The value system of the Black community would rise once care is shown toward the inhabitants of the community and not mere indifference through forms of self-centeredness and individualism that the new capitalist church culture instills into its members. If the leaders are not trusted, then the people will have no tolerance for one another.

Instead of vying for the next dead historical Civil Rights figure to prostitute their funeral before white politicians, Black church leaders must show humility and discretion while showing respect for our fallen heroes. Instead of spending millions of advertising dollars on the next annual prayer or gospel fest, Black churches must invest in reaching the populous of Black America in every venue besides church settings. God is not just about church; He is about life.

Black church leaders are immature men obsessed with member numbers, church building size, and public prestige. None have matured through the wisdom of God to understand that the growth of a person of God continues and never stops at the possession of material gain or power positions, or are measured by these things, but growth in manipulating and changing the state of the world, transforming the world into the Kingdom of godliness.

Without strong, focused leaders for Black America, the people will fall by the way. Without a solid plan for survival in every area in addition to the spiritual, the people will never know the need for God and will lose faith and hope if other areas of their life are not working according to plan. God balances humanity through mind, body and soul and not spirit alone: for only he is spirit, but we dwell in this body of flesh and death. To survive life, we must live it together as one

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The Energy to Love

Step back for a moment and stare at the society in which we live. Now, apply your idea of love to what you see, is it there? Depending on what a person's idea of love would be may determine this vision, correct? Which is the point; there is no one idea of love. Though it may be defined, it is not a common practice of America's cultural literacy.

What are the common practices of America's cultural literacy? Well, according to experts in numerous fields of study: politeness, cleanliness, personal responsibility, strong work ethics, education, loyal citizenship (meaning subservience to the laws of the land), patriotism, honesty, thrift and diligence (as far as paying bills on time that is).

As long as one has knowledge in these areas of life, they will fair well. These are principles taught and passed down throughout generations, from the wealthiest to the poorest because these are the guiding principles of American culture.

Religion funnels in occasionally passed as values from family to family but not as eminently as the former. And though America proclaims loudly the foundation of Christianity - from which it stemmed - the principles of Christ are nowhere near as practiced as what matters most in today's mainstream literacy.

Contrary to the database of mainstream values, Christianity bloomed from the essence of God's Son, Jesus Christ, who was born of a woman and fathered by the Creator himself. If pondered intensely enough, one could retrieve the idea of love from that incident alone. "God so loved the World?"

As creations of a being we have not yet scratched the surface to comprehend, we arrogantly live the life granted to us through values and cultural concepts so distant from the very power that created us. Who recognizes love when they see it? Do you? What is love? From whence came we? For what purpose is love a part of us and how do we employ it?

Questions require answers given only from the depths of knowing. One must first know, and know love before they can ever answer. But to know love, that person must understand the gift of God, and His purpose.

Enough. Love is: hating - intensely hating - strife and conflict. Love is despair, when nothing makes sense all around. Love is anger, when innocence is exploited. Moreover, when the unknowing is deceived. Love is confusion, when the wicked reign. All things that defy the purpose of the one who created love are things that we live and breathe and think, and are taught to us each day.

We live in a society that mutters the word but does another. A society that upholds all that is contrary to what we are and were created to respect and observe: what we were and are commanded to do. A society that praises a love, not love itself, but a love for all things not love. The love of money, prestige, luxuries, glamour, beauty in the flesh, pleasure, fantasy and mythological theories of worlds and ideas not birthed from reality.

We live in a society that boasts of things made with hands and fashioned after the thoughts of men. We walk through streets and byways dreaming dreams based on digital concepts of self-worth. We labor, not like the Creator meant for us to labor, but to bring forth fruits of vengeance upon our neighbors.

We live in misery. Life is taught to us by whom, America? What life owns a man except the life that molds that man, (or to be politically correct and subservient to the law), what is the motivation? By what force do we awake at dawn? Is it the force of obligation or is it by the energy to love?

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Once Dead

When you die, you either rise out of one and into another existence or you are enclosed within an unknown place. You do not rise up nor descend. Hollywood has it wrong, science has yet to discover or prove, and the Bible does not totally explain. However, the spirit does reveal.

Explain. The mystery of death is a thing hidden from the conscious mind because there is knowledge in death that if the now living knew of, could use in exploitive ways against others or against themselves.

