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Editor's Notes on Heads Up -

Each issue of Heads Up! focuses on the importance of Christians being vigilant. God commands us to be soberminded and watchful. Pastors must be alert to false prophets and doctrines of devils, and must warn their churches faithfully. While false prophets whisper "Peace and Safety" we must cry out against them, saying "Awake, thou that sleepest!"



About sixty years ago, aircraft manufacturers began equipping aircraft with what they called "heads up displays." In a HUD the most vital information from the instrument panel is projected upward and reflected off a clear plastic panel directly in front of the pilot. This lets him look outside the aircraft through the heads up display and still be fully aware of his instruments at the same time.

Just so, Heads Up! e-Magazine is published to help God's people be aware of two things at once, the things that are happening in their churches and the things that are happening outside them. While we are not greatly interested in everything that makes the news, we believe we **MUST** be aware of those events, movements, doctrines, and men which affect our spiritual lives.

I once flew with a commercial pilot who tended to doze off when he should have been flying the plane (!). One night we were on our way back from Papua New Guinea and I was sitting in the co-pilot's seat when he

fell asleep. We were flying on autopilot, and I was watching the instruments and keeping an eye out for other aircraft, so I knew where we were and wasn't greatly worried. I knew I would see the lights of Cairns at about 85 miles out, and that we needed to start our descent about 35 miles out, so I just let him sleep. BUT SOMEBODY HAD TO STAY AWAKE! I woke him up about 50 miles from home and we landed safely. Sadly, he crashed the same plane on a mountain side a few years later and died, killing 8 or 9 people on board. He wasn't asleep that time, but the same carelessness was at work.

We live in a drowsy age, when pastors and church members all over the world are being rocked to sleep by the Devil. Surely it is wise counsel for all of us to do all we can to wake up the sleepy saints before the enemy comes in the door of the church.

Heads Up!

Pastor Buddy Smith

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Feature Article - God Defines Marriage

by Clay Nuttall

The plague of human reason has firmly placed man as god. Whenever the subject of an event or an issue is raised, reporters from the liberal media ask opinions of entertainers, failed politicians, customers at a bar, intellectuals, and "religious types". Why not ask the sovereign creator God for a clear statement on the subject? The answer is that the majority no longer cares what God has said. Our leaders have been busy erasing the true God from

our culture while they establish man as god. As you know, I like to describe this as replacing Christianity with a new religion, which I have dubbed "Humianity".

One of the tenets of the religion of man is the freedom to lie about anything. This bad habit, in some cases, comes from a lack of understanding and wisdom. Every thought and opinion of a man comes from his religious perspective. Those who own man as their god see their own convoluted ideas as the final word on any subject. The true believer seeks the word of God for any definition. The authority base for a believer is the scriptures, while human reason is the authority base for all others.

An illustration of this can be found in evolution, or unintelligent design, versus creation, which is known as intelligent design. The world looks for soft words to cover their heinous sins. For instance, murder has become "abortion", sin has become "sickness", and sodomy has become "gay". The sad thing is that professing Christians far too often have joined the "Softening of Sin" club.

In our country there is a movement to redefine marriage. One can only wonder why people support this, but their position depends on who is their God. For the true believer, it's a simple matter, because God has given us a definition in Genesis - one man for one woman for one lifetime.

Why Not Vote On It?

In several states, including the one we live in, a marriage amendment has been proposed, simply stating God's true definition of marriage. Some may not like it, but what people are really doing at the polls is declaring who is their god. For true believers, casting a vote is a grand opportunity to publicly identify with the God of glory and with the authority of scripture. In front of some people's houses are signs that say "Vote Against Amendment One!" Those signs on their lawns constitute an open confession of the god those people have chosen. One might argue that there are also Christians and churches who oppose the amendment; by doing so, however, they also have declared who is really their god. People are not Christians just because they say they are; we are defined by what we believe. The fact that so many have twisted or ignored the clear teaching of scripture only confirms their choice of gods. I am a Christian because of what I believe. I am a Baptist because of what I believe, and I say what I say and do what I do because of what I believe. Our beliefs, however, have to be founded on the central and clear teaching of God's Word; we do not have the luxury of personal and private interpretation. The Bible is not plastic, and we have no authority to mold it as we please or to rewrite it at every whim.

It is easy for the believer to be lazy and ignore opportunities to speak for God, but our silence in such matters amounts to disobedience. Remember that the great sin of Adam and Eve wasn't their diet; it was that they disobeyed God. The result of their sin is still with us and is part of what is going on in this debate. That may seem to you a small thing, but what is going to follow will be far worse. If those who worship man get their way, the day will come when I will go to jail for what I have written here! The tide of evil flows very strong, and only a blind person would miss the growing hatred toward biblical Christianity. We need to speak while we have the freedom to do so, because introduction of the flood of laws against us is just around the corner.

What Are We Missing Here?

Many evangelicals would say that what I have written is not kind or compassionate. They need to read the next issue of Shepherds Staff on the subject of "Plain Talk". First, let me explain the problem. The liberal mindset is unable to separate ideas or fact from people. Liberals tend to spend their time in the swamp of people talk, where they can shut down truth by talking about Christians being "mean spirited". They have placed their own inventions about love above the holiness of God. There is nothing loving about teaching people to sin or being silent while those who are chained to their lusts plunge to eternal judgment.

The God of the Bible is perfect in holiness, truth, and love. His perfect holiness has defined marriage. This is the truth, and while we are to love the sinner, we must not love his sin by making him feel comfortable about it. That is exactly what the Corinthians had done in I Corinthians 5. While some smarter-than-God intellectuals don't think God loves sinners, He does; and so must we. At the same time, God hates sin; the cross is all the proof you need.

Just Wondering

I cannot help but wonder if this subject will come up at the Judgment Seat of Christ - something as small as speaking for God and His word on the subject of marriage, as opposed to those who choose to mock God? I think that if you could ask Adam and Eve, they would tell you that disobedience is no small thing! "...let God be true, but every man a liar..." Romans 3:4

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Kissing a House Goodbye -

One of our little grandsons, Ezra Smith, was caught kissing his dad's old house goodbye. It just reminded me that children value things differently than we oldies do. To us a house is a financial burden, a chore to clean, a maintenance nightmare, and also an asset. It's a thing to us. To them it is sweet memories, safe shelter, tender love, laughter and friends, singing Sunday School choruses under the dining table at breakfast (!), reading books and washing dishes with grandpa, and swinging on a tyre swing in the backyard. To them it is a child's wonderful world, if the child is loved by his father and mother.



Thank you, Ezra, for helping me see your house through your eyes.

I think I may start kissing houses goodbye, too.

If nobody is looking.