But death does not hold the same destiny for all people collectively. Death is an individual experience depending on the life just released.

There are, nevertheless, collective places for a certain sea of people. Seas of people are people who hold like beliefs while in life. Common beliefs, limited beliefs left to the limited imaginations of men. There are theories but none as accurate as revelation told by profound inspiration. As the one you are about to read.

The Seas of People

There are 4 different Seas of People who live. These people are divided in two: those who believe and those who do not. Belief as in the existence of God or a god, the giver of life. Once you identify yourself in one of the four Seas, the revelation of what to expect once you die will follow. Below are descriptions of the four Seas.

You believe in God and His Kingdom

You believe but do not trust Him

You have found a reason not to believe

You do not believe

Once you have identified yourself as a part of a particular Sea of People, the experience of your death will be afore-told and that will be yours eternally. You cannot choose one and return to choose afterward because life works as we ponder this moment and death follows as a moment aftertime. On these words you live and die.

You Believe in God and His Kingdom

Once dead, you will rise immediately into another existence not apart from the current. All things you see before you die will still be there but you will be no longer. Your body will lie but the spirit will raise your soul adjacent to your former life. All emotion ceases and everything become natural, immediately.

You can stay where you are and observe all around in a state of naturalness understanding everything of the former life without question. You can stay and see but you will naturally know not to, remembering where you are and proceed to that which you desire the most.

Familiar smells that return memories of a certain place at a certain time and moment; a room, familiar person and mood will travel through your soul as the spirit pacifies your desires. Your knowledge of time says you have another lifetime to spend recapturing moments, places, people, fulfilling desires, asking questions, revealing mysteries you so need to complete your soul.

You were a child in a moment that made you embrace as safe. There was a person that you loved who were near you and your world was a place of solitude. That moment in your mind lingers and your soul drinks it and fills you. Now you can sit for a moment and piece it all together. The time of another life is before you.

It all comes naturally and in perspective. Yes, you have questions and they will be answered as you ask, not through conversation but through inspiration. You will smile realizing it was all so simple yet jumbled because of that life you lived. You can sit and remember or you can observe with immense understanding.

You can seek to know and you can take time to ponder the things that were always deep within you. There are no people with you because this is a time for yourself, alone with He who created you. You will remember where you are because it was there you left for that life, and all things remain as they were when you return.

You Believe but do not Trust Him

When you die your soul will immediately start seeking. In constant yet calm desperation, always seeking, wandering and are again and again led to familiar places. You are taken from what you always knew and are shown otherwise, right away, you have knowledge that there is and was something you always had a feeling about. Now you are there and those things await you.

You feel them and sense them near. That which tugged at your heart, your desires, your curiosity; it is all there yet not quite in reach. Your mind knows all things are present yet you cannot seem to grasp or take hold of any given concept to understand it.

You see things as they past, things you once understood and knew and had control over. They amuse you now because they were never really a challenge to you but were things you could control, unlike where you are now, the place you seem to be that has yet to reveal itself to you. Your reach is just shy of taking hold.

But it is all there now. The things you knew existed yet had not the courage to understand. You now know. There is no doubt, for all doubt was left behind for reason of death. You knew. Now you know you knew all along. You knew they were there because curiosity often conversed with you and you found yourself conversing with it.

Your soul is thirsty because that void has yet to fill, yet now that you know, knowing what it is you needed to know and desire to know is just out of reach and an emptiness remain. A burning emptiness left unfulfilled while in that life and even more so in this one. There you will remain for another lifetime satisfied yet thirsting for that which you know is there yet just out of reach.

A soul starved for knowledge of all things true and pure and natural. Sorrow now controls you and is the only memory left from that life because sorrow was the one thing that kept you from trusting in God in full. Sadness caused you to misplace your trust and you chose not to trust in full but were satisfied with your lot in life. So sorrow becomes your lot in the new.

You have found a reason not to believe

Before you die you will be moved to a nagging wonder, which will barely supersede your determination to doubt, and the moment you die, your internal conflict will gently drag you through times and moments of that life that were filled with a now menial earthly pride. It was once a good feeling and now it is an annoyance to know what little pleasure it brought. Your soul will be so disappointed to realize such a small pleasure could bring you joy.