Grandpa

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Psalms 127:1; 3-4

"Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it...Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed..."

Wind Farms Can Cause Climate Change? -

Wind farms can cause climate change, according to new research, that shows for the first time the new technology is already pushing up temperatures.

By Louise Gray, Environment Correspondent



Usually at night the air closer to the ground becomes colder when the sun goes down and the earth cools. But on huge wind farms the motion of the turbines mixes the air higher in the atmosphere that is warmer, pushing up the overall temperature.

Satellite data over a large area in Texas, that is now covered by four of the world's largest wind farms, found that over a decade the local temperature went up by almost 1C as more turbines are built.

This could have long term effects on wildlife living in the immediate areas of larger wind farms. It could also affect regional weather patterns as warmer areas affect the formation of cloud and even wind speeds.

It is reported China is now erecting 36 wind turbines every day and Texas is the largest producer of wind power in the US.

The study, published in *Nature*, found a "significant warming trend" of up to 0.72C (1.37F) per decade, particularly at night-time, over wind farms relative to near-by non-wind-farm regions. The team studied satellite data showing land surface temperature in west-central Texas.

(excerpted from <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/earth/earthnews/9234715/Wind-farms-can-cause-climate-change-finds-new-study.html>)

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Notable Quotes and Quotable Notes -

- University of Nebraska Assistant Football Coach Ron Brown Stands by Convictions in Light of Media Storm Over Homosexuality Remarks: To Be Fired for My Faith Would Be a Great Honor (Please take a look at the video. Ron Brown takes a clear stand calling homosexuality a sin to the city council members. <http://www.christianpost.com/news/ron-brown-stands-by-convictions-in-light-of-media-storm-over-homosexuality-remarks-74173/->)
- "... the goal of Christian mission is not success, but faithful witness; not power, but proclamation; not technique, but truth; not method, but message. *Michael Horton, Power Religion, Moody Press*

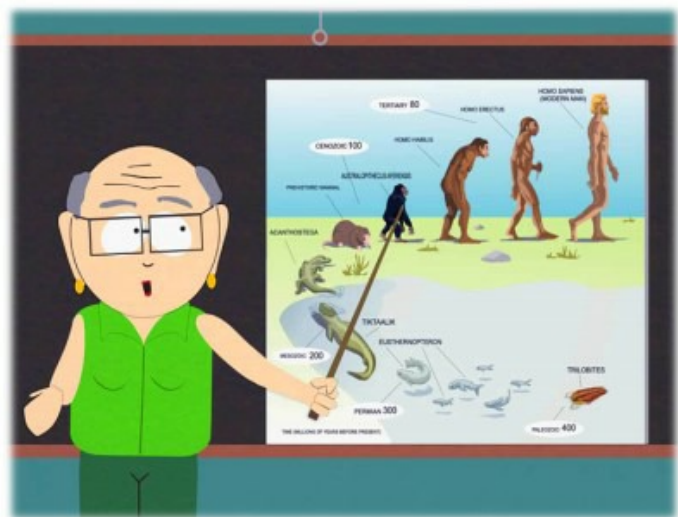
- "Prayer is never an acceptable substitute for obedience. The sovereign Lord accepts no offering from His creatures that is not accompanied by obedience. To pray for revival while ignoring or actually flouting the plain precept laid down in the Scriptures is to waste a lot of words and get nothing for our trouble." *A.W. Tozer, Of God and Men*
- The classic hymns so despised by youth today were all about SUBMISSION; that's why carnal Christians want no part of them. <http://www.av1611.org/crock/jefchp16.html>
- Sometimes I need to reject the music proposed for my songs because the musicians mistakenly think that the Fanny Crosby who once composed songs for the people in the saloons has merely changed the lyrics. Oh my, no! The church must never sing it's songs to the melodies of the world." *Fanny Crosby*

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Four Scientific Reasons That Refute Evolution

by Brian Thomas, M.S. *

Some claim that evolution is unbiblical and unscientific. Others claim that science proves evolution. Which view is right? Four clear observations show why evolution—which asserts that fish became fishermen by nature's provision of new biological information—is utterly unscientific.



1. Fossils do not show evolution.

Many undisputed fossil lineups should show transitions between the unrelated creatures that evolutionists insist share common ancestry. But the few fossil forms claimed by some evolutionists to represent transitions between basic kinds are disputed by other evolutionists on scientific grounds.¹

2. Living creatures do not evolve between kinds.

Experiments designed to detect evolution should have caught a glimpse by now, but they have not. When researchers simulated fruit fly evolution by systematically altering each portion of fruit fly DNA, they found only three resulting fruit fly categories, published in 1980: normal, mutant, or dead.² A 2010 study found no net fruit fly evolution after 600 generations.³ Similarly, microbiologists watched 40,000 generations of *E. coli* bacteria become normal, mutant, or dead.⁴ None truly evolved.⁵

Big-picture evolution did not happen in the past, and it is not happening now. Other evidence excludes evolution from real science.

3. Genetic entropy rules out evolution.

Population geneticists count and describe genetic mutations over many generations in creatures like plants and people. Mutations are copying errors in the coded information carried by cells. The overwhelming

majority of mutations have almost no effect on the body. Also, far more of these nearly neutral mutations slightly garble genetic information than any others that might construct new and useful information.⁶ Therefore, many more slightly harmful mutations accumulate than any other kind of mutation—a process called “genetic entropy.” Each individual carries his own mutations, plus those inherited from all prior generations.

Cells are left to interpret the damaged information like scholars who try to reconstruct text from tattered ancient scrolls. Ultimately, too little information remains, resulting in cell death and eventually extinction. Genetic entropy refutes evolution by ensuring that information is constantly garbled and by limiting the total generations to far fewer than evolutionary history requires.

4. All-or-nothing vital features refute evolution.

Finally, transitioning between basic kinds is not possible because it would disable vital creature features. For example, the reptile two-way lung could not morph into a bird’s unique one-way lung. The reptile lung would have to stop breathing while it waited for evolution to either construct or transfer function to the new bones, air sacs, and parabronchi required by the new bird system.⁷ Such a creature would suffocate in minutes, ending its evolution.

Similarly, to transition from an amphibian’s three-chambered heart to a mammal’s four-chambered heart would require either a new internal heart wall that would block vital blood flow, or new heart vessels that would fatally disrupt the amphibian’s vital blood flow.

These four observations show why the unbiblical evolutionary idea that creatures change without limits is unscientific. If creatures evolved through nature—and not God—then Scripture is not trustworthy, since from beginning to end it credits God as Creator.⁸ But science clearly confirms the Genesis creation account.

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2 Peter 3:3-4

**“...there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,
And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell
asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.”**

Therapy For The Funny Bone -

A Jewish grandmother is giving directions to her grown grandson who is coming to visit with his wife.

"You come to the front door of the apartment. I'm in apartment 301. There is a big panel at the front door. With your elbow, push button 301. I will buzz you in. When you come inside, the elevator is on the right. Push the 'Up' button with your elbow. When the elevator door opens, get in, and with your elbow, push 3. When you get out, I'm on the left. With your elbow, hit my doorbell."

"Grandma, that sounds easy, but, why am I hitting all these buttons with my elbow? "

"What . . . You're not coming empty handed, are you?"

PUNctual words -

- A soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran .
- I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid . He says he can stop any time .
- I'm reading a book about anti-gravity . I can't put it down.

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- My neighbour knocked on my door at 2:30am this morning, can you believe that, 2:30am?! Luckily for him I was still up playing my Bagpipes.
 - I saw a poor old lady fall over today on the ice!! At least I presume she was poor - she only had \$1.20 in her purse.
 - A wife says to her husband, "You're always pushing me around and talking behind my back." He says, "What do you expect? You're in a wheelchair."

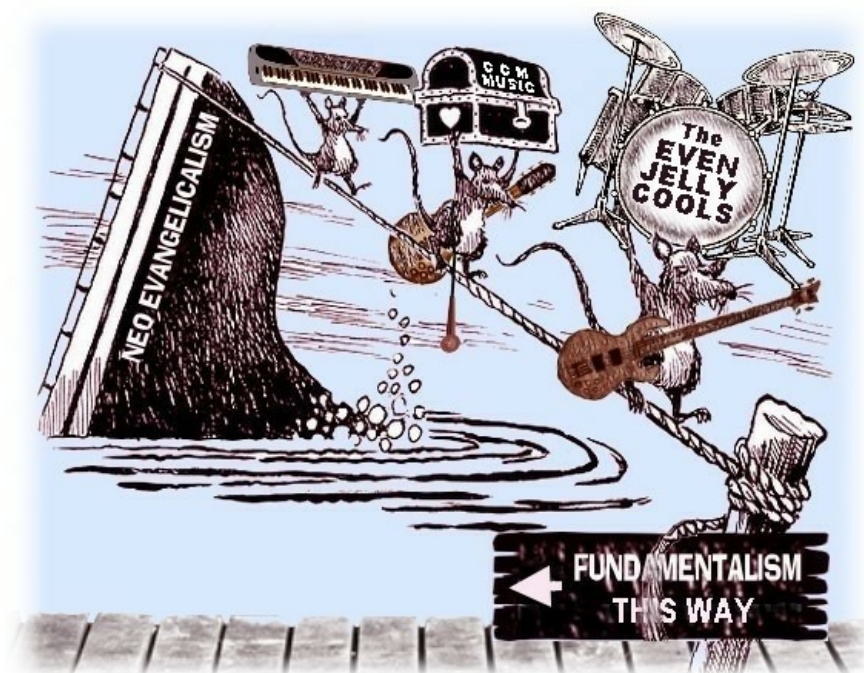
Six Truths in Life

1. You cannot stick your tongue out and look up at the ceiling at the same time, it's a physical impossibility.
2. All dummies, after reading #1 will try it.
3. And discover #1 is a lie.
4. You are smiling now because you are a dummy.
5. You soon will forward this to another dummy.
6. There is still a stupid smile on your face.

I sincerely apologize about this but I'm a dummy too and I needed company.

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Cartoon For The Wise



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Tracts Reach Hardened Souls... in Prison

(A letter to Jack Chick from a prisoner.)

Dear Jack,

I've been handing out your tracts for many, many years. I got into trouble at the age of 59 and now I'm in a Maryland prison, at the age of 62. My testimony today is not about me, it's about a guard at the prison here where I'm being held.

I walk 1/4 mile to the breakfast chow hall every morning at 4:30 am and take tracts with me. I was first questioned about carrying Chick tracts in my upper shirt pocket in front of thirty other men. An officer called me out and said, "What's in your pocket old man?" "Chick tracts Sir," I responded. "They will tell you how you can be sure

you're going to heaven when you die. It's Bible, Sir." He glanced at the booklets and then threw them back at me. He then hollered, "Contraband, old man!"

Since that day, God has opened the door for me to give out hundreds of tracts to the many prisoners here. After a few weeks the guards started to accept them, also. As I would leave the chow hall, I'd look back and see three or four guards standing under the lights reading the tracts. I'd pray, "Lord let your Spirit draw these guards to thee."

As weeks went by and I continued to look for opportunities to give out the gospel, I went to chow one morning and there was absolutely nowhere to sit —nowhere! Two hundred and fifty men were scattered around the hall. But God left one seat open right next to a guard who was sitting watching for troublemakers. I looked at this bald-headed, muscle-bound guard with cuffs and tear gas and who knows what else strapped to him. He nodded at me to sit at his table. Wow, I couldn't believe it! I sat down, had prayer out loud, and he actually started to talk to me.

As questions popped up, I would flip through the tracts I had to find one that would relate to his questions. Again I'd pray over the tracts before giving them to the officer and others. For months we met at breakfast; for months he would hold my seat and for months inmates sneered and mocked me as I sat with who they saw as "the enemy".

One day in April, I sat down with the officer at breakfast, but something was different —something had changed. A new man sat with me this glorious morning. Brother Jack, this big, rough-looking prison guard rubbed his eyes and looked at me and said, "I know that God you've been speaking of."

"You do, sir?" I responded. "Yes, I finally prayed that prayer on the back of those booklets you have been peppering me with. I've repented of my sin and trusted totally in the blood of Jesus for a spot in heaven. I know He forgave me as I prayed alone sitting in the prison parking lot this morning." He reached up and turned his head so the inmates couldn't see and rubbed tears of joy from his eyes.

Jack, we can't hug or touch the guards here or we're put on lock-up immediately, but in my spirit I heard angels rejoicing that one more sinner had come home.

Thank you, Jack for your faithfulness to supply this "old man" with ammunition to win souls for our Savior. In the King's Service, awaiting Gabriel's horn and the sweet by and by. Love you guys, always in prayer for your publishing ministry.

The old man,
G. M. T. - Maryland

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The Sluggard -

by David Cloud

Proverbs 6:6-11; 10:4, 26; 12:24, 27; 15:19; 19:15, 24; 20:4, 13; 21:25-26; 22:13; 24:30-34; 26:13-16

The book of Proverbs warns frequently about the danger of the sluggard. It is one of the major themes of the book, because human nature tends toward this sin and it results in great and manifold evils. We all tend to be slothful by nature, especially in spiritual things, and we need frequent warnings against sloth.



1. THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SLUGGARD

a. The sluggard is slothful and not diligent; he does only what he has to do. He deals with a slack hand (Prov. 10:4). He hides his hand in his bosom (Prov. 19:24; 26:15). He does not even roast that which he takes in hunting (Prov. 12:27). Money, though earned by the sweat of his brow, simply slips through his fingers. On the spiritual side, the Christian sluggard gets baptized and joins the church but he doesn't dig in with all his strength to serve the Lord. He deals in spiritual matters with a slack hand.

b. The sluggard is one who wastes time and opportunities and doesn't plan ahead and work hard to fulfill wise objectives (Prov. 6:6-8). He is not self-motivated and diligent in the important issues of life, but he must have someone ruling over him and telling him what to do. When out from under this authority and when left to himself he puts off and neglects the important things.

The sluggard is exhorted to follow the example of the ant (Prov. 6:6-9). God has imparted wisdom to the little ant, and He is ready to impart much greater wisdom to the individual who loves God's Word and wants to serve Him.

(1) The ant works without oversight. She doesn't wait until someone tells her what to do and when to do it. She doesn't have to have somebody standing over her at all times, encouraging her and exhorting her and guiding her. She is self-motivated and self-ruled. The Christian must also be self-motivated to serve Christ regardless of whether or not he has proper oversight and proper help. God has ordained that the church is the pillar and ground of the truth (1 Tim. 3:15) and the church is to be ruled by biblically-qualified pastor-elders (Titus 1:5-9) and teachers (Eph. 4:11-12; Rom. 12:7). But sometimes there is no proper church in an particular area and many times there are not qualified and godly and wise pastor-elders and teachers. Sometimes there is not as much spiritual fellowship as we would like. This is not an excuse for sloth. I must serve the Lord diligently regardless of the situation and regardless of whether I have proper spiritual oversight and help. I should read and study the Bible regardless of how many teachers I have and regardless of how good they are. I should walk in fellowship with Christ and pray effectively regardless of how much encouragement I get from others. I should try to win souls to Christ regardless of whether my church provides the right training and example.



(2) The ant works while there is opportunity. She goes about with a steadfast purpose to store up her food in the summer in preparation for winter. She knows that it will not always be summer. She looks ahead with discretion and lives in the present with the future in mind. The Bible often warns that this life is brief and what is done for Christ must be done now or it will be too late. The harvest will soon be finished, and we will not be able to turn back the clock. Childhood has its opportunities, but it is short. Youth has its opportunities, but it is short. Young adulthood has its opportunities, but it is short. Midlife has its opportunities, but it is short. Old age has its opportunities, but it is short.



(3) The ant works to do her part without regard to what others might be doing. Many professing Christians are "pew sitters" and little else. They are not zealous in learning the Bible and teaching others and trying to win souls to Christ. Some think that the work is being done by others, so why should they labor, but the Lord's Harvest requires all hands and the body of Christ requires the participation of every member. A good question to ask myself is, "If the whole church were like me, what would the church be?" "The Christian world is busy, and there are thousands working: some preaching, some praying, some teaching, some writing; but not one can do thy work" (Thomas).

(4) The ant works without regard to her small size and seeming insignificance in the larger scheme of things. The ant doesn't stop to think that she is too little to do much and that compared to an elephant her work is practically useless. Instead she gets right to work and accomplishes amazing things. Many professing Christians seem to think that since they don't have great talents and abilities and opportunities that they should not do anything, but this is to despise what God has given them and to dishonor the God who has given it. The Bible exhorts us not to despise the day of small things (Zech. 4:10). The body of Christ requires the labor of every member, regardless of how seemingly feeble or insignificant (Rom. 12:5-9; 1 Cor. 12:12-27). Even a cup of cold water given in the name of a disciple of Christ will be rewarded (Mat. 10:41-42).

(5) The ant works because it is God's will for her to work. And it is God's will for all of His creatures to work, particularly those made in His own image. "Say not, God is good, and He will provide. He has provided for you richly, but He only grants the provision on condition of the right employment of your powers. There are great rewards for the saints, but only on the condition of being earned. There is a heaven of knowledge, but only for the student; there is a harvest of blessedness, but only to the diligent husbandman; there are scenes of triumph, but only to the victorious warrior" (David Thomas).

c. The sluggard uses many excuses to get out of work.

(1) Proverbs gives three examples of the sluggard's excuse making:



He uses difficulty as an excuse ("The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold," Prov. 20:4). If it's too cold or too hot or otherwise uncomfortable or too inconvenient or too difficult, he will find a way to bow out. While the diligent man finds a way to work regardless of the circumstance, the sluggard is busier finding an excuse not to work than to find a way to accomplish the work.

He uses fear as an excuse ("The slothful man saith, There is a lion without, I shall be slain in the streets," Prov. 22:13). Whenever a difficult project is considered there are always the sluggards who attempt to stop it through fear. "We can't build that tunnel or that bridge; it might fall in." "We can't go across the sea in a ship; we might drown." "We can't build an airplane; we might crash." The same thing

happens in the spiritual realm. There are always naysayers who use fear to try to stop the progress of the Lord's work. "We can't support those missionaries; we might not have enough money." "We can't build that building; we might go bankrupt." "We can't preach in public; someone might not like it." Through the years several people have tried to discourage me about building Way of Life Literature. One pastor said, "You won't ever get support for a literature ministry." I'm glad that I listened to God instead of these fear-mongers.

He uses lies as an excuse ("The slothful man saith, There is a lion in the way; a lion is in the streets," Prov. 26:13). This is a mythical, lying excuse. There were no lions in the streets of Israel in Solomon's day. That was just a pure lie or an extreme exaggeration to avoid work. In 1976 in Tracy City, Tennessee, my wife and I tried to witness to a man who was talking downtown, and he replied, "I can't talk; a leopard is coming," then took off. There were certainly no leopards in Tracy City that day! The sluggard is not above lying and exaggerating in his enthusiasm to escape work. He calls in sick at the slightest "pain" and stops working at the slightest inconvenience. He doesn't get things done because he just "doesn't feel like it." The sluggard thinks success is 99% genius and

1% sweat, whereas it is more like 1% genius and 99% sweat. Success makes it own way through diligence and persistence. The same is true in the spiritual realm. We are saved by God's grace without works, but we are unto good works (Eph. 2:8-10), and doing the will of God requires great dedication and diligence.