You are now driven through moments in dim places with people all the time, people who share the pride that so pleased you in that life and you are disgusted by them and their arrogance and petty egotistical pretentiousness.

Quiet. You will stand alone, thinking. Alone, thinking in a dim place. Not tortuous or hot or evil, but dimly lit by a light far away which seem to echo the most beautiful music and sounds you ever heard. Scents and smells of things that you never had the pleasure of knowing during that life. You can do nothing but wonder, hard. Wondering what.

There is no choice for you. You are led over and over to places that remind you of that damned pride. That foolish pride. You are held for times unending in certain places never moving, just thinking. Thinking about things in that life that you allowed to fashion your thoughts and harden your heart towards what you at one point believed.

Every now and then from the distance the voices of song, and scents spring from the only break through of the dim light. That ray. That one ray you start towards. You start moving toward that ray wondering how and where it comes and for what reasons you have no knowledge of it. You move toward it and finally you will, stand at the break through. And you will stand there. And stand there; and stand there perpetually lacking knowledge.

You do not believe

You will not die. You will awaken. And the moment your eyes focus, you will stare into the pit of your fears. It will be before you as a thing most devilish, and you will not be able to look away. It will lock your eyes to it and drive thoughts in to your head. Your empty head, filling your head with its will.

You will desire so to turn and see all that is in motion around you, and there will be much going on in your peripheral vision. Deeds you have done. You will hear words you have spoken in that life. And it will stare at you. It will be an enormous thing starting at you and you will stare back at it for fear of turning not knowing what will happen if you turn away.

You turn away yet it remains in your eyes path all the times never relinquishing, never unlocking your eyes. Then, you will sense strongly the presence of someone close to you and you will feel the breath of someone on your ear, desperately speaking your name vying for your attention. Someone you once loved. They will be right there in your ear calling, whispering your name so close in your ear you will know them. And in your desire to turn to them for a moment of familiarity you will not be able to turn from it.

Your sense will convince you that there are others in the place seeking for you and trying for your attention, getting angry with you and you with them asking and pleading with them to wait a moment, just a moment and you will acknowledge them so you desire. Yet you cannot turn from watching it, and never will. It stands there looking at you, sometimes pathetically, sometimes, angrily, sometimes yelling, sometimes, smiling an evil smile and pushing thoughts into your empty head as you begin to desire more of its spell.

You will finally realize that it will never release you from its stare and no matter how hard you try to turn away. It will be there eternally and you will fear it eternally. But you finally fall asleep. And you awake

again as it never happened and again you awake to the pit of your fears. Staring at you as something new and it begins again and eternally over.

Conclusion

Take this neither as truth or fiction, but take it as it comes and keep it in mind. The mind knows not what is beyond this life and neither does any man to warn others. Life and death are what you make it. As we live so shall we die and there are things you cannot explain. If you have no knowledge of what life can offer or what life is about, you can never know whether these things of death are true or not. This can be true, you never know.

What you have just read is your destiny brought forth by your own beliefs. There is no changing unless your beliefs change. But if you do not believe in what you just read, then your destiny remains. However, if what you just read moved you or placed a fear in you that was not there before, there is this moment and only this moment that you realized the change, in which you can take hold of your destiny and shift your place in the Sea of People. But remember, once dead, it's for another lifetime, eternally.

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Prepare to Survive

The inevitable is coming. Prosperity will not always be as it is today. The time is coming when famine will thrust its way throughout the world, including America, and life, as we know it today will cease. Man - as in the world leaders and so-called mastermind scientist - have forsaken that which is natural and which is logical and have resorted to replication, simulation, conspicuous greed, and simple lethargy. The Bible speaks of the coming woes but man believes different, he believes in himself. Those who believe in God, yet have found contentment in the world's present way of life are deceived and have forgotten that man does not set destiny, the Words of God does.

Natural resources, such as food, water, and air, are resources that God gave man to survive on this earth, however, man has found a way to get rich from processing, manufacturing, and selling these natural resources in one fashion or another. God also gave man the knowledge to discover other ways that would make life on earth easier, such as the discovery of electricity, ways to harness heat, and other energy giving resources, such as coal and oil. Again, man discovered that he could profit from these resources also. Then it became a game to some; to become keeper and distributor of resources to those they feel worthy, thus birthing politics.