(2) By spiritual application the sluggard Christian uses many excuses to avoid serving the Lord. He doesn't read his Bible because he doesn't have the right study Bible or he needs glasses or he doesn't have the right place to study or it's too hot in his room to study or whatever. He uses excuses to avoid prayer and going to church and witnessing for Christ and tithing. He's too busy; there are too many other things he has to do; it's not convenient; it's too far to walk or drive or take a bus; he doesn't want to be a religious fanatic; he doesn't know how to talk to people. The sluggard Christian will even use lying excuses to avoid doing what he knows he should be doing for the Lord.

d. The sluggard loves sleep (Prov. 20:13; 26:14). This can refer to actual sleeping or to just lazing about, "a little folding of the hands," talking about things of no value, watching television, endlessly collecting rock CDs and MP3 files, playing video games, golfing, being consumed with professional sports, fishing, snowboarding, surfing the Internet, you name it. The sluggard is diligent toward folly but he is lazy toward wisdom.

e. The sluggard has many desires and plans and covets many things, but he will not work hard to attain these things and thus he is frustrated (Prov. 21:25-26). It's not that the sluggard doesn't have any ambition. He is going to do a lot of things whenever he finally gets around to it. He is going to have a lot of things one day. He hopes to win the lottery so he will have everything he wants to have and can do everything he would like to do. If he is a Christian he plans to start reading the Bible and having a daily devotional time; he thinks it would be nice to be a prayer warrior; he intends to get to church regularly. But "his hands refuse to labour" (Prov. 21:25). He desires; he covets; but he doesn't carry through.

f. The sluggard is conceited and refuses to face the reality of what he is (Prov. 26:16). The sluggard could change, but he won't listen to anyone. He really thinks he will change one day and that there is no hurry. In the mean time, he knows what he is doing and won't listen to anyone who tries to correct him.

2. THE PAIN ASSOCIATED WITH THE SLUGGARD

a. Slothfulness casts into a deep sleep (Prov. 6:9-10; 19:15). It only takes a little sloth to start the individual on the path to poverty. Laziness produces more laziness. "Always, therefore, look at sloth, not as an infirmity, but as a sin, affecting the whole man, growing upon us with unperceived power. Allow it therefore no rest, no time to root itself. Resist it in all its forms--bodily, mental, spiritual: indulgence of sleep and appetite: self-pleasing in all its subtle and plausible workings. Live by rule. Have your time strictly arranged. Be employed in early work for God" (Bridges).



b. Slothfulness results in things not being maintained (Prov. 24:30-34). The sluggard's field grows over. His automobile falls apart. His apartment or house deteriorates. His tools are rusty. His roof leaks. His hedge isn't trimmed. Weeds have taken over his yard. His computer is slow because it has all sorts of viruses and old programs that haven't been removed and outdated programs. His things are misplaced. His Bible is torn and broken because he hasn't taken care of it.

c. Slothfulness brings one under tribute (Prov. 12:24). It is the diligent that beareth rule. The slothful employee doesn't advance to become the boss. The slothful Christian doesn't become a prayer warrior or a soul winner or a Sunday School teacher or a deacon or a church leader. He remains under tribute while the diligent advances.

d. Slothfulness brings one to poverty (Prov. 19:15; 20:4; 20:13; 24:33-34). The one that travelleth is the one who roams about with no settled job, the drifter; and the armed man is the armed robber. Thus the sluggard's poverty comes unexpectedly as when a traveller arrives unannounced, and it comes with irresistible force as when one is robbed by an armed man.

(1) This warning is true in physical life as well as in spiritual. The individual who is not willing to work hard at a job and to plan ahead and stay on top of his obligations and pay his bills and keep things properly maintained will become poor. Likewise, the individual who is not willing to work hard in serving Christ, in prayer and Bible study and church life and evangelism will become spiritually poor and backslidden. If he is saved but lives a slothful spiritual life he will lose all the rewards, fruit, and honor that he could have obtained by serving Christ diligently (1 Cor. 3:13-15; 2 Tim. 4:8; 2 John 8). "Laziness brings ruin. Intellectual laziness brings intellectual ruin; commercial, brings commercial ruin; spiritual, spiritual ruin. This is a law" (Thomas).

(2) The Bible says that now is the time of Christ's great harvest in all of the nations of the earth (Mat. 9:37-38; John 4:35-36; Acts 1:8). Each believer has been called to be a minister in this harvest (2 Cor. 5:17-21), and the son that sleepeth in harvest causeth shame to his Father (Prov. 10:5).

e. Slothfulness is frustrating to the sluggard (Prov. 15:19). It's a hedge of thorns. Every way the sluggard turns he is pricked by the hedge that hems him in, the thorny hedge of his own sloth. He is frustrated because he can't fulfill his objectives and because things are falling apart and because he can't pay his bills and because he can't seem to get ahead.

f. Slothfulness is frustrating to others (Prov. 10:26). The sluggard is not only frustrating to himself; he is frustrating to those who must depend on him. To send the sluggard on an errand or to depend on him to accomplish a task is like vinegar to the teeth. It is unpleasant because of its acidity and sourness. The sluggard is also like smoke to the eyes. The smoke burns and irritates. It is a very unpleasant experience to gargle vinegar or to get smoke in one's eyes, and it is equally unpleasant to have to depend on a sluggard, because he doesn't get the job done in a timely and satisfactory manner. The slothful servant is also frustrating to Christ and will be rewarded for his sloth (Mat. 25:26-28).

3. THE GREAT EVIL OF SLUGGARDISM

Sluggardism is not only painful; it is evil. It is as evil as active wasting ("He also that is slothful in his work is brother to him that is a great waster," Prov. 18:9). The waster is one who spends his inheritance like the prodigal son described by Jesus in Luke 15:13. Both the sluggard and the waster are sinning before God, one by profligate living and the other by laziness and neglect. Both bring to poverty.

When it comes to the Lord's work, the sluggard wastes souls because all hands are required for the great work of world evangelism and getting the gospel to every person (Mark 16:15). Every believer has been appointed a minister in the work of reconciling men to God (2 Cor. 5:17-20). Yet the Christian who is slothful does no more for the furtherance of the Gospel than the waster.

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The Harvest Is Coming!

There was once a spider who lived in a cornfield. He was a big spider and he had spun a beautiful web between the corn stalks. He got fat eating all the bugs that would get caught in his web. He liked his home and planned to stay there for the rest of his life. One day the spider caught a little bug in his web, and just as the spider was about to eat him, the bug said, "If you let me go I will tell you something important that will save your life." The spider paused for a moment and listened because he was amused. "You better get out of this cornfield," the little bug said,

"The harvest is coming!" The spider smiled and said, "What is this harvest you are talking about? I think you are just telling me a story." But the little bug said, "Oh no, it is true. The owner of this field is coming to harvest it soon. All the stalks will be knocked down and the corn will be gathered up. You will be killed by the giant machines if you stay here."