Though humanity has a natural right to natural resources, the games of man have become increasingly selfish. The men who have capitalized the most from natural resources, i.e. the rich, also set standards to live by for the average human to survive. Self-worth determined by credit worthiness, educational credentials, and who knows who, are necessary for a human-being if they desire to actually benefit from

the natural resources of the earth or from the discoveries of man. In other words, life is a game fashioned by the hands of a few men in control of what God has given humanity. Either live by the standards set by man or live by the bare faith that God is still the sole provider for humanity regardless of the rules of survival.

If one chooses to live by the standards of man then they must find their happiness in the things man offers through life. If one chooses to live by the standards of God then they will find happiness in the things of God. If one believes that the natural resources of the earth are there for everyone and will inevitably be enjoyed by everyone, then they must believe in God. If one believes that to obtain the resources of the earth they must play according to the rules of man and that a person's worth, according to man, determines whether they can have the resources, then they have no faith in God. When money, status, and credentials determine worth despite humanity, then the minds of men have become corrupt, and this is the state of the world today.

Because humanity has fallen to such material gluttony and self-indulgence, to the point of operating societies on a self-worth scale and not on human compassion of survival, the world must feel a backlash. They have to learn a hard lesson, ethically, morally, economically, and furthermore naturally. We must reap what we have sown. We have sown corruption and now we, as a people, must reap corruption. The world has reached a point where poverty and disease has destroyed millions of people not because of lack of resources, but because of greed of nations, spite of nations, the power of nations and the men who control these nations. Many years have passed and suffering of poverty and disease continue, not because there is not enough to go around, but that which can go around is being consumed and wasted by men whom take life and resources for granted.

The rich use in a day what millions can benefit from for months even years. The rich throw away daily what a small nation can survive off for months, even years. The rich spend daily what the poor only dream of. The rich live deliciously in homes and neighborhoods that cost more to built than what some people see in a lifetime. This is the mentality of greed and selfishness. It is the mindset of a world gone astray; of one that have forgotten who gave them that which they waste. Nevertheless, God will not punish man for these deeds. He will allow man to destroy himself, which is what is slowly and inevitably happening.

What further confirms the fact that this famine will come soon is that those who claim to worship and adore God has assumed the mindset of the world. They too, have taken on the belief that a person's survival is determined by their worth. They believe, and teach others, that God also condones this worldly thinking and that He will teach those who believe in Him how to play by the rules of man's game of life. They have confused what God expects from humanity with what man has done and what man expects from humanity. Church leaders teach people that if their life is not going according to man's rules of life, such as prosperity, honorable credentials and acceptable credit accountability, that that person is not favored by God.

Church leaders are deceived, believe and teach that the success standards set by man are the success standards of God. They have absorbed the mindset of greed and self-indulgence and implanted those mindsets into the doctrines they teach from the pulpit. As a result, the believers live like the world and politic along with the world to determine who gets what resources and when. As a result, believers pray to God and ask for the things they believe He wants them to have, which are the things the world has.

Believers have become use to the prosperity of the world, which is not prosperity but the residue of the greedy man's goods. They believe that God has supplied them with luxuries because they have obeyed Him and His standard of life while millions of people in more unfortunate places suffer the pangs of poverty without ever knowing God.

America, in particular is a nation built on and sustaining from the woes and pangs of many. A country that has abused other countries; sucked the natural resources from other countries to supply its own with the riches and luxuries of the weak. America, and the churches within, will feel the greatest shake of God and the worst famine of all time because of her greed and self-indulgence. The citizens and believers in America is not accustom to poverty in its deepest sense. They have not lived long enough to experience the sufferings of real life and what it means to live off the fatness of the land. The time is coming when the men in America, and other allied countries will have to bow to the furry of famine, deep poverty, and suffering. When this time comes, some believers will no longer believe and many unbelievers will know, but those who love God will survive.

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Dear Satan

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Dear Satan,

I know who you are. I know how you think and I know what your plan is and how you will carry it out. The fact that you are a liar is no secret, but the methods in which you tell your lies are deceitful. You do not have to tell a lie in its direct form (although you do) you can lie by simply not telling the whole truth.

You know the words of God almost as well as God; only the power of the word does not work for you as it does for him. You do not have the slightest idea what many of His words mean; you just say you do. Moreover, you never do what the word says do.

You put on shows with antics in mockery of God in front of those that are ignorant to God's word, and tell them only what you assume the words mean. You walk the fine line of truth and lie but you can never cross over because God will not let you, you have already chosen your destiny. You are angry for that so you tell lies, all lies. You quote what the word says but you really don't believe it, and you fill innocent and gullible minds with what you think you know, but you do not know anything.

Your whole plan is to trick people using your enemy's word. You do not like God; in fact, you despise him because he is much more powerful than you are. He has all power, you have none, and you are jealous. You may have more people on your side but the ones God has on his side will never be yours. You think you can have them but you really know you can't. You may even deceive many of them but you do not own them anymore.

You tell people that God does not love them and that he does not care, but the truth is he does only not about you. You play childish games so well. You are mean and hatred is deep down inside you. You are angry all the time and always depressed. You act like you love someone and they may even believe you, but in the end, they soon realize you don't. Moreover, you hate it when they find you out. Nevertheless, I also know that you do not care if they find out that you do not care. The only reason you get mad is that you were found out.

So you move on to your next victim and start off real nice and sweet, like you want to help them or teach them or care. And you do it very well, but remember, I know who you are, you cannot fool me.

You take God's word and use it to hurt people by giving them scriptures of correction all the time and never a word of encouragement. You do not even know how to encourage people; you only pretend so you can gain their trust. You kill people spiritually with words and wound them with scriptures, making them think that it is God doing it. I know your game.

You only pick on people smaller than you or feeble minded, or sick. You pick on little children, old ladies, and handicapped people. You start vicious rumors and lie about people and withhold the truth and any compliments about them. You never give anyone a positive report only evil lies. You are nosy and a gossip; you are confused about your sexuality and you do drugs. You abuse children and molest them; you also steal from people, especially the trusting ones, or little old ladies on the sly. I know you.

You hate happy people and love misery. You especially love money, teach about it, and ask for it all the time. You package God's words and sale them for profit; you threaten people with curses and death and hell if they do not give. That is another reason I know you are no good. You lust after women who have no man and use and confuse them like you did Eve in the garden.

Nevertheless, when it comes to a true disciple or apostle of Christ, you had your last laugh when you tricked Judas. The rest of us know who you are. You go to church, pray, and testify in the isles; you sing in the choir and even preach in the pulpit. But I see you anywhere you are. You even have the nerve to call yourself an apostle. Saying you've been through this and you've been through that but you are lying your head off. You are afraid to suffer for Christ sake let alone even wanting to.

You look good and sound good but I know who you are. Soon I will let you know I know, face-to-face. I also know that you are afraid of me because I know and tell the truth and you hate me for that. So what, I'm letting everyone know. The main way I know you is because you have no love in you. I know love, God is love, and you are not. Love covers a multitude of sins and forgives them. You remind people of their sin everyday and never forgive them. Then you go and tell other people about someone else's sins. That is where you slipped.

You went and told God that I was being bad and he looked at you and said, "you are a liar, he is good". So you went and told others that I was no good, you tried to twist God's words so that they would be misunderstood. Many people believed you but that is OK, as long as God knows where my soul will end up. As for you and those you own,

See you all on Judgment Day.

Love,

The Preacher

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Once Saved, Never Lost

Common sense says that once a person is born they cannot be unborn. In the gospel of Christ, once a person is born again, they cannot be un-born again. The promise of Jesus Christ is eternal life to those who are born again and they can never perish.

When preachers tell people that even after they are born again of water and of the Spirit that they can still go to hell this is a lie. If a person goes to hell after serving the Lord then they were never born again. When the people came to Jesus saying "Lord, Lord, open unto us" (St. Matthew...) and Jesus said that He knew them not, those people were not His children. They were not born again and never had been.

God has given no man authority to tell another soul they are going to hell. Jesus only, is the giver and taker of life; He has the keys of life and death and no man can ever determine the destiny of another being's soul. If a preacher knows not for sure whether a person will actually descend into hell after their death, then they should never say they will. The only reason preacher's use this theory is for scare tactics, to bring people into subservience.

It is by faith that any person will go to heaven. If a person believes they will ascend to God at His coming or after their death, it is by their faith they will. If a person believes they can go to hell even after they are born again, they will live under fear the rest of their lives. Believe in salvation and trust in God's words, not man's words.

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