The spider said, "I don't believe in harvests and giant machines that knock down corn stalks. How can you prove this?" The little bug continued, "Just look at the corn. See how it is planted in rows? It proves this field was created by an intelligent designer." The spider laughed and mockingly said, "This field has evolved and has nothing to do with a creator. Corn always grows that way." The bug went on to explain, "Oh no. This field belongs to the owner who planted it, and the harvest is coming soon."

The spider grinned and said to the little bug, "I don't believe you," and then the spider ate the little bug for lunch.

A few days later, the spider was laughing about the story the little bug had told him. He thought to himself, "A harvest! What a silly idea. I have lived here all of my life and nothing has ever disturbed me. I have been here since these stalks were just a foot off the ground, and I'll be here for the rest of my life, because nothing is ever going to change in this field. Life is good, and I have it made." The next day was a beautiful sunny day in the cornfield. The sky above was clear and there was no wind at all. That afternoon as the spider was about to take a nap, he noticed some thick dusty clouds moving toward him.

He could hear the roar of a great engine and he said to himself, "I wonder what that could be?"

- Anon.

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2 Peter 3:9

"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

Attitude Is More Important Than Altitude! -

I was in air cadets in my teens. Our squadron had a little plane that was a retired forward spotter plane from the Korean War. It was a fabric covered, high wing, two seater we flew every Sunday afternoon. Each cadet in the squadron was assigned a pilot (usually WWII vintage) who would take us up for an hour and give us some stick time. It was a blast. The first time I ever rode in a plane I got to fly it! You think I didn't become an addict the very first time up?



The other cadets who flew with my pilot told me he loved to chop the throttle on you when you were flying and tell you to find a place to put it down. So we were always looking for a flat piece of ground we could use for a landing strip. The first time he did it to me, he had the plane already lined up with an old dirt landing strip. Here we were, sitting at about a thousand feet up, putt-putt-ing along at about 80 knots or so, downwind of the strip, and all of a sudden, the engine fell silent and the pilot yelled out, "Dead stick! Where you gonna put it down?"

We had enough altitude to make it onto the strip with the engine idling, so I thought it was a piece of cake. What I DIDN'T know was that I HAD to keep the nose down and keep the airspeed up to make it over the boundary fence. With plenty of altitude and a terrible attitude we sat up there with the nose up and the airspeed bleeding off, and we just settled down into the scrub, short of the strip. We would have crashed and burned if the old pro hadn't kept on blipping the throttle, and pulling us forward a hundred feet or so every time he revved the engine. We settled over the fence (just barely) and he took the stick back and gave it full throttle and we climbed out safely. He then proceeded to chew me out royally for not keeping the nose down and the airspeed up.

I learned a big lesson from that. Attitude is more important than altitude! If you and I want to make a safe landing we'll need to learn humility and keep our noses (and heads!) down or we ain't going to make it, no matter how much altitude we've got!!!!

What I see with the present generation of preachers is that they think that they can proudly keep their noses pointed up attitudinally and chop the throttle, and all will be well. Sooner or later, they will run out of airspeed and stall and spin in.

The most embarrassing experience for a (sky)pilot is for him to crash and burn just short of the runway because he let his airspeed get too low and didn't make it to the numbers (on the end of the runway). Inevitably, their success has bred a nose up attitude, and they justify holding a disastrous attitude by telling all and sundry that they are climbing to new heights every week.

We all need to check our attitude, instead of boasting about our altitude.

- B. Ferraro

PS. There was a sequel to that story. A month or two later we were flying just north of town, near the rodeo showgrounds where there was an enormous parking lot. Again, my instructor chopped the throttle, and called back to me, "Dead stick! Where you gonna set it down?" And I smiled a fourteen year old's smile of great experience, and nosed that little plane over, and turned into the wind and drifted down over the edge of the parking lot, and flared for a beautiful three point landing, and he grabbed the stick and revved 'er up and took us back up. And over his shoulder he said, "Good job, son."

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Poems That Preach -

This Is the True God

*The Maker of the universe,
As Man for man was made a curse.
The claims of Law which He had made,
Unto the uttermost He paid.*

*His holy fingers made the bough,
Which grew the thorns that crowned His brow.
The nails that pierced His hands were mined
In secret places He designed.*

*He made the forest whence there sprung
The tree on which His body hung.
He died upon a cross of wood,
Yet made the hill on which it stood.*

*The sky that darkened o'er His head,
By Him above the earth was spread.
The sun that hid from Him its face
By His decree was poised in space.*

*The spear which spilled His precious blood
Was tempered in the fires of God.
The grave in which His form was laid
Was hewn in rocks His hands had made.*

*The throne on which He now appears
Was His for everlasting years.
But a new glory crowns His brow
And every knee to Him shall bow.*

F. W. Pitt

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Yoga in the Church: A Conspiracy Leading to a Strong Delusion?

WE ARE THE MOST HIGHLY INFORMED and sophisticated society in history and are currently in the midst of a hi-tech explosion beyond anyone's wildest imagination only a few years ago. Yet at the same time, increasing millions in the West are buying into yoga, an occult practice that has been part of primitive Oriental superstitions and religions for thousands of years. Why is this happening? Finding an answer to that question will give us a good start toward understanding what yoga really is, why it is so appealing, and the havoc it is wreaking upon our culture.

Though it may come as a surprise, the fact is that the explosion of occultism in the West (of which yoga is an integral part) did not come about by accident. This growing obsession was deliberately planted and cultivated by a group of psychologists and physical scientists, many of whom had, as university students, their first encounters with the mysterious powers of the occult and came to believe in the reality of a nonphysical dimension through their use of psychedelic drugs. The major drug of what became known as the "counter-culture" was lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD), a once legal but now illegal substance commonly called "acid" by its users. It was developed in 1943 by Albert Hoffman, a chemist at the Swiss pharmaceutical company, Sandoz A. B.

"Consciousness" became a primary focus, and soon the phrase "alternate states of consciousness" was on the lips of millions. How to reach "alternate states" became the exciting topic at parties and was the new

panacea. Few even suspected that they had stumbled onto the doorway to the occult, much less the horrors that lay beyond.

Of course, the world of academia, closed-minded to anything except materialistic explanations, spoke of an "alternate reality" as though it were a newly discovered unused corner of the physical brain that held amazing potential and must be studied in university labs. The "Human Potential Movement" was born. Mankind's supposedly unlimited and untapped powers became the new hope of the modern world, bolstered by the psychologists' ridiculous claim that we use only 10 percent of our brains. In that unused 90 percent, god-like psychic powers supposedly lie, awaiting discovery.

"Ironically," wrote Marilyn Ferguson, in a key book of this era, "the introduction of major psychedelics like LSD in the 1960s was largely attributable to the Central Intelligence Agency's investigation into these drugs for possible military use. Experiments on more than eighty college campuses, under various CIA code names, unintentionally popularized LSD. Thousands of graduate students served as guinea pigs. Soon they were synthesizing their own 'acid.'"

Unintentionally? On the contrary, this devilish development was anything but unintentional, as Ferguson well knew. It was, as we shall see, part of a deliberate and highly secretive plan to initiate the Western world into Eastern occultism, of which the introduction of drugs to American youth played a major part. Under the influence of psychedelics, millions discovered another dimension of reality that surely was not physical. But as long as the "trip" lasted, the adventure was as real as the physical universe--or, seemingly, even more real.

It only remained to be discovered that yoga would produce the same "trip" without drugs--and yoga took off as the new panacea. I remember the mother of a 20-year-old telling me with some sense of relief and little concern, "Our son used to be heavily into drugs; but thank God he isn't using drugs anymore because he started practicing yoga. I don't know what yoga is, but it can't be bad if it got him off of drugs!"

My reply must have shocked her: "I'm glad to hear that your son no longer gets 'high' on drugs. I'm sorry to inform you, however, that he can get a lot 'higher' on yoga than on drugs. Drugs were the kindergarten of occultism--yoga is the graduate school!" - *The Berean Call*

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Should We Be Looking For An Irreducible Minimum In Our Beliefs? -

Present day ignorance of history goes hand in hand with disobedience to God's Word. Consider these facts of history :

1. Historically, every Christian, every pastor, and every church which sought to reduce their doctrinal base in order to enlarge their fellowship ultimately destroyed their testimony for Christ, went into decline and disappeared.
2. Historically, every single doctrinal truth in Holy Scripture was either supportive of the gospel of Christ or was a fruit of the gospel. Every single one. So to lightly discard even one of those truths, or to consider it non-essential was to threaten the gospel of Christ. Anyone who sought to reduce



his doctrines to an irreducible minimum introduced a poison into the church that ultimately destroyed its message of salvation.

3. Historically, the spiritual growth of a man of God involved, not a reducing of his doctrinal base, but an increase. As his repertoire of Bible truth increased, so could his spiritual depth increase. Whenever this process was reversed, for whatever reason, his ministry died from the inside out.
4. Historically, whenever the size of a church or a ministry became the measure of its worth, those in leadership inevitably embraced pragmatism. No longer was the Lord Jesus Christ the Head of that church. No longer was the Holy Scripture the sole rule of faith and order. Accountants and bean counters and numbers of noses became the rulers of the church. And when the true Head was removed from the church it always died.

With these in mind, we read the following quotes:

"There is AN IRREDUCIBLE BODY OF TRUTH (e.g., who God is, what His Word is, what He says about salvation, the local New Testament church). There are a number of things that are in THIS IRREDUCIBLE BODY OF TRUTH. And I believe that all over the world that God will raise up circles of friends. They have the truth; people need the Lord; and they are going to work together...This should happen in every state, on every continent, among every people group" (Clarence Sexton, "On the High Road with a High Vision of God," YouTube.com, April 9, 2012)

But God says,

"Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." - The Lord Jesus Christ

"I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God." - The apostle Paul

God is not interested in an irreducible minimum. He wants us to preach the indispensable maximum.

- Editor

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Finally, A Family Law Court Judge Tells the Truth About Family Breakdown -

High Court Family Judge Sir Paul Coleridge says family breakdown is the 'scourge of society'

By Melanie Phillips UK Daily Mail 30 April 2012

At last, a member of the judiciary has broken ranks to warn of a social disaster that has taken place on the courts' own watch. Tomorrow, a High Court family judge, Sir Paul Coleridge, will launch a foundation to promote marriage and to [warn of the catastrophic consequences of family breakdown](#). Britain is blighted

by serial divorce and a corresponding erosion of marriage. In 2010, there were some 241,000 marriages in England and Wales, fewer than a century ago, and 120,000 divorces, up by almost 5 per cent on the previous year. This has gone hand in hand with a galloping increase in elective lone parenthood and cohabitation, whose own high rate of breakdown has poured petrol on to the flames of mass fatherlessness. An appalling 3.8 million children are now caught up in the entrails of the family justice system, with as many as 320,000 new children each year being sucked in.

Sir Paul does not mince his words. As he so rightly says, family breakdown is the 'scourge of society'. Families do not recover from the fundamental shock it administers. Children dragged into such cases may never recover from the emotional upset, and the cost to society of clearing up the mess is calamitous. Yet as he also says, obtaining a divorce is 'easier than getting a driving licence'. People think they can just dispose of a spouse because they fancy someone new or different. And he calls upon couples not to have children unless their relationship is stable — which means not cohabiting but getting married.

How refreshing to hear someone in public life so robustly tell the un-PC truth like this. As a family law specialist barrister for some three decades before becoming a judge in the family courts, Sir Paul has personally stared into the heart of this particular darkness. So, too, have the other lawyers who have joined him as patrons of his foundation, including Baroness Butler-Sloss, former president of the High Court Family Division, and Baroness Shackleton, who acted for Prince Charles in his divorce from Diana, Princess of Wales. This is not, however, just a group of people who happen to be particularly knowledgeable about the effects of divorce. The courts and the legal world they represent are directly complicit in this disaster.



Indeed, Sir Paul even likens his own profession to 'cynical arms dealers' making a living from weapons of family destruction. All credit to them, therefore, for biting the hand that has fed them. At the core of this devastating social problem is that what should be regarded as a misfortune to be avoided has become reconfigured as lifestyle choice — one which is immune from criticism. This has normalised the free-for-all of family breakdown and caused a rising tide of damage and misery for men, women and, above all, children. For more than three decades, lawyers and judges have led the way in bringing about this seismic cultural shift by progressively liberalising the practice of family law.

Judges declared they could not 'look into people's souls' to decide who was actually to blame for the breakdown of a marriage. So the courts in effect decided that no one was to blame. Marriage breakdown thus became something that just happened, like an act of God; with no one said to be responsible, a principal social constraint on ending a marriage fell away. As the family law expert Baroness Deech, one of the foundation's patrons, herself observed many years ago, this liberal approach by the lawyers created a political and legal ratchet effect. As the restrictions on divorce or fatherless families fell into legal disuse, law reformers and politicians then proceeded to bring the law into line with changing attitudes — and their new laws were in turn liberally interpreted by the courts, creating pressure for further liberalisation. The institutionally liberal Law Commission recommended one liberalising family measure after another, such as easier divorce, ending the stigma of illegitimacy or establishing equal rights for cohabitants, both gay and straight.

At the same time, New Left thinking about radical and non-judgmental 'lifestyle choice' swept through the intelligentsia. One baleful result was that supposedly objective research itself became corrupted. The truth became not only unsayable but unknowable, as government researchers airbrushed the category of

marriage out of official statistics, making it impossible to quantify the effects of different kinds of relationship. Academic researchers who tried to tell the truth about the devastating effects of divorce on children found themselves professionally ostracised and at risk of having their grant funding cut. The actual damage to children from divorce and elective lone parenthood was further masked and minimised by other researchers, who were either consumed by guilt over their abandonment of their own children, or cravenly chose to go with the flow. Meanwhile, research carried out mainly in the U.S. which produced overwhelming evidence of the relative harm done by family breakdown in virtually every area of children's lives, was wickedly brushed aside.

Of course, there are many lone parents who do a heroic job against all the odds raising their children well. And there are some situations where it is indeed best for truly warring or abusive couples to part. But research has shown that most marriages are not broken by such extremes but merely by grumbling dissatisfaction. And in that kind of situation, it is usually better for the children if the parents stay together. To which liberals have sneered that staying together 'for the sake of the children' is a cruel and heartless doctrine. But since when was putting the welfare of their children ahead of parents' own interests considered cruel and heartless? Only since society decided that children were an inconvenient obstacle to the right of parents to live lives of unfettered selfishness.

Now Sir Paul has decided someone has to break through all this lethal nonsense. This is a move that is not without risks. Judges are not supposed to express their opinions, and his trenchant remarks may well cause some sharp teeth-sucking below the grandest of the wigs. For sure, the last thing we want is politicised judges. But Sir Paul likens his initiative to a doctor alerting the public to an epidemic he has discovered, in the face of which it would be irresponsible to remain quiet. Moreover, this is an epidemic for which the courts themselves bear no small measure of responsibility. Now, aghast at the consequences they see, Sir Paul and his colleagues want to bring everyone to their senses.

The importance of such a statement by such a group is not to be underestimated. But it won't be enough if politicians refuse to follow their lead. The Prime Minister has consistently promised to support marriage, and the Work and Pensions Secretary Iain Duncan Smith is tirelessly trying to reverse the welfare state's role in accelerating family breakdown. But to rescue marriage, you have to criticise and discourage un-marriage, or elective lone parenthood — and that is something Mr Cameron is notably reluctant to do. Indeed, thanks to the family-wrecking Lib Dems the Government hasn't even managed to get off the starting blocks in supporting marriage through the tax system.

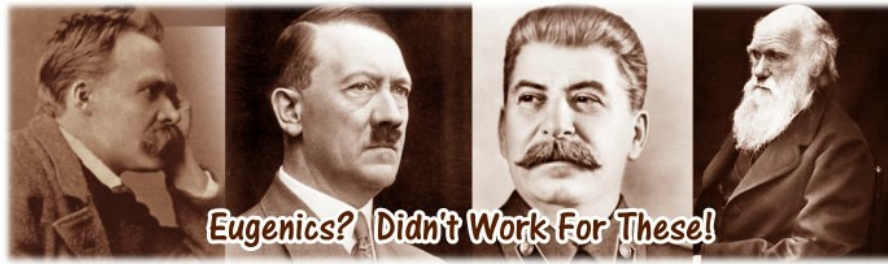
Too many who should have known better have simply sold the pass on the toll of childhood misery and social harm inflicted by family breakdown. For evil to triumph, it only needs good men to stay silent. Thank goodness Mr Justice Coleridge has decided he will not be one of them.

Contributed by Steve Blizard - <http://steveblizard.wordpress.com/2012/05/06/at-last-a-judge-tells-the-truth-about-divorce-2/>

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Ephesians 5:32-33

"This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church. Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband."



Eddy-Torial - More on Eugenics And Its Influence on the Churches -

In the last issue of Heads Up, the editor addressed the issue of Eugenics In The Churches. If your life is boring and uneventful, you may want to pull up your search engine and type in the word "eugenics" and read a few of the webpages there. It will either curl your hair or turn it snow white!

In summary, Eugenics began as a pet theory of Charles Darwin. Since he believed in the "survival of the fittest" he promoted the concept that the human race should be improved (that is, that man's evolution should be accelerated) by selective breeding. If the intelligent, the beautiful, and the skillful people in any society are allowed to reproduce and ignorant, clumsy, ill-mannered, and criminally inclined people are not allowed to reproduce, then soon we will have a race of supermen, right? Nietzsche and Hitler and Stalin thought so. Did it work for them?



In the previous editorial (it can be read here:

[http://www.gracebaptistmalanda.net.au/PDF/Heads%20Up%2027-04-12.pdf](http://www.gracebaptistmalanda.net.au/PDF/Heads%20Up%202027-04-12.pdf)) the editor commented that Eugenics is

creeping into our churches. Very subtly, the great commission is being altered so that instead of every believer being commanded to preach the gospel to every creature, we are told by denominational experts "to build the church by selective reproduction," that is by permitting only those who are the "nobility," the "elite," to carry out the great commission. The very subtle basic premise of Christian Eugenics is that intelligent, erudite, highly educated, eloquent, refined, well-mannered

Christians will produce better quality converts while simple, unlearned and ignorant men (as Peter and John were described by the elitists in Acts 4:13), men who can't even spell "etiquette", should be sterilised and forbidden to preach or witness.

I wonder if the intelligentsia, the elitists, the experts ever stop to think about the implications of eugenics in our churches. If only the highly educated saints, the graduates from the approved Bible colleges, (you know, the ones with the old school tie?), if they are the only ones qualified to win souls, do they realise that

1. They divide the churches with an unbiblical caste system that obliterates the equality of the believers?
2. They set the snare of the devil (which is pride) for all those whom they license to win the lost?
3. They despise the blood-bought saints who, though their gifts may be small, are yet called to spread the gospel?
4. They shut up the kingdom of Heaven against all who need a common man to tell them the gospel?
5. They seal off entire nations from ever hearing the gospel, since the "fittest" can never bring themselves to Live and work where there is no five star accommodation?
6. They rob the churches of a wonderful genetic diversity, and begin a program of inbreeding among the saints.

7. They lose the great wealth of common sense that is possessed by common men.
8. They change the nature of the churches from being givers of life to being bringers of death?

There is a better way to spread the gospel than to hand the fishing net to experts.

There is a better way to win the world than to give the seedbag to professionals.

It is to give the task of world evangelism to simple men who know the Saviour and know how to trust only in God to bless their casting of the nets, and to make the seed fruitful as they scatter it far and wide.

